



# The Static Line



Copperstate 2006

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*"It's never skill or craftsmanship that completes airplanes, it's the will to do so,"*

*Patrick Kenny, EAA 275132*

## Message From Bill Christie – Chapter President

One of the interesting parameters about becoming President of the Chapter, is that you do not have to run for the office. Rather, you are essentially drafted! The end result is that the membership sometimes winds up with a "pig in a poke". This, therefore, is my "platform".

In general, I plan to continue in the mold Don has set during his tenure as I believe that he has brought organization and discipline to what was a pretty ad hoc organization. I believe that the election of Al as VP is a major plus as he has several ideas that he would like to implement this year.

I would like to stress more technical issues related to building aircraft. It seems to me that currently, the major concern of the chapter is Young Eagles. While an integral part, I believe the major focus should be on building experimental aircraft. I would hope to

see more workshops on the skills and techniques required to build an aircraft. Classes on wiring, fiberglass work, riveting, metal working, etc. Perhaps a combination of a workshop and project meeting could be arranged.

Needless to say, suggestions, comments, sarcastic smirks are always welcome. My home email is [billc3@cox.net](mailto:billc3@cox.net).

Bill Christie  
President, Chpt. 538



## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Account Balance:		\$ 5,296.01
Income:	Membership	40.00
	Calendars	20.00
	Nametag Kitty	2.00
	Raffle	9.00
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>\$ 71.00</b>
Expenses:	Nametags	\$6.43
	Computer Equipment	\$1147.59
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>\$ 1,154.02</b>
Ending Account Balance	01/15/2008	<b>\$ 4,212.99</b>

51 Paid Members for 2008  
5 Members from 2007 not yet renewed

Submitted by: Myra Ridder



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## Secretary's Report

Submitted by Dave Biddle

### January 8, 2008 meeting

Called to order by Bill Christie at 7:10PM  
at Deer Valley airport Pan Am classroom A.

Current Secretary report and Treasurer Report published in the newsletter and accepted as published.

### Tech Councilor Report:

Vans RV Mandatory Service bulletin for nose gear leg modification. When reinstalling, hole needs to be drilled by the builder for cotter pin. There is an AD out for Hartzell props on engines over 200HP.

### Young Eagles Report:

New date set for January 19<sup>th</sup> at GEU, dedicated to the offspring of National Guard and Tuskegee Airmen. Volunteers, both ground support and aircraft are always welcome. Additional Young Eagles dates are Feb 9, and April 12 2008. Stellar Airpark will be having a Young Eagles Event January 26

### Old Business:

Calendars available - \$10  
Yearly Membership dues are now due for 2008.  
No word yet on B17 for 2008  
PC purchase authorized up to \$1000

### New Business:

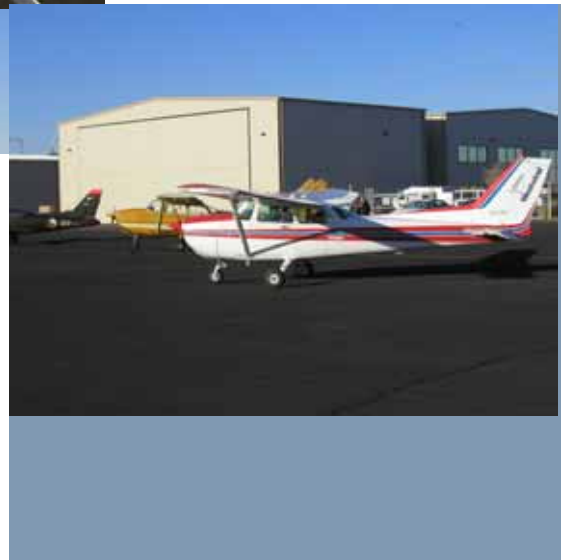
Tuskegee Airman DVDs to be dealt with after the Young Eagles on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Young Eagle Academy scholarship applications – see Cheri Mcgunagle. Newsletter editor Deems Davis can be reached at [deemsdavis@cox.net](mailto:deemsdavis@cox.net) Member project articles, inputs and submissions are encouraged. Vans Aircraft Rvator newsletter will now be available online

for free. Chapter project working with kids building an aircraft was discussed.

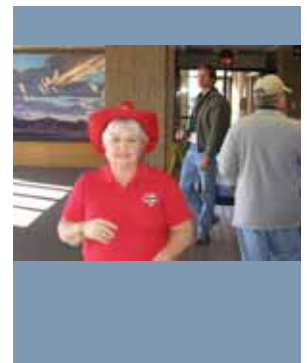
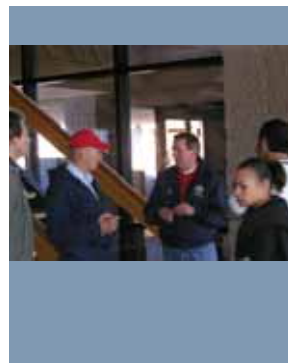
**Reminders:** Don't forget to check the Chapter Website for newsletters and updates on meetings. See: <http://www.eaa538.org/> Yahoo group created for Chapter members to communicate with each other- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ea538/>

**Program:** Dee Grim finished his Formation Flying presentation with video.

## Young Eagles Update January 19 -- Glendale Airport



On Saturday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> our Young Eagles coordinators held an event at Glendale Airport. This event focuses on 2 targeted interest groups. A. The cadets that were sponsored by the Tuskagee Airmen, and B. The offspring of military personnel currently serving on active duty. Thanks to all of the Volunteers who showed up to support this event. Both the pilots and those who worked inside. Thanks to Don Ridder for taking and supplying the photos for this event.



## January's Featured Project – Don Ridder's RV8

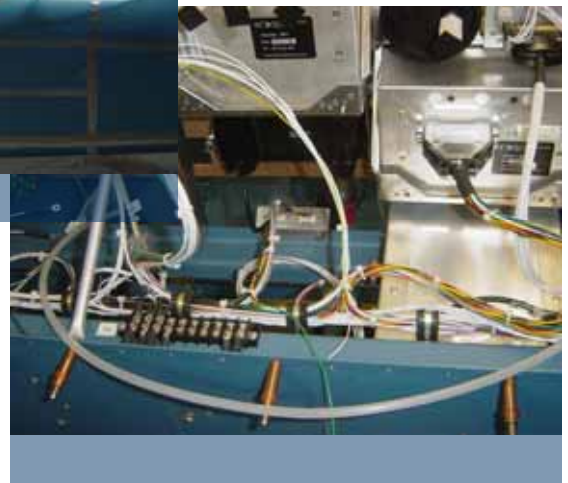


Chapter 538's past  
President Don Ridder

This month features our past chapter Presidents project - Don Ridder's Van's RV 8. Don started thinking about his project some time ago, In late 2001 he ordered the empennage kit and began building the next year. From my recent visit I'd say He's well along his way. Don's got most of the airframe work done, which includes the empennage, a standard fuselage, and quickbuild wings. He's got most of his electrical system installed. It features a dual buss, dual alternator system. He's taken a novel approach in that he's wired his flight essential electric items to switches that can move the devices to either buss !!!

One of the 1<sup>st</sup> things you notice when you see Don's project is the beautiful blue primer. An unusual but entirely attractive departure from the usual gray/chromate yellow & green we are used to seeing. The next thing you notice is his expert craftsmanship, this birds going together right !

Don's finishing up the installation of his panel which is Glass (dual Dynon's).and a Garmin docked moving map/GPS, with a couple of steam gage backups. He's leaning towards dual PMAG electronic ignitions sitting atop a 180HP Superior IO-360. Which will swing a Hartzel constant speed prop. Don figured he's got a couple of months and then he'll be ready for the Firewall Forward (FWF) Package and the engine. He hasn't finalized a paint scheme yet, but is planning something military.

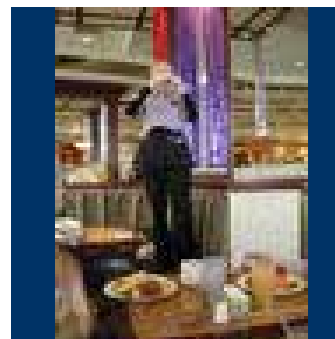
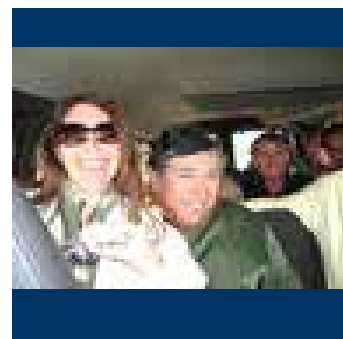


## Trips our Members Took

Katie and I, Dave Biddle and his girlfriend from the EAA538 chapter joined other friends with RVs for a flyout to Laughlin, NV for brunch on New Years Day. The weather forecast a few days before the flyout forecast strong winds on New Years day, but New Years eve, the forecast changed to winds around 11-12 kts all day. Sounded ideal, however, we woke up Tuesday morning to windy conditions in Peoria. The first metar of the day for Laughlin showed winds 19 gusting to 27 and increased with each hour, causing many people to cancel the trip. However the winds at Kingman were only 7 kts and then decreased to 3 kts by the time we left. Since the front had passed the night before into AZ and pretty much dissipated, we thought the winds would improve throughout the day. So we decided to launch anyway and check it out. Don and Mrya Ridder were also coming in there Cessna 172, but canceled because of problems with the 172. (Don, get that RV-8 finished!) The alternate plan if the winds were too bad at Laughlin was to go to Kingman and land. It was a little bumpy down low but at 8500 feet, the air was real smooth. Winds at Laughlin when we got there were 33 kts pretty much straight down the runway. Glenn passed us up just before we arrived at Laughlin/Bullhead Airport (KIFP) and was the first one to land without a problem. It was turbulent as we got closer to the ground but as we got over the runway, it smoothed out. With that strong a headwind, we didnt use any flaps and did a nice wheel landing and slowly bled off speed. We kept the tail up as long as it would stay up because if we let it down early, a gust could have lifted the plane back in the air since we were taxiing at close to stall speed with the wind factor. Taxiing was fun in that strong a ground wind. All of the tiedowns were 90 degrees to the wind so it wasnt the easiest thing to get the planes tied down as they kept weathervaning into the wind. By helping each other, we got them all secured safely. The AZ group got there first followed shortly by the SoCal and NorCAL RVs. I think there were 12 RVs in total. We were going to the Aquarius casino for brunch, but when we called for the shuttle, they told us it wasnt running, even though we had confirmed it before leaving. Bill from the SoCal group, got the Tropicana shuttle to do him a favor and shuttle us to and from the Aquarius casino with a big tip to the driver.

The waitress at the buffet was very cheerful and accommodating and let us arrange the smaller tables into one long table for 20 people. We all stuffed ourselves on the big selection of breakfast and lunch items and then socialized for a few hours. Before we knew it, it was around 3:30 in the afternoon and time to get back home. It was fun taking off from KIFP with about a 10 ft ground roll. The flight home was just as smooth as the flight up at 7500ft. Great flight and great to see our friends from California again.

Regards,  
Tom and Katie Velvick



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# Calendar of Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2008		
2		2/2/2008 Coolidge Airport (PO8) Pancake Breakfast \$6.00 1st Sat of each Cool month Contact: 520-723-5354
5		Static Line Publication/Posting/Mailing DATE
9	8:00 a.m.	Young Eagles Event – Glendale Airport
12	7:00 p.m.	CHAPTER MEETING – Fun Places to Fly In & From Arizona
16	9:00 a.m.	Buckeye Airport (KBXK) Buckeye Airfair 9am-2PM
26		Static Line article/report submission DEADLINE
MARCH 2008		
4	6:00 p.m.	Officers & Directors Meeting
4		Static Line Publication/Posting/Mailing DATE
8		Coolidge Airport (PO8) Pancake Breakfast \$6.00 1st Sat of each Cool month Contact: 520-723-5354
8		Casa Grande Airport (KCSG) 50th Annual Cactus FLY-In
11	7:00 p.m.	CHAPTER MEETING – Tuskegee Airmen
25		Static Line article/report submission DEADLINE
APRIL 2008		
1		Static Line Publication/Posting/Mailing DATE
8	7:00 p.m.	CHAPTER MEETING – Light Sport Aircraft
12	8:00 a.m.	Young Eagles Event – Glendale Airport
12	11:30 a.m.	CHAPTER POTLUCK – Dave Biddle's hangar – Glendale Airport
25		Arizona Corporation Commission Report due
29		Static Line article/report submission DEADLINE
MAY 2008		
6		Static Line Publication/Posting/Mailing DATE
13	7:00 p.m.	CHAPTER MEETING – Baja Pilots
27		Static Line article/report submission DEADLINE
JUNE 2008		
3	11:30 a.m..	Officers & Directors Meeting
3		Static Line Publication/Posting/Mailing DATE
10	7:00 p.m.	CHAPTER MEETING – Civil Air Patrol
24		Static Line article/report submission DEADLINE
JULY 2008		
1		Static Line Publication/Posting/Mailing DATE
8	7:00 p.m.	CHAPTER MEETING – Luke Air Force Safety Officer
28 -	Aug. 3	EAA Airventure Oshkosh
29		Static Line article/report submission DEADLINE
AUGUST 2008		
5		Static Line Publication/Posting/Mailing DATE
12	7:00 p.m.	CHAPTER MEETING – Review of Oshkosh & other major events
26		Static Line article/report submission DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 2008		
2		Static Line Publication/Posting/Mailing DATE
2	6:00 p.m.	Officers & Directors Meeting
9	7:00 p.m.	CHAPTER MEETING – So California RV Group – Alaska Fly-in Nominating Committee appointed
30		Static Line article/report submission DEADLINE
OCTOBER 2008		
7		Static Line Publication/Posting/Mailing DATE
14	7:00 p.m.	CHAPTER MEETING – TIG Welding & report of Nominating Committee
14		Chapter Membership Renewal Forms for 2008 distributed to members
14		EAA Calendar Sales order
24-26		Copperstate
28		Static Line article/report submission DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 2008		
4		Static Line Publication/Posting/Mailing DATE
11	7:00 p.m.	CHAPTER MEETING – Election of 2008 Officers & Copperstate Report
25		Static Line article/report submission DEADLINE

- Chapter Meetings
- Chapter Potlucks
- Young Eagles
- StaticLine DEADLINES
- Fly-ins and Fly-outs
- Copperstate
- National DEADLINES
- Project Meetings



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