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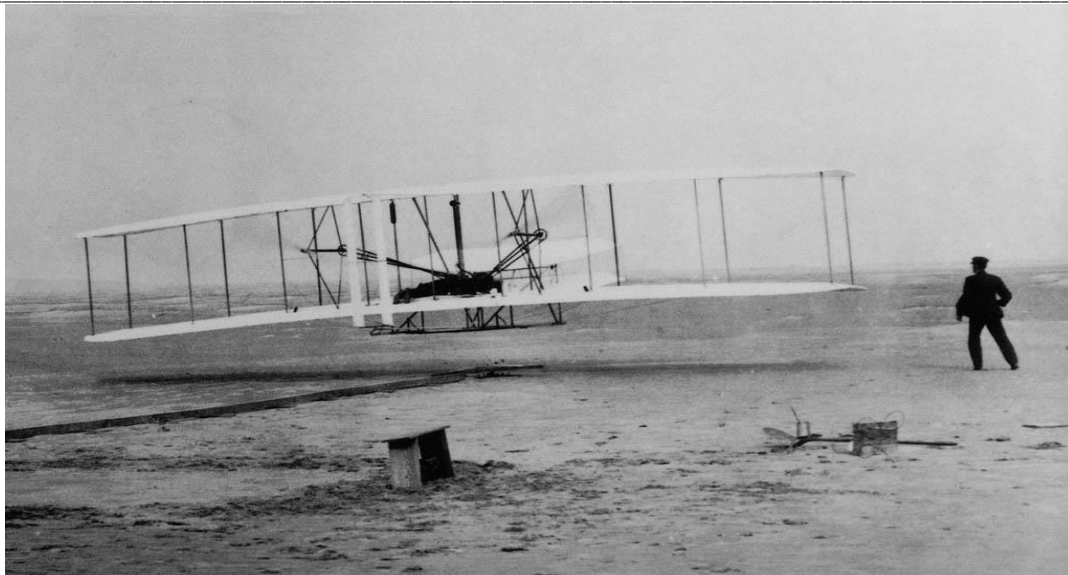
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!!



President's Message:

Hello fellow Chapter 166 members!

I hope you are enjoying the holiday season with family and friends. I thought I would send out a brief message to let you all know that while we usually don't have a formal Chapter 166 meeting in November and December, flying is NEVER far away in our thoughts!

Today is a very special day as Orville and Wilbur Wright made history with what we recognize as the FIRST FLIGHT! Their flying machine has changed civilization and without them, we as aviation

enthusiasts, would not exist. I met Nikolai Sikorsky, one of Igor Sikorsky's sons, a few years ago and he told me of a talk he had with his father, while he was in the car with him on their way to an event where Igor was going to receive an award for his helicopter. Nikolai told his father how proud he was that his father created this fantastic flying machine, known as the helicopter which had already helped save the lives of many people. Igor thought a moment, then told Niki (as he called him), that his helicopter is a good machine, but that the Wrights, now THEY were the ones! They solved the problem of flight!

SAT. 11 NOV. 2017 - ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER AT DAVE AND MIMI'S!

We cannot thank Dave and Mimi Armando enough for extending their hospitality and inviting us into their home for our Annual Awards Dinner! THANK YOU DAVE and MIMI! Within a week's time, everything was in place and we gathered for an enjoyable evening with lots of delicious food. I would love to have a Helipad "H" in MY driveway!!!! How did you get away with . . . I mean how did you do that?

We also voted in the same slate of officers for our Chapter which include:

Treasurer: Dave Armando

Secretary: Rick Montero

Vice President: Russ Beers

President: Me, Steve Socolosky

We are here to help enjoy and promote the Spirit of Aviation. If you ever have suggestions on how we can do that or do it better, please let any one of us officers know.

SAT. 2 DEC. 2017 HOLIDAY GATHERING AT THE FLYING MONKEY

We had a very informal brunch at The Flying Monkey with some good camaraderie, good stories and just plain fun, all while consuming some very tasty brunch items! Thank you Junior! I'm still stymied by one of Ken Benson's memorable moments while flying in Viet Nam: the aroma of roasted walnuts coming from the exhaust of an F-4 which was ingesting ground walnut shells to decarbonize the engines????? What?????

NEXT MEETING!

Our next meeting is **SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2018, AT 10:00 A.M., at Hartford Jet Center, HANGAR #1** and we have much to do and it's all GOOD! Please join us for flying stuff, coffee and treats and feel free to bring a friend/relative or two . . . or three!

BLUE SKIES!

Steve Socolosky

Please read Dave Armando's (our Treasurer), note below:

Dear Membership,

I'm happy to do my part and be your Treasurer again this year.

During the nomination and appointment of officers when I was nominated, a member commented "since Dave has been treasurer we have the most money in the account than we ever had."

I take exception to this comment because I'm only the Book keeper.

I feel that the efforts I have contributed Pale in comparison to the efforts and commitments that other members, current past Presidents who have championed programs like the B-17, Young Eagles, and other events that have generated the most to our bottom line.

Let's not forget Alan Cross who took it upon himself to get all members current, and Jack Hilditch, whose computer program allows us easy tracking and accounting.

So I just wanted to set the record straight and give credit where credit is due.

Sincerely,

Dave Armando - Book keeper

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