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August Meeting And Program

NOTICE: Our August meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the 6th of August. The meeting will be at the terminal as normal.

Calendar:

Month	Date	Speaker	Topic
Jul	2	Chapter Airplanes	Chapter Airplane Show
Aug	6	Barry Weber, et al	Oshkosh Air Venture
Sep	3	John Youngblood	Flying B52's
Oct	1	Max Trescott	Flying SF Bay Tour
Nov	5	Chris Lowery	Aviation Fuel Expert
Dec	3	Bruce Cruikshank	Attack Jets

Our August Program will feature a slide show of pictures from Barry Weber's trip to Air Venture 2009. I'm betting there is at least one jet in the mix.

BIG Important NOTE:

Chapter BBQ – August 15th. Bring your chunk of dead cow, road kill or whatever is your meat of choice to throw on the BBQ and a side dish to share. Location: Bob & Bob's hanger as normal. That would be Quickie Bob and Pink Bob for those that attended our annual dinner with Lauren Paine. Drinks and conversation will be plentiful.

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING EAA CHAPTER 663, 7/2/2009, ABOUT 6:45 PM, JET PARKING RAMP, KLVK.

About 6:30-45 chapter members and their airplanes starting gathering in front of the terminal building. Eventually 17 aircraft showed up. After some group pictures directed by Ralph Cloud and taken by Ray McCrea from the high perch of the airport's cherry picker, each member was given the ramp to give details of his or her project:

Dave Dent displayed not one but two Velocity's, **Jim Bryan** showed his freshly painted RV-4, **Rick Vetterli** had his nearly completed Zenith 601 spending its first day at the airport, **Jon Ewin's** LongEse (built by Barry Weber) was taking a bow.

Wilson Hoffman had his near new RV-9A with has two extended cross countries under its belt, **Leland Collins' RV-9A** looked like it was ready for the Big Game.

Bob Steffen's RV-7A was showing signs of jealousy as he nears completion of his RV-10.

Bruce Cruikshank's RV-9A smelled of auto fuel, **Marc Goroff** was the odd man out with a Sparrow

Hawk gyrocopter, **Scott Alair's** Legacy was the speedster of the group.

Trina and Dave Anderson showed their RV-9A which bore a strong resemblance to a Skylark LSA. **Jeremy Constant** obviously had more work to do on his RV-7A.

Pete Bodie's RV-6A was glowing red, **Cash Copeland** bragged about 230K groundspeed at 17.5 in his well traveled RV-6, **John McAllister** had nothing but good things to say his RV-6A which is only slightly faster than his motorcycle, and **Barry Weber's** RV-4 "Cover Girl" had the prettiest paint job (I am biased). It was a great display.

Ralph Cloud mentioned the Chapter Barbeque coming up July 4th, and then folks piled into their craft and left.

Meeting adjourned for pie.

MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,
7/16/2009, 7:40 PM, RALPH'S PLACE.

Ralph Cloud, Mark Palajac, Dick Jennings, Don Smith, Bob Farnam, Bruce Cruikshank, and Bob Cowan were present.

Mark reported \$3,580.65 and one new member bringing the total count of members to 85.

Business: Ralph is exploring a means of boring a hole in the glass floor of the display case to get power to the digital picture frame.

Bob Farnam wants to put some kind of lock on the chapter tool cabinet.

Eric Helms passed on that this month's rally was cancelled because of lack of Young Eagles. Apparently all the applicants bailed except one that Eric was going to fly. He was grateful for all the volunteers however. Eric also mentioned in the email that he was approached by a Boy Scout troop requesting help with an Aviation Merit Badge program. Volunteers are needed to mentor scouts with the details of flying general aviation aircraft.

It is a ground program involving flight planning, aircraft operations and other topics. Eric anticipates it will take about 4 hours some Saturday in August or September.

Chapter elections are coming up in October. After some discussion Bob Cowan and Don Smith volunteered for the nominating committee.

It would be nice to have a whole new slate of officers. If you have a desire and the time, and even if you don't, think about volunteering to be nominated. Let Bob or Don know you are interested.

Ralph mentioned the next chapter barbeque is going to be August 15th, and the last two are Sept 12th, and Oct 24th.

Don Smith ran down the list of future meeting programs.

Meeting adjourned for pie.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Cruikshank, Secretary

Feedback/Questions/Suggestions

Any and all feedback is welcome. In order to make the newsletter entertaining, informative and above all else, something that you enjoy reading every month please take a few minutes to send suggestions, tips, corrections or any other feedback to: jeffrylite@comcast.net.

Mailbag:

August 8 Take Flight for Kids – San Jose

Yikes. I just checked the Take Flight for Kids pilot signup database we only have about 25 pilots signed up to fly with us August 8 in Take Flight for Kids San Jose Reid Hillview RHW. That's less than half the number signed up this time at the last event, and not even 1/3 the 75 we hope to join us August 8.

Take Flight for Kids is the massive San Jose flying event in which 75 pilots take about 600-750 kids with special needs flying in Young Eagle's flights out of San Jose Reid Hillview Airport.

We expect 5000 people to join us for the massive ground festival at the airport, making this the biggest event of its kind on the West Coast (maybe the world?) We need pilots, LOTS of pilots.

So if you can please spread the word to fellow pilots, the kids would be eternally grateful. Email lists, newsletters, websites, you name it, please ask new pilots sign up online here so we can get their full due diligence info:

<http://www.takeflightforkids.com/pilot.htm>

Pilot brief is 8am in the terminal on Saturday August 8, first flights 9am, flights end about 3pm or whenever we've flown the last kid. Come and go as you please, arrive late if you want, leave as early as you please, even 1 or 2 flights in the middle of the day would be awesome!!! We expect a record number of kids to show up for flights, so it'll be one amazing day!

THANKS for your support, both on August 8 and in the past. We've flown literally 3000-3500 passengers since starting in in 2005, all thanks to the unbelievable generosity of our amazing friends and your flying machines!!! Wow, I can't even imagine the lives our amazing pilots have touched!

Have a great weekend!
Dean McCully

“Grapevine Talking” This month is on hold again this month due to some scheduling difficulties. I plan to resume next month with a discussion with Scott Alair to talk about his experiences building and flying a hot Lancair and it's not even in Hot Lavender. For those of you that haven't taken the opportunity, experience breakfast with the chapter every Saturday morning at 8:00 AM. If you haven't been to the chapter [website](#) lately, take the opportunity to stop by and view the excellent work by Brad Olsen.



Cool video's found on the internet.

[Even the pro's make imperfect landings](#)

[Hey Dick, a paint job like yours](#)

[This isn't me, but some of it looks very familiar.](#)

What is it? From last month
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Last month was the most prolific response to this feature. There were 10 correct responses identifying Chris Smith's "Cleanex" which is a traditional plans/kit built Sonex powered by a Covair 120 HP engine.

The EAA 663 Chapter newsletter has a sponsor. Aircraft Spruce has graciously donated a "box" of prizes to be awarded for the first correct identification of the monthly **“What is it?”**

Please send them a note of thanks or at least mention your appreciation when you make your next order for your latest project.

Additional sponsors are being sought and contributions to the prize bucket will continue to be added.

Submit your answer to the newsletter editor to be eligible for a prize to be awarded each month at the regular chapter meeting. **You must be present to win.** Winning entries will be decided by the email that is received with the earliest time stamp and the correct naming of the make/model of the pictured airplane. Winners that correctly identified the winning make/model that do NOT attend the meeting will forfeit the prize to the next available submission.

The correct, first answer that attends the monthly meeting will be declared the winner. You will be notified of the winning entry at the monthly meeting. The winning entry that DOES attend the meeting will receive his/her prize at that time.

What is it?

Should no one correctly respond with the winning make/model, the prize will be returned to the sponsor(s). Being part of a “group” really does make a difference. Join us for the regular chapter meeting and see what prize might be coming your way. I’ll give you a hint, it will definitely be aviation related. Don’t be late and check your email for the newsletter.

If anyone has something they think is new or unique, send it along. Special prize consideration will be given even though you will be ineligible for the monthly award, but you will have the thanks of the other chapter members for your CONTRIBUTION. Now, break out your slide rules, dictionaries, Kitplanes magazines, AOPA subscriptions, Sport Pilot magazines, magnifying glass and bi/tri focals or all of the above and take a gander at this month’s photo.





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