



# Chapter 42 Newsletter

September, 2009

Anchorage,

## Calendar of Events

**Sept. Club Meeting:**  
**Building your own heli-**  
**copter-George Lukens**  
 758 Oceanview Dr.  
 7p.m.

**Next**

**Breakfast Gathering**  
 Oct.10th -Village Inn  
 720-Diamond Blvd-  
 9:30 a.m.

**Alaska Airmen's Asso-**  
**ciation Board Elections**  
 Ballots must be post-  
 marked by Oct. 1

**-Octoberfest-**

**Oct. 10th at Hangar "4"**  
**PANC**  
**6160 Carl Brady Dr.**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**Kent White Welding**  
**Workshop**

Oct 8th, 9th and 10th

For more information go to:

<http://www.tinmantech.com:80/>

**Price \$200 per person**

Young Eagles fly at Birchwood with Chapter 42 pilots



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## **Left Seat...**

By Tim Rittal, EAA Chapter 42 President

Yikes! How did it get to be the middle of September already? Seems like I just watched the first geese arrive and now they are flocking up to head south.

I sincerely hope many of you had a chance to get out and enjoy our Alaskan summer and fly as much as you liked. We certainly had some very nice days and warm temperatures.

We don't have regular meetings in the summer but we did have some activities.

John Davis and Sue Miller hosted a nice BBQ at their home in June and the weather cooperated beautifully. John & Sue have done this for 3 or 4 summers in a row. Thanks to John & Sue.

July was to be our Wrangell remote airstrip maintenance month, however, the forest fires and smoke snuffed out our maintenance weekend. We will try again next year.

August once again brought us to our annual chapter BBQ at Matt Freeman's hangar at Birchwood.

This year we added a Young Eagles program headed up by member Ed White. Despite less than perfect weather, 5 pilots flew 18 Young Eagles and additional members gave ground support with demonstrations and hands

on learning on such topics as Weight & Balance, Sectional Reading, Airport Ops etc.

The Medallion Program set up one of their simulators which was a big hit. Thanks Medallion.

Judging from the smiles and comments around the hangar it was a success and we look forward to more Young Eagles events in the future.

Special thanks to Matt Freeman for providing such a wonderful facility to have our BBQ and the Young Eagles event.

Elections are coming soon. Nominating committee chairman John Davis is working with his committee to put together a list of nominees for the board.

The current board has been in place a long time and its time for some new blood as I mentioned several times before.

None of us are going away and will be available for help and advice. We think it is time for some fresh ideas and leadership.

Please consider volunteering. If you have an interest in serving on the board in any capacity, contact John Davis at: [JDSUEN818@acsalaska.net](mailto:JDSUEN818@acsalaska.net) or call 248-4360.

Safe Landings,  
Tim

## **TSA Meeting with CFI/DPEs Reveals new procedures for flight instruction students**

A recent meeting at the UAA Aviation and Technology Division at Merrill Field by two TSA employees informed instructors and instructor examiners what the "new" rules are.

The meeting was a special quarterly FAA Safety Team presentation that offered a good look at what are the current procedures for FAA Certified Flight Instructors that are teaching students with to become: Sport Pilots, Recreational Pilots, Private Pilots, Commercial Pilots, and ATPs.

All instructors are now required to ask to see each students U.S. Passport, or a birth certificate before allowing them to fly. If they are a resident alien and do not have U.S. Citizenship they are required to apply with the TSA online as a flight school candidate.

This requires paying a fee, submitting photographs, birth certificates, and being fingerprinted before students can be accepted for instruction. Each flight school candidate must get permission from their government as well as ours. Once issued a certificate the student submits this for verification to the flight school or instructor.

All flight records must be kept for 10-years, and copies of logbook entries, signed off by CFIs and DPEs must be kept also. Both FBOs, flight schools, and individual instructors must keep these records.

TSA officials made it perfectly clear that fines will be imposed, and if an instructor is non-compliant, they may be fined daily at rates starting at \$1,000 per day.

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Flight instructors and flight schools are also mandated to save all records for the same period.

FARs only require flight instructors to maintain their student's records for three years.

In addition to this the each employee of a flight school must take and receive certification for Security Awareness Training. This includes "Julie" who only answers the phone and greets the general public.

This is required for ever person that operates at a flight school, and for independent flight instructors. Recurrent Security Awareness Training is also required at the end of a 12 month period after receiving initial training.

Failure to maintain this training will also incur fines for the instructor, and for the flight school, when TSA pulls a conformity check.

In short folks don't be surprised if a 25 year-old flight instructor asks you if you are a U.S. Citizen before getting your next rating, and if you can't prove it, you won't go flying.

**-Rob Stapleton, Newsletter editor-**

### Newsletter Update!

The board of directors at EAA Chapter 42 has decided to both mail the newsletter out to members and to post it as a PDF file online at [www.eaa42.org](http://www.eaa42.org). In the interest of saving money if any member would prefer to get the newsletter online as a PDF instead of mailed using the US Postal Service please tell the newsletter editor Rob Stapleton, send an E-Mail to [robstapleton@alaska.net](mailto:robstapleton@alaska.net), or call 230-9425 and decline the USPS hardcopy version

#### What makes our club?

Clubs, by definition, are groups of like-minded people who share a common interest. In reality a club is an eclectic assembly of individuals each with a unique perspective of their activity. The dynamic of a club is no different than that of a large family.

Think of your last family get-together and then take a look at your homebuilding club. If everybody was the same, life would be very boring.

In every club there is the usual cast of characters that add their distinctive flavors to the stew and make things interesting. It is diversity that makes a club work well.

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EAA Chapter 42  
**Monthly Breakfast**  
 Second Saturday of every month  
 9:30 a.m.  
**Village Inn and Pancake House**  
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 Promote, encourage and facilitate recreational aviation activities that provide educational opportunities. Have Fun!



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