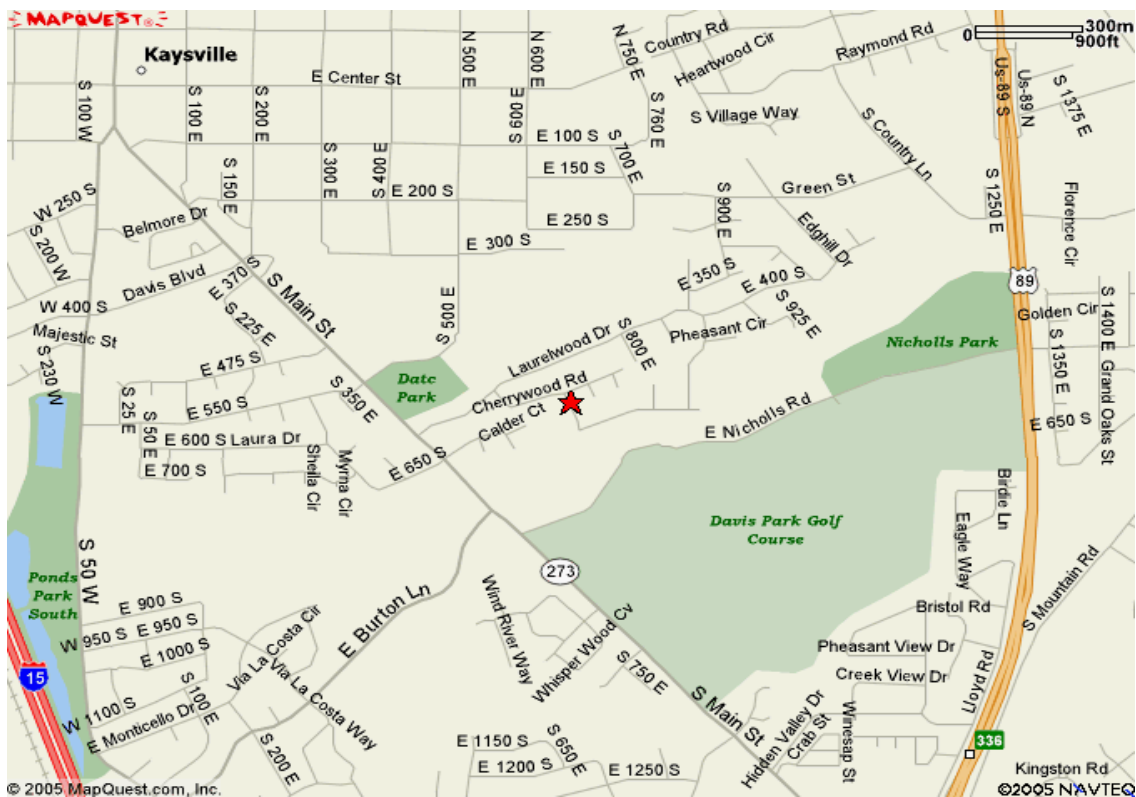


The Prez Sez,

Well, I hope you have all had a wonderful Holiday. I am really looking forward to the new year with the activities and meetings we are working on for the new year. Our last meeting was very exciting with nearly 20 new faces joining in with us. Some of them must have had reservations about joining in, since they did not sign the roster, but at least they know we are here and ready to welcome them any time. We did sign up several new members and many of our existing members renewed their chapter memberships as well. I think we added 12 new names to our e-mail list, so at the very least we have nearly doubled our numbers.

Our meeting this month promises to be an interesting one. Jonathan Tibbets will be showing us his Baby Ace under restoration and demonstrating how to construct wooden wing ribs. He has a nice large heated shop into which we can all comfortably fit. He also has planned some refreshments as an added enticement for those of us who follow their appetites. He has done a lot of preparations, so let's all come see his project at 540 Lambert Way, Kaysville, Thursday, January 5th at 7 pm.



The program for our meeting for February has not been set yet, so if anyone has a topic they would like to hear or present on, let us know so we can make appropriate plans. A suggested program is to have a speaker from Salt Lake Center come and speak on the controlled airspaces around our area. Our March meeting is already set; we will have Edgar Collins, a locally grown aerobatics pilot/instructor, come speak on unusual flight

attitudes and aerobatics. He is also the author of an aerobatics book entitled, "FUN Aerobatics", FUN meaning, "Frightened Until Numb".

I would personally like to encourage our new members to get involved with us in any fashion they are comfortable with; including sharing stories about their aviation experience or interests (which we can publish via our newsletter or use for a meeting topic), arranging meeting presentations on topics of interest to them, helping with Young Eagles, helping with our yet to scheduled chapter flight, or any other idea they may have to add value to our chapter. The more you put in the more you get out.

The annual dues for our chapter are due now, \$15/yr, and include the EAA calendar for 2006. Remember, we must see your current National EAA membership card in order to accept your chapter dues. Even if you do not join the local chapter, you are welcome to attend our meetings and participate, but we encourage your membership in both.

One last note, I am pleased to announce that I have been accepted by the EAA as a Tech Counselor for composites, metal, and firewall forward. I know there are at least a couple others out there who can jump into this role as well, if they were to so choose. We all benefit by offering our piece of expertise and/or experience to the chapter.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting this week and throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Todd Parker, PREZ