

## MOSQUITO BYTES CHAPTER 697 JANUARY, 2003

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- Vice-President – Joe Adams
- Secretary – Mary Lively
- Treasurer – Dan Toups
- Newsletter Editor – Murray Seals
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### **The President's Column:**

Greetings:

Thank you for choosing me as your new president. Over the next several months I hope to see great progress in our chapter. Like any great organization, no one person can be responsible for all of the work or the fun. Therefore, I will be asking all of to increase your fun by participating in different projects as they come up.

The first project for the new year is a membership drive. We started the drive at the December meeting and it will continue through the fly-in in March. The person who brings in the most new members will receive the item "behind door number one". The second and most important item on our agenda for next year is our March fly-in. Murray is the fly-in coordinator this year and is doing a very good job, but he cannot do this by himself and will need help from each and every one of us. Some other things I have in mind include some fly-outs, Young Eagles events and an ATC appreciation day. I hope to have a more detailed calendar prepared for the January meeting.

Lastly, for those of you who may not have noticed, Ben Morris and Bob Dunbar have made an incredible difference in the atmosphere at our airport. I would like to thank Bob and Ben for the support they have shown our chapter. This support is important to us and will help us reach our full potential as an asset to the airport.

The January business meeting will be held at Northshore Aviation in the upstairs lounge. We will decide where to go for the social meeting then.

Happy Flying

Steve

Congratulations are also in order for our new Treasurer, Dan Toups. Dan has been our newsletter editor and our strongest supporter for the Young Eagles Program. He is always the first to fly and the last to land. Many thanks to him and "Suzie" for a job well done.

On December 14, New Orleans Chapter 261, held "Operation 99" and surpassed their goal of 99 Young Eagles. We had a very successful day – 128 new Young Eagles! They still haven't surpassed our record of 148, but Terry Bounds assures me they will. In addition to the New Orleans pilots, Slidell and Diamondhead pilots assisted in this effort.