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## **President's Message**

Thanks to all who attended the banquet on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The food was good and I believe everyone had a good time. Our speaker was Bobby White who bid us a farewell as he moves on to a new job in Smithfield, North Carolina. I believe Bobby has the job most of us just dream of; that of working on airplanes full time. Bobby, we wish you well. We will all stop in at Johnston County airport for all of our electronic work and a hello. Bobby was presented with a parting gift. Bobby served the chapter as president for four years as well as Young Eagle Coordinator and Airport Support Network volunteer. We will certainly miss you. Thanks for all you did for EAA Chapter 1058.

Other awards of the evening were the Orville Wright award to Phil Hart for constructing his Dakota Hawk, and Ray Butters for getting his medical back. The evening adjourned about 9 PM after the distribution of "fun gifts".

In other news, we have learned that there will not be a May Fly this year. Florence has decided that there is too much competition on this date with events in Florida. We had a good time last year at this event and were looking forward to repeating this year. Perhaps it will be renewed at a later date.

We also learned that the EAA 3 Vintage aircraft chapter fall event has moved from Darlington back to Camden after several years. This is the event we got all excited about the first weekend of October and had lots of help lined up.

The weather diminished the attendance quite a bit. We were looking forward to participating in this again. However, we will not be participating in the Camden event.

We still plan on the big Young Eagle event on International Young Eagle Day on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Keep this in mind. More later. Last year's event was our big success.

There is an event in Lumberton, North Carolina, yes just up the road a piece. It is the Mid-Atlantic Fly In on May 18-21, 2006. I have received an e-mail from their fly-in director Steve Parker, requesting any help that anyone might want to give. Their e-mail address is [www.mafsa.com](http://www.mafsa.com). Check it out. This could fill the void for you since we lost the other events. There are no plans to do anything as a chapter for this event. If you are interested, just contact them yourself through the website.

The meetings from now on will be on the **last Tuesday night of the month. The February meeting will be on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. This will be an eating meeting so come about 6:30.** Our speaker for the event will be Steve Parker, the Fly In Director of the Mid Atlantic Fly In and Sport Aviation Convention. Please come and hear what he has to say.

Thanks as always,

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## Letter From The Editor

I am certainly starting to get excited about SUN 'N FUN coming up really soon. It seems like forever since we all got together at an actual fly-in event. If you are planning to attend, now is the time to make the arrangements. It will certainly be top for discussion at our monthly meeting. Come out and find out more.

I know for me I have been too busy to get much flying in, lately with the weather there has not been much going on. We had a couple of days of good weather and they are now promising better weather ahead. Try to get out and fly as much as you can.

I would like to congratulate one of our members on going from perpetual student to licensed pilot. We all were wondering how long Jesse Allred was going to keep the student thing going. He got the adventure of going to see Fred and got his license. Congratulations Jesse!!!

Another congratulations goes to Don Dutton on getting his medical back. Way to persevere Don.

There is a Wings weekend coming up on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006. This is a great time to get together and learn just a little more while having a great time. Alex Yarborough is volunteering as one of the instructors.

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### Instructors Corner

#### Swimming or Hiking?

Suppose you are flying into HVS from the Northwest and your engine decides for whatever reason to quit. You can't make it to the airport. Looking around you see Lake Robinson and miles and miles of pine forest. What will it be the lake or the trees? An article in *Aviation Safety* addressed the issue using the NTSB accident database. Their analysis, I thought, was kind of surprising.

The database consisted of 179 ditchings and 216 forced landings on terrain between 1995 and 1998.

Remember, we're talking about forced landings where the aircraft is under control, not crashes. (I'd bet that some of the forced landings looked like crashes.) Interestingly, if you look at the numbers overall, the survival rate for forced landings on land is somewhat better than ditching. For forced landings in all types of terrain the survival rate is 97% vs. 92 % for water. But, the land numbers include those pilots lucky enough to have a big pasture or interstate within gliding distance. You don't have any of those. It's either Lake Robinson or the pine forest.

The *Aviation Safety* analysis went on and looked at forced landings into trees and compared the survival rate for water ditchings. Surprisingly, the numbers don't change a lot. Only about 6% of tree landings resulted in fatalities. In other words, in 94% of the tree landings everyone survived vs. 92% for water. So, unless you really want to split hairs, the conclusion is that your chances of surviving a forced landing under control in Lake Robinson vs. the state forest are about the same - 9 out of ten.

If you're not under control I imagine your chances are pretty close to zero.

*Sam Watson  
CFII, EAA 1058*

### Upcoming Events

**February 26** - SCBC – Breakfast Club at Columbia Metro (CAE)

**February 28** – EAA 1058 Meeting in Hartsville at 7:00pm. (Unless rescheduled – check next newsletter to be sure)

**March 18** – Wings Weekend in Conway

**April 8** – The Blue Angels will be in Charleston. (CHS)

**June 10** – Young Eagles Day in Hartsville. This will be the largest event in Hartsville for the year. Please try to attend and help us out.

Keep up to date with our calendar on our website at <http://www.pdn.net/ea>.