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## Calendar of Events

### Thursday, March 5

#### Chapter Meeting

6:30pm - Hangar Flying, with Rusty Wells great Spagetti feed.  
7:30pm - Meeting  
Guest Speaker: Martin Hollmann on Homebuilding.

### Saturday, March 8

#### Flyout to Monterey

11AM. Monterey Bay Aviation at the Monterey Airport. We will tour Aircraft Design, owned by Martin Hollmann. After the tour, we will have lunch on the waterfront in Monterey. This is a fly/drive event. More details to follow in the March Newsletter. Sign up at the March Meeting. Call Terri at 408-828-6707.

### Thursday, March 13

#### Board Meeting

7:30pm Terminal Building, Reid-Hillview Airport

## Where Do We Meet

Victory Aviation  
2502 John Montgomery Drive  
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## The YAK is back!

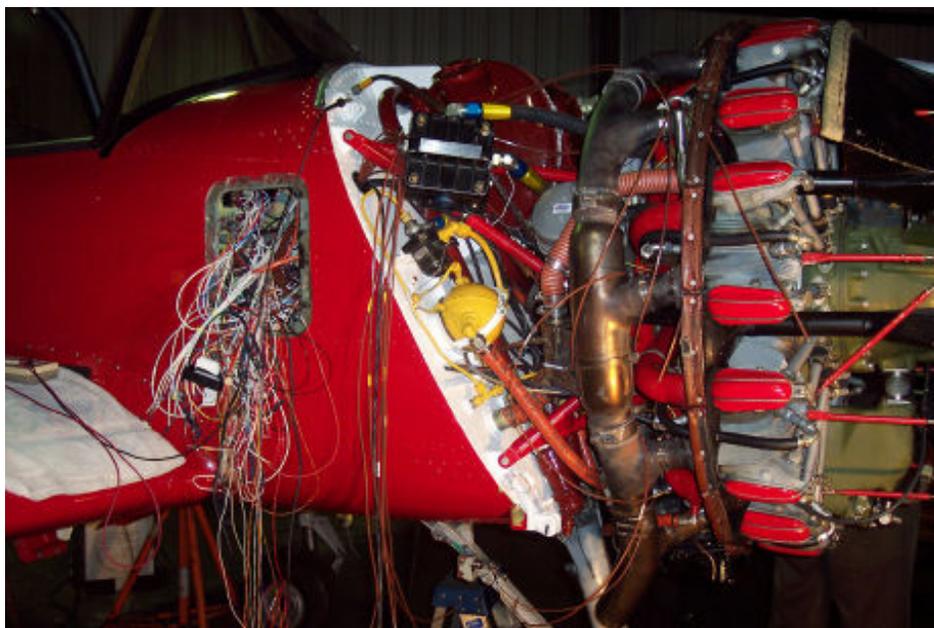
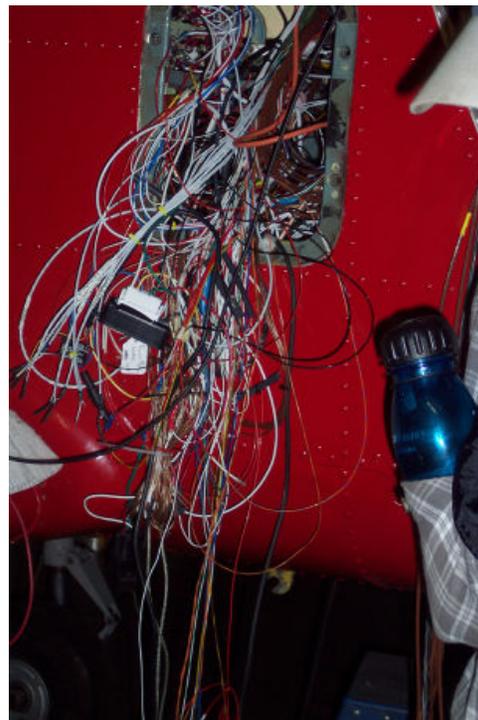
By Bob Kindlund

Kregg Victory acquired his 1984 YAK 52 in July of 2007 and had a desire to reduce weight and make the cockpits more user friendly. In the process, he shaved over 200 pounds off the weight and equipped both cockpits with modern EFIS panels.

The front panel has an EFIS and the basic steam gauges to provide backup should the EFIS fail. The rear cockpit has an 8-inch EFIS panel to allow the rear pilot independent control. Kregg also improved the panel lighting and ergonomics of both cockpits. One of the other improvements was to add landing lights for night operation.

As of press time, the YAK is back into the air and after some final touches, Kregg will fly the plane to Phoenix next week for a fly-in.

Kregg said that at future meetings, he could set the YAK up with ground power so that we can view the new cockpits powered up.



## Calendar of Events

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### Thursday, March 27

#### **Flyout to Half Moon Bay**

Noon at the Half Moon Bay Airport. Meet inside 3 Zero Cafe, on the field. Need a seat or share the flight, contact Terri at 408-828-6707 or [flyrhv@aol.com](mailto:flyrhv@aol.com).

## Upcoming Speakers

### Thursday, April 3

Max Trescott, Gold Seal CFI and National Flight Instructor of the Year. Flight Training, Glass Cockpits and everything inbetween.

### Thursday, May 1

Larry Jobe, will speak on Honoring Pilots of the Forgotten Theater.

### Thursday, June 5

Speaker tbd

### Thursday, July 3

Shawn Kelly, CFI, will speak on owning and flying a Light Sport Aircraft.

## President Corner

By Andy Werback



At our last meeting, we did a quick survey to see how well we are aligned with our member's aviation interests and to see who would be interested in making a short presentation on something of general interest. Unfortunately, I didn't get a lot of responses, but those that I did get were very positive, and thank you for those responses. In general, it sounds like members are happy with the direction we are going; the speakers and topics are good. There is interest in FAA controller talks, builder progress, flying stories, stories of mishaps averted, how to/maintenance, historical subjects, and all things flying. If there are any more comments or suggestions, please let us know. In particular, if you have a short topic to present, let us know so we can schedule it at the appropriate time.



Also, a warm welcome to our two visitors at the February meeting, Ross Oliver and Konstantin Blank. Ross is flying a Grob 115 and you will see Konstantin around RHV where he also flies. Hope you enjoyed the visit and feel free to return any time (bring more friends!).

Our Air Academy team has now been formed. Ron Carmichael, Bob Kindlund and Allen Roark are the committee to review Air Academy candidates. They are also going to locate and put together appropriate presentation materials to get the message out to schools and organizations. Thanks for volunteering and I think everybody greatly enjoyed

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## Presidents Corner (continued)

Paul Marshall's presentation on formation flying. We have several experienced formation pilots, a few more who would like to learn and gain proficiency. Maybe we could get a few of the experienced pilots to team up with those wanting to learn? I admit that the formation flying I've done so far has been pretty informal, but it is really fun when you start to get the hang of it. As Paul pointed out, though, safety first.



Several Lancair guys met at Chiriaco Summit (L77) a few weeks ago. I went there along with Don Barnes. It's an old highway stop, but it's famous for the Gen-

eral Patton Jr. WWII Museum. His Desert Training Center had several camps in that part of California (east and north of Palm Springs). Pretty rugged country. We took a couple of pictures along the way.



Andy

## EAA 62 Member Profile by Terri Gorman

Don VonRaesfeld, Jr., always wears that big smile and his Van's Aircraft hat. He has plenty of reasons to smile. Not too far in the future, he has visions of building and flying an RV8. Of course, this has to be cleared through his wife, Jocylene, who has several of her own proposed projects such as the remodeling of their home, which was built in 1903.



Don was born on April 2nd 1950 at 1 AM at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose. He was the second child of nine children, consisting of five sisters and three brothers. Don lived in San Jose until 1962 and relocated to Santa Clara when his father became the City Manager for that city. A few years later, Don's father bought a hardware store in Los Gatos and called it Coast to Coast Hardware. Don and his brothers and sisters spent many hours working in

## Member Profile (continued)

the store after school and on the weekends helping out their father. During the time, Don was able to save enough money to pay his way through college and to take flight lessons.

From the time Don was a little boy, 5 to 6 years old, he knew he wanted to be a pilot. His father used to build model airplanes and taught Don how to build them. As a young boy, Don had a paper route and he cut lawns and spent his money on buying models. His father used to take him to San Jose Municipal Airport to look at airplanes and to NAS Moffett Field for their Annual Open House. When he was 7 years old, he told his grandmother that some day he would take her for a flight in a small plane. About 14 years later, as a licensed pilot, he was able to take her on her first airplane ride in a small plane.



*Don's Family*

At the age of 12 or 13, Don began riding his bike over to San Jose Municipal Airport on days when he didn't have any work to do. One day while looking at airplanes through a fence, he started talking to a man cleaning a Cessna 172. The man invited him to come around the fence and talk to him. He handed Don a rag and Don helped him polish the plane. About an hour or so later, the man asked Don if he wanted to go on a flight. There was no way that Don was going to turn down this offer. They flew around for about an hour or so and after landing, Don helped the pilot tie down the plane, said goodbye and thanked him for the flight. The pilot told Don that he would like to meet his parents and take them for a flight. The pilot's name was John Saule and he was a Flight Engineer for TWA on 707's. Don knew he was hooked and he knew some day, he would be a pilot.

Don attended St. Mary's Grammar School and Bellamine College Prep. He attended the University of Santa Clara for two quarters and decided to take time off so he could get his pilot's license. Around the end of 1972, the manager working in his Dad's

## Member Profile (continued)

hardware store quit without notice, so Don managed the store for his father while taking courses in the evening at West Valley College.

In 1973, he was enrolled in an Economics Class at WVC and it was in this class that he met his wife. After dating for less than 11 months, he married the girl of his dreams on November 18th 1973 at the Chapel of the University of Santa Clara by the same priest that married his parents. This year, Don and Jocylene and their five children and three granddaughters will celebrate their 35th anniversary in Hawaii. Their first grandson is due in June.

In 1966, Don told his Dad that he wanted to take flight training. His Dad told him it was fine with him, but he would have to pay for them on his own. Don started saving his money and in July of 1966, he took his first lesson at the Dee Thurmond Flight School. After six hours, he ran out of money and didn't fly for a year. In August of 1967, he started flying again and he soloed on September 29, 1967. The money he had saved lasted until he got to the Cross Country Phase. Don was able to save up more money and started flying again in March of 1969. He took on another job of cleaning airplanes for Dee's flight school in exchange for lessons. On August 16, 1969, Don got his Private Pilots License. His father was his first passenger and his mother was his second passenger. Don's grandmother was visiting his family from Las Vegas. He asked her if she wanted to go for an airplane ride with him. She told him, yes, and that she had been waiting for a long time to take that flight. She died the following year.

Don continued to fly a few hours a month until about the beginning of 1973. At that time, he was managing his father's hardware store for him. After marrying his wife in 1973, flying ended for a few years. In 1977, he talked his father into checking out the possibility of a leaseback. His father was able to get a tax advantage and there were planes available for Don to fly. Don and his father had the airplanes until 1992 when they started requiring more maintenance and there were no more tax advantages.

Don has not flown as pilot-in-command since 1993, but has plans on getting recurrent this year. With his youngest son graduated from college, Don has some extra money and hopes to use some of it on flying.

Four or five years down the road, Don hopes to start building an RV8. He told his wife, Jocylene, about his plans to build a homebuilt and she said she wouldn't fly in it, but if he completed all the remodeling projects that he has been putting off for years, she would agree to him building a plane. Don estimates that it will take him four and-a-half to five years to complete his wife's Honey-Do List.

## Member Profile (continued)

Don told me he had a great childhood growing up and he had a very loving mother and father. He's very proud of his family, his wife and his brothers and sisters, his immediate family and his very special grandchildren. No wonder Don always wears that smile!! Life has been good to him.

Don is an employee of VTA/Valley Transit Authority, a.k.a. 'the bus', and in August, he will have been a Coach Operator for 20 years. He, currently, drives the 22 Line from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Accompanying Don to most aviation events are his three granddaughters. A few years ago, he built a large model of a Blue Angel Jet Fighter, large enough for his granddaughters to sit on and pedal it. He and Jocylene are looking forward to the arrival of their first grandson in June. Sharing their vintage home in Santa Clare are their two canines. Nikki is 16 1/2 years old and Bear is 14 years old. Don considers his dogs members of his family and they are Don's 'best friends'. I think if Don is going to get his Honey Do Projects completed in five years, he needs to find some best friends who are General Contractors.



Don and Jocylene's granddaughters riding in Don's Blue Angel Homebuilt Fighter Jet,

Leyla "Princess" Hidalgo, Madelyn "Mad Dog" Hidalgo, Alison "Gator" VonRaesfeld

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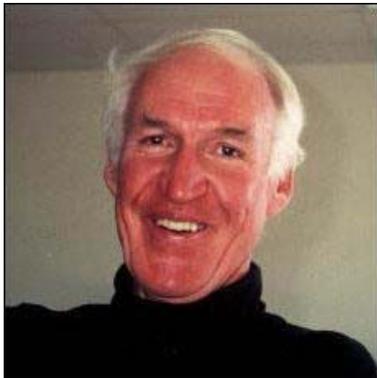
## In the Right Seat

by Terri Gorman

Cool temperatures did not prevent forty of our Chapter 62 members from attending our February meeting to hear Paul Marshall speak on Formation Flying. Throughout Paul's presentation, he stressed the importance of safety in flight at all times. Paul and the other Beech Boys fly formation at Air Venture in Oshkosh and joining Paul flying formation in our local area is Wolfgang Polak, our Webmaster.



Martin Hollmann, EAA Chapter 62 Member for many years, Builder, Designer, Writer, Professional Speaker and our friend will be our Guest Speaker at our March meeting on March 6th. Martin enjoys coming up from Monterey to speak at our meetings and visiting with all of his many friends. Martin has classes on Flutter, Design and Composite Builders Workshop at his business located in Monterey. He,



also, designed and built the Stallion, a very fast composite plane that can travel all the way to Boston, non-stop. He has flown the Stallion to Oshkosh in approximately eight hours, non-stop. He will speak to our chapter about homebuilding. On Saturday, March 8th, our chapter will take a tour of Martin's

business. After the tour, we will have lunch on the waterfront in Monterey. Sign up at the March meeting.

The Victory Hangar will take on the appeal of an Italian Restaurant as the main course of the evening at the March meeting will be Rusty Wells' famous spaghetti. The menu will consist of spaghetti, salads, garlic bread, wine, soft drinks and water, including dessert, tax and tip included, all for only \$7.00. (I love seeing a man in the kitchen!)

Planning on attending Air Venture at Oshkosh this year? The least expensive way to get to Oshkosh is with the Flight of Eagles Tour. The costs of the trip includes round trip airfare on regularly scheduled airlines, plus all lodging and admission to Air Venture. Chapter member Bob Meuse has flown to

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## In the Right Seat (continued)

Oshkosh on the Flight of Eagles many times. His flight, last year, costs him \$1295 for everything. Flying our slow Piper Warrior back, round trip, costs us \$1100 and we were camping under our wing. The \$1100 was only for fuel, not for admission and/or for the comforts of a room in the University of Wisconsin. Of course, there were two of us, but for one person, the price is great. Climb aboard and leave the flying to someone else. For more information, you can contact the Flight of Eagles Offices at [ian@flightofeagles.com](mailto:ian@flightofeagles.com) or call 800-456-3484.

Don't delay. The flight fills up early every year.

On March 20th, I hope to see many of you at the Pasta Feed organized by the Santa Clara Valley 99's in support of the Precision Flight Team of San Jose State University. These are students from SJSU who are pilots and fly around the country competing in aviation events against other aviation-oriented colleges. Last year, the Precision Flight Team came in second place. The funds received from the Silent Auction and the Raffle tickets are given to the team to help support them throughout the year in their aviation events. The event is held at the Santa Clara Elks Lodge, 1680 Martin Avenue in Santa Clara. Sign up with Mayetta at 408-264-0229. Bring your friends. This year I will be attending not only as a member of our chapter, but also as a member of the Santa Clara Valley 99's, an all woman pilot organization. (Now, how could that be any fun! I thought men were better at changing the oil and cleaning our windshields.)

All upcoming aviation events, including all our future speakers are listed on our award winning website. Please check it out at [www.eaa62.org](http://www.eaa62.org) and if you have an event you would like listed, contact Wolfgang Polak, our Webmaster.

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## CHAPTER 62 FLYING GOURMETS

By Terri Gorman

The EAA Chapter 62 Flying Gourmets took to the skies twice in the month of February. On Wednesday, February 13th, five planes carrying two passengers each departed for Watsonville Airport where we had lunch at Zunigas followed by a tour of AirCrafters. Dave Saylor, owner of AirCrafters, gave us a tour of his business and told us that they provide the highest quality builder assistance to owners of experimental aircraft. There are A&P's on staff and an I/A. The owner-builder of the plane spends 20 hours a week working on it and AirCrafters team spends another 20 hours on building of the plane, thus accelerating the time of the owner-builder.

## Chapter 62 Flying Gourmets

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Dave Saylor, owner of AirCrafters at the Watsonville Airport, will be our Guest Speaker in September.

On Saturday, February 16th, we toured Light Sport Aircraft West/LSA

located at the Salinas Airport. Shawn Kelly took us on a tour of the facility. The showroom was spectacular with several Light Sport Planes on display. The average price for a Light Sport Plane, complete with everything, is \$120,000. Allen Roark and his brother, Eddy, own a Flight Design CT Cruiser. The Flight Design CT Cruiser is one of the most versatile light sport air-planes. High-lift slotted flaps give the CT Cruiser world-class, short-field performance.

Chapter Member Jeff West, future Sport Pilot Instructor and Shawn Kelly, CFI, our Tour Guide



After the tour of the LSA/West Showroom and Hangar where all the planes are assembled after they arrive from Europe where they are built, we had lunch at the Loading Zone with Shawn Kelly. Our Guest Speaker for July will be an employee of LSA/West.



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## NOTAMS

### Discounts at The Airport Shoppe

You don't have to fly off to Oregon to find "no sales tax" purchases. The Airport Shoppe, located at Reid Hillview Airport, is offering NO SALES TAX on headsets, GPS Units, Oxygen Systems, Powered Tugs and Transceivers. Along with all their aviation products, you will find a small deli in the back room with plenty of food and drinks to toss in your flight bags. A microwave is available for your use. Phoebe Peasley, pilot and owner of The Airport Shoppe, has been at Reid Hillview for over 25 years. This is her way of saying, "thank you" to everyone. Questions: 408-923-2625.

### Tour of Reid Hillview Tower, Chapter 62 Members Only

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM Meet inside the Terminal Building at Reid Hillview. Tour limited to 4 members.

We will carpool. Sign up sheets available at all meetings. No cameras. Each member permitted one tour of the tower. Tour Leader: Terri Gorman, 408-828-6707 or [flyrhv@aol.com](mailto:flyrhv@aol.com).

### Pilot Renters, Heads Up

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM, Columbia Airport. Meet inside the small terminal building on the field. Presentation by Aero Resource on Preventing Corrosion in Aircraft, followed by a barbeque. Option: overnight camping at Pilots-only campground and/or motels in town. Good restaurants, shops, gold panning, horseback riding available in the National Historic Town of Columbia. Make the trip an overnighter or a day. Flight Leader: Terri at 408-828-6707.

### Show 'N Tell

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM to 1 PM, Morgan Hill

Tony Babb is building a Velocity. Set time aside to see his project. Directions in the April Newsletter. Terri at 408-828-6707.

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**General Meeting: Thursday, March 6, 2008**

**Board Meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2008**

***March Speaker: Martin Hollmann - Homebuilding Aircraft***

**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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