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## ***Aboard Pat's Last Delta Flight***

*by Jon Cumpton*



I had the unique experience of riding aboard Pat Halligan's final Delta Flight on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Pat and I had only come close to being on the same airplane once before when we both were headed to Florida. That time, he was going to Fort Lauderdale and I was going to Fort Myers. Our flights were at

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*Pat and Sandy with daughter Colleen and son Kevin in the cockpit after landing at MSP*

## ***Chapter 25 Annual Banquet***

*By Pat Halligan (BC4L-banquet chairman for life)*

Chapter 25 members who attended the annual banquet this past Sunday evening were treated to another wonderful get together. An always-enjoyable social hour goes much too quickly as members relax and share stories with friends, some of whom they have not seen lately.

We sat down to a buffet dinner supplied by *(Continued on page 6)*

*President Kim Johnson presents the 2012 Ron Oehler Award to Dick Navratil*



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# "Say Intentions"



-an update from Kim V. Johnson,  
EAA Chapter 25 President

I had a wonderful time at the Ch. 25 banquet and I hope you did too! Dr. Robin Crandall gave an excellent presentation of the 1949 Hawker Sea Fury FB 11 (Sawbones) he owns. Sawbones won 4<sup>th</sup> place in Gold in the Reno Air Races at a speed exceeding 400 MPH this year! Thank you, Pat Halligan, for arranging this exciting

presentation. A number of members are planning a group trip to the Reno Air Races next year!

Bob Tesmar won the first prize of \$500 in the 2012 raffle ticket drawing. Jerry Farrell won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize check for \$250 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize glider lesson went to Sheri Johnston. Chapter 25 earned \$462 in the silent auction, with gift items donated by and bid on by Chapter 25 banquet attendees. We netted \$2,500 from the raffle. So, we earned approximately \$3,000 from your fundraising efforts this year. Marvelous job everyone!

Remember that it is not just for our own enjoyment that we raise money. We are a giving organization. We give of our time and equipment to give rides to Young Eagles, we give of our resources to provide scholarships to students interested in pursuing careers in aviation. We give our knowledge and experience to people interested in building airplanes and in pursuing vocations and avocations in aviation. We give to further the cause of aviation. We raise money to be able to continue in these pursuits. Our Chapter is in sound financial condition, but the more we bring in, the more we can give out. I have received a ton of advice, answers to questions and encouragement from Ch. 25 members. I am proud to be a part of a group of people who want to give back from what we have all been given.

Amy Lauria of the Commemorative Air Force at South St. Paul Fleming Field will show us a screening of the first episode of "The Restorers", a video series being produced about the restoration of antique airplanes at our October 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting. The CAF is looking for people who might be interested in investing in the series as well as learning more about the museum and how they can get involved. Here is another opportunity to get involved in aviation. In November, our own Gary Stinar will discuss his MIA search and recovery trips to New Guinea.

Want a way to get involved in Chapter 25 activities? I have a number of ways you can get involved. You get out of your participation what you put into it and then some. Participation is fulfilling. I have found that the more I give in providing leadership, the more fulfillment I get back. I am recruiting a food superintendent, newsletter writers, a librarian and BSAEC Hangar Committee members. Come and talk to me about it or call or e-mail me. I will work it so that you can

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# ***This Month: Wed Evening Oct 17th—BSAEC at Airlake***

**Grill on at 6pm, Meeting starts at 7:00pm**  
**Please bring something to share**

**Program:** Amy Lauria of the Commemorative Air Force at South St. Paul Fleming Field will show us a screening of the first episode of “The Restorers”, a video series being produced about the restoration of antique airplanes.

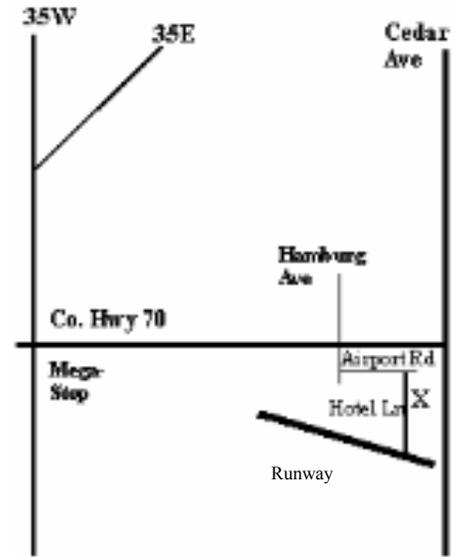
**Saturday Oct 20th Young Eagles at Airlake, 9 am.**

**Saturday Oct 27th Young Eagles at Airlake, 9 am.**

To volunteer to help with young eagles, contact **Bill Brown: 952-432-4231**

**December: Annual Christmas Party, stay tuned for details**

**Directions to BSAEC (Chapter Hangar at Airlake):** South on I-35 to Hwy 70 (Megastop), then East to Hamburg Ave (3rd stop sign.) Right turn and South to airport perimeter road. Left on airport perimeter road then right on Hotel or India Lane. If the surface is firm, please park on space between hangars.



## **EAA Chapter 25 Meeting Minutes**

**September 19, 2012**

**Presiding Officer: Kim Johnson**

**Location: Bert Sisler Aviation Education Center  
at Airlake Airport**

### **Business Meeting Discussions**

Lou Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kim Johnson asked for a moment of silence to remember our military.

The Treasurer’s report shows a cash balance of \$11,370.55 as of 9/19/12.

Kim said a food coordinator is needed.

Kim had guests come up and introduce themselves. Guests were Matt Born, Larry White, Jim Wensloff.

Kris Olson said membership forms are available and there are Chapter hats for sale. Kris said people can order banquet tickets.

Bill Brown had a Young Eagles report that they flew 29 kids and had some wind during the event. Bill said Jon Cumpton flew his 200<sup>th</sup> Young Eagle. Bill said they are hosting an event at Fleming on September 29<sup>th</sup> and have pilots, but need ground workers. Bill said they have a special event on October 13<sup>th</sup> and on October 20<sup>th</sup> have their regular Young Eagles. Bill said John Schmidt flew 46 Young Eagles and gave their total for the year.

Kim introduced Hemchan Ramnarine. He got scholarships from the Chapter for a machine tech class and a welding class for one week each at Minneapolis Community and Technical

College. Hemchan said thank you for the experience and the money for the classes. Peter Denny said the instructor said the students were great in class and did good work. The instructor used Hemchan’s work as an example for the daytime students. Hemchan passed around the work that he made.

Pat Halligan talked about the Awards banquet and told of the location, date, time, cost, and how to buy tickets. Pat said let him know if people have door prizes or donations for the banquet. The speaker Dr. Robin Crandall had just finished racing at the Reno air races.

Ned Lebens talked about the raffle and said please turn in money or mail raffle money to him.

Pat Hoyt had a builder’s update on his Zodiac. Pat said it passed the Airworthiness Inspection.

Peter Denny said there is a concert fundraiser for his sister-in-law and had a flyer on that.

Kim talked about the Eagle flights, what the principle of them was. Bill talked about Eagle flights.

### **Program**

Darrell Bolduc from Bolduc Aviation Specialized Services Inc. presented on Continental A-65 engine maintenance and demonstrated with a disassembled engine that was provided. A video was shown of pictures taken by David Olson when the engine was disassembled at an earlier date.

Submitted by Kris Olson

# ***Last Flight for Delta***

*(From Page 1)*

adjacent gates and leaving about the same time. Pat graciously invited me to sit in the left seat of his airplane before they left.

This time, I had a trip planned to New York to visit my sister when I discovered that his last trip with Delta would be an out and back trip from MSP to JFK. I didn't want to miss that trip so I arranged my plans to come back on Delta Flight 2037 from JFK. I arrived at the gate before Pat's flight from Minneapolis pulled up.

After the passengers disembarked from the Minneapolis flight, Pat and a small entourage emerged at the gate. Pat's long time friend Sandy Berg, a dispatcher with the airline, was videotaping every minute, and Pat's wife Sandy was glowing with pride. I started snapping photos and videos with my Iphone. The passengers waiting for this flight figured out what was going on, and thoughtfully stayed out of the way of the photographers!

After Pat completed the flight documents, we boarded the aircraft. I had the privilege of sitting next to Sandy Halligan in the first row. Pat made sure we had an on time departure. Since we had to line up for takeoff, Pat was nice enough to tell the passengers that that would not make us late in Minneapolis, and it didn't.

The trip was uneventful, and I had the chance to talk Sandy's ear off for a couple of hours. We chatted with one of the flight attendants, who knew several Delta pilots we knew, including Gary Rosch from our chapter.

Upon arrival, Delta had arranged for a fire truck to spray the airplane as we rolled up to the gate. Every one of the passengers had a kind word for Pat as he greeted them getting off the airplane. After completing his final Airbus logbook entry, Delta officials presented him with a certificate. Then, as a final step, they seated Pat in a wheel chair with some balloons attached and wheeled him across the terminal to meet an arriving flight with another retiring pilot.

Congratulations to Pat for a 32 year career as an airline pilot!



*See page 5 for photos of Pat's retirement open house*



*Pat and First Officer Mark Vijums preparing to leave JFK on Pat's last flight back to MSP.*

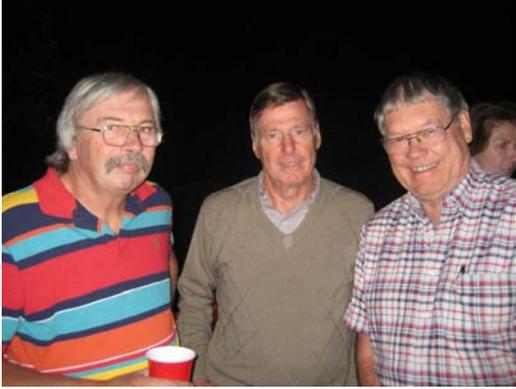
*Sandy and Pat at JFK after arriving from MSP, getting ready to get back on the plane for his last flight.*



*Below: Pat with last flight crew*



# ***Photos from Pat's Retirement Open House***



# Chapter 25 Banquet

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the nice folks from Classic Catering. We topped dinner off with cupcakes I made. (Just kidding, they came from Sam's Club)

During the social hour and dinner, members had a chance to bid on silent auction items. Thanks to the people who made purchases, as we raised almost \$500 on those items. We had gift card donations from Axel's/Bonfire and Al bakers in Eagan.

Mark Kolesar acquired a \$100 gift card from Modern Avionics and a certificate for one hour of flight instruction or a discovery flight from Inflight Pilot Training, both located at Flying Cloud Airport. Steve Adkins brought a certificate from Stanton Airport that was good for a glider ride or a tail wheel endorsement. Gary Rosch, Dave Lundin and myself donated bottles of wine that were added to different auction packages.

President Kim Johnson and his wife, Cathy, donated a number of gift baskets, which were very popular. I talked to Brenda Anderson at EAA headquarters and they sent a box that contained a 2013 calendar, an EAA cap and knit shirt and a coffee mug. Dr. Sidell, one of our long-standing newsletter sponsors, attended and donated two certificates for an FAA medical examination.

Dr. Sidell did double duty that evening as Jim Ladwigs wife became ill and the good doctor attended to Ruth until the paramedics arrived.

Lou Martin gave two books that night and we used one in the silent auction and the other one was passed around for members to sign and we gave that to our guest speaker along with a cash donation to his flying organization.

After dinner we gave our past president, John Koser, a chapter 25 jacket similar to the one I was given a few years ago. The big award winner of the evening was Dick Navratil, as he was chosen for the Ron Oehler Award, that goes to the chapter member who we believe has done the most for our chapter during the past year.

Our guest speaker was Dr. Robin Crandall, an orthopedic surgeon and owner/pilot of SAWBONES, a Hawker Sea Fury. Robin had just returned from the Reno Air Races where Sawbones took first place in the silver race class and fourth in the gold "unlimited" class. Robin flies the Sea Fury, but not during the races. He has a race pilot. Robin had a wonderful presentation using a combination of pictures and facts about the big and beautiful Sea Fury.

I want to thank everyone who attended and remind you that we usually have the banquet on the first Sunday of October, so you can mark your calendar for another fun evening in 2013.



*Kim Johnson and John Koser present Don Eide with the Top Gun Award, while Kris Olson receives the Ramp Champ Award*

*Jon Cumpton and Kris Olson display jacket Jon received from Oshkosh for flying his 200th young eagle.*



*Dale Johnson with Ch 25 award recognizing Dale's selection for induction into the MN Aviation Hall of Fame in 2013*



*Below: Kim Johnson displays Ch 25 gift jacket to John Koser for his service as Ch 25 President*



Submitted by Pat Halligan, banquet chairman for life (BC4L)



## Stuff for Sale/Wanted

From Peter Denny: A friend of mine in Atlanta is very ill and he has to sell his Cherokee 140. Please draw this to the attention of the membership.

[http://cgi.ebay.com/ebaymotors/1975-Piper-Cherokee-PA-28-140-w-150-hp-engine-/300790995248?pt=Motors\\_Aircraft&hash=item46088a5930](http://cgi.ebay.com/ebaymotors/1975-Piper-Cherokee-PA-28-140-w-150-hp-engine-/300790995248?pt=Motors_Aircraft&hash=item46088a5930)

For Sale: Aviation Books. Oldies, classics, some brand-new, some auto-graphed. Inexpensive! Cutting down my library. I can e-mail a listing. Noel Allard. [nallard@unitelc.com](mailto:nallard@unitelc.com).

For Sale: MAGNATEK Model HH2p011 1/4 HP compressor with spray gun and assortment of accessories. This equipment has been hardly used. Anyone into model airplanes or art would find this an asset. \$100 ONO Contact Peter Denny 763-529-5325 or email [peterthepilot99@gmail.com](mailto:peterthepilot99@gmail.com)

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## “Say Intentions” (From page 2)

participate at your own level of availability.

Four of my goals for Chapter 25:

Encourage Chapter 25 membership by young men and women with an interest in aviation.

Encourage younger members to get actively involved in Chapter 25 activities.

Have all members get to know each other better.

Perpetuate the Chapter 25 Mission which is to perpetuate interest in building custom aircraft and to support all we can who have an interest in aviation by sharing our knowledge and experience.

“Failure is not fatal, but failure to change might be.”

**--John Wooden, American  
basketball player and coach**

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!



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## Chapter Events

Oct 17th Chapter Mtg at BSAEC, 6 pm  
(see page 3 for map & directions)

Oct 20th Young Eagles at Airlake

Oct 27th Young Eagles at Airlake

December: Annual Christmas Party

Future meetings 11/21, 1/16, 2/20, 3/20,  
4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16

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## "A Rose for Grandpa"

from Bill Brown



At the July 21st Young Eagle rally, we gave rides to two young ladies named Nedda and Amelie. Their mother explained that they brought the girls to our event to honor their great grandfather. It seems that a memorial service was being held for great grandpa Clyde at an airfield in Michigan, and although they could not attend the memorial, they had chosen to honor him with flights for their twin girls.

When we broke up for the day, we found the rose by the hangar door, with a note inscribed "In Loving Memory of Grandpa—Clyde William Buckley EAA 20426".

After searching, I was finally able to contact the widow of Clyde William Buckley, Doloris Buckley, who lives in Muskegon, Michigan. She was unaware of any of this but confirmed her late husband had been an EAA member for forty years. He died in May. She told me Clyde had built six airplanes, the last a Pietenpol. She and Clyde met Bernie Pietenpol at Cherry Grove, and they also made multiple trips to Brodhead. She confirmed that her grandson Christopher runs a flower shop in Farmington with his family.

I had never viewed our Young Eagle events as a way to honor long-time EAA members in this way, but somehow it seems very fitting.





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