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FROM THE HANGAR OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT SKIP PALMER

Happy New Year! As we crank up 2015 we hope to have a fun filled year for all members of EAA 1423. Thanks to Charles Lewis we already have a great program lined up for our January meeting. Don't forget that the January meeting will be held at Charles & Judy Lewis' home at 5245 County Home Rd., Winterville, instead of the barn at South Oaks Aerodrome. After the meeting, weather permitting, we will fly to Beaufort (MRH) for lunch and part 2 of our meeting. We will run a shuttle from the Aerodrome to the Lewis' home for those of you that want to fly in for the January meeting. In case you have forgotten we have new chapter officers and a few positions we need to fill

for 2015. We still need a Secretary and a Treasurer. We would greatly appreciate it if someone would step up and take on these duties for the chapter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our past chapter leaders, President Bill Hood, Vice President Charles Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer Wes Banks, Newsletter Editor Steve Chase, and our Webmaster Israel Mueller for their hard work and dedication to our chapter. In the past we have traditionally used our January meeting as our yearly planning meeting but we will obviously change that this year since we have a great speaker and program for January. We will discuss the yearly activities at our February meeting. Speaking of programs, speakers, and planning, please be thinking of what kind of programs and activities you would like to do in 2015. Ideas for programs and activities are always welcome. We will have sign-up sheets for monthly lunch sponsors and once the weather breaks and we go back to having Thursday night cookouts we will be looking for a few Thursday night Chefs. REMEMBER, January is paying your dues month so bring your checkbooks with you to the meeting. Not much else to report for now. I'm looking forward to serving as your President; it is always an honor and privilege to lead this group. Everyone fly safe and I'll look forward to seeing you all around the Aerodrome.



Young Eagles event at Duplin County

~Bill Hood~

**Editor's note: Here is a great write up from Bill's participation in Young Eagles back in November which did not make the last Buzz... Enjoy!*

Phil Sharpe had invited me to participate in a large Young Eagles event the Burgaw EAA chapter set up with the local Boy Scout District. The plan was to fly about 80 boys. I had prepped the day before by charging the battery up in the RV-6A and took it up for ten minutes. This was the shake down flight following the conditional inspection and I had not flown it in several months. I was really behind the thing the whole flight. I had only been flying on the other end of the spectrum in the AirCam in recent months so seeing air speeds with three digits was confusing!

So Gina and I got up early on Saturday the 15th to head over to KDPL. It was 7:30 when we pulled the RV out and jumped in. Did I mention it was 28 degrees? When I hit the starter she turned over fine but I could not get it to fire. It was too cold to get the fuel to vaporize I guess. We tried until she wouldn't turn over anymore. So we went to plan B - Let's take the AirCam!

We swapped planes and were getting a little chilly already when we boarded the AirCam and it lit up like a car. We took off, bundled to the max, and headed to Kenansville. It was a thirty minute flight and thank goodness we had a tailwind, another 5 minutes and the pinky on my left hand would have been solid. As we approached the field we could see a lot of tents where the scouts had spent the night. A couple of other planes had arrived before us but due to the cold a lot of guys had to wait to get their planes going. Everyone was amazed we braved the sub-freezing temps in the AirCam.

Flights finally got started around ten and we had two thirds flown by lunch break. The only issue was they had not really planned lunch for the pilots so it was a pack of Nabs for me. I flew two more in the afternoon for six total. Gina had been filling out logbooks and had been approached by a lot of adults that wanted to go in the AirCam. It had warmed up to almost 45 by then and so I took 5 more guys flying. They were quite thrilled and chilled to say the least. The roasted pig was finally cooked so we were able to attain pork prior to departure. We left about 4 and headed home. I finally started feeling cold soaked about half way back and was glad when we landed. Some hot black bean soup and cornbread, then an evening under a quilt with a big cat on my belly finished off what was otherwise a great flying day.

As my friend Chris Lucas said during his first flight in the AirCam, "It's the aerial ambassador!"





Only eleven more months until Christmas!

Thank you to Charles and Judy for hosting a fantastic 2014 Christmas party!
After enjoying a huge buffet dinner and desserts, and then more desserts, we welcomed some words from out-going President, Bill Hood, and in-coming President Skip Palmer. We then started Silly Santa, which included numerous passing and re-passing of gifts as everyone tried to land the perfect one, and there were many. There were blankets, scarfs, tools, books, candles, ornaments, and much more. No one went away disappointed. After some delicious coffee, more desserts, and great table talk, it was time to thank our gracious hosts and wish everyone a Merry Christmas!



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Happy New Year everyone!