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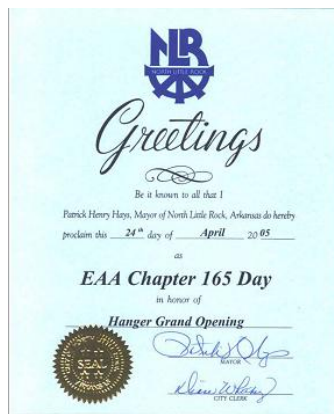
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## Letter from the president

### Blue Skies for EAA 165 Day

We did it!!! Although we are still not completely finished with the hangar, we did have all the basics in place to celebrate our progress during the Chapter Hangar Grand Opening event last month. We had just placed the last sheet of metal and tested the operation of the bi-fold door the day before. Everything worked like a dream! We owe many thanks to all of the volunteers who spent hours of valuable time away from their families, airplanes and honey-dos to make this hangar and grand opening event a success. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Among the many faces in the crowd, North Little Rock Mayor Patrick Hays paid us surprise visit and presented us with a framed proclamation of EAA Chapter 165 day in recognition of our accomplishment. It's great to have a positive and encouraging acknowledgement of



our club from our community leaders.

I'm also proud to say much of the buzz and excitement that day was around the Young Eagle flights. It is so invigorating to see our future generations getting excited about aviation. Special thanks goes to **Bill Richter**, our Young Eagles Coordinator, and all the pilots who sacrificed the time and expense to share the experience with others. You made the day extraordinary.

### Now for the Winners:

- Furthest Distance:  
**Dave Jett, Hot Springs, AR**



Judy McDowall and Banjo the dog accept the Oldest Airplane award for Doug who was flying Young Eagles during the awards ceremony

- Oldest Airplane:  
**Doug McDowall, 1947 Luscomb**
- People's Choice Best Experimental:  
**David Jones, Silver Long EZ**
- People's Choice Best Aircraft:  
**Jerry Homsley, Star Duster Starlet**

We also provided two awards for

the Corvetters and bikers who showed up:

- Best Corvette: **Jerry Homsley**
- Best Custom Motorcycle: **Brad Homsley**

We also recognized our fellow EAA 165 chapter members who made the hangar possible. Special thanks went to **Don Adamson, Keith Kreth, Terry Fletcher** and **Lewis Casey** for their extended contributions. The chapter also provided **Bobby Johnson** with a special gift for his outstanding leadership and guidance on the hangar foundation.

Last but not least the Mini-chopper raffle: I selected a random Young Eagle participant directly from the crowd to pull the winning ticket. ...and yes, poor ol' **Jerry Homsley** is the winner of the mini-chopper. Believe it or not!!

### What's Next?

As I mentioned earlier, the hangar is still not completely finished. The next steps include

digging the trenches for the water, sewer and electricity. Be sure to thank **Lewis Casey** next time you see him. His company, Treadway Electric, is donating brand-new electrical equipment and supplies to complete the electrical service hookup.

Don't forget: We still have lot of work to do and need your help on this year's finishing touches. Please take the time to lend a hand when we schedule a work party. As I mentioned before, your assistance goes a long way and is greatly appreciated by your fellow chapter members. Remember: This is YOUR hangar.



Marilyn Adamson, Sandra Newman and Sallie Fletcher enjoy the food, people and airplanes at the Hangar Grand Opening despite their husbands coming along.

### April's Chapter Meeting

Don Adamson has always amazed me with his knowledge of aircraft and last moth's presentation was no exception. Don provided the chapter an excellent question and answer session about aircraft electrical systems. Everything from basic architecture, wiring standards, circuit breakers, fuses, batteries was discussed and much, much more.

I brought the entire electrical system from the airplane I'm restoring, less the battery and alternator (a rat's-nest of corroded wires, fuses, breakers and conduit might I add), as a visual aide that came in handy for discussing the specific components and methods.

**John Lambert** brought along a book that he highly recommends titled "The AeroElectric Connection" by Bob Nuckolls. I personally reviewed the book and liked it so much that I bought my own copy direct from the author. The book is very well written and the illustrations are excellent. You can get more information from Bob's Website: <http://www.aeroelectric.com>.

### May's Fly-in Lunch

Don't forget: May's Fly-in Lunch will be on Sunday, May 22 from 11:30-1:30 next to the North Little Rock Pilot's lounge. See you there!

### Trees Were Born to Fly

For this month's chapter meeting, our very own Phil Seaman will educate us on wooden aircraft construction tools and techniques at his home workshop on Tuesday, May 24. We'll have snacks and drinks at 6:30 PM with the program starting at 7:00. Phil is going to present his perspective on the ease of starting a wood airplane. We'll have a chance to see Phil's project first-hand while discussing glues, necessary and helpful tools, tips how to use them, layout and jigs. Directions and an internet link to Phil's house are attached. You don't want to miss this meeting!

### First Flight

Last but not least, we need to congratulate **Jerry Homsley** for completing the first test flight of his Starduster Starlet. He says the flight went without a hitch with very minor sqawks. Between the winning the awards, taking the mini-copper home and the successful first test flight, I suppose Jerry has had an ok month.

Fly Safe! See you soon.

Regards,

Michael Hinchcliff  
Chapter President, EAA 165

## Directions to Phil Seaman's house

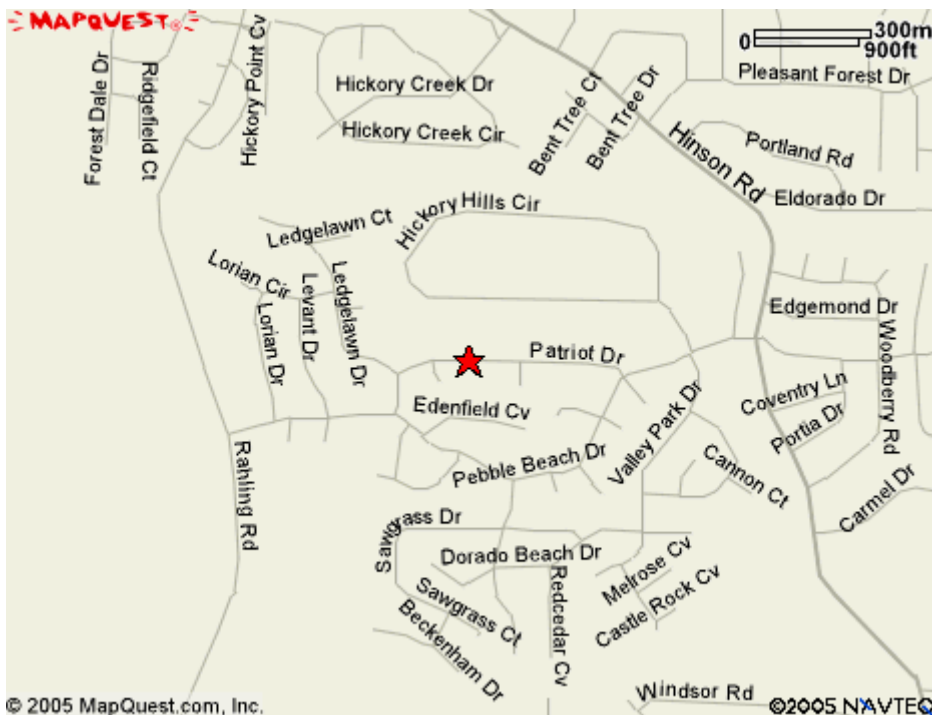
May EAA 165 Chapter Meeting  
Wood Aircraft Construction Tools, Techniques and Practices

16121 Patriot Dr  
Little Rock, AR 72212

(501) 227-8046

**MapQuest Link** (you can also get directions from here)

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?searchtype=address&country=US&adtohistory=&searchtab=home&address=16121+Patriot+Dr&city=little+rock&state=ar&zipcode=>



...Or you can get just take it from the man who drives there every day:  
To get to my home, take I-430 to Rodney Parham in west LR. Exit and take Rodney Parham west past K-Mart and Burger King, continuing straight thru all lights. Rodney Parham has now become Hinson Road. Keep on past Fellowship Bible Church and Pulaski Academy thru the curves to a 4-way stop sign. This is Pebble Beach. Turn left and proceed about a block and a half up to Patriot Drive. Turn right and proceed to the top of the hill and I'm on the left at 16121.

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## EAA 165 Schedule of events

### May

- Sun, May 22 Monthly Fly-in Lunch at the North Little Rock Airport next to the Pilot's Lounge. Everyone is invited. 11:30-1:30
- Tues, May 24 Chapter Meeting at Phil Seaman's House
  1. 6:30-7:00 Food and social
  2. 7:00-9:00 Chapter Meeting. **Educational Program: Wood Aircraft Construction Tools, Techniques, and Practices, Phil Seaman**

### June

- Sat, Jun 11 **EAA UL 122 Fun-fly.** Country Air Estates, Lonoke, AR, 1AR9, Visit <http://www.eaaul122.org/> for more information
- Tues, Jun 14 Chapter Business Meeting. North Little Rock Airport Pilot Flight Planning Center 6:30-8:30 PM
- Sun Jun 26 Monthly Fly-in Lunch, North Little Rock Airport next to the Pilot's Lounge. Everyone is invited. 11:30-1:30
- Tues, Jun 28 Chapter Meeting, Chapter Hangar – North Little Rock Airport
  1. 6:00-7:00 Food and social
  2. 7:00-9:00 Chapter Meeting. Program TBD

### July

- Mon, Jul 4 **Independence Day Fly-in.** Country Air Estates, Lonoke, AR, 1AR9
- Sat, Jul 9 EAA UL 122 CASF Breakfast. Country Air Estates, Lonoke, AR, 1AR9, Visit <http://www.eaaul122.org/> for more information
- Tues, Jul 12 Chapter Business Meeting. North Little Rock Airport Pilot Flight Planning Center 6:30-8:30 PM
- Sun, Jul 24 Monthly Fly-in Lunch at the North Little Rock Airport next to the Pilot's Lounge. Everyone is invited. 11:30-1:30 (Great place to stop on the way to Oshkosh!)
- Jul 25-31 **EAA Annual Convention, Oshkosh, WI**
- Tues, Jul 26 Chapter Meeting, Chapter Hangar – North Little Rock Airport  
6:00-9:00 Food and social (no program)

## August

- Tues, Aug 9 Chapter Business Meeting. North Little Rock Airport Pilot Flight Planning Center 6:30-8:30 PM
- Sat, Aug 15 EAA UL 122 CASF Breakfast. Country Air Estates, Lonoke, AR, 1AR9, Visit <http://www.eaaul122.org/> for more information
- Tues, Aug 23 Chapter Meeting, Chapter Hangar – North Little Rock Airport
  1. 6:00-7:00 Food and social
  2. 7:00-9:00 Chapter Meeting: **Program: The Best of Oshkosh – Membership slide show and show & tell**
- Sun, Aug 28 Monthly Fly-in Lunch, North Little Rock Airport next to the Pilot's Lounge. Everyone is invited. 11:30-1:30

## September

- Sat, Sept 10 EAA UL 122 CASF Breakfast. Country Air Estates, Lonoke, AR, 1AR9, Visit <http://www.eaaul122.org/> for more information
- Tues, Sept 13 Chapter Business Meeting. North Little Rock Airport Pilot Flight Planning Center 6:30-8:30 PM
- Sun, Sept 25 Monthly Fly-in Lunch, North Little Rock Airport next to the Pilot's Lounge. Everyone is invited. 11:30-1:30
- Tues, Sept 27 Chapter Meeting, Chapter Hangar – North Little Rock Airport
  1. 6:00-7:00 Food and social
  2. 7:00-9:00 Chapter Meeting. Program TBD

## October

- Oct 8 & 9 **LRAFB Air Show** (EAA Booth TBD)
- Sat, Oct 8 EAA UL 122 CASF Breakfast. Country Air Estates, Lonoke, AR, 1AR9, Visit <http://www.eaaul122.org/> for more information
- Tues, Oct 11 Chapter Business Meeting. North Little Rock Airport Pilot Flight Planning Center 6:30-8:30 PM
- Sun, Oct 23 Monthly Fly-in Lunch, North Little Rock Airport next to the Pilot's Lounge. Young Eagles TBD. Everyone is invited. 11:30-1:30
- Tues, Oct 25 Chapter Meeting: Chapter Hangar – North Little Rock Airport
  1. 6:00-7:00 Food and social
  2. 7:00-9:00 Chapter Meeting: **2006 Officer Elections** and Educational Program TBD

## November

- Tues, Nov 8 Chapter Business Meeting. North Little Rock Airport Pilot Flight Planning Center 6:30-8:30 PM
- Sat, Nov 12 EAA UL 122 CASF Breakfast. Country Air Estates, Lonoke, AR, 1AR9, Visit <http://www.eaaul122.org/> for more information
- Tues, Nov 22 Chapter Meeting: Chapter Hangar – North Little Rock Airport
  1. 6:00-7:00 Food and social
  2. 7:00-9:00 Chapter Meeting: Program TBD

- Sun, Nov 27 Monthly Fly-in Lunch, North Little Rock Airport next to the Pilot's Lounge. Everyone is invited. 11:30-1:30

### **December**

- Sat, Dec 3 **EAA UL 122 and EAA 165 Holiday party**
- Sat, Dec 10 EAA UL 122 CASF Breakfast. Country Air Estates, Lonoke, AR, 1AR9, Visit <http://www.eaaul122.org/> for more information
- Tues, Dec 13 Chapter Business Meeting. North Little Rock Airport Pilot Flight Planning Center 6:30-8:30 PM
- Tues, Dec 27 Chapter Meeting, Chapter Hangar – North Little Rock Airport  
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