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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Al Nodorft

Hope everyone had a good holiday with their family and friends. I enjoyed two weeks off from work catching up on a lot of projects around the house, plus flying as often as I could.

Here we are starting 2010 with a few new folks leading your organization. Sid Brown and I were of course elected, but others have stepped up to volunteer their time as well. Most of the volunteers will keep their positions, but here are some changes. Virginia Bush will keep the cards and letters going out to those who are sick, grieving, etc. (We should find a way to send happy cards to folks too, eh?) The Social Coordinator position will be shared by several members. Shirley Harden and Virginia Bush will support this, but will be expecting others to help as well. The idea is that no one person has to organize more than a couple of outings. I hope others will step up to help these two ladies. There is no official title for the ones who clean up the club house each month, but Frances Weiss has agreed to coordinate the cleaning days, even on the days she and George cannot make it due to travel.

The December Christmas party was a success. We enjoyed the fried turkey by Dennis Allen, and of course the many wonderful side dishes and deserts. Many thanks to those who brought toys for the children at MCG and thanks to Larry and Rita Garner for delivering them

Happenings

A number of Chapter members flew down to the Douglas airport on November 6th for their fly-in. I was proud of our representation. We had a variety of aircraft participate, an RV-10, RV-8A, two Grummans, Christen Eagle, and a plane load of folks from Trenton in a Beech 18.

Restoring warbirds is like the ultimate home building project. Sometimes there are "plans," but often you take a damaged part of the original and try to recreate a good part from it. There are a number of projects going on there, but the most interesting is the prototype F-82 Twin Mustang. When complete it will be the only one flying in the world.

Tom Reilly is always looking for volunteer help. He promised that you will not get the nasty jobs, but he will teach folks how to make aluminum parts. For those of you building aluminum planes, this training could be invaluable. You would also have pride in knowing that you made parts that are flying on a restored warbird. Tom has just finished restoring a P-40 for Don Whittington. It had 5 hours on it. Unfortunately it was not able to fly that day.

January

Next meeting is January 9th. I am looking forward to Bar-B-Q provided by Sid Brown. We will have video provided by John Magnan. We also have 10 EAA calendars left for 2010. They will be sold at the next meeting, so reserve yours early if you want one. You can contact Don Bush or myself.

Funny

My friends up north have long email conversations about the necessity of preheating an airplane anytime the temperature is below 30 degrees. My response to them is, "Let me see, I guess I can wait until after lunch to fly. Should be 45 - 50 degrees by then." I think they are jealous...

Fly safe!

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