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Next Meeting November 22nd ! Gotta Be There Or Else!

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This is Your Last Chance...

to attend a regular Chapter 40 meeting in Rocky's Restaurant in 2008. November's meeting, this Saturday the 15th, is our **last** "regular" meeting of the year. That means the only other meeting we'll be having in 2008 is our annual Christmas / Holiday Season party (see below).

More importantly, this Saturday's regular meeting will mean that we'll be **voting** on positions for the Chapter 40 leadership. Our annual officer elections have often been very similar to the "completely legitimate guaranteed free open transparent public above boards elections" in the People's Democratic Republic of Cash-Backistan... which means that everything kinda stays the same as it was last year.

But... this year there will be a couple of shakeups and **we need you** to be an enthusiastic part of the election process. Some of our chapter officers have shown an interest in turning over the reins of their position to another enthusiastic volunteer, to keep the level of member participation high. This can be good news or bad news; if someone can bring some newly minted enthusiasm and commitment to the position then it works great... but if there is nobody with that amount of enthusiasm then it ain't so great.



So please, give your enthusiasm and energy back to aviation in return for all it's done for you, and be ready to volunteer a little time to become a Chapter 40 volunteer officer. The time is **now** right for a *combination* of good ideas and groundwork already laid plus some *new energy* and new ideas.



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Lucky Us! Champion Guest Speaker !

Chapter 40 is extremely fortunate to have **Mr. Craig Schultz** as our Guest Speaker for November. Craig is the proud builder/owner/pilot of the 2008 Oshkosh Grand Champion Kit-Built aircraft, a *stunningly* beautiful Lancair 320.

If you ever wanted to meet and greet an Oshkosh champion, here's your shot. If you ever wanted to know what it takes and how to go about winning the Gold Lindy, your wish just came true.

As reported last month, Craig flew home from Oshkosh without knowing he'd won the coveted award, and had to read about it on the internet. Not only does Chapter 40 have the honor of hearing Craig's story, but all of us based at Whiteman can boast that the 2008 Grand Champion is based *right here* at our airport!

The icing on the cake is that Craig will have his airplane **on display** outside our meeting after his presentation. You can get up close and personal with a true show winner. Be sure to attend this month's meeting to see and learn about this incredible achievement.

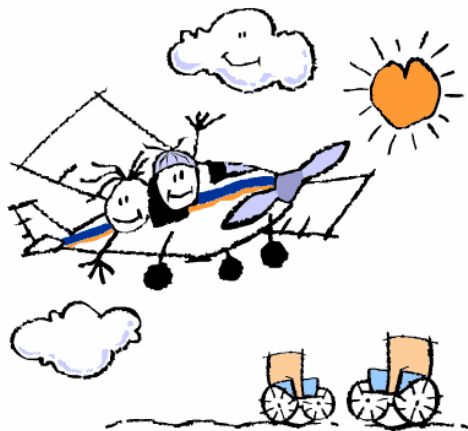


Challenge Air 2008 Huge Success !

Once again, the annual Challenge Air event at Whiteman was a resounding success. Thanks to a very well-promoted and professionally-produced event (under the leadership of Challenge Air's West Coast Director **Lonna Gibson**), the event went off without a hitch. Dozens of volunteers worked together under Lonna to manage and execute the event flawlessly. As a result of the outstanding effort, 135 special needs children and a similar number of parents or counselors were flown.

Just as it was last year, the participating kids got a truly life-changing positive experience. The magic of flight made a **tremendous** impression on the kids; words cannot describe the smiles on their faces and the obvious joy they felt. As mentioned previously in this newsletter, flying an aircraft at the Challenge Air event was the single greatest or most exciting experience that many of these kids will have had in their lives. Pilots, ground crews and volunteers alike were equally affected; being responsible for giving these kids the gift of flight became a highly emotional moment. Like our own Young Eagles program, Challenge Air represents a rare win-win-win scenario.

Everyone who participated will look back at this as one of the most rewarding and worthwhile good deeds they had ever done. Chapter 40 sincerely thanks Lonna and all the dedicated volunteers for their time and effort. We look forward to participating in next year's Challenge Air event.



CHALLENGE AIR
for kids & friends



The Fat Man's On His Way

And we *don't* mean Orson Welles or the contestants on "The Biggest Loser" either... we mean Santa himself! It's gettin' on time for the annual Chapter 40 **Christmas / Holiday Season Party** !!! Stop what you're doing, drop what's in your hands, rush over to your calendar with a bright red permanent marker ... and put a great big X on Sunday, December 14th at 5PM. That's the time when we'll meet at the home of **Tom and Joyce Hastings**, 8344 Oso Ave. (off Roscoe and

Winnetka) – and let the merriment begin! Once again Tom, Joyce, and their newly expanded family have opened their house to our gang of airplane builders, airport bums, and the assorted aviation *flora* and *fauna* that is Chapter 40. For directions, look it up on Google Maps, or call Tom at 818-341-2039.

Now, there's only three rules for this event, and ye's better follow 'em:

1. Bring a **side dish** or **dessert** to share. Chapter 40 will be providing the main course, which as you may well know has been greatly upgraded in recent years, from the dark days of yore when mentally challenged chickens roamed the dinner table, attacking unsuspecting dinner hopefuls with Frisbee-thrown tortillas.
2. Bring a **wrapped gift** valued at better than ten or twenty bucks for the world famous White Elephant Gift Exchange. Better gifts make for more fun and more intrigue. The CIA has been keeping track of the cheap-skates and clandestine gift recyclers out there - *we know who you are* - and this year you'll be escorted into a black SUV by earphone-equipped gorillas in black suits. Unless you get a little further into the holiday spirit for the White Elephant thing this year, that is!
3. Be **Hungry**... be very hungry. Hungry for good food, for friendship, for the cheer and spirit of the holidays. Bring your good tidings and hopes for a better 2009 - with thanks for your blessings in 2008.

And you'd better show up, too. This is our most fun gathering of the year. If you don't have a ride to the party, just let us know, we'll give the boys with the SUV your address. Never mind, they already have it.

Space... The Final Frontier

These are the voyages of EAA Chapter 40's **hangar enterprise** – to boldly offer what nobody else (in this vicinity) has offered before. We have *space*!

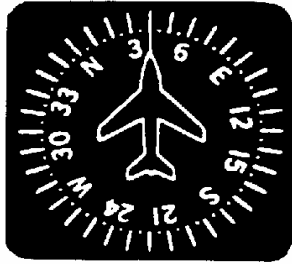
Not cyberspace or outer space, not living space or kitchen space. A tenant has moved out, leaving enough space for an additional builder... we have airplane building space available for you or someone you know.

Now folks, how rare is this... we're offering a place where an amateur aircraft homebuilder can work on an aircraft project - share enthusiasm, energy and assistance with other builders - and use several valuable **community tools** and **resources**.

And it's *reasonably priced*. If you knew how cheap our building shop space is, you'd swear that Chapter 40's hangar manager **Ferd Kuhn** had his Phaser set on "stun". So flip open your communicator and call Ferd at 818-415-9068 to beam your project up to a place where you can work on it with other like-minded folks. We also have additional space available at a very attractive price for storage of sub-assemblies, engines, parts, etc. while you build the rest of your project.



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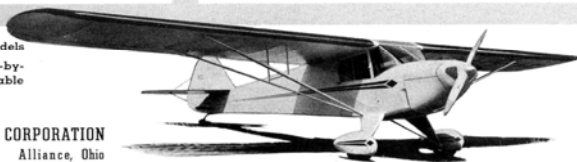


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Next Young Eagles

Saturday **November 22nd** is our next Young Eagles event at Whiteman. We will be having a Young Eagles event in December, it will be on **December 27th**. Please continue to increase your promotion, advertising, and word-spreading of our Young Eagles program.

We are very much in need of more and better ways to get the community informed about this program, please go the extra mile to let people know about it.

It's very simple... just walk up to any parent and say... “I can keep your kids in school... I can keep your kids out of jail... I can make it so your kids want to hang around with the right kind of people instead of the wrong kind.... Interested?”