

# President's Message

by Roger Aspegren

We had a great turnout for our Christmas Party on December 3rd with 75 people attending. Not bad for a membership of 65. We had music, a surprise visit from Santa Claus who gave everyone gifts, a great buffet and door prizes. Of course the highlight of the evening was a presentation by Clyde Peters. Clyde showed us video of his trips to Russia via Alaska and told us about his first trip there in a Cessna 147 or 172 or something. Our country is fortunate to have goodwill ambassadors such as Clyde and his troupe, showing the world what the majority of Americans are really like. Since we were able to sell some poinsettias after the party, the board voted to give Clyde \$50 which we hope will help him continue his good work.

The first EAA Chapter 569 "Spark

Plug" Award was presented to Doug Hill at the party. Doug has been very enthusiastic and involved in the Chapter and is very deserving of this award. I hope we can continue this award in coming years, honoring a member who contributes "above and beyond" during the year.

The Chapter Officers and board members are excited about the coming year, with high goals and plans for fun activities. We need your help to make it happen. Please volunteer for a committee or a project. We know many of you have very little time to spare, but just a little time from most of you and a lot of time from some of you will make things happen.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and

**GO BIG RED !**

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**MEETING:** Tuesday, January 9, 1996

**LOCATION:** Cobbler's Inn  
Shoemakers Truckstop, West 'O' St.

**TIME:** 7:30 PM

**PROGRAM:** Greg Whisler, owner of Whisler Aviation, Inc., the new FBO at Seward airport will be the guest speaker. He has a video tape and will talk about the changes at Seward Airport. Ray Supalla will also show a video tape of the first flight of his Glasair II.

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# Editor's Corner

by Mark Turner

Terry Carlson has done a great job with the newsletter over the past year. Let Terry know how much you appreciate the job he has done.

I have agreed to assume the responsibility of publishing the Chapter 569 newsletter, but **I need your help!** This newsletter is YOUR newsletter! I need articles written by you. If you attend a fly-in, write a paragraph or two about it and send it to me. If you are building or restoring an aircraft, let me know. The deadline is the 20th of each month.

I am relatively new to the EAA. I joined Chapter 569 in May of this past year and attended my first Oshkosh this year. I took my first lesson in 1983 and passed my Private Pilot checkride on December 11, 1995. That means it took me

almost 12 years to get my license. I did take 11 years off in the middle though.

I am planning to build an AeroCanard and hope to begin in February/March of this year. The AeroCanard is a 4-place canard pusher airplane, kinda like a Long-EZ on steroids. I will keep you posted on my progress

I have several ideas for the newsletter; I would like to include stories and photographs of building projects in the chapter, I would like to have a monthly tech article (want to write one Doug), and I will be pulling some up to date news stories off the Internet.

**Here's to a great 1996!!**

## To the Membership of Chapter 569

By Doug Hill

Thank you for awarding me the 1995 Spark Plug Trophy for involvement. My accomplishments on special committees was not done alone. My business partner, Carol Swigart, frequently assisted and even taught me how to run an election campaign. Many of you other members were only a call away when I was organizing help. I'll always remember that everyone deserves praise for each successful event.

Further, you should know that I have earned a good living all of my adult life in the general aviation industry and because of this I want to pay it back in some way. I believe that this chapter is, and can be even more so, an active voice for the local pilot population, sport aviation activities groups and a forum for youth introduction; so I volunteer for the Mayor Johanns program meeting, the airport authority candidate forum, and the Star City Parade project, the Aviation Explorers, and as many activities as I can.

I am optimistic about aviation's future, but we are living in a shrinking industry; GA aircraft sales and manufacturing, pilot starts, LNK activities (take offs and landings), military down sizing, increased airport security, more restricted operations, and more bureaucratic control all emphasize decreases. The most positive segment of the industry is the experimental category of sport activity in general aviation. When once the EAA promoted economical introduction to flight through home building, now it is the only method of introducing new technology into an over regulated, over bureaucratic, over litigious, protect everyone

from himself culture that our sport must evolve in.

Our local chapter is asked to participate or comment on every general aviation activity in the region. All other aviation groups contact Roger Aspegren and out administrative staff for support of their activities. Jeff Clausen

has individually fostered a small armada of Young Eagles. This, and the involvement of Mr's Shoemaker, Chambers, and Lukehart, to name a few who have been instrumental in insuring our future aviation rights in Lincoln and Lancaster County, are the reasons I believe in the EAA

The combined effect that our chapter can have on the industry deserves everyone's involvement. If you believe in the pleasure of flying, and I know every member does, I strongly urge you all to get involved. My suggestions might be: your enthusiastic participation on a membership committee or your exciting support on an activities committee, both interactive to perpetuate chapter growth.

I may be calling you for help on my next chapter committee or if you volunteer to serve and call me, just tell me what I can do to help.



## EAA Oshkosh '96 Set for August 1-7

Plans are already underway for one of the world's largest and most significant aviation events: the 44th annual Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Fly-In Convention, which will be held Aug. 1-7, 1996 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Convention grounds will feature expanded campground areas, roads and facilities to accommodate the growing number of campers who fly (and drive) to the event. Last year, more than 40,000 people stayed at EAA's Camp Scholler during the seven-day Convention.

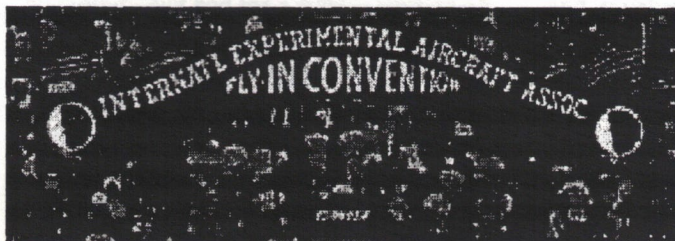
"The EAA Fly-In Convention has evolved into an event that covers all aspects of the world of flight", said Convention Chairman Tom Poberezny. "Top aviation leaders see **OSHKOSH** as a unique opportunity to meet with other decision makers and their aviation constituents. Manufacturers bring their latest designs and cutting-edge

technology to be seen by those interested in aviation. Our expanded exhibit facilities will allow more of those innovations to be presented to the public. And, as always,

**OSHKOSH** offers a forum where homebuilts, warbirds, antiques, classics, ultralights, light planes, aerobatic and all other aircraft can be seen in one place and appreciated for the significant role they play in our everyday lives. There is something here for every age

and interest - young and old, pilot and non-pilot alike."

The Convention begins on a Thursday (Aug. 1) and concludes following the air show on Wednesday, Aug. 7. Further details on **OSHKOSH '96** will be released as they become available. For more information regarding EAA or the EAA Fly-In Convention, write to the EAA Aviation Center, P.O. Box 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3086 or call (414) 426-4800.



## FAA to Close Seven Towers

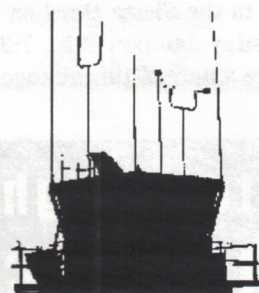
*from the Internet*

The Federal Aviation Administration announced that it will discontinue funding for air traffic control services at seven low-activity control towers after December 31. The decision was made after exhaustive benefit/cost evaluations determined that air traffic activity levels fall below the FAA's criteria for continued funding.

The action will affect towers at: Wheeling-Ohio County (W. Va.); Shreveport (La.) Downtown; Monroe County (Bloomington, Ind.); Delaware County

(Muncie, Ind.); Lake Tahoe (Cal.); Greenbriar Valley (Lewisburg, W. Va); and Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Municipal.

The decision to end funding for the seven control towers was made only after extensive studies of air traffic activity over the last 20 months and forecasts of future activity. Since 1992, the FAA has conducted annual benefit/cost studies of every control tower. The latest evaluation indicates that these seven airports do not meet the FAA's minimum benefit/cost requirements.



January 26, 1953

The EAA held its first meeting at CURTISS-WRIGHT FIELD IN MILWAUKEE

## Time to Renew your Membership

It is time again to renew your Chapter 569 membership. Enclosed with this newsletter is your membership application. Please complete the application and bring it to the meeting January 9th., membership dues are \$20.00,

payable to 'EAA Chapter 569'. Please sign up for one of the committees listed at the bottom of the form. We need your help!

**Lets make 1996 a year our Chapter can be proud of.**

# EAA Chapter 569

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## SPECIAL MEETING DATE!

Due to the Fiesta Bowl on the 2nd, our January meeting will be held on Tuesday January 9th., 7:30 PM at the Cobbler Inn on West O. Please make a note of this change and hope to see you all there

## Latest Flight Safety Device: The Cheesehead

A Wisconsin man said he survived a plane crash by padding the impact with a Cheesehead, a novelty headpiece shaped like a chunk of cheese and worn with pride by rabid Green Bay Packer fans.

Frank Emmert Jr. of Superior said he and pilot Baron Byran were returning from a game in Ohio when the engine in their Cessna 172 quit. "I had the Cheesehead sitting

on my the lap, I was using it as a pillow", Emmert said. "As soon as we lost power, I brought my arms up and held the Cheesehead in front of my face."

Emmert was hospitalized at St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, having suffered a shattered right ankle and cuts and bruises. The pilot was treated and released.

## Coming Plane Stuff

### January 9

Chapter 569 Meeting • 7:30 PM  
Cobbler Inn, Shoemakers Truckstop

### January 25-27

Nebraska Aviation Council's Fourth Annual  
Nebraska Aviation Symposium. Ramada Inn,  
Kearney

### April 14-20

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### August 1-7

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