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Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 2, 2009

General Meeting

6:30pm – Hangar Flying, with the best hot dog dinner in town.

7:30pm - Meeting

Guest Speaker: Todd Whitmer, Professional Aerobatic Pilot, International Aerobatic Champion flying an Edge 540.

Thursday, April 9, 2009

Board Meeting

7:30 PM in the conference room in the Terminal at Reid-Hillview Airport

Flyouts

Terri is busy planning flyouts for this year and they will be posted here as soon as available.

Aluminum Overcast coming to Hayward



EAA's B-17, Aluminum Overcast, will be coming to Hayward Executive Airport in Hayward on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 24 - 26, 2009. This plane is one of the few B-17's still flying and this would be a great chance to get up close and personal.

For more information, call 1-800-359-6217 or visit www.b17.org on the web.

Where Do We Meet

Victory Aviation
2502 John Montgomery Drive
Reid Hillview Airport
San Jose, CA 95148

Newsletter Deadline

Articles need to be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter

First Young Eagles event coming to PAO



EAA Chapter 62 will hold it's first Young Eagles rally of 2009 at Palo Alto Airport on Saturday, April 18, from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Pilots and ground crew volunteers are needed to get this program off to a great start. Plan on being at PAO from 9:00am until 3:00pm. For more information, go to our web site or call Russ Toss, YE Coordinator, at (408) 257-9125.

This is going to be a special year because we will be returning to Moffet Field for a YE rally on Saturday, June 27th. If NASA authorizes the event, we can expect a very large turnout. Make your calendars and watch our web site for more details.

Upcoming Speakers

May 7, 2009

*Bill Randolph, RV-8 Owner/
Builder, will speak on "Touring
the world in an RV-8"*

June 4, 2009

*Hank Huddlestrom will talk about
"Sixty-three years of Building &
Aviating"*

July 2, 2009

*Bryan and Sherrie Wood will talk
about Flying their RV9A to the
Bahamas*

August 13, 2009

*Chapter members will reports on
their AirVenture experience*

September 3, 2009

*Dave Saylor, RV owner-builder,
owner of AirCrafters at
Watsonville*

October 1, 2009

*Lee Behel, Lancair Pilot, flying at
the Reno Air Races*

November 5, 2009

*Jay Skovbjerg, will be talking
about flying Solo to Alaska in a
Cozy III*

December 2009

To be announced

Young Eagles

All YE events are 10:00am to
2:00pm unless noted otherwise.

Apr 18, 2009

Young Eagles in Palo Alto

May 16, 2009

*Young Eagles in South County
This event is in conjunction with
the Wings of History Open House*



Presidents Corner

By Andy Werback

Greetings, Members and Distinguished Visitors. Unfortunately, I didn't get a list of our visitors, but I know Jerrod and some friends were there. (Jerrod teaches flying at Aero Dynamics). Possibly they heard about Rusty's spaghetti dinner? Or maybe it was our speaker? Feel free to visit again, we'll try to turn you into new members!

And thank you Rusty for cooking up a great dinner and to Randy for helping to serve.

Our speaker for the evening was Mike Shifflet, well known for his presentation on the in's and out's of being a flight examiner. I really can't imagine most of these scenarios he related – such as getting ready for a check ride by partaking at Zunigas, and then getting completely lost – but they're pretty entertaining.

Please check the updates to the Young Eagle schedule – Kids Take Flight is now looking like Aug 8. And, we have a conflict with RHV Open House – our proposed Moffett Field is also June 27. In any event, as they say, We Need You (not Uncle Sam, but Chapter 62). If you haven't signed up with Russ yet, we need to know if you can fly these events or help on the ground. Please RSVP. These are big events, and we need help.

I'm going to be out of town for a week or so (off to Tahiti to check out the grass skirts). When I get back, I expect to hear that the Mt. Pleasant High School group had a good tour of RHV. It was very nice to get a chance to talk to these young people. Good job organizing it, Ron!

Many of you know Al Cermak, A&P IA at Aero Dynamics and also at Victory Aero. He's had a long career in aircraft maintenance and restoration, going back to the U.S. Air Force in the 1950s. On March 21 he was awarded the FAA's Charles Taylor Master Mechanic lifetime achievement award for 50 years of service. Mr. Taylor was a notable mechanic himself, having built the engine for the Wright Flyer. With Al, though, this is just a beginning! Congratulations, Al, and thanks for all your help and advice.

At the next meeting, we're going to hear from Mark Wainwright about his building project. It's about time we had a builder's report. Also, we'll do the raffle, followed by our featured speaker, Mr. Todd Whitmer! So be there!



In the Right Seat

By Terri Gorman

Hooray! My favorite time of year has arrived, Daylight Savings Time. With our high temps hitting Silicon Valley, it's almost like summer. I hope this doesn't mean we are going to have a very long hot summer. Summer heat brought us too many fires last year and too many fires reduced my time in the air. I'm a clear weather pilot. Our Tower Tours will resume on Thursday, April 2nd. Just call and/or email me if you want to take a tour of our tower at Reid Hillview Airport and meet me inside the Terminal Building at 5:30 PM. The Controllers enjoyed our visits last year.



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Young Eagles cont.

Jun 27, 2009

Young Eagles at Moffett Field. This event is subject to NASA approval. This is a special event and we could have over 200 kids to fly. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Jul 18, 2009

Young Eagles at Reid-Hillview

Aug 8, 2009

Young Eagles at Reid-Hillview This event is in conjunction with Kids Take Flight.

Sep 12, 2009

Young Eagles in Palo Alto This is the tentative date for the Palo Alto Airport Day.

Oct 17, 2009

Young Eagles in South County This is the final Young Eagles event for the year.



In the Right Seat *continued*

They get lonely up in the Tower and looking down at all of us having a good time.

Wasn't Mike Shiflett a great speaker last month? I've never seen Mike when he wasn't wearing a smile. Mike gives a presentation at Sun-n-Fun in Lakeland, Florida every year. You can purchase his software at the Airport Shoppe at Reid Hillview Airport. Mike writes a complete list of Flight Training Software. Marici Reid wrote software for Mike for Light Sport Planes.

Our Guest Speaker for April will be Todd Whitmer. Todd is a Private Pilot and an A&P.

He flies an Edge 540T, an experimental tandem competition aerobatic aircraft. His plane is based at Reid Hillview Airport. Todd started flying aerobatics in 2001 after winning a ride in a biplane from a raffle, and has been hooked ever since. Todd has competed in over 50 aerobatic contests and is a two-time U.S.

National Champion and a two-time member of

the U.S. Advanced Aerobatic Team and International Gold Medalist. Besides competing, Todd, also, coaches aerobatics and is a National Aerobatic Judge. Todd will have his plane on display at the Victory Hangar on the night of the meeting.

CHAPTER 62 RAFFLE, Supporting our Nick Nilmeyer Education Fund

Our Chapter Raffle will end at the April meeting. We are adding EAA Chapter 62 Sweatshirts to the drawing, along with an Aerospace Magazine Subscription donated by Andy Werback. Bring your tickets to the meeting. This is your last opportunity to buy a ticket and win one of our many donated items. You must be present to win.



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March Meeting Photos



Russ Todd's electric R/C Legacy.



Andy's Legacy gets the engine mount.



The spaghetti is cooking.



Get the garlic bread ready.



Ron Carmichael gets award.



Russ Todd's talks about Young Eagles.



Mike Shiflett tells a funny story.



Mike tells a horror story.



The crowd is taking notes.



Terri thanks Mike for speaking.

Emergency Tool Kit

Brian Lee, EAA 149802

EAA Chapter 441, Kent, WA

Recently, I found myself stranded at an airport with an engine that would not start...and me without any tools. I do have an "airport" tool bag packed and ready for those times when I'm going to work on the airplane, but at 25 pounds, I don't carry it along if I'm just going on a short flight. After trying to undo safety wire with my fingernails and a pocketknife, I resolved to assemble a small number of "essential" tools, which I would leave in my flight bag—so they'd always be available when I am flying. I sat down and deliberately considered what the bare essential list of "what it takes to get home" items might be, and then assembled a kit. Your list might be different, and you might argue about the "essential" nature of some of it, but it works for me. Here's my list:



- 4-in-one screwdriver
- Adjustable pliers
- Adjustable wrench (which will open wide enough to fit spark plug caps) (mine is attached to a Leatherman tool)
- Spark plug wrench (deep well socket and breaker-I chose a slider rather than a ratchet for weight considerations)
- Wire cutter
- Safety wire pliers
- Magnifying inspection mirror
- Magnetic pick-up tool
- Awl/dental pick
- Small file
- Small flat blade screwdriver
- Hex wrenches: 5/32" for avionics; 0.05" for setscrews on knobs
- Assortment of #8 and #10 screws, nuts, and washers
- Assortment of cotter pins
- Assortment of zip ties
- Safety wire
- Electrical tape

(And, yes, there's part of a roll of duct tape, which lives in the baggage compartment)

I dug around in the basement and found a scrap of canvas which my wife had left over from another project, spent a couple of hours with her sewing machine (you can tell I'm no tailor), and the result is a convenient if not pretty kit which fits neatly in the side pocket of my flight bag. At 3-1/4 pounds, it does add a bit of weight, but the peace of mind is worth the extra weight.



Membership

By Don Von Raesfeld, Jr.

This month we welcome new member Mansfield Garrett and returning member Larry Reed. Both joined our Chapter last month. Mansfield, who goes by Gary, is flying a Lancair 4PT which he built and a Cessna 182 which he has owned since 1986. He is also currently building a Taylor Titch. Welcome to the chapter, Gary.



Many of you know of Larry Reed who has been a member of this chapter and is a past President. He teaches ground school at Aerodynamic Aviation. He also purchased a 1949 Aeronca 7EC last year which he planned on rebuilding at RHV and home. He is also leading an effort to bring a Young Eagles event at Moffett Field this summer. Welcome back, Larry.

As of March 14th 2009, we have 75 members in our chapter. Of those 75 members, 56 have paid their dues through 12-31-2009. One member, Don Schwab who lives in Sacramento, is paid up through 12-31-2010. Thank you Don. Thank you to all the members who have renewed for this year. Those of you who have not yet renewed can do so by going on-line and paying with PayPal or sending a check

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Membership *continued*

made out to "EAA Chapter 62" to my home address.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Remember guests are always welcome at all of our events. Please invite your fellow aviators and any friends who have an interest in aviation to our meetings. Terri, our Vice-President, has great speakers lined up for our meetings. Andy, our President, is still offering a ride in his Lancair Legacy FG to any member who signs up a new member. Thank you Andy.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting, April 2, 2009.



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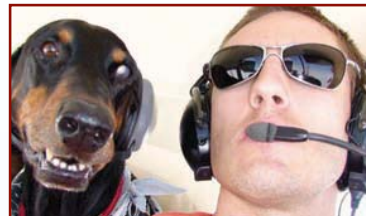
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Our meetings are open to the public. EAA members, their GUESTS, AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Chapter 62 usually meets on the 1st Thursday of each month (the 2nd Thursday in August), at 7:30 PM. at Victory Aviation, Reid Hillview Airport, 2502 John Montgomery Drive, San Jose, CA 95148.

Hangar Hour: Come meet your Fellow EAAer's, make new friends, have some food, and enjoy the camaraderie. Food will be sold from 6:30: to 7:25 during which time you can "hangar fly." The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 PM.

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