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December Speakers

The Auto Conversion Engine, Some Lessons Learned
Jeff Seaborn

My summer Fly and the West Coast Trail
Soren Christiansen

**Reminder to all
members: Please make
sure to pay the yearly
chapter dues.**

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Newsletter of the EAA Chapter 1410
High River, Alberta, Canada

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Who We Are

We are an enthusiastic group of like-minded individuals from various backgrounds who share a passion for recreational aviation in Southern Alberta and we offer the chance to meet others who combine fun with learning.

Chapter Flight Plans

by Derek Riphagen

As 2011 comes to a close we can look back on a great year for Chapter 1410. Some highlights include the move to the Air Cadets hangar for our meetings, the annual potluck in February, Rene and Charles taking on the food and refreshments for the monthly Chapter meetings, a great program orchestrated by Donavon with interesting builder tips and flying stories at each meeting, the annual trip to Oshkosh for many of the chapter members as well as Gatineau in September and an enjoyable fly-in to Sandpoint for those that could squeeze it into their calendars. In between, there were personal adventures for many of us from flights to interesting and sometimes faraway places, flights in a new aircraft type and first flights for some builders. Perhaps the single greatest accomplishment for the Chapter was the incredibly successful Young Eagles day in the summer when 100 enthusiastic kids took to the skies. This event would not have happened without the volunteer efforts of family, friends, Chapter members, pilots and the hard work of Greg and Allan, the Young Eagles coordinators. Behind the scenes

Andrew kept our records up to date and Marv kept us financially responsible throughout the year.

The Sportair workshops coordinated by Jack with lots of help from Jean were another success with participants from across the nation. There was also the first composite workshop offered in High River. For those considering building, these workshops give you a huge confidence boost to begin unpacking your kit and starting to put it together.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Leader workshop in Oshkosh in October. What a different place Oshkosh is when the crowds are absent. Meeting with other Chapter leaders from across the US and from the Light Aircraft Association from the UK was a wonderful way to get new ideas and learn more about EAA and what it does for all of us. We were all treated to a dinner and conversation with Paul and Audrey Poberezny and lots of behind the scenes tours and information. As a Chapter, we should all be very proud of the level of member builder activity. Chapter 1410 is, by a wide margin, the most active building Chapter of those Chapters represented at the Leader workshop

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Please Update your web member profiles

On our web site, in the member's section, there are many pictures and profiles that are quite dated (clecoed aluminum parts which are now beautiful flying machines). The updates should be sent to Paul Gregory (eaahighriver@shaw.ca) Please supply: Name, project or aircraft, facts about your project and area of aviation interest.

How to Join Our Chapter

Attend our next chapter meeting. Ask for anyone and they will be pleased to help. All the required forms will be made available for you to fill out. You must be a current member of EAA International, so please have your EAA membership number. If you are not a member, you can join EAA at the meeting.

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We can send you the registration forms if you like. Contact Marv Fenrick (see the last page with the list of the executive).

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and we are fortunate to have so much knowledge to draw on among the many experts we have as part of our membership.

As we move into 2012 we are going to enhance our Chapter website. EAA is now providing a hosting and support service for all Chapters which will help alleviate the workload at the local Chapter level. As part of this initiative, our newsletter editor, Robert, is going to work with a young aviation enthusiast to get our site up and running and populated with all sorts of Chapter information. I believe it is important for all of us to continue to help promote aviation and to get younger members engaged in the activities of the Chapter. As part of this initiative, Tony our new Chapter Executive member, is leading a campaign to follow up with all the Young Eagles who flew with us in 2011 to remind them of the free access to Sporty's online ground school, the 6 month free EAA student membership offered by EAA and to encourage them and their parents to get involved in Chapter 1410. With the new program *Eagle Flights* being launched by EAA in the Spring of 2012, we have another opportunity to engage parents and teachers into aviation. Judging by the number of parents that asked about a flight for themselves when their kids flew, I think this will be a very popular program and potential event for us if we as a Chapter decide to have an Eagle Flight day in 2012.

As part of the web site activities, we are going to actively encourage each of you to complete your profile/interesting story for the web site. This serves a great purpose in that we all become aware of the activities underway with our fellow members and can connect for advice and/or encouragement to stick at it when working on our projects and often feeling like there isn't much to show for hours closeted in the garage or workshop.

As we move into 2012, Marv will be handing off his treasurer duties to Jay. Thanks Marv for the years of service and contribution to the Chapter.

I would like to close by encouraging each of you to come up with a way where you can actively contribute to continuing to grow and strengthen our Chapter in 2012. This could be as simple as volunteering to speak at a meeting on a topic or experience of interest, share a builder tip with the membership, tell a story of an aviation adventure you have been part of or help with Young Eagles.

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