

EAA Chapter 334

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Newsletter

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Next meeting: Annual Banquet

Thursday, January 8th at 6:30pm. We will be meeting at Filomena's restaurant in Waterford, CT for our annual banquet. We have arranged for the dinner to start at 7:00pm. There is a bar and the food is highly recommended. It is near the Waterford Post Office in Utopia center, 262 Boston Post road, Waterford, CT. The phone # is 860-437-1010, Check out the website: www.filomenascafe.com

Directions from New London and points East:

Take 95 South to exit 81, the Cross Road exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left onto Parkway North. Turn left onto Cross Road. Turn slight left onto Boston Post Rd., also known as US Route 1. Follow Route 1 North for 1.2 miles. Turn right into Utopia Centre. Filomena's is the last unit on the left hand side of plaza.

From New Haven and points West:

Take 95 North to exit 81, the Cross Road exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left onto Parkway South. Turn right onto Cross Road, then the same directions.

You will not want to miss this!

Bring your spouses and friends.

Last months meeting:

Last month, our meeting was replaced with a fantastic tour of the New England Air Museum and of Bombardiers' maintenance facility at Bradley International airport. Wow! We really got our aviation fix! What a great time! We had 16 members and guests attend the museum tour, 12 for our dinner and 10 that enjoyed Bombardier. Our tour guides for both facilities were exceptional and went the extra mile for us. Our Japanese dinner was very good with excellent service as well. I was fascinated by the contrast between the historical aircraft designs and the ultra-modern jets. Bombardier works on Lear Jets, Canadair Challengers and Global Express. Their facility is as good as it gets. At NEAM we were able to enter the DC-3, Seabee and the B-29. While we were touring the B-29, an older gentleman and friend approached – he was a gunner during the last missions of WWII and hasn't seen a B-29 for 60 years. We were treated to his recollections and his amazement at how well the aircraft was restored. A very memorable moment for me. At Bombardier, we went in the \$55 million Global Express with its 5 million dollar interior, a Challenger 604 and looked into a Lear 60 as we toured through and saw many jets in various states of maintenance. We checked out some Challenger engines up close and personal too. I still have a smile on my face.

Dues:

Another year is upon us again, and this year we will be charging \$10 for chapter membership. Please contact our Treasurer, Bob Taylor at the next meeting or send in your dues to Bob at: 8 Harmony Lane, Ivoryton, CT 06442. His phone is (860) 767-1041.

Calendars are here!

Bob Taylor has EAA calendars for 2009 for sale. Please contact Bob to get yours!

Stay tuned for some great meetings coming up this year!

Sam Watrous.