

# The Static Line

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The Roy Castle Chapter (#538) of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) publishes The Static Line monthly.

Unsolicited submissions are welcome and encouraged. Please send photos, art, articles, letters, calendar events or classified ads to the Editor. Submissions may be made via email (preferred) to the address listed above. CDs or paper can be submitted by USPS mail to the return address listed on the mailing label portion of this newsletter. All electronic submissions should be in standard MS Office (.doc, .xls, etc) or graphic (.jpg or .bmp) formats. Paper and CD submissions will be returned upon request.

Classified ads are free to all current members of EAA chapters and should be aviation-related.

**Submission deadline is the last Tuesday of the month prior to the month of publication.**

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

submitted by Myra Ridder  
11/24/08

**Beginning Account Balance: \$ 4,100.50**

### Income:

2009 Membership Dues	\$ 150.00
Raffle (November)	\$ 10.00
Nametag Kitty (November)	\$ 2.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 162.00</b>

### Expenses:

Young Eagles	\$ 240.98
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 240.98</b>

**Ending Account Balance: \$ 4,012.52**

**Membership: 61 Paid Members for 2008  
20.5 Paid Renewals for 2009**

# From the President's Desk..

After a hard fought fight, lasting microseconds, I and my slate of fellow politicians have managed to win re-election for another year. We all won with a landside mandate and I deeply appreciate the support of one and all.

On a more sober note, SportAir workshops are coming to Prescott. They will have a number of courses on the weekend of January 10 & 11. The usual discount for EAA membership applies. I have signed up for the composite class. My fiberglass skills could use some work.

The EAA calendars have arrived and will be available at the next meeting for those who signed up. I also bought 8 of Van's calendars to get the initial price break and will sell the ones I don't need for cost.

Tina and I will not be at the next meeting since we will be in Atlanta (from 12/04 through 12/10) in an attempt to get the hangar and apartment started on our lot at the Flying N Estates. As you can imagine, the concern is trying to get financing at a reasonable rate. Hopefully Paulson et al. will finally get down to us peasants some day.

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and have a wonderful Holiday Season!!

Bill Christie, President, EAA Chapter 538

## Secretary's Report

submitted by Dave Biddle

**November 11, 2008 meeting** was called to order by Bill Christie, 7:00PM at Deer Valley airport Pan Am classroom A.

**Secretary and Treasurer Report:** Current Secretary Report published in newsletter. Treasurer Report was given and accepted as published / given.

**Tech Counselor Report:** Nameplate should be located so that a person on the ground can see, be made of metal. Builders name, Model, and Serial Number required for experimental.

**Young Eagles Report:** Next Young Eagles Event to be held on December 13 at Glendale Airport for dependants of deployed National Guard. Additional Young Eagles dates are February 7 2009, April 4 2009 and June 6 2009.

**Old Business:** Luke Static Display AT6 aileron repair still open, waiting for reply from Luke personnel. Chapter Logo will be chosen at a later date.

**New Business:** B17 volunteers – contact Dee Grimm Dec 4, 5 & 6 at DVT.

**Elections:** All positions uncontested: President- Bill Christie, Vice President- Al Stills, Secretary- Dave Biddle, Treasurer – Myra Ridder, 3 year director Carlos Hernandez

**Reminders:** Don't forget to check the Chapter Website for newsletters and updates on meetings.

See: <http://www.eaa538.org/>

Yahoo group created for Chapter members to communicate with each other-

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ea538/>

**Program:** Copperstate Review.

# Calendar of Events

Some events are tentative. **PLEASE CHECK IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE AN EVENT IS TAKING PLACE.** All chapter event information can be found on our chapter's website, [www.eaa538.org](http://www.eaa538.org).

Our **monthly chapter meetings** are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Project meetings and potlucks will be held, occasionally, in addition to the monthly meeting.

**NOTE:** The Static Line will be published on the first Tuesday of each month. Email reminders will be sent to all members. Those without email will be mailed a paper copy of the newsletter.

## **December 2008**

**5-7:** Phoenix, AZ – **EAA Aluminum Overcast B-17 Stop** at Deer Valley Airport (DVT). Our chapter has been asked to volunteer to help out Chapter 20, please contact Dee Grimm. Information: [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org).

**9:** Phoenix, AZ – **Chapter Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Deer Valley Airport (DVT), **Program Topic: Project Discussion**.

**13:** Glendale, AZ – **Young Eagles**, Glendale Airport (GEU), 8:00 am. Briefings @ 7:30 AM. Please join us for the **Chapter Potluck** at Dave Biddle's hangar following Young Eagles.

**28:** The Static Line submission **DEADLINE** for January issue.

## **January 2009**

**10-11:** Prescott, AZ – **EAA SportAir Workshops**. See below for more information.

**13:** Phoenix, AZ – **Chapter Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Deer Valley Airport (DVT), **Program Topic: TBD**

**27:** The Static Line submission **DEADLINE** for February issue.

## **February 2009**

**7:** Glendale, AZ – **Young Eagles**, Glendale Airport (GEU), 8:00 am. Pilot and Ground Crew Briefings @ 7:30 AM.

**10:** Phoenix, AZ – **Chapter Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Deer Valley Airport (DVT), **Program Topic: TBD**

**24:** The Static Line submission **DEADLINE** for March issue.

## UPCOMING EAA SPORTAIR WORKSHOPS IN PRESCOTT, AZ

Jan 10, 2009	<a href="#"><u>What's Involved in Kit Building</u></a>
Jan 10-11, 2009	<a href="#"><u>Composite Construction</u></a>
Jan 10-11, 2009	<a href="#"><u>Electrical Systems &amp; Avionics</u></a>
Jan 10-11, 2009	<a href="#"><u>Fabric Covering</u></a>
Jan 10-11, 2009	<a href="#"><u>Sheet Metal</u></a>

Contact: EAA SportAir Workshops

Phone: 800-967-5746, Website: [www.sportair.org](http://www.sportair.org)

**Excerpts from a trip report:** Check out the full story and all the photos on Tom's website at <http://www.velvicks.com/trips/anzios1108/anzios1108.htm>.

by Tom Velvick

I had got my night currency up to date a couple of weeks ago at Deer Valley airport KDVT in Phoenix, AZ on a Saturday night. I started around 8pm on a moonless night and no one was flying except for me. The tower let me back taxi on the runway and take off again, a first for me at KDVT. After reading about Paul and Louise's cross country flight and night landing at [Big Bear](#) airport in CA, I decided I could probably handle a night flight in the local area. The Phoenix metroplex sprawls across about 60 miles of desert and mountains (at least they are mountains to us) so even a flight in the city cause lead to a CFIT if you aren't careful.

We [Tom and wife Katie, aka rv4chick] decide to fly across the valley to Falcon Field airport in Mesa, AZ. There is a first class Italian restaurant right on the field you can taxi up to and park at.

The moon was a couple of days past a full moon in its waning gibbous phase and was forecast to rise at 6:42pm. We would plan to finish at the restaurant so we could fly back with an almost full moon low on the horizon. We departed just after the sun went down.



[Here is a] good view of Phoenix mountain reserve in the foreground with South Mountain in the distance [see photo at left]. As we go by the small mountains, our trusty Garmin 496 pops up a terrain warning on the screen and tells us "Terrain, Terrain, Pull Up!" The class B airspace over Camelback Mountain goes to the surface so we don't want to get too close.

This restaurant is normally packed and you need a reservation to get in on Friday night. Hope [the lack of diners this evening] is just an anomaly and not

because of current financial woes in the states.

Rv4chick [see photo at right] is feeling devilish this evening! The breadsticks and the bread pudding with whisky sauce are some of the best we have ever had. One other plane flew in to have dinner at the restaurant while we were there. Normally there has been a B-25 here that we were planning on parking next to, but it was gone today.

The ride back was surprisingly bumpy. The almost full moon was incredible though and with the moon at our back heading west, it felt like RV4chick has a flashlight shining on me.

This Saturday night date night had all of the ingredients for a memorable evening that combined flying, a full moon and a romantic candlelight dinner. We will come back again, especially Sat, March 21st 2009 when the [CAF](#) has their huge "A Night in the 40s Big Band Dance/dinner" in their hanger. We had better start our jitterbug lessons soon!



# Restaurant Review: The Flying Skillet Cafe at GEU

by Tina Christie

Good News! The new restaurant at Glendale Airport is now open! Better News! The food and service are really good!

Bill and I opted out of the Black Friday extravaganza and slept in the morning after Thanksgiving. We headed over to the Flying Skillet for breakfast and were pleasantly surprised by what we found. The restaurant has been completely remodeled with a fresh look: lots of nice light wood and very clean lines. The menu is varied though not overly complex, the prices are reasonable, the food was quite tasty and the service was extremely good.

Bill had the French Toast with a side order of ham and enjoyed it very much. I had the cheese omelet which tasted good, though I had a small issue with the texture: not quite fluffy enough for me. The best part of the meal came on the plate next to my omelet: the Flying Skillet potatoes. They were divine!

Bill attempted to visit them again on Saturday after his golf outing but made it there a little too late at just after 3, so we decided to try it on Sunday instead. I can safely say that lunch was just as good, if not better than breakfast.

The lunch service was as good as it was at breakfast. The two primary servers are Katy and Shi, pronounced “shy” but I’m not sure on the spellings. Occasionally, a family member will stop by and will be put to work busing tables or whatever else is needed if the place is really busy.

One section of the menu is titled “100 Dollar Hamburgers” and no worries, they only cost \$8.95. There are several choices and are named after airports of the world: Heathrow burgers come with cheddar cheese and red onions, the Charles de Gaulle (which I ordered – yummy!) is blackened and served with Stilton bleu cheese and the Munich (which Bill ordered and enjoyed very much) is topped with caramelized onions, mushrooms and Swiss cheese. Each burger is a half-pound Anus beef burger and comes with your choice of sides. There is an upgrade available to get sweet potato fries for an extra \$1.25. Bill ordered them and said they were worth the extra.

We even were able to chat at length with one of the owners, Sue Lamblack. She recently “retired” here to Arizona from the Chesapeake Bay area. She, along with two sons, Keith and Todd, and her daughter-in-law Deanna, decided to start the restaurant. Originally, they had visited the restaurant in the past. Once, when Deanna came back to visit the restaurant, she found it closed and called Sue back on the East Coast and they all decided to put in a bid to the city of Glendale and they were selected.

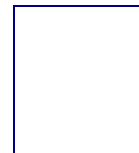
Sue’s family has been in the restaurant business for many years so she has lots of experience. She also had a small catering business as a side job to her “regular” job in government. She hopes to start a catering business from the restaurant once they are settled into their new space.

And what a space it is! While the basic layout remains unchanged, they have redecorated the whole place. They have added natural maple panels on the lower half of the walls. One of Sue’s sons designed and built a very nice wood and metal feature at the end of the room (farthest from the cash register). There is all new carpeting and lighting. It has a very nice warm, light and inviting feel.

Future plans include starting a “Seafood” night on Fridays which will include a fish fry along with other seafood options. Being from the Chesapeake Bay area, they really know their seafood, so this should be really good. They already have a Crab Cake sandwich available on the menu which I hope to try soon.

Hope to see you there!

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## **Next Chapter Meeting: The Usual Time & Place**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2008**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Program: Project Discussion**

**Please come prepared to discuss your current project or latest addition to your existing aircraft. Plan to limit your time to 5 minutes each.**

Our chapter meetings are held Pan Am Classroom "A". Pan Am has 3 buildings; the classrooms are located in the one-story building East of their hanger building. From the parking lot go through the fence gate just north of the hanger building to the southeast building.

The airport is located at the intersection of Deer Valley Road and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Phoenix, AZ.

## **Holiday Potluck: Dave Biddle's Hangar Saturday, December 13, 2007, after Young Eagles**

The chapter is buying the entree. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a dessert. If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a side dish.