

## Jack R. Henry

It's been a long time since I was a freshman at ETSU, (mid-60's?) but the most memorable and influential event in my life was when a group of us got together and started the ETSU Flying Club. If I remember correctly, Steve was the one who came up with the idea. Steve, Rich Andresen and myself started to put it together and make it work. We actually went out and bought an airplane, an Aeronca Champ 7AC. I have a picture of that same airplane sitting on my desk right now.

I had taken flying lessons when I was 16 years old but ran out of money. When we started the flying club I was able to afford to fly again and it renewed my enthusiasm for flying. I also got my private pilots' license. When I was in my senior year, the Navy recruiters came on campus and I applied for the Navy flight program and was accepted. I spent 5 ½ years flying for the Navy. After that I was hired as a pilot for Eastern Airlines and am presently a DC-8 Captain with Airborne Express. Everything has worked out very well! I look back sometimes and think that if it hadn't been for Steve and the ETSU Flying Club I would have gone off in a different direction and chosen a different career. So you can see how that one idea of Steve's ended up steering me in the direction of aviation and affected me throughout my career. It's interesting to think that one person, unknowingly at the time, can influence your decisions for the rest of your life.

Thanks Steve. You will always be remembered.