



President's Corner – October 2004

What a great Summer our Chapter has had! I know the weather was not always been the best but we accomplished much. We finally conducted our Groton Young Eagles event, giving 225 young people their first introduction to General aviation. We also had one of the first Sport Pilot flights in the country, our own Rod Bradley. A number of our members' projects are making a great progress and we forward to their status reports. We also have our web site on line, at www.eaa334.org thanks to Terry Lee. All in all a productive and fun Summer.

The Fall has started out Great, with our Young Eagles event during the “ Wings Over Westerly ” on Saturday September 25th. One Hundred and Twenty flights were conducted and we received \$120 in donations. This would not have been possible without the large number of volunteers, both ground and pilots, or without the tireless coordination efforts of Derek Ferris. Angelo “ Ack Ack “ Morrone, one of our own, was recognized at the start of the day, during the dedication of the new Westerly Airport flag pole. Ack Ack was recognized for his significant aviation service to Westerly Airport, as well as his war time service on our behalf, with a beautiful monument and the first flag flown. Congratulations Ack Ack, it was long overdue.

I'd also like to thank the many members of Westerly Airport Association (WAA), without whose help neither of our Young Eagle events would have been as successful as they were.

Regarding Guest Speakers: We have been in contact with a number of potential guest speakers and expect to have our Fall programs kicking off in November. Fred Stucklin has agreed to do a presentation on aircraft wiring and Rod Bradley, our Secretary, has been in contact with the family of Chris Doll, who flew during the “ Battle of Britain “. We hope that Mr Doll will be able to speak to us. Don Mei, our VP, is continuing his efforts to get a tour of the Bradley TRACON. Kim Boekelheide, flew his GlasStar to Alaska this summer and will present a exciting presentation of the trip. Gary Knowles, our former Treasurer, has discussed the possibility of a group tour of the Bradley Air Museum. We'd also like your input on what activities and presentations you'd be interested in.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next Chapter Meeting on Thursday – October 12th at 7 PM. Please bring a friend/spouse/significant other.

Warmest regards,

Chuck Rowbotham
President

Web Site

Terry Lee has been working hard on the chapter web site. You should check it out at www.eaa334.org.

Terry is also busy collecting email addresses. Please send your email address to Terry at tlee@eaa334.org

FAA Renews EAA Chapter Drug Testing Exemption

[FAA Exemption 7111C](#), which allows EAA chapters to conduct charitable sightseeing flights without having to comply with the full FAR 135 and 121 drug-testing requirements, has been renewed by the FAA. The exemption permits EAA Chapters to conduct local sightseeing flights during daylight hours within 25 statute miles radius of the event airport.

Under the exemption, private pilots can act as pilot-in-command of such flights as long as they comply with FAR 61.113(d), which requires notification of the closest FSDO of the event. Pilots and event organizers are limited to four charitable sightseeing flight events per year under this exemption.

For more information, check out

http://www.eaa.org/communications/eaanews/040609_chapter_exemption.html

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