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Get in, fasten your seat belt and hang on for another fun filled year of Hangar Flying. Not to mention some Real Flying. This year promises to be a wonderful ride with our New President and Vice President. Joe, take your well deserved rest. You did good.

If this year is like our Christmas Party, it will be wild and exhilarating. I had a Wonderful Time at the Christmas Party and I hope you did too. It was great seeing people I hadn't seen in a while. Thanks for your supporting me with Joe and Charleen's gift. It makes it easier on all of us.

Our first meeting will be about Light Sport Aircraft (LSA). Jay has invited Ron Bishop to talk to us about the industry and the possibility of adding light sport facilities in Southern California. I know you won't want to miss this one.

Finally, you may want to go by onesixright.com and sign up for their sweepstakes. It ends January 31. We could have a big winner in our group. See you Wednesday! *Editor*



At The Jan. 3rd Meeting

Ron Bishop speak on light sport industry emerging in the US. Ron sells Sting Sport aircraft and is an enthusiastic promoter for Light Sport Aircraft. Discussion includes the possibility of Light Sport operations in Southern California.

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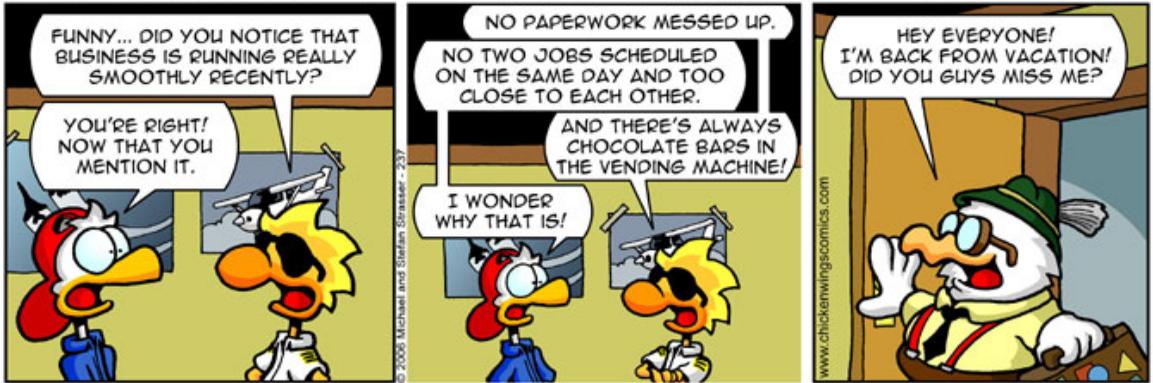
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President's Message *Jan 2007*

2007 is a new year for Chapter 92 with many old faces and some new ones for our organization. I am glad that the seasoned “old faces”, the one’s Joe Riley calls the “Usual Suspects” are staying on in their board capacities to assist me. This is my first president’s letter to all of you and as I am writing it just before Christmas, I look back at all the activities that have occurred since the Chapter’s 2006 Christmas party:

- Joe Riley is now enjoying his new responsibilities of - well doing nothing as far as Chapter management goes – test flying and working on various airplanes. Somewhere along the line, he is also trying to build a retirement home. Maybe Joe will eventually turn over all of his presidential notes during his two-year tenure as the Chapter 92 pontiff, to provide me some leadership guidance. I am sure Charleen will have no problem helping Joe clean out his office.
- We have a new Vice President and Flight Advisor with Jay Steffenhagen – an accomplished and seasoned ATP, CFII – airplane, glider, and a MEI. Jay owns a Cessna C-303 Crusader and does his own maintenance at SNA. Ask Jay to show you pictures of his road capable workshop.
- I have been working with Roland Koluvek these weekends in December and with Cliff Carpenter before Thanksgiving, completing a 500-hour inspection on the Falco, adding electrical power upgrades and simultaneously conducting a Condition Inspection. It looks like she will have her Condition Inspection completed by the time we meet in January.
- Roland and I met with the CNO airport administration and the Airport Manager, John Frymyer, who provided us with very good news regarding the Young Eagles program and fuel support, and not so good news about the cost to take over the hangar that is housing our base operations.

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President's Message *Continued*

We will recap that conversation at the January meeting.

- Ron Bishop, a very accomplished Air America pilot during Vietnam, is a StingSport Light Sport Aircraft dealer, based in Orange County. Ron is our speaker for January and he has very good news to share with us regarding LSA and Chapter 92's involvement with his latest ventures.
- EAA Warbirds Chapter 16 is hosting the EAA B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" tour in CNO for the first part of April. I have spoken with Enrico Bottieri and we will support his efforts. That chapter has a very important mission of keeping our aviation heritage alive.
- I am also working with the Orange County 99s chapter and continue to work with the Orange County Pilots Association (OCPA) to increase our membership and camaraderie in the aviation community. One of our key goals is to increase our membership, have more outings, make money to support our youth programs and just have fun.
- Penelope Hecker is now an EAA member and has indicated that she will take a proactive roll to help us and bring more women into the Chapter. By the way, she loves to organize events and parties.
- Our last efforts in December have been to support the Fullerton based pilots to keep the KFI tower from being an aviation hazard. We have supported the efforts to limit the tower's height to avoid a conflict with both IFR and VFR traffic. This issue has rallied a number of pilot organizations. Let us see how successful we all are.

As you can see, I have been a little entertained since the Christmas party and hope you all been too with your New Year's celebration. I look forward to working with all of you in 2007 and hope to see you at our next Chapter 92 meeting.

Ray Hecker

Embry-Riddle Ravaged By Tornadoes

About 60 airplanes were damaged or destroyed when tornadoes tore through the Daytona Beach, Fla., campus of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on Christmas Day. Two tornadoes with winds of about 120 mph tore a 100-foot-wide swath through the center of campus as a line of violent thunderstorms passed across the region. “The maintenance hangar was destroyed and there was damage to a high percentage of the fleet of planes,” said a statement posted Christmas night on ERAU’s web site. “There is substantial damage to several buildings on campus, including the administration building, Spruance Hall, and the Student Center. The recovery is already under way and every effort is being made to have everything operational when classes resume in January -- including using rental planes for the flight line.” The school operates about 85 aircraft. The campus was closed for the holiday, and nobody was hurt. “Thank God,” ERAU President John Johnson told the Daytona Beach News-Journal. “It’s a real blessing it happened when it did. No one was injured.” A few students were staying in dormitories, but they were not hit.

By Mary Grady, Contributing Editor AvWeb.com

I may have mentioned another Flight School on the Daytona Beach Airport called Phoenix East. It too may have suffered damage.

My boyhood friend Capt. Nino Ciancetta started this school years ago. He has flown West and I understand his son Curtis Ciancetta has taken over his part interest in the present operation. Phoenix East may have been the second largest flight school in Florida. Nino, had a standing offer with me that I could go to work for him anytime. At one time we were going to start a Phoenix West Flight School on the West Coast.

This is a sad day for both of these Flight Operations.

Enrico





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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday January 3, 2007 - 7:00 pm

Arrive 6:00 pm for Dinner

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