

# EAA 266

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## Newsletter, December 2004

**There is no monthly meeting in December; instead, the Chapter holds its annual Christmas Dinner and Awards Night on Friday, December 10.**  
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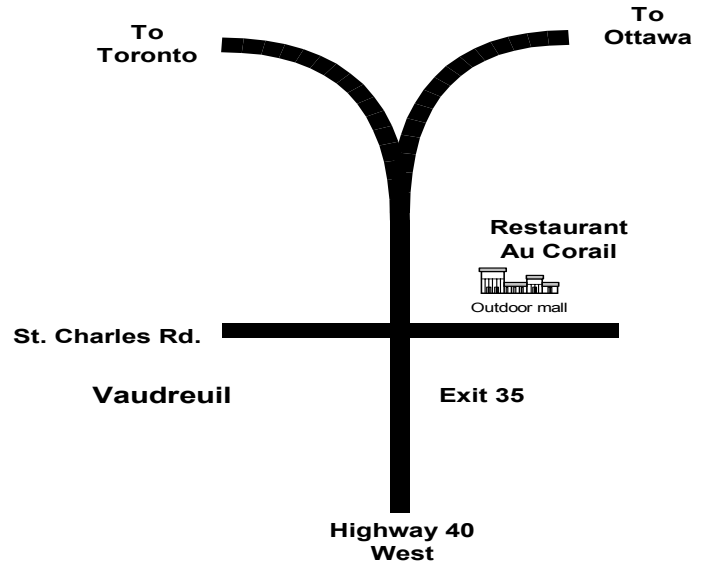
**Check out our website at: <http://eaa266.org>**

**Christmas Dinner and Awards Night**

**December 10, 2004**

Your executive again invites you to a supper get-together, to be held at the "Au Corail" restaurant, on Friday, December 10 at 18:00, with supper at 18:30. We hope to see as many of you as are able to come. The restaurant is licensed, serving wine, beer and liquor.

The Restaurant, Au Corail, is located at Exit 35 on Highway 40 going west. It is the first building west of St. Charles Road, in Vaudreuil-Dorion. St. Charles Road is the first cross street you will come to after exiting Highway 40 at Exit 35. It has a green roof and is behind the gas station that faces St. Charles Road. They may be contacted at (450) 424-2144.



Should we not meet at the Christmas Party, then, please accept on behalf of your executive and myself, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

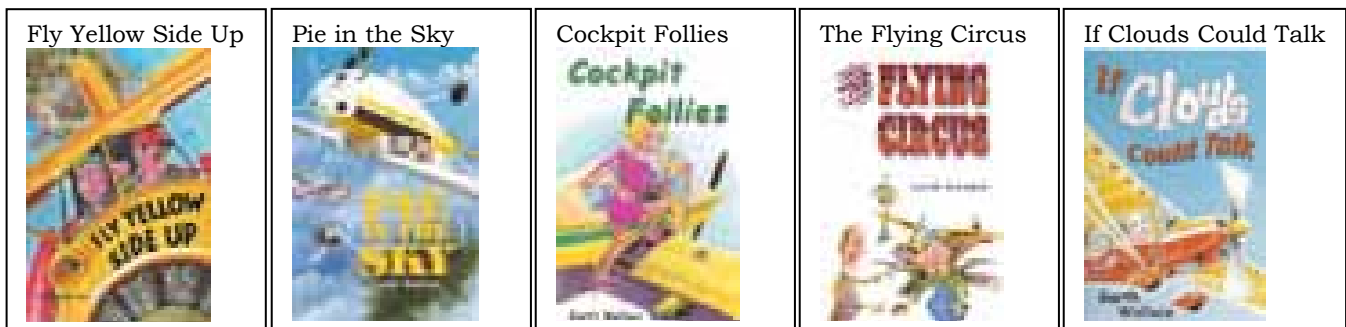
Best regards,  
Eddy

**Update from Happy Landings Publishing**

**Eddy Dumalo and Liz Wallace**

Garth Wallace of Happy Landings Publishing has been our guest speaker twice during my watch and, I've been told that he was also one prior to my tenure at EAA266. He has been a career pilot, editor of a magazine for COPA and is also now a feature writer for COPA. He is also an author of aviation paperbacks with a most humorous twist being at the same time authoritative and technically most correct. A great sense of humour and wit he has, and is also a delightful speaker and supportive of general aviation. He views the homebuilt arena as today's "grass roots aviation" movement. A delightful person! - Eddy

(Editors Note: Here are some of Garth's books. On the next page is a quick update from the home of aviation humour, submitted by Liz Wallace, publisher, Happy Landings Publishing.)



**JUST FOR FUN**

Sign beside a fire extinguisher in a hangar: "PUT THIS BACK!"

**HAPPINESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Give laughter this holiday season: Fun, affordable, easy-reading books from Happy Landings: Learn how not to fly from the crazy characters in "If Clouds Could Talk".

Climb aboard Down East International Airlines with "Ace McCool" and his wacky crew.

Fly with Jim Lang in the family Cessna, "Papa X-Ray", to the rugged Northwest Territories.

**MEN WILL NEVER FLY MEMORIAL SOCIETY**

The Happy Landings Web site is now home to the Ontario, Canada Chapter of the Men Will Never Fly Memorial Society. You can check out this aviation nonsense by clicking on the MWNF logo on the index page of <http://www.happylandings.com> .

**ALSO ON THE HAPPY LANDINGS WEB SITE**

More aviation articles by Garth Wallace have been added. These are some of the "lighter" columns that have appeared in *COPA Flight*, the monthly publication of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association.

**TC AVIATION SAFETY LETTER**

Articles by Garth Wallace also appear in Transport Canada's *Aviation Safety Letter*, the quarterly newsletter mailed to pilots with their *AIP* amendments.

"Beware of the Conditioned Response" is in the #4/2004 issue. To read an on-line version, click on: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/civilaviation/systemsafety/newsletters/tp185/menu.htm>

**HAVE LAUGHS - WILL TRAVEL**

Happy Landings author Garth Wallace will be taking his humour, his books and his autograph on tour in the New Year. You can catch him at these aviation venues:

**2005**

**Feb 11 - Hinton AB** - COPA Flight 126 meeting - Hinton Airport Clubhouse - 20:00.

Contact: Glen Davies - Email: <mailto:glenair@shaw.ca>; Tel.: 780-865-2871.

**Feb 17 - Wetaskiwin AB** - COPA Flight 51 meeting - Reynolds Alberta Museum Theatre - 19:00. Contact Ed Saulou - Email: <mailto:emsaulou@telus.net>; Tel.: 780 352-6513.

**Feb 19 - Lloydminster SK** - Lloydminster Flying Club Banquet - time & place to be announced. Contact Doug Weir - Email: <mailto:weirvet@telusplanet.net>; Tel.: 780-875-3822

**Apr 2 - Haliburton ON** - Haliburton Stanhope Airport Thank You Volunteer Dinner - time & place to be announced. Contact Barry Hart - Email: <mailto:allhart@sympatico.ca>

**Mid-April** - A speaking tour of the lower BC mainland is being organized.

**THANK YOU**

A big thank you to all the volunteer organizers of aviation groups that have hosted author Garth Wallace as a speaker at their functions. We appreciate the opportunity to showcase Garth's laughs and to offer our books for sale. Keep up the good work.

**HOLIDAY BOOK ORDERING**

For books to be delivered before December 25, 2004.

**Last day for shipping Expedited Mail (no additional charge):**

1/ Anywhere in Canada - Thursday, December 16, 2004

2/ Ontario and Quebec - Monday, December 20, 2004

3/ Anywhere in continental United States - Thursday, December 16, 2004

**Several simple ways to order:**

**1/ Call:** Telephone Happy Landings Publishing with a VISA/MasterCard #. Tel: 613-269-2552  
**2/ Fax:** Print out, complete and fax the BOOK ORDER FORM on the Happy Landings Web site. Fax: 613-269-3962

**4/ Email:** <mailto:books@happylandings.com>

Please note: The Happy Landings domain is *not* secured for Internet payment.

**5/ Shop:** Happy Landings' books are available at pilot shops, aviation museums, independent bookstores and several gift shops in Canada, United States and Europe.

A list of outlets appears on the Happy Landings Web site.

**THAT'S ALL FOR NOW**

Know anyone else interested in aviation humour? Please forward this to them.

To be added to our newsletter list, click here: <mailto:newsletter@happylandings.com>

Favourable comments about Happy Landings' books?: <mailto:books@happylandings.com>

Unfavourable comments?: <mailto:file13@happylandings.com>

Keep smiling,  
Liz Wallace, publisher  
Happy Landings

**Fly Safe this Holiday Season**

Flying While Drunk Not A Widespread Problem:



(No Matter What They Say In Pennsylvania)

The Pennsylvania legislature this week passed a "flying while impaired" law, joining 47 other states that have laws against drinking and flying. That was in response to the January drunken, erratic flight of a Pennsylvania pilot through Philadelphia's Class B airspace and near a nuclear power plant. Gov. Edward

Rendell is expected to sign it.

"We absolutely condemn flying while impaired," said Bruce Landsberg, executive director of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation, "but it's also important to note that as a group, pilots are scrupulous about not mixing alcohol and flying."

In fact, Air Safety Foundation statistics show that alcohol has been a factor in only 0.2 percent of general aviation accidents in the past five years.

GA pilots take very seriously FAR 91.17(a), which says, "No person may act or attempt to act as a crewmember of a civil aircraft: Within 8 hours after the consumption of any alcoholic beverage; while under the influence of alcohol; while using any drug that affects the person's faculties in any way contrary to safety; or while having .04 percent by weight or more alcohol in the blood."

"While alcohol isn't much of a problem, pilots should remember that there are plenty of legal drugs that can affect their ability to fly safely," said Landsberg. "Particularly now that we're in the cold and flu season, many over-the-counter drugs can affect judgment and reaction time. And some cold remedies contain a pretty high dose of alcohol."

For more information, see: <http://www.aopa.org/asf/>

**'Twas the Night Before Christmas.. GA Version**

'Twas the night before Christmas, and out on the ramp  
Not an airplane was stirring, not even a Champ.  
The aircraft were fastened to tie-downs with care,  
In hopes that come morning, they all would be there.

The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots,  
While peak gusts from two-zero reached 39 knots.  
And I at the fuel desk, now finally caught up,  
Had just settled comfortably down on my butt.

When over the radio, there arose such a clatter,  
I turned up the scanner to see what was the matter.  
A voice clearly heard over static and snow,  
Asked for clearance to land at the airport below.

He barked out his transmission so lively and quick,  
I could have sworn that the call sign he used was  
"St.Nick".  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Sure that it was only Horizon's late Dash.

Then he called his position, and there could be no denial,  
"This is St Nicholas One and I'm turning on final."  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear?  
A Rutan sleigh, and eight Rotax reindeer.

He flew the approach on glideslopes he came,  
As he passed all fixes, he called them by name:  
"Now Ringo! Now Tolga! Now Trini and Bacun!  
On Comet! On Cupid! 'What pills was he takin'?"

Those last couple of fixes left controller's confused,  
They called down to the office to give me the news,  
The message they left was both urgent and dour:  
"When Santa lands, could he please call the tower?"

He landed like silk, with the sled runner's sparking,  
Then I heard "Exit at Charlie," and "Taxi to parking."  
So up to the offices the coursers they flew,  
With loud airplane noise, and St. Nicholas, too.

He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk,  
I had run out to him with my best set of chocks.  
He was dressed all in fur, which was covered with frost  
And his beard was all blackened from reindeer exhaust.

His breath smelled like peppermint, gone slightly stale  
And he smoked on a pipe, but he didn't inhale.  
He had a broad face and his armpits were smelly,  
And his boots were as black as a cropduster's belly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old fool,  
And he kindly informed me that he needed some fuel.  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his toes,  
Led me to know he was desperate to powder his nose.

I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,  
And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.  
He came out of the restroom with a sigh of relief,  
And then picked up a phone for a flight service brief.

And I thought, as he silently scribed in his log,  
That with Rudolph, he could land in eighth-mile fog.  
Next, he completed his preflight, from front to rear,  
Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell, "Clear!"

And laying a finger on his push-talk,  
He called up the tower for his clearance and squawk.  
"Straight out on two-zero," the tower called forth,  
"And watch for a Cessna straight in from the North."  
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he climbed in the night,  
"Happy Christmas to all, I have traffic in sight."

**Where are you spending your holidays?**

(Editors Note: This Christmas, some of our members might be spending the holidays flying and visiting prime vacation spots like Hautacam in the Pyrenees (left) and Tignes in French Alps (right). I won't be one of them.)



**EAA 266 membership pays!**

All new memberships and renewals received a discount card for book and video rentals from the chapter library, but the **DISCOUNT CARDS EXPIRE JANUARY 31, 2005!** Make your video or book selection from the website (<http://www.eaa266.org>), call or e-mail Ed Hannaford, enjoy your selection for one whole month and get a discount. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

**Unclassified**

**FOR SALE or TRADE ON 4 PLACE:** 1946 Champ 7AC, 3610 TT. Fabric:-fuselage 1994, wings-spar 2002. A65-8, 1385 SMOH, (80-80-80-79). New baffles, shielded wiring, plugs & tires. New McCauley 7443 prop (NEW not O/H). Fresh C of A Sept 2004. Beautiful certified a/c, new interior, always hangared. \$34,000. mailto:[ladair@megacom.net](mailto:ladair@megacom.net), Tel. 450-834-6860, Fax -6192.

**For sale:** Two Aeronca 7AC fuselages - one rusted overall and one with primer still visible on most parts. One A-65-8 engine - 800 hours, with logs. Wings for one airplane. A basket case but likely rebuildable. Most parts appear to be available. Also a selection of Amateur radio equipment. Estate sale. Rigaud area. For further information call **Frank Hofmann** 696-4572

**(1)** Firewall forward kit for installation of Subaru E-81 Stratus engine, on Avid aircraft. Kit includes cowling, engine mount, radiator, all fittings, hoses, and drawings

**(2)** 14 gallon (US) wing fuel tank for Avid of Kitfox

**(3)** Set of drawings for Acro Sport II biplane - see **Ron Hills**, or call him at 514-684-6581

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Simulator

## Submit your Technical Questions

At the November Chapter meeting, Frank Hofmann answered a Technical Question on the regulations and equipment required for night flying. His answer was very detailed and greatly appreciated by all. Given there is a wealth of technical knowledge within our Chapter, we will answer questions of a technical nature related to homebuilt construction, so submit your technical question(s) at the next meeting, or e-mail or phone it in ahead of time to any member of the EAA 266 Executive. Questions will be answered ASAP by our panel of experts.

## EAA 266 pins, caps and crests still available

We sold several caps and crests at Aviation Day, but more are still available. Get yours from Ed Hannaford at the next meeting!

## Good-Bye 2004!

**The EAA266 Executive wishes all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe 2005!**



# Happy Landings!

