



# Chapter 42 Newsletter

December, 2008

Anchorage, Alaska



## Calendar of Events

**Holiday Gathering:**  
Chuck May's House-  
2811 Leeward Place-  
7 p.m Dec. 27th

**Breakfast Gathering**  
Jan.10 -Village Inn  
720-Diamond Blvd-  
9:30 a.m.

**Chapter Board Meeting**  
Jan. 6th  
ReMax Office

Santa Claus triking his way to Alaska-Photo courtesy of Jude Thompson

## Happy Holidays to Chapter 42 members !

Santa Claus, like all pilots, gets regular visits from the Federal Aviation Administration, and the FAA examiner, Orton, arrived last week for the pre-Christmas check ride. In preparation, Santa had his elves wash the sled and bathe all the reindeer. Santa got his logbook out and made sure all his paperwork was in order. He knew they would examine all his equipment and truly put Santa's flying skills to the test. The examiner walked slowly around the sled. He checked all the reindeer harnesses, the landing gear, and even Rudolph's nose. Santa's FAA Checkride

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## ***From the left seat.....***

By Tim Rittal  
Chapter 42 President

**Dec 3rd** and your Board just completed another monthly meeting. We meet the 1st Tues of the month year round to plan and work towards keeping the chapter going and activities interesting. During December, we make plans and set goals for the coming year. Here is what we have so far. New Director. The government is often dreaming up ways to make our life safer and better and probably there is no field more prone to these fixes than aviation. Unfortunately, the proposed fixes come in the form of new rules which can have undesired effects. The good news is, most of these rules are open for public comment before they are implemented. The bad news is, the average aviator either doesn't know about the issues or just doesn't take the time to comment and rules go unanswered. We would like to do our part to counter this. Your Board has created a new director's position called Director of Government Affairs and appointed Lars Gleitsmann to that position. Lars has a unique perspective on this aspect of aviation having come from Europe and experiencing the disastrous effect government can have on aviation. Watch for his posts here and on the web. Welcome Lars. Trade Show. Once again, we will have a booth at the Alaska State Aviation Trade Show and Conference thanks to Jim Moss and Dee Hanson. May 2 3rd. Jim Moss, Rob Stapleton and Lars Gleitsmann comprise the committee to create and implement our presence there. Most likely this will include a new, continuous slide show of members and their projects and possibly an airplane in the static display. It is a lot of work and volunteers are needed starting now. Contact one of these guys if you are

willing to participate.

AeroScholars. The EAA Young Eagles program has an on-line Aviation Program. It offers 2 courses. The first introduces the student to aviation history and science & explores aviation careers. The second covers advanced aviation science and math and prepares the student to take the FAA Private Pilot written exam. Your Board would like to offer some assistance to an aspiring young pilot from among the ranks of our membership. Local programs might also be considered. But first, we need to know if there is interest within the chapter membership. Let us know either by contacting a board member or at the next meeting.

Educational Series. By the time you read this we will have had our first winter season educational seminar "TransOceanic Flight" presented by Bill Compton. Our sincere thanks to Bill.

Our educational series takes place on the 2nd Tues of each month Dec through April. The Kenai Flight Service has agreed to do several presentations on topics such as "Pilot weather briefing techniques", "Special VFR flight operations into Class E Surface Areas", "Kenai AFSS' Telephone self-briefing system", "A short summary of radio callup procedures and what we expect to hear from pilots (for your "shy" pilots)", "Pilot weather reports", "Weather cameras" and "Notices to Airmen". We have choices. See one you want? Let us know.

The local FAA FAST team has agreed to help and from there, Ernie Walker has a timely safety program based on some Oh too personal Alaska flying experience.

Right now, it looks like Steve Denesen from Kenai will do a program on "Special Use Airspace and Special Reporting Service" on Jan 13th. This will include such issues as flying in and around MOAs.

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Ernie will take the Feb 10th slot. Watch the newsletter and website for details on topics and places. 2009 Chapter Dues. It is that time again to pay your annual dues. Still one of the best bargains out there. \$24 for the year for one or \$25 for a family. Please take a moment and write your check right now. Bring it to the next meeting or mail to:

**Treasurer Gene Bjonstad at POB  
729 Girdwood, Ak 99587**

Remember, all members must also be a current member of the National EAA. Check your EAA cards as they are not on an annual basis but on based on anniversary dates when you joined them. We appreciate your attention to this matter. That's it for now. See you at the next meeting.

Safe landings, *Tim*

### **Chapter 42 Scores Airplane Project for Middle School Students**

After a call from the FAA's Angie Slingluff Aviation and Space Education Coordinator asking for an airplane to rebuild or to build that would go to Begich Middle School a posting was made on the Matronics Pietenpol email list asking for a project.

Oscar Zuniga of Santa Fe N.M. responded that he had an Aerial Pietenpol that he would donate if we could get it shipped to Alaska.

The builder a Ninty Nines member, had been killed in a car accident and he picked the project up from the Santa Fe EAA Chapter only for the landing gear and wheels.

Begich Middle School has accepted the project which will be shipped here after it is crated up in the New Year.

Carlisle Transportation Services, Inc. has agreed to ship the biplane project, 90 percent complete, less the engine and landing gear to Anchorage as a donation to the students.

If you are interested in this please volunteer to help!

Contact Tim Rittal or Rob Stapleton for more information about how you can help these ASD students.

**Classified Advertising**

**For Sale** -New Mt. Goat fuselage, with seat frames, doors, landing gear legs. Tubing has tube seal oil inside. One piece doors on both sides with full windows. Large rearside windows. All 4130 steel. Heavy duty fuselage and roll cage structure. Top stringers are 5/8 tubing welded in place. All machined fits and expertly Tig welded. Painted with grey epoxy. Fits Super Cub wings and spars. Float fittings and lift brackets. Heavy duty landing gear with detachable bungee fittings. Bungees inside like Husky. Call 907-745-7597.

**Fast Build Lancair 320/360 kit**- In Anchorage 20% complete. Includes: hardware kit, Dynafocal engine mount, canopy front hinge kit, antennas, new epoxy machine and tools. Contact: David Hoffman-242-3752

**Wanted: Basic instruments**- altimeter, airspeed, compass, RPM, artificial horizon, turn and bank etc. 230-9425

**Wanted:** Students for a Sport Pilot Knowledge Test Ground School-Call Rob Stapleton, AGI 230-9425

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Santa's Pre Christmas Checkride**

He painstakingly reviewed Santa's weight and balance calculations for sled's enormous payload. Finally, they were ready for the check ride. Santa got in and fastened his seat belt and shoulder harness and checked the compass. Then the FAA examiner hopped in carrying, to Santa's surprise, a shotgun. "What's that for!?" asked Santa incredulously. The FAA examiner winked and said, "I'm not supposed to tell you this ahead of time," as he leaned over to whisper in Santa's ear, "but you're gonna lose an engine on takeoff.--"

**"Nominations Please!**

**The Spirit of Flight Award** was established in 1997 by the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and Scaled Composites to recognize an EAA member who best exemplifies the spirit of research, development, or flight-testing. They promote air safety by presenting a pilot's opinion, strengthening the influence of the test pilot on aeronautical progress and continuously evaluating the adequacy of flight equipment.

To nominate your favorite tech counselor or pilot contact:

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**Monthly Meetings 4th Tuesday of most months**

**Time to pay Chapter Dues!**

\$24 individual/\$25 family  
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Dues are now payable on Jan.1, 09



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EAA Chapter 42  
**Monthly Breakfast**  
 Second Saturday of every month  
 9:30 a.m.  
**Village Inn and Pancake House**  
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**EAA Chapter 42 Mission Statement:**  
 Promote, encourage and facilitate recreational aviation activities that provide educational opportunities. Have Fun!

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