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Christmas Dinner and Student Scholarship Awards

Chapter 277 combined with chapter 750 held the annual Christmas dinner on December 9 at the Carterville Community Center. It was well attended as in past years with a large table overflowing with the great food brought by our members.



2013 Chapter Officers

Dick Cannon and Charley Rodriguez paid tribute to three of the chapter's recently departed members with slides, biographies, and reminiscences of their achievements. The elected chapter officers for 2013 stood for recognition and each member of both chapters introduced themselves and their wives.

The chapter chose three deserving aviation

students from SIU to be awarded scholarships for their academic achievements, aviation enthusiasm, and skill. These were presented in a ceremony at our dinner by chapter treasurer, Clarke Deacon. They are Nicole Kirby, Jake Ballwin, and Mike Szimplinski.



Dick and Charley reminis



Nicole Kirby



Jake Ballwin



Mike Szimplinski

The event was a success, as usual, thanks to all the help from our members.

Pat McGuire

B-29 "FIFI" and B-24 'DIAMOND LIL' of the Commemorative Air Force to be based at KMDH for several weeks this summer

Recently, Charley Rodreguez has spread the word that the Commemorative Air Force is considering basing the B-29 "FIFI" and the B-24 "DIAMOND LIL" at KMDH for several weeks this summer. The planes will fly to various engagements around the country but spend time here for fueling and maintenance at SIU's AvTech hangar.



Additionally, Charley is scheduled for CAF's B-29 maintenance course. I'm sure he will fill us in with the details at our membership meeting Monday night, January 4.

Most of us remember the great turnout and excitement that surrounded the "FIFI" visit last summer. Well, we may be in for much more of the same this year.



Pat McGuire

BOARD MEETING MINUTES**January 7, 2013**

Purpose: To handle business items, leaving more time at Chapter meetings.

Members Present: Clarke Deacon, Charley Rodriguez, Steve Schlager, The meeting was held in the conference room at Midwest Aviation, Marion.

- The meeting was held at Midwest Aviation, Marion, and called to order by President Schlager at 7:00 PM.
- The Treasurer reported a balance of \$3341.28.
- The January program will be presented by Todd Greiner, CFI. He will talk about emergency procedures.
- Charley mentioned the possibility of the Commemorative Air Force basing the B-29 "FIFI" and the B-24 "DIAMOND LIL" at KMDH next summer.
- Possibilities for a chapter project were discussed.
- Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

The Chapter 277 Christmas Dinner replaced our December Meeting.



Steve Schlager for Bob Amunrud, Secretary

REFRESHMENTS

January: Steve Schlager & Charley Rodriguez

**COMING EVENTS**

Mon, January 14, 2013 [7:00 PM]—Membership Meeting, Room 145 Av-Tech, Southern Illinois Airport.

Sat, January 19, 2013 [8:30 AM]—Breakfast at The Golden Corral in Carbondale.

Mon, February 4, 2013 [7:00 PM]—Board meeting, Midwest Aviation, Airport.

CHAPTER 277 YEAR 2012 OFFICERS

President—Steve Schlager
Vice-President—Ron Farver
Treasurer—Clarke Deacon
Secretary—Bob Amunrud
Newsletter Editor—Pat McGuire
Webmaster—Janet Hartwig

YEAR 2012 BOARD MEMBERS

All of the above—Plus:
Membership—Marshall White
Young Eagles Cord.—Charley Rodriguez
Member-at-large—John Williams
Past President—Charley Rodriguez

2013 Chapter Dues will be accepted at our membership meeting Monday night. They are \$20.00 for the year and entitle you to a monthly copy of our newsletter and a choice of either a beige or grey chapter cap.

MEETING PROGRAM

Todd Greiner will give a presentation on in-flight emergencies.

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President's Column

With the New Year comes resolutions. What's yours?

Personally, I would like to try to introduce somebody to flying that's never been in a plane before.

I like to take people flying, and not just kids but adults, too, when I can. Maybe I can kindle a spark in someone, and that spark can grow into a flame, and that person, young or old, can go on to become a pilot. That's my goal for 2013.

If we talk about aviation, in all its forms, perhaps we can "grow" our chapter. Those of us in Chapter 277 know about EAA, but does the rest of the world? Does the word "Experimental" turn them off? When I start talking about aviation to somebody uninformed, just after I say those three words, Experimental Aircraft Association, I usually say, "but our group is about all airplanes, gliders, military warbirds, antiques, hot air balloons, ultralights, etc. Not just homebuilt airplanes." Often, they'll respond by saying something like, "Oh, I like warbirds!" (or one of the above types). And I'll respond: "This is the place" and that brings 'em in.

No matter what, we must keep on growing. Natural attrition in the group means that some will leave us, so we need to attract new members.

Please do your part to help keep the chapter growing.

Steve Schlager, President