



# CHAPTER 42 NEWSLETTER

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Monthly newsletter from Chapter 42 of the Experimental Aircraft Association

## FROM THE LEFT SEAT

New Year's resolutions! Did you make any? I did. Have you been sticking to them? I haven't.

Let's see, no more candy while building the RV was one on the top of the list. Pilot food seems to go hand in hand with building a plane. You know about pilot food, it is anything you can buy out of a machine in any FBO. It doesn't matter how old it is as long as it is wrapped in paper or plastic. It also has to have some sort of chocolate and calories, lots of calories. You, as the pilot, need lots of energy on a long cross country flight, sitting there at 8,500 feet enroute watching the world go by and chatting with the controllers. In fact, talking with controllers requires lots of sugar. Have you ever tried to talk as fast as they do while reading back a clearance and not being sugared up? I have and I can't do it. The down side is when you run out of sugar and experience the post sugar high (PSH) and then have to shoot an ILS and blow the MDA, oops, missed approach and ask for vectors to VFR.

So anyway, there I am in the aircraft shop as I like to call it (my two car garage) riveting away. Is it 5 rivets and one Hershey Kiss, or 5 Hershey Kisses and 1 rivet? Who cares at that point? I have so much sugar in me that I am a riveting blur. Then I run out of chocolate. Does Van's sell chocolate? Must buy more chocolate. I am still riveting until it happens--PSH. Then I shove a cleco up under my fingernail and rivet my shirt to the RV.

Another resolution was to keep the tool buying impulse to a slow drain on the bank account. That one lasted two, maybe three, days until I saw the latest Avery's catalog and just knew I "had" to have all of the items on page 23. Then I took a trip to Reeve's and just had to have another couple hundred cleco's. Can you ever have enough cleco's? Now I am eyeing a tap and die set and LED position lights and well, you get the picture.

It is another year for us in Chapter 42 and I hope you are having as much fun as I am. I hope your projects are keeping you busy and happy. If you get stuck with a problem, like running out of chocolate, call someone in the support group, I mean chapter. I am sure any of our other members will be glad to help you.

January is **dues month**, please pay your dues for the year. I know the \$24 is a lot to take out of the candy budget but we promise to use some of your dues money to buy pilot food to serve you at the monthly meetings. You can either mail your dues in to Rob or pay at the Chapter meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you at the meetings,

*Mike*

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7pm. We will meet at the UAA Aviation complex on Merrill Field. Our guest speaker will be Lou Nagy from UAA. Lou is an A&P and his specialty is aviation wiring. This is an especially timely subject since many of us are at the point of some sort of wiring, either in the wing or the panel. Mark your calendars for this one!!

For those who have not been there before, the UAA Aviation Complex is on the east end of Merrill Field. Turn west off Airport Heights onto Merrill Dr. The building is on the right and the room location will be identified by signs once you are inside.



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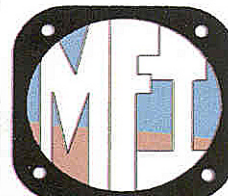
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## THERE IS NO FREE LUNCH, RIGHT? WELL, MAYBE...by Tim Rittal

During many of my building sessions on the GlaStar, I have contemplated the day when it becomes a true flying machine. I have thought about how I am going to get ready to *safely* fly my dream come true and remain safe and not a statistic.

Getting tail wheel current and some time in type is an obvious decision. Having a professional pilot do the initial flying is going to be my choice for first flight. But beyond that, when I venture back to the skies of Alaska, what will keep me and my passengers safe?

I often thought, "Wouldn't it be nice if private pilots could enroll in some sort of program which involved them in regular tune-ups on safe flying, emergency procedures, regulation changes and other useful information keeping them informed on good flying practices?" In my daydreams, I envisioned regular sessions in a flight simulator where I could experience various emergency situations in a safe place and not in my GlaStar. I imagined a staff of experienced aviation veterans available to consult on flying techniques and equipment. And all this at a cost the average pilot could easily afford. Just a dream?

Enter the Medallion Foundation. For those of you who made the November meeting, you know that what I thought was a fantasy actually exists right here in Alaska. Steve Franklin and Mike Panone introduced us to the program with a very sobering real life recording between air traffic control and a VFR pilot who inadvertently got himself and his passenger into "instrument meteorological conditions"(IMC) right here in our own back yard by Mt Susitna. The plane, pilot and passenger never did make it to Anchorage.

The Medallion Foundation offers a program for professional and private pilots. It has several flight simulators around the state and experienced staff and volunteers to assist with many aspects of flying and equipment. One of the great benefits of being an enrolled member is that you can schedule flight simulator time as often as you like. No limit was given but I suspect they want you to be reasonable.

To join, you must have at least a student pilot certificate, fill out their application and take a King course from the CD which they will send you at no cost. Ahh, you say, so what does all this cost? It is FREE!! You read that right. FREE. The feds are serious about improving flight safety everywhere and especially here in Alaska. The program is somehow funded by the federal government, is all I remember.

So maybe there really is a "free lunch" after all. For more information or to join, go to their website at [www.medallion-foundation.org](http://www.medallion-foundation.org).



*Our President, Mike Ice, at the controls of Medallion Foundation Simulator*

## TREASURER'S REPORT by Rob Spoo

Dues...you gotta have 'em to report 'em. It's time again to pony up them pennies.

Unlike a lot of stuff you pay for in life, like mother-in-laws and "lost" clubs on the back nine, the value of your EAA Chapter membership goes up and up, while the cost stays in a rock steady nose level attitude. How many things can you say that about... waist lines? Nah. Looks? Nope. Do you remember nickel a gallon gas? Well, neither do I, but I do remember 15 cents a gallon. Try to find that! Let's face it, everything just seems to cost more nowadays—but not your local Chapter dues!!

Chapter dues are an amazingly low \$24 per year, **and are collected, beginning each January, for the upcoming calendar year, January to December only.** That breaks down to only two bucks a month! *Hey, starting this year, line up the spousal unit and young ones and join under a family membership for only one buck more...that's right! For only \$25 you can sign up the whole family!*

I know what you're thinking...you've waited all your life for a deal this good...But, WAIT! There's more. With each chapter membership you are entitled to:

- Lots of dry humor
- Refreshments at each chapter meeting

-A nifty monthly newsletter like this one in choice of snail or e-mail

-Access to our printed and video-based reference materials...no pesky rental fees

-A super team of sincere chapter officers and board members (*humility costs a dollar more*)

-A wealth of social, technical, and learning opportunities...AND...a mind-boggling amount of combined years of building experience, skill and knowledge that each member can draw from or contribute to.

**So...don't wait another second!**

Make that personal/cashier's check or money order payable to: EAA Chapter 42. (No bouncin' folks!) Please DO NOT send cash. Mail it to HQ, EAA Chapter 42, 1701 Greendale Dr., Anchorage, AK 99504

As always, dues will be warmly accepted at our monthly chapter meeting.

**Be sure to use the handy membership form located on the next page so we get all of your information correct.**

~ Smooth landings!

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#### Will this be Your Last Newsletter?

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As Rob Spoo said, you can mail dues to him or pay in person at the next meeting. If we don't have your 2005 dues by the time the next newsletter goes out in February, you are off the list.

Don't let this be your last newsletter. Pay your dues now and remain a member in good standing. As Will Brimley says, "Its the right thing to do".



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