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for the newsletter? Please
send it to Jeremiah at
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A big thanks goes out to
Bill Gronemeyer for
bringing his gyro simulator
to the meeting

**IMPORTANT
MEETING →**

Membership Roster
see page 5

March Dawn Patrol

Sunday, 6 March
10am – LWM
Joe's Café

See page 5 for
all Upcoming Events

February Dawn Patrol

**Unfortunately, the
ICE-PORT FLY-IN,
was canceled due to
poor conditions**

Friday, March 4th, 6:00 PM

At VA Hospital Classroom, Bedford, MA (Directions &
Maps on website --> Newsletter – January Part1)

NOTE SPECIAL START TIME: 6 PM

6:00-7:15pm: **FOOD ! VIDEO & SOCIAL !**

VIDEO: AERO-CAR the 40-year history of the flying automobile

7:15-7:30 pm: **Events & News**

7:30-9:00 pm: **PROGRAM**

Let's pack the room!



Arthur G. Allen

Chairman

MASS AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION

The State of Aviation in MA

See page 2 for presentation topics and Arthur's bio

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PRESENTATION !! Please come --
We'd like to have a terrific turn-out for this presentation.
Arthur is a volunteer – NO pay – just a fellow pilot trying to help all
of us – let's show Arthur our support for this important work!

9:00 pm: **BOOK Giveaway** -- This month's end of meeting give-
away will be **FLYBOYS – A True Story of Courage**. Just deposit
your badge in the box at the end of the meeting for the drawing!

February's book giveaway winner: **Bob Sceppa**

A memo from your President -

Greetings! We are now forming the planning teams for the 2 fly-ins. These are fun events with beautiful aircraft and great seminars, but a small group is need to plan these to make them successful. Soon after we get the fly-in planning set we will also be forming a team for planning the B-17 event. **If you have an interest in participating in the either the Fly-In and/or the B-17 Planning Teams, please write or call me!** If you just have some thoughts you want to share about these events, we welcome comments, too. Thanks! -- Penny Bowman

PLEASE COME TO THIS VALUABLE PRESENTATION – Let's pack the room!

Arthur G. Allen

Chairman, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission

The Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission offers the flying public a safe, efficient airport system. Under the leadership of Mitt Romney, we have forged a powerful partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration and airport owners and operators throughout the Commonwealth. Our Commissioners and Staff are dedicated professionals with a broad range of aeronautical experience designed to serve the users of our air transport network.

**Some of the PRESENTATION TOPICS....**

- (1) Who are the people at MAC and what do they do?**
- (2) What does MAC do to help the average pilot?**
- (3) How do airports get improved and maintained in the Commonwealth?**
- (4) Where does the money come from anyway? Is it tax money? Who pays it ?**
- (5) Why are so many airports closing these days? What has MAC done about it?**
- (6) Security - What's going on at the state's 38 airports? What are MAC and AOPA doing about security?**
- (7) Can the state give money to improve private airports? How do we insure they stay airports?**
- (8) How can MAC help EAA to improve aviation?**
- (9) What are some of the projects being worked on today at MAC?**
- (10) What can I do to make flying safe and more enjoyable here in Mass?**

Arthur G. Allen is the Chairman of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission. He was appointed to the MAC by Gov. Paul Cellucci who told Arthur to go to MAC and "watch out for the small airports and the general aviation fleet." Governor Mitt Romney promoted him when he was elected two years ago. The MAC oversees the states 38 public use (municipally owned and privately owned) airports. They funnel millions of federal dollars to airport improvement projects and oversee construction. They are responsible for aviation law enforcement and registration of aircraft as well as security at all airports except Logan International.



Arthur holds Single and Multi engine land and seaplane ratings. He is a Commercial and Instrument rated 2000+ hour 25 year pilot and aircraft owner. His Archer is based in the "Area 51" Hanger at Beverly Airport. He was based at LWM for 10 years and at his private strip next to his home in Byfield for another 10 years.

His business in Security Team Inc. a residential and commercial security system installer which celebrates their 25th anniversary this year. They were rated as the 4th largest security company in Mass. by the Boston Business Journal last year.

Arthur holds an undergraduate degree in management from Boston University and a Masters in Security Management and Technology from International University. He and his wife Linda have two daughters and four grandchildren. They travel a great deal and collect antique sports cars. Last month Arthur was named National Republican Congressional Committee Businessman of the Year in Massachusetts. He has been invited to accept the award from President Bush in Washington in mid March.

15th annual CRASH COURSE – WED, Mar.9th 6-9pm – Bedford !!

AERO CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND (ACONE) TO PRESENT NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED CRASH COURSES - Learning from the Mistakes of Others

Aero Club of New England, a non-profit organization and the oldest aero club in the Americas, will hold its 15th annual CRASH COURSES Wednesday, March 9th, 6-9 p.m. at the Renaissance Bedford Hotel, 44 Middlesex Turnpike in Bedford, MA.

Admission is free.

The popular seminar, which is recognized as one of aviation's most educational seminars, will feature nationally recognized lead speaker Bruce Landsberg, Executive Director of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation, who will conduct an interactive seminar devoted to practical weather flying for GA pilots. William Babcock of the NOAA National Weather Service Forecast Office, Boston, will share his aviation weather expertise and showcase the latest NOAA technologies and services, including a review of local weather-related accidents.

The program will also provide an introduction to some of the new senior managers that have recently joined the FAA team.

The seminar, entitled LEARNING FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS is guaranteed to entertain and educate the audience since this seminar is devoted to practical weather flying for GA pilots, instead of just dusty old theory.

The Social Hour & Vendor Exhibits will take place from 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Hot hors d'oeuvres and two cash bars will be available. The seminar program will run from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. and will include local accident reviews, a safety overview and Weather Wise Practical Tips and Tactical Tricks. The agenda also includes an update on the Aero Club of New England. Door prizes and raffles will round out the evening, which concludes at 9:00 p.m.

This seminar qualifies towards the FAA Wings program, and FAA Safety Counselors will be on hand to sign Wings forms.

ACONE, the AOPA Air Safety Foundation, AOPA Membership Publications, Inc., and the FAA Aviation Safety Program are the primary sponsors of the event.

For further information about the program, or to discuss sponsorship and vendor exhibit opportunities, please contact:

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EAA 106 SPEAKERS FEATURED IN NATIONAL MAGAZINES

By Mac Knapp

Two of EAA Chapter 106's regular meeting speakers have recently been featured in national aviation magazines.

In the December 2004 and January 2005 issues of EAA Sport Pilot & Light Sport Aircraft magazine (successor to the Experimenter magazine) Scott L. McCarthy has authored an excellent survival article series, entitled: "Planning for the Worst." It follows the material he presented to us quite closely. The January piece is well illustrated with photos of the equipment he recommends.

The second Chapter 106 meeting subject, to be featured, is the cover story in the February 2005 Kitplanes ® magazine. Tom Peghini's Flightstar-II SC with four-stroke HKS power is shown on the cover, and reviewed in depth in Dave Higdon's interesting page 6 article entitled, "Star Quality."

I guess this shows that we pick winners for our meeting subjects!

Atlantic Flyer Founder Moves On:

By Jacquelyn Lanpher

There is nothing as constant as change, as the saying goes; and this year has brought some major changes to the Atlantic Flyer. After 19 years of running the Atlantic Flyer, I decided that it was time for me to move on; it was not an easy decision to make. The January 2005 issue was my last issue as editor/publisher and owner of the Atlantic Flyer.

On December 31st, 2004, I sold the Atlantic Flyer to Richard and Sandra Porter of Guilford, Conn., and this month, February 2005, marks their inaugural issue.

As I look back over the past 20 years, I remember that, like many pilots, I wanted to become more involved in aviation. So in October of 1985, motivated by a love of aviation, I went to Hanscom Field in Bedford, Mass. to do my “market survey.” (I asked two people in the lobby of the terminal building if there were any publications in the northeast for GA pilots. They both said no.)

I then proceeded to drive, (it wasn't until a few years later that I was able to fulfill my dream of owning an airplane) to most of the airports in New England to announce that I was going to start an aviation publication and to see if the various businesses located at those airports would be interested in advertising.

Many people simply rolled their eyes but luckily there were a few who were willing to go out on a limb and trust that I meant what I said.

By March of 1986 I had sold enough advertising to be able to publish the first issue – 12 pages with a press run of 5,000 issues, which I put in the trunk of my car and delivered throughout New England. Initially some of the people I met commented that I was crazy to try to start an aviation publication in the northeast because “nothing ever happens in aviation around here.” Fortunately, they were wrong.

As the years went by the paper continued to grow not only in the number of pages and number of issues printed each month but also the distribution area. The Atlantic Flyer currently has a press run of 23,000 issues, has 48 pages and is distributed from Maine to Florida. And the Atlantic Flyer also attracted some first class writers, some of whom are still regular contributors.

My goal has always been to provide a medium where pilots can find out what's going on in GA – not just the “safe” issues but also issues that the glossies are sometimes reluctant to cover. I felt it was important to keep people informed, be as accurate as possible, present things with a sense of humor when appropriate, and, at times, add a dash of irreverence.

Another goal was to cover all facets of aviation – from powered parachutes and ultralights; aviation celebrities to airport bums (and I use that term in the most complimentary way since we all know that airport bums are the pillars of GA.).

I have tried to make the Atlantic Flyer a publication where everyone can have his or her say. If there's disagreement with something that has been written, I have always welcomed an opposing point of view.

Atlantic Flyer readers may not always have agreed with some of the content of the paper but I hope I have accomplished most of those goals of keeping pilots informed and at times entertained, about the issues effecting aviation, particularly in this region.

I've been privileged to meet and get to know some very fine people in aviation over the years; the readers, writers, advertisers, and “paper boys” of the Atlantic Flyer - many of whom I can call friends. Some have helped behind the scenes in immeasurable ways. You all helped to make the Atlantic Flyer possible and I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you; I couldn't have done it without any of you.

I will be helping Richard, a student pilot, and Sandra, in the transition for a time. I wish them great success.

Your chapter website --

www.EAA106.org

-- Have you seen it lately?



Website Link of the month

A newly restored B-17 just made it's first flight; the B-17 “Liberty Belle” was taken airborne for the first time in over 45 years following an extensive 15-year restoration. www.libertyfoundation.org

Have an interesting article or aviation link that you believe would be of interest to our membership?
Send it to both our newsletter editor jdb1090@cs.rit.edu and board PABowman@comcast.net

DAWN PATROL - REPORT & NEXT EVENT (come join us!!)

For our newest members who might not know what we mean by a "Dawn Patrol"... Just like in WWII when a group of planes would go out on a Dawn Patrol to a selected destination, we select an aviation destination each month for an excuse to fly (or drive if wingless) and meet up for some chow (breakfast or lunch) and "hangar flying"... We usually try to pick an aviation destination where some event will be happening, such as a fly-in if there is one. If there is no specific aviation event, then we pick an airport restaurant. It's lots of fun...

NEXT DAWN PATROL: Sunday, Mar. 6 – 10am – Joe's Café at LWM – Come join us !

Upcoming Aviation Events:

- ❖ [REDACTED] -- Unfortunately, canceled due to poor ice conditions.
- ❖ [REDACTED] **March 6: Joe's Café at LWM**
- ❖ **March 9: AERO CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND (ACONE) TO PRESENT NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED CRASH COURSES - Learning from the Mistakes of Others.** See Page 2 for more details.
- ❖ **April 9: New England Aviation Expo, Nashua, NH – Hosted by FAA, ARTCC, & DWC.** Exhibits & Seminars at DWC adjacent to Boire Field (KASH) <http://www.faa.gov/region/ane/expo/> This event qualifies for [WINGS credit!](#)
- April 12-18: SUN-N_FUN, Lakeland, FL.** Annual Spring Celebration of Flight! See: <http://www.sun-n-fun.org>
- ❖ **May 21-22: Annual Hampton Fly-In and Fly-Market.** A great place to sell or buy some aircraft parts, aviation books, and more. And LOTS of planes and EAA friends from many New England chapters. More info soon.
- SAT JUNE 18: Our own event #1 - - We are hosting an RV FLY-IN at our Hangar !!**
- SUN JUNE 19: Our own event #2 - - Really Cool CANARDS FLY-IN at our Hangar !!**
- July 6-9: Fly-In, Greenland, NH.** Sanderson Field. For more information call William Wheel (603) 868-2341
- AUG-SEPT (date not finalized): Our own event #3 - - We're hosting the EAA B-17 again !!**
- July 25-31: 2005 EAA Oshkosh Fly-in** EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2005. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 1-800-JOIN-EAA (1-800-564-6322) or www.eaa.org . EAA AirVenture info also at www.airventure.org
- ❖ **August 20-21: Airshow and Aviation Display, Skyhaven Airport, Rochester, NH.** 2nd Annual Airshow, Skyhaven Airport. Mike Goulian. For more information call (603) 332-0005
- ❖ **September 23-25: DWC Aviation Heritage Festival, Nashua, NH.** Daniel Webster College's Aviation Heritage Festival Daniel. Nashua Airport. For more information call Webster College 603-577-6627 chase@dwc.edu
- ❖ **These are likely to be our DAWN PATROL destinations that month. Not definite yet, but watch for news.**

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

As in past years, we are distributing a membership roster w/ aircraft interests, contact info, etc. Find members with similar aircraft interests, find someone near you to share a ride to a meeting or dawn patrol, etc. This roster is only being sent to members and is included with your newsletter (either an excel file if e-mail, or via snailmail). Send corrections (such as a missing EAA#, expiration date, spouse's name, etc), to Mac Knapp at mhknapp@comcast.net.

Come to the **FRIDAY, March 4** meeting - EARLY START at 6pm - **FOOD, VIDEO, "Hangar Flying"**

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VIDEO: AERO-CAR
 the 40-year history of the flying automobile



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