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CHRISTMAS PARTY !!

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**Something Different Restaurant
Beverly Airport**

**Social Hour starts 6:00PM with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres
Dinner starts at 7:00 PM.**

**All this for \$25.00 each with a choice of sliced Beef or Chicken.
Let Joel know of your choice as soon as possible.
Bring a \$10:00 gift for the yankee swap after the dinner.**

**The end of the year is rapidly approaching.
Your Dues for the Chapter are DUE Now.**

**Dues are \$20.00 for this appearing in your electronic mail box and
\$23.00 for those who choose to rely on the old fashioned Postal way.**

**January Meeting will feature Bruce Meacham talking about his
experiences building & testing an autopilot for his RV-3
at the Bedford VA Hospital.**

Roman is the Coffee Social Committee for this meeting

Up Coming Programs

February's Program will be held on **SATURDAY Feb. 8th (11:00AM)** at the Worcester Airport.

This will be a "show and tell" presentation about the Electric Plane being designed and installed into an MCR Lafayette two-place composite airplane by FAST (Foundation for the Advancement of Science and Technology). Mr. James Dunn is the Executive Director and Project Manager. FAST is located in the Swissport Maint. Hanger #2 in the Swissport FBO adjacent to the main terminal.

Web Site of the Month !! EAA106.ORG !!

We're now up on our Web site. Great praises go to Penny Bowman and Rebecca Harvey for getting this going. I'm sure if you have some neat A/C pictures either of your airplane that your flying or the one your building, or even of the one you saw when your camera was handy, send them on to Penny or Rebecca to get them in the gallery.

Flying Elevates!

By Mac Knapp

No kidding! Flying is very uplifting! It takes you to a higher plane! (Stop groaning.)

The physical elevation of airplanes is only the obvious part. More important is the *automatic increase in morality* that you experience in flying. This is because most of the people you would be lying to, cheating, stealing from, etc. *are still on the ground!*

Also, while you are absorbed in watching the beautiful expanse of Mother Earth slowly sliding rearward, you are distracted from your usual conniving and scheming.

If everyone would spend just twelve hours a day flying, you would be amazed at the fall-off in the crime rates!

You might also be amazed at the decrease in the birth rates. This would greatly aid in inhibiting the planet's out-of-control overpopulation problem. All people would have to do is get a job in China and commute there daily. (China is already where all of our American manufacturing is done, so you would be working in the newest high-tech factories with

very youthful workers. Also, they ration births.)

But, people are stubborn. I expect that only a small percentage of you will actually get jobs in China. That is partly because 87% of all persons are ground-bound and only fly when there is no other reasonable alternative.

Newly licensed pilots naively assume that all their friends and neighbors will want to go flying with them. After spending all that time and money on instruction and plane rentals, they experience crushing defeat when others find all manner of colorful excuses for their unavailability to fly. Thus, the anticipated gain in stature does not materialize.

Macho is much less expensive in ground-bound pursuits. If you proudly show people your new Piper Malibu Meridian, which cost about \$1,357,478.29, they will frown and say, "What, only one engine?!!" On the other hand, you could show them your Ferrari, Harley, and Viper, totaling less than half of the

Mirage cost and you will gain many lovely friends.

Uplift in flying includes better understanding of relativity. As you fly higher, the earth seems to crawl slowly beneath you, even though you are traveling much faster than on ground or sea conveyances. The only time you might sense the speed is in passing clouds, balloons, or my ultralight airplane.



Mac preparing to be elevated

You can choose a car far below, that is going parallel to your path, and put your finger on him on the window. Your finger will then rip down that road leaving the car way behind! Speed is relative, so it is not incorrect to say your plane is stationary and the earth is cranking along beneath you. This relativity is easier to visualize in flight. Flying to visit your relatives is another aspect of relativity.

You could ask Albert Einstein to explain relativity. But, he is currently recycling his atomic constituents (You know, worm eats Al; bird eats worm). In this manner, Al flies on. Al was unique in many ways, but not in this regard. Each of us has done more flying than we think, if we consider where our atoms have been. This comforting thought should ease non-flyers' fears, shouldn't it?

Flying is freedom. On the ground, you have only the X-Y (Left-Right type) directions to go; and the Z (Up-Down) is not negotiable (unless you tunnel). In flight, pilots can choose any Z's they want, but must avoid the phrase "I'm gonna grab some ZZZ's" (makes passengers nervous). Stewardesses must also avoid ZZZ's on duty. We don't have Stewardesses on small planes because they always object to paying for their share of the fuel.

Fall is a great time to take light-plane rides. The foliage is beautiful, especially in many groves that are not visible from the ground. Splashes of color are offset by the dark evergreens.

----- Hey, If it also improves your morality, how can you lose?

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(Disclaimer: There are no facts in the elucidation, above.)

Editor's Whine: I apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter to you. It is entirely my fault. I have just let things pile up in a manner that is ridiculous and unfortunately you people have been the ones to

suffer from my neglect. I shall endeavor to do better in the coming year. (no guarantees)

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An Early reminder that
the end of the year is coming.
Dues will be due to Joel in
January.

Dues for the **E-Mail Newsletter**
\$20.00

Dues for the **Pony Express version**
\$23.00

DIRECTIONS TO THE BEDFORD VA HOSPITAL MEETING ROOM

From Route 128 aka Rte I 95 take Route 4/225 West towards Bedford. Go approximately 2.2 miles on Rte 4/225, passing the Great Pond Shopping Center (on left) and Marshall's (on right). Turn right onto Hillside Road (gift shop just beyond this turn) and stay on Hillside past merge into Springs Road. Go straight at the four-way stop sign, and about 0.6 miles beyond into the VA Hospital grounds.

Turn **left** at the sign for Parking Lot #2. Proceed past the **Receiving & Warehouse**, past the buildings on the left, around the turn past the large water tower on the **LEFT** and enter the parking lot on your left. Park as close to the water tower as you can. Proceed on the side walk towards the long low building that ends at the road. Walk towards the connecting hallway between buildings and enter the door. Take two quick right turns and go down the hall to the classroom.