

# EAA CHAPTER 974

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### THE PREZ SEZ

It was a tight race but when all the ballots were in and counted Tom Graulich was the clear winner for the new vice president. This is Tom's second time around in office, so with him and Ron at the helm 2005 should be a great year for the chapter (Sure will miss those great snacks Ron's been bringing in though. Thanks Barb).

I can't remember a year with so many projects making it to the sky. The R.V.s were outnumbering the cicadas this summer. Those pre-drilled rivet holes must be one of the greatest ideas someone came up with since sliced bread. There are many more projects lurking in the hangars and garages (family and living rooms also) that look like they will make it to the sky next year. We can see some of them at the December project tour.

Hope to see you there  
Tom Infert

### A LETTER FROM BOOMER



Bob of Baghdad

Let me re-introduce myself, I am LTC Bob Hart. I flew RF-4Cs in the AF for 11 years as a Weapons System Officer, then transitioned to the ANG. I have now been a member of the Air National Guard for 12 years as an Air Liaison Officer. I hope to one day be a flyer of a Cozy Mk IV. Thanks for keeping me on your e-mail list. I appreciate the opportunity to keep up with the activities of the chapter and it's members. I started my affiliation with your chapter in 2002 at Oshkosh just after I purchased my plans for my Cozy. I however, have not been able to make a meeting yet. I was activated and sent to Iraq in 2003 for the war, returned to nearly a year of training back here in the states and am now leaving in 2 weeks to go back to Iraq for another year. This is putting a crimp on my plans to build my Cozy Mk IV. But I have the plans and will be planning my project while I work on my tan with all my spare time while in Iraq.

May God bless you and the members of EAA, for your support of the military. I will try to send you an e-mail once I get to Iraq to keep the members updated on my progress. If interested I would like to give a talk on Iraq to the members of our chapter after I return. Just drop me a note and let me know if you would like me to do that.

Thanks for all you do and I hope you will have a safe year.

LTC Bob "Boomer" Hart

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## Your EAA Membership Benefits What They Are and How They've Changed

We're often asked "what are the benefits of belonging to EAA?" The answer can be a long one depending on what that individual's interests are as EAA has a vast offering of benefits and services. And they are evolving and improving all the time. But let's just start with the basics and explore what's new in a \$40 EAA membership.

Every member receives his/her choice of a monthly magazine. EAA SPORT AVIATION is the flagship monthly publication for members interested in the broad scope of recreational aviation with editorial geared to the flying, buying, building, restoring and maintaining of all types of aircraft. We are currently in the process of expanding our coverage of production aircraft news and hands-on topics. EAA SPORT PILOT & LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT magazine is new just this year and its editorial is aimed at those who'll fly the newest special light-sport aircraft, including fixed wings, trikes, powered parachutes, gyrocopters, gliders, and Part 103 ultralights. Your membership includes a choice of either membership or you can add on the additional magazine.

EAA member benefits at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh each year have also increased. Now members not only have greatly reduced admission fees, but you'll receive discounts on specially priced meals from several food vendors, have access to the members-only internet café, and enjoy member events in the new EAA Member Village near AeroShell Square. And the list will be sure to evolve over the next few months as we set plans for the 2005 event happening July 25-31. Watch this space for more details on "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration."

EAA's Insurance Program has expanded with the addition of insurance for students and renters. This non-owner insurance plan is Sport Pilot-ready. In addition EAA, and Falcon Insurance have developed an outstanding insurance plan for all types of aircraft including expanded coverage, service and great pricing for members. Call today for a free quote at 866-647-4322 or visit [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org). EAA membership also includes preferred rates on other lines of personal insurance.

With the new Sport Pilot movement, EAA's technical team is the leader in helping all aviators understand what the new ruling means and how it helps reduce the traditional time and cost barriers associated with training and aircraft ownership. We have a special brochure series that answers many of the questions members have on this topic. If you'd like to receive this information or have a question on Sport Pilot, please don't hesitate to give us a call or visit the website at [www.sportpilot.org](http://www.sportpilot.org).

Another new benefit of EAA membership this year is unlimited admission to the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. That's right all members can visit the museum as often as they like-- at no additional charge.

The EAA membership umbrella includes the wonderful ability to join a local chapter and participate in all of its activities. Plus, EAA members also have the opportunity to join one or all of EAA's affiliate organizations: EAA Warbirds of America, EAA's Vintage Aircraft Association, and the International Aerobatic Club division of EAA. Plus, an affiliate of EAA is the National Association of Flight Instructors. The EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council reaffirms EAA's commitment to its homebuilding roots. There's something for everyone!

With the EAA Flight Planner, EAA members can easily plan a VFR flight, view a route on current maps (including Sectional, WACs and other) check NOTAMs and weather, file with DUATs and many other functions. This \$50 value is free for EAA members, just check out the website at [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org) for more information.

For individual services, EAA provides a wealth of educational and technical benefits. Access to pilot programs such as EAA Technical Counselors, Flight Advisors, Aeromedical Advisors, and Aviation Information Services representatives are ready to answer your aviation questions at 888/322-4636. EAA's education opportunities include SportAir workshops held around the country – the perfect place to learn about aircraft building and restoration. Call 800/967-5746 for all the details.

Working with kids via the EAA Young Eagles program gives the next generation of aviation enthusiasts the chance to take to the sky. EAA members provide an introductory flight experience for kids aged 8-17 – members have flown more than 1,100,000 Young Eagles since the program's inception. Call 877/806-8902 for more information. EAA's Air Academy aviation camps provide a resident camp at Oshkosh headquarters for youth who are aged 12-18 interested in aviation. Reach the Air Academy at 888/322-3229.

Finally, the discounts! Great deals and discounts for EAA members abound: you can save on everything from member discounts on Ford vehicles, John Deere equipment, Hertz car rentals, travel services, and even a preferred rate on the EAA VISA® credit card.

## RULES OF THE AIR

submitted by Bill Conn

1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
3. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
4. It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.
5. The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
6. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
7. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
8. A 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. A 'great' landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
9. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
10. You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
11. The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival, small probability of survival and vice versa.
12. Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.

13. Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.
14. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.
15. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.
16. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
17. Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them.
18. If all you can see out of the window is ground that's going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not at all as they should be.
19. In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminum going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose.
20. Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.
21. It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
22. Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.
23. Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.
24. The three most useless things to a pilot are the altitude above you, runway behind you, and a tenth of a second ago.

### FOOTNOTES

Well this is it - my last newsletter. On December 1st the website and newsletter will be taken over by Brett Ferrell. I think there will be some style changes since Brett will be using different software to publish the site. I'm glad someone with experience is taking over.

I'm still suffering from a bad case of Lack-of-Time syndrome. I swear there are only 20 hours in a day. Weekends don't exist any more. Even worse, I still haven't won the lottery. I have been able to prime a whole mess of parts I've been working on, and popped the first rivets on the Rudder skeleton of my XL. Since I've done the drilling and fitting on a lot of subassemblies, and have now primed those parts, I expect to get a lot of assembly done in the next few months.

In case I don't make it to the next meeting, I want to wish everyone a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

See you at the next meeting  
George Deeb  
Editor



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