

# Concho Valley Aviator

Monthly Newsletter, Chapter 493, Experimental Aircraft Association

## REFRESHMENTS

January	Norm & Marty Beauchamp
February	Bud & Juanita Greene
March	Don & Jade Smucker
April	Lawrence & Nancy Wright
May	
June	George & Martha Spinks
July	
August	Al & Anne Elliot
September	
October	
November	
December	Christmas Party

## COMING ISSUES



## Minutes

December 16, 2009

The December meeting of EAA Chapter 493 was called to order by President Pat Nuyten at Zentner's Daughter Steak House. The brief business meeting was held in conjunction with the Chapter's annual Christmas Party. Turnout was good and there were numerous guests.

Due to the brief nature of the meeting, the monthly Treasurer's report and the approval of the minutes of last month's meeting were deferred until the January 2010 meeting.

Pat started the meeting with a big "Thank You" to Bob Reese for making the arrangements for the annual Christmas party, followed by a hearty round of applause. Pat reminded the members that annual Chapter dues are now due and that Treasurer Joe Christian is collecting those fees. If you have not paid your annual dues yet, see Joe before leaving.

Pat then read a letter to the Chapter President from Brenda Anderson, Chapter Administrator for EAA national, thanking the officers, directors, and others for their services to the EAA and the local chapter. Included with the package from EAA national were the 2009 annual Chapter Service Awards consisting of printed award certificates and pins. Pat then presented the following awards:

Pat Nuyten, President  
Joe Christian, Treasurer  
Al Elliot, Newsletter Editor  
Gerry Hatch, Vice President  
Don Smucker, Secretary  
Bob Heiser, Web Editor  
Ted Reed, Technical Counselor  
Robert Reese, Technical Counselor  
Don Treadwell, Young Eagles

All were applauded for their services.

Pat then congratulated and thanked the new incoming officers, Bill Yeates, Newsletter Editor, Richard Martin, Secretary, and of course, Pay Nuyten as the re-elected President. A big thank-you and round of applause to the new officers and special thanks for Al Elliot's long stint as Newsletter Editor followed.

Whereupon, there being no further business to conduct, Pat adjourned the business meeting and turned the podium over to Bob Reese for the Christmas festivities.

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## CHAPTER OFFICERS

President: Pat Nuyten  
Vice-President: Gerry Hatch  
Secretary: Richard Martin  
Treasurer: Joe Christian

Asst Treasurer: George Spinks  
Newsletter: Bill Yeates  
Webmaster: Bob Heiser  
Refreshments: Barbara Yeates  
Young Eagles: Don Treadwell

Director: Bill Yeates  
Director: Leon York  
Tech Counselor: Bob Reece  
Flight Advisor: (vacant)

## *Minutes (continued)*

### Chapter 493 Christmas party

The Chapter 493 annual Christmas party and business meeting was held at Zentner's Daughter Steak House on December 16, 2009. In years past, the party was held in the back room, but this year it was held in the main side room. The room, dining tables, and place settings were all festively decorated, including a number of live Poinsettia plants and decorated miniature Norfolk pines. We had the personal attention of several of Zentner's Daughter's servers who did a wonderful job of taking care of us.

The party started at 6:30 pm with a meet, greet, and socialize period. A number of spouses and guests attended as well as many members. At 7:00 pm we all sat down for dinner, ordering from a special menu. Zentner's Daughter Steak House's famous onion ring platters were also on the tables thanks to our Chapter 493. The tables were arranged to accommodate the total party yet allowed continued socialization. After dinner President Pat Nuyten called and presided over a short business meeting including installation of the new officers (Pat Nuyten reelected President, Bill Yeates Newsletter Editor, and Richard Martin Secretary), and presentation of the Chapter Service Awards. Pat then turned the meeting over to Bob Reese, the party coordinator and Emcee.

Bob announced the rules for the White Elephant gift exchange. Everyone brought wrapped gifts that were stashed at the front of the room on two tables – one for men and one for women. Gift costs were limited to \$15 or less. Bob would call individuals, one by one, who could either choose a gift from the appropriate table and open it in front of everyone or “steal” a gift from one already selected and opened by a previous person. No gift could be “stolen” more than twice to keep the time under control. Once someone had their gift “stolen” from them, they could in turn “steal” a gift from someone else or choose a new gift from the tables. This process required one-by-one actions, but Bob kept things lively and moving along. As always, at such White Elephant parties, there were lots of comments, cheering, and suggestions made, and a great time was had by all. It seemed to me that there was less gift “stealing” this year than in years past. That by no means meant that the more desirable gifts were not “stolen”, some more than once!

When we arrived at the room assigned by the Steak House for our dinner and party, Bob Reese arranged for everyone to be issued a raffle ticket. After the gift exchange, Bob announced that the Poinsettias and Norfolk Pines were going to be raffled off; and that the Chapter was going to raffle off two dinners. After the gift exchange concluded, there were two unclaimed gifts brought by members who had to leave early. Several suggestions were made to include these in the raffle as well. After everything was raffled off, all the good food consumed, and great fellowship enjoyed, the party broke up. It was a good time and great opportunity to meet new members and renew friendships. Thanks for pulling it all together, Bob!!

– Don Smucker, Secretary

## *January Meeting*

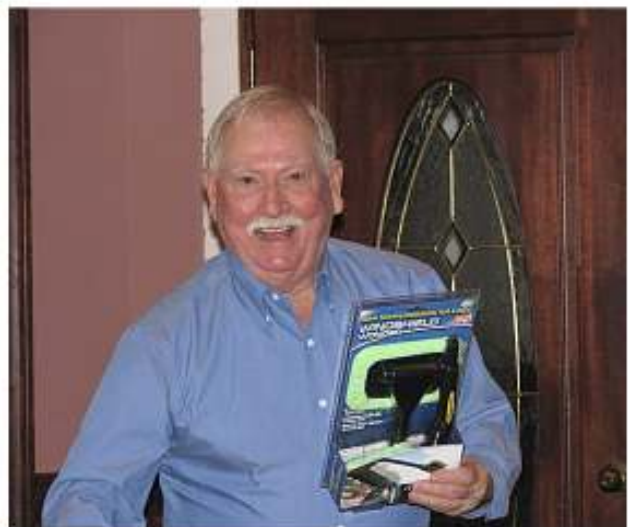
The January 2010 meeting will be on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Mathis Airport Terminal Conference room. The program will be given by Richard Martin on his trip to the Israeli Air Force Museum. The museum houses a large collection of aircraft of the Israeli Air Force as well as some civil aircraft. Exhibits include “Roots of the Air Forces”, “1948 – Takeoff Permitted”, “Air Force Commanders”, and “Stay Alive – survival training”.

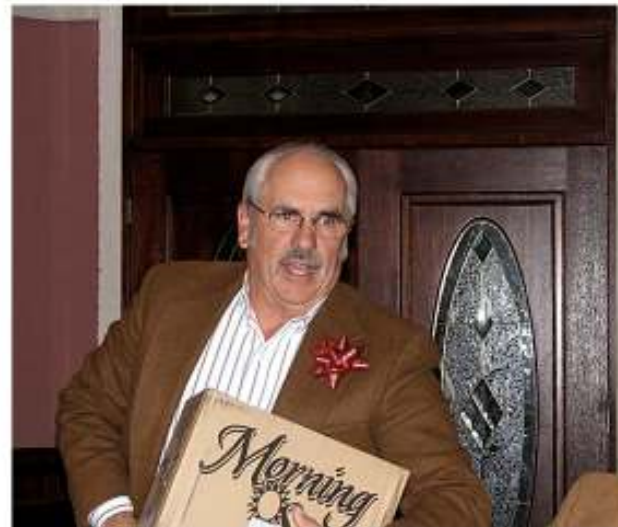
Below are some photos of the Christmas party submitted by Joe Christian. Happy New Year to all!

Bill Yeates, Editor

# *Christmas Party*







## *Classified*

**FOR SALE:** MEYERS 200A Continental IO 470D, King IFR, up-dated panel, 4-place, leather interior, good paint.  
Jim O'Hara, 325/949-3891.

**FOR SALE:** 1995 Challenger II Clipped Wing Special, Rotax 503, 300 hrs, Good condition but hasn't flown in a couple of years, so to be sold AS IS.  
Bill Yeates, 325/223/5072



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