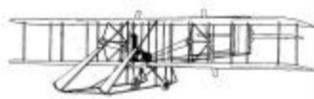


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Free "Honorary Aviator" Memberships

The lucky winners of the free "Honorary Aviator" Memberships this quarter are

**Corleen Patterson
 Fairborn, Ohio**

**William J Skudlarek
 Miamisburg, Ohio**

Purchase your plates today and see your name here in our next issue.

Wright "B" Flyer Members and Friends

We need your support. We receive valuable support every time you purchase a "Leader in Flight" license plate." In addition to countering the flood of plates from that other state claiming to be the "Birthplace of Aviation," you contribute to the Wright "B" Flyer. Starting now, you will not only receive a "thank you" from us for your contribution you will receive a chance at an Honorary Aviator Membership (which includes a ride on the "B"). Each quarter we get a listing from DMV and each quarter we will draw names for a free ride. Pickup truck plates will be available soon. Thanks in advance for your support.



Mitch

http://bmv.ohio.gov/vehicle_registration/leader_in_flight.htm

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2006 Membership Dinner

The Wright "B" Flyer membership dinner was held at the John Warlick Hangar on October 24th. Nearly 100 volunteers, members, trustees, and friends of the Wright "B" showed up enjoy a spaghetti dinner served by Chef Walt. The volunteers all pitched in to make the evening a success. Betty chose a fall motif for the tables.

Following the dinner a short membership meeting was held. The slate of trustees for 2006 – 2009 was approved. John Bosch presented Distinguished Service Awards to Ralph and Alberta Schell. Mitch presented a model Wright "B" Flyer to Harold and Betty Edinger to honor them as Volunteers of the Year.



Last minute preparations

Walt enjoyed the help from some of the amateur chefs:



John presents Ralph and Alberta their Distinguished Service Awards



Chefs Ralph and Alberta lend a helping hand



Mitch presents Award to Harold and Betty

2006 Christmas Dinner

No sooner than the end of the annual Membership Dinner it was time to begin planning for the annual Christmas dinner. The annual Christmas Dinner was held December 19th at the John Warlick Hangar. Chef Walt prepared a perfect turkey dinner for over 75 volunteers and trustees. Al Leland and Tony Perfilio provided the libations.



Chef Walt Hoy, on and off the job!



Is dinner ready yet?

John Bosch wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mitch briefly discussed the upcoming Strategic Planning Session to be held at the hangar on Jan 20th (see next page). John Warlick mentioned a few of the upcoming centennial activities the Wright "B" may be a part of. Possibly the most exciting would be a take-off and landing on an aircraft carrier.



Zot and General Mechenbier becoming experts at KP



Joe, Walt, and John in final stages of clean-up!

Happy New Year to All!

Composite Tail for the Wright "B" Flyer Passes Strength Test

On November 28th the WBF crew, led by Harold Edinger, successfully tested the new carbon composite tail. The new tail passed the test of holding 1.5 times the design load. The new tail will lighten the plane and increase the safety margins for flying in hot weather.

The test was accomplished using 1,100 lbs of cement blocks and salt. Picture 1 shows the tail with the full weight on it. The fork lift was used to gently and safely remove support until the full weight was taken by the structure. Picture 2 shows the crew inspecting the complete tail while it is fully loaded.



Horizontal stabilizer with 1,100 lbs. Safety fork lift



**Full tail structure with 1,100 lbs on slab
l-r - John, Frank and Harold**

WBF to Develop Strategic Plan

In January, the Wright "B" Flyer volunteers and trustees will embark on developing a strategic plan. The trustees will first examine the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and "threats" to assess the current state of the organization. If you would like to make an input to this process call Mitch at the hangar for details. We value your input as we move forward into 2007 and beyond.



Jim Stoutemayer receives Distinguished Service Award