

# EAA611 Newsletter

## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

Hello, everyone! As your newly elected president, I welcome all members and affiliates of our chapter to a new and promising year. I want to give special thanks to our former president and vice president, John Pittman and Charles George. Your loyal service and commitment to EAA has inspired many of us to give back what you so freely gave. Personally, I appreciate the opportunity to serve this chapter and I am looking forward to your guidance as we go through this year.

Your officers are in full throttle making this year something to remember. With the start of this newsletter and working with EAA National on some fly-ins, we are committed to spreading the spirit of aviation as best we can. Of course, we will need volunteers to help facilitate these events.

I hope you would like to see a Tri-Motor Ford at KGVV this year. Shane Crider, our new VP, has been working hard to solidify "The Tin Goose's" visit. Along with the Cracker Fly-In, we hope to collect more than ever this year for the future development of our chapter. With weather cancelling our event last year, we lost ground on raising funds. Some may say we do not need to raise funds with our

reserve so high, but a hot topic is to find a hanger to call home. I will keep you abreast of this development as it unfolds and please pay your dues.

Since taking this position, I have listened a lot. Some of us went to the pancake breakfast at EAA 690 to see how they do things. I really paid attention talking to members at our banquet and listening to Duane Huff. There are so many things we can do as a chapter to increase communication with our community about aviation. Having the commitment, energy, and time for such are the resources our chapter needs more than ever. We look to gradually increase participation this year for long-term sustainment.

There are many channels of communication this day and age. Most are very affordable, if not free. Thanks to Mike Wewers getting our Facebook page going and Charles George for previously administering our website, we have started our mission to inform the masses. We will continue to develop these channels and others as the year continues. We want everyone to know you do not have to be a pilot to love aviation and play a part in continuing its existence. Of course, if you want to learn to fly, we know some pilots that might have

a story or two to tell.

I am thrilled and honored to be given the opportunity to serve our chapter. Please join with me and spread your enthusiasm and passion for aviation. Your officers and I are anticipating this year to be big for EAA 611 and the community surrounding KGVV. Please inform us of any concerns and/or ideas you may have for the chapter this year. My creed is to remain open-minded and teachable. Together, with your help, we want this chapter to be the best it can be.

Mike McGraw  
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## WHAT'S NEW

Did you know that EAA 611 has a website & a Facebook page? After speaking with several members, I realized that not everyone knows we have both. We want to thank Mike Wewers for keeping our Facebook page up to date and us informed. We thank Charles George for taking care of our website up until now. If you get a chance, please log on to both and see what is new. We will do our best to keep all information up to date on meetings, fly-outs, fly-ins and other events. Also, we would like to see more activity on our website forum (yes, we have a forum). Please create an account and

become active in our aviation community forum. If you have any suggestions for either the website or Facebook or if you have any pictures that we can post, please let us know. We would love to see a picture of you and your aircraft. We plan on creating a YouTube account soon for 611 so we can all post some cool videos of our flying experiences.

We look forward to hearing from you— Shane Crider

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### 2014

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## BANQUET AND FUTURE MEETINGS

### 2014 Banquet

We want to thank everyone who helped with our banquet in January, it was a great event. We want to give a special thank you to Betty Pittman for arranging the banquet and all of her hard work. Also, we thank everyone who helped and those who brought in or had items donated for the silent auction.

### March Meeting

We will have our next meeting on March 3rd @ Recess. Food will begin at 6pm and the meeting will start 7. We have a guest speaker: Mr. John Slemph, he is an aviation photographer with aerographs. John will give us a presentation on his general work and some of the famous aircraft and types that he has had the pleasure of photographing.

## W E L C O M E   N E W   M E M B E R S

We would like to welcome the newest members of EAA611.

We encourage everyone to help spread the word and share our enthusiasm in aviation to others. We will contact our newest members with updates and information in order to help them feel more at home.

If you are a new member and have questions: please ask.

We are working on new member kits to help new members get up to speed with how we function, where to find resources and how to help promote our chapter and love for aviation. We will keep you informed once these are complete.

### Newest Members:

Jim Keys—Oakwood

Chris Dozier—Cumming

Pat Phillips—Lawrenceville

Gabrielle Crider—Gainesville

Chip Allen— Marietta

Stan Allen—Flowery Branch

Chris Manzo—Gainesville

Ross Statham—Cumming



## C O M M I T T E E S ,   H E L P   &   I D E A S

### 2014 Cracker Fly-In

We are going to start assembling several committees for 2014 event help. The first is our Cracker Fly in. This is a first for some of us, so we will be asking for help from our members to make sure the upcoming Cracker Fly-In operates smoothly and is as successful as in the past. This year we plan to market the Fly-in heavily and expect a larger attendance

crowd. If you can help, please let one of our officers know. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

### EAA Aircraft Visit

We have applied for EAA's B-17 Bomber and Ford Tri-Motor to visit KGVL. We don't have a response yet on the B-17 Bomber but **we did get approved for the Ford Tri-Motor to visit from May 12th to May 14th.** This is going to be a fun event but will require volunteers to help organize the event ahead of time and also a few members to help out during the event. EAA will supply a ground

crew, but they will need our help. EAA also will supply marketing materials and info for us. This event will generate interest in aviation and show what EAA is really about. We feel it will be a great event for our chapter and KGVL and our aviation community. If you have time to help and can, please let Shane Crider know.