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Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 27

Half Moon Bay: Dream Machines

Pacific Coast Dream Machines Fly-in and Show. 10am to 4pm. KHAF, details (650) 726-2328.

Tuesday, April, 29

Flying Gourmets at Tracy

Brown Bag Lunch, noon at Tracy Airport (KTCY). We will swap lunches in the picnic area at the Tracy Airport. Each person in the plane brings a brown bag lunch. Vegetarian lunches should be marked with a V on the outside. Drinks available. Tracy Airport always has good prices on aviation fuel. Terri at 408-828-6707 or flyrhv @aol.com

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Reid-Hillview Airport in the Crosshairs— Again. Pilots Need to Act Now.

By Max Trescott

The Reid-Hillview Airport in San Jose, CA is the target again of a potential closure action by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. In March, the board voted for studies of the potential net financial benefits of developing the airport and the potential legal issues with closing the airport. At their June 3, 2008 meeting, they will vote on whether to continue toward closure, and if so, will familiarize themselves with a closure process at their August meeting. Now is the time for pilots and aviation supporters every-



where to begin mobilizing to preserve this valuable regional resource. As you know, once an airport is gone, it can never be replaced.

Here's a list of ways that you can help. First and foremost, if you know one of the five Santa Clara County supervisors, make an appointment with them to explain face-to-face why Reid-Hillview is important to you. Explain what it would mean to you personally if the airport were taken away. Point out that if RHV were closed, there will be fewer places to practice landings, leading to more planes flying around Palo Alto and San Jose International airports. Suggest that rather than closing RHV, the county work on ways to increase the revenue generated from developing commercial ventures on the property. For example, county policy currently only permits month-to-month leases, which have inhibited anyone from investing in reopening the restaurant in the airport's terminal building.

Join one or both of the groups that is actively fighting the airport closure. The Reid-Hillview Airport Association, RHVAA, represents airport tenants and pilots, and actively works on relationships with the surrounding neighborhoods. Membership dues are \$25 per year, and you can find more details about them at their www.rhvaa.org website and download a membership application at http://www.rhvaa.org/about_rhvaa/MissionAndSignup_031708.pdf.

CRAMP, the Coalition for Responsible Airport Management and Policy, works with elected officials and the separate CRAMP PAC (Political Action Committee), donates to the election campaign funds of local candidates who support general aviation. CRAMP was highly involved in the 1996 RHV closure fight and has been dormant during the relative

Calendar of Events

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Thursday, May 1

Chapter Meeting

6:30pm – Hangar Flying, with Hot Dog dinner.

7:30pm - Meeting

Guest Speaker: Larry Jobe, 'Lost Theater, and the Flying Tigers

Wednesday, May 7

Flying Gourmets to Schellville

We will meet at the Schellville Airport at 11:30 AM and walk about a mile to Angelo's Deli for lunch. Wear bright clothing, as we will be walking on the shoulder of a busy country road. Need a seat or share the flight, contact Terri at 408-828-6707.

Schellville Airport always has a lot of classic planes and Warbirds on the field.

Thursday, May 8

Board Meeting

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

Saturday, May 31st, Noon

Let's do something unusual and fly to Harris Ranch for lunch. We may see some P51's.

Please RSVP on this one so I can have a correct head count. We will eat in THE KITCHEN, thus more affordable than the upscale side of the restaurant. Need a seat or share the flight, contact Terri at 408-828-6707 or flyrhv@aol.com.

Upcoming Speakers

June 2008

RHV Controller - Flying in controlled airspace.

July 2008

Shawn Kelly, CFI - Owning and flying a Light Sport Aircraft

August 2008

Tales of Oshkosh

September 2008

Dave Saylor of Aircrafters - Homebuilding

RHC in the Crosshairs Continued

calm of the last few years. They've just been reactivated and sent out a message last week to past members asking for donations for CRAMP and the CRAMP PAC. Please consider donating your cost of at least one or two hours of flight time to the CRAMP PAC. Send your checks for CRAMP and CRAMP PAC to 2010 Majestic Way, San Jose, CA 95132. For PAC donations include your name, address, employer, and job title and remember that these political contributions are not tax deductible.

Join the Silicon Valley GA Yahoo group, so that you receive updates on the fight. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SiliconValleyGA/join> and enter information about yourself to join. Alternatively, you can send an email message to siliconvalleyga-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. If the Board of Supervisors votes to continue the closure process at their June meeting, RHVAA or CRAMP may call upon you for further action.

Learn the Facts.



The county studies of RHV airport closure in the 1990's was motivated by safety concerns, since a residential neighborhood had grown up around the airport in the

years since it was founded. A 1992 county funded study found that the airport was the safest possible use of the land for the well-being of airport neighbors. No one living around the airport has ever been injured by an aircraft accident.

In contrast, the latest RHV closure study is motivated by budget concerns. The county is facing a \$215 million dollar budget deficit this year and is considering whether selling the 180 acre airport might help to balance their spreadsheet for a year.

Here are some facts regarding Reid-Hillview.

- The RHV airport is self-funding and it generates a budget surplus used at the other two airports the county operates. Closing RHV would cause the remaining county operated airports to operate at a loss.
- A County funded study showed that the RHV airport generates \$40 million of economic benefit to the community every year.
- In 1996, the County Budget Director concluded that the county's attempt to close the airport had led to direct costs to the county budget of over \$3 million.
- A county funded environmental impact statement concluded that replacing RHV with mixed residential or commercial/light industrial uses would create three times the pollution created by the airport.
- From 1997-2002, RHV had 1.2 million operations, making it the 76th busiest airport in the country (including commercial airports like O'Hare and Atlanta). If the airport is closed, many of the landings now at RHV will be transferred to San Jose International and Palo Alto airports.

RHV is a valuable asset, both to pilots and to the surrounding neighborhoods. Closing it is not a solution to the county's budget problems. Pilots and airport supporters need to take action now to help save this valuable resource.

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These are the names, telephone, fax and websites for our elected Santa Clara County officials. Please take a moment of time and let them know how important Reid-Hillview is to you and our community.

President's Corner

By Andy Werback

Hi, Everybody. It's only April, and it looks like this is going to be a very busy year. Things are shaping up fast – Young Eagles, Air Academy, Fly-ins, Fly-outs, Reid-Hillview airport studies – the list goes on! In the meantime, we're trying to find some time to work on the Skybolt and keep the Lancair ready for Oshkosh. That too is fast approaching!



We're glad to see so many members and visitors at the April meeting. We had over 35 attending Max Trescott's talk about flying the Bay Tour. As ever, we had a good discussion and much valuable input from Max. Also, please see Max's letter regarding issues and actions at RHV where you can help. Thank you, Max!

I'd like to thank David Cunningham, Bob Moragues, John Blair, Steve Smith and Ashley Leach for being our visitors at the meeting. Most of them are pilots and flyers at RHV.

Also, David gave an overview of his background with the Tuskegee Airmen organization, he's President of the local chapter (www.dawnamarie.com/sf-tai/html/index.html). And John Blair gave an update on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. He is Vice President of CRAMP, the Coalition for Responsible Airport Management and Policy (www.cramp.org).

We've also had good success in our search for Air Academy candidates. This year we had two good applications, and we've elected to send them both to

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President's Corner *continued*

Oshkosh for a week of aviation experiences. Thanks to Ron, Allen and Bob for putting this together.

We have some important activities in the near future. April 26 is Columbia Airport fly-in. May 10 is the big day for Young Eagles and a lot of interesting airplanes at South County. This is a big event, so please help. May 3 and 4 are the Makers Faire I mentioned at the General Meeting. Any help for that would also be appreciated. Please check our Chapter website, www.eaa62.org, for more events.

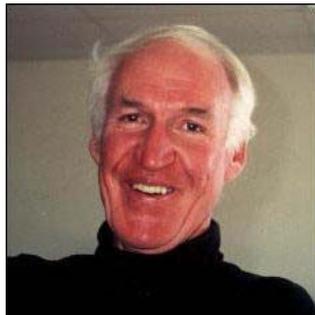


Legacy over Big Sur.

FLY-IN TIME

by Martin Hollman

This is always an exciting time for pilots and homebuilders because it is time to start planning to attend all the great aviation events that occur around the country and especially those in California. I will be showing my Stallion at the 44th Watsonville Fly-In on May 23,24,25. A number of EAA Chapter 62 members have volunteered to help. Contact: watsonvilleflyin@hotmail.com for more details. This is a great airshow with aircraft of many types and a fantastic aerobatic display. Plan on attending.



The next one is Golden West Fly-In at Marysville, CA on June 6, 7, 8. Of all the airshows, this is my favorite because it is hosted by serious homebuilders who are just fun to be with and who like to share aviation stories. I will be giving the following talks on Saturday.

FLY-IN TIME *continued*

- 9 AM Flutter and How to Avoid It.
- 10 AM Designing Gyroplanes (my Bumble Bee is the world's most copied gyroplane at this time). Igor Bensen held this title with his Gyrocopter in the past.
- 11 AM WWII Fighter Aircraft Comparison
- 1 PM History of Rotorcraft.

On Sunday, at 10 AM, I will talk about "How to Build Composite Aircraft".

For more information and fly-in instructions see: www.goldenwestflyin.org

As usual, I will fly in with my Stallion and camp. They have hot showers and a shuttle into town for those who want to eat dinner. I hope to see you there. EAA Chapter 62 members and volunteers will also be there.

An old friend, Jim Braddock, called and asked me to give a talk at EAA Chapter 1175 on Tuesday, June 3 at 7 PM. They are located at the Nevada City Airport (GOO) which was (017) in CA. I will talk about "Aircraft Configurations." For info call Jim at 530-265-3239. See you there.

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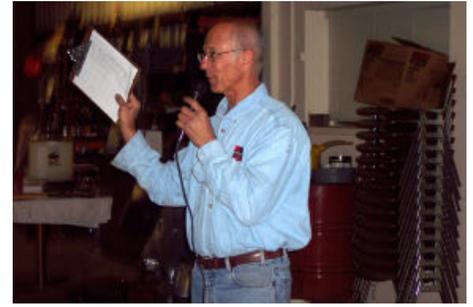
April 2008 General Meeting



Enjoying the food



Hangar talk with Max



Andy opens the meeting



Guest - David Cunningham



David talks about Tuskegee



John Blair talks about saving RHV



Ron gives an undate Young Eagles



Roger on membership



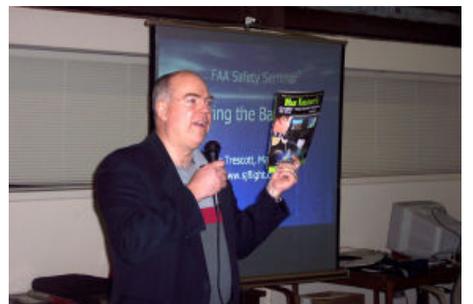
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Max Trescott on the Bay Tour



The enthalled crowd



Maz talks about his book

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In The Right Seat

By Terri Gorman

Thanks to Max Trescott, 2008's CFI of the year and our April guest speaker, who gave us a very informative presentation on flying through controlled airspaces and taking a Bay Tour.



Our speaker for May will be Larry Jobe, retired United Airlines pilot, who will speak on the 'Lost Theater' and the Flying Tigers. Larry is a CFI, holding every rating, and has flown most of United's equipment. He liked flying the DC-8 the best. Upon Larry's retirement with United Airlines, he chartered a B747-400 and flew 200 friends and family for two hours around California and Oregon.



Larry Jobe, in red jacket and four of the original Flying Tigers in blue hats, in front

He and his wife, Nina, have taken tours to China for the past six years and specialized in VIP Aviation tours for the past five years. A few of the Flying Tiger pilots accompanied Larry on these tours. (*Jon and Carol Garliepp and Bob and I, also, went on one of these tours.*) Larry was building a Pietenpol with a Model A Ford engine until he lost his retirement with United Airlines.

He has lived at Pine Mountain Airpark for 22 years where he is a realtor.

Tower Tours

On the evening of every General Meeting, I have arranged to take a tour of the tower at Reid Hillview Airport. Meet inside the Terminal Building at 5:30 PM. The tour is limited to 5 EAA Chapter 62 members. RSVP 408-828-6707 or flyrhv@aol.com .

Reflections on Sun N Fun

By Terri Gorman

With mileage to use on United Airlines and relatives in Florida, I decided to attend Sun-n-Fun. It is similar to Oshkosh, but on a much smaller scale. According to Bob Wagner, an EAA National officer, Sun-n-Fun is one-third the size of Oshkosh. The temperatures rose to around 87, some humidity, cool breezes and plenty of mosquitoes, which seemed to find me everywhere I went. There was no rain.

According to Don Johnson, the chairman of the Light Sport Aircraft Manufacturing Association and a noted expert on LSA planes, he said this was the first time there has been an LSA Mall on the grounds at SnF. I saw more LSA planes on display than I have ever seen at any aviation event.



Gobosh Light Sport, built in Poland, distributed in Ontario, CA, \$130,000, 3.5gph

Of course, an aviation event as large as Sun-n-Fun would not be complete without the presence of the military planes of the past. As I was walking the Warbird Flight Line, four Nanchangs were landing. I saw more Yaks than I have seen at most air shows, with the exception being the YAK Attack at Porterville last year.



Sun N Fun *continued*



And there were homebuilts.....



And no one can go hungry at Sun-n-Fun with the variety of food vendors.....



Within a few steps of my campsite, there was a Corn Roast every night and following the Corn Roast, there was toe-tapping music by the local pilot-musicians. \$2 for a cob of corn and \$1 for a soda, all supporting the local Lakeland EAA Chapter.

Sun N Fun *continued*

An aviation event would not be complete without an air show and at this S-n-F, the USAF Thunderbirds performed. The United States Air Force military jet team arrived on Monday afternoon. They are one of the world's most recognized military jet teams. They performed from Thursday through Sunday. During the performance of the Thunderbirds, the FAA requested that everyone evacuate the area if they were north of the Yellow Line. Being this was my first time at S-n-F, I had no idea where this Yellow Line was located until my camping neighbor pointed it out to me and, yes, I was camped north of the Yellow Line, but it was no problem for me to evacuate the area since each day, I left my campsite around 8 AM and returned at 8 PM. If the trams ran later than 8 PM, I would have been out longer, but it was a long walk from the campsite to the main event area.



Did I mention the Florida Museum? I was disappointed in the Aviation Museum. The EAA Museum at Oshkosh is far superior to the Florida Museum.



Matt Younkin, 24 year old son of Bobby Younkin, flew the family owned Beech 18 in an aerobatic performance narrated by his sister in honor of their father who was killed a couple of years ago. This was Matt's first performance at Sun-n-Fun.

The air show performances were every day from noon until 5 PM. Sean Tucker, Patty Wagstaff, Julie Clark, the AeroShell Team, Greg Poe, and many other highly skilled air show performers took to the sky to entertain the attendees of the air show. Manfred Radius performed aerobatics in a glider. When I first saw the performance, I thought the

pilot was flying a Katana as I had never seen a glider doing aerobatics.

There were 10 forums that took place from 9 AM to 1 PM every day. Mike Shifflett, CFII/FE, gave a talk on Funny Crazy Things Pilots Do. I think Mike is our next Aviator Humorist. He had the attendees laughing all the time. I met Roger and Rena Kopp at this forum.



There were several tents set up as Work Shops. I took a lesson on riveting. My instructor was from Alabama and gave me a lot of tips on the use of the Bucking Bar.

EAA National invited all members to an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday evening. We had Strawberry Shortcake and Ice Cream and gifts were given to everyone. Tom, Paul and Audrey Poberezny gave a presentation on the history of EAA and how to increase membership within our chapters. Someone from Chapter 110 won a prize.

Like any major aviation event, there's always a lot of walking and never enough benches to rest those weary feet, but at Sun-n-Fun, I found the most delightful rest stop and here is a picture of it.



Terri's Rest Stop. All I needed was a Margarita!!

That's it for Sun-n-Fun. There are planes, people, performances, food, exhibitors, nice restaurants and hotels in the town of Lakeland, plenty of camping sites and trailer sites.

Sun-n-Fun always happens in April. If you can't make it to S-n-F, Air Venture, at Oshkosh, is the end of July. You'll find both of us at Oshkosh again this year.

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Mystery Aircraft Quiz

In 1971, Cessna worked on an experimental plane called the 1014/1034 XMC. The XMC stood for?–

- A. Exceptionally Magical Cessna
- B. Experimental Magic Carpet
- C. Exquisitely Magic Cessan

On December 27, 1957, what helicopter made a record by flying to 30,335 feet?

- A. Sikorsky Xh-39
- B. Alouette II
- C. Cessna Yh-41
- D. Sud-Aviation Djinn

Cessna designed an aircraft similar to the 177 that has a cruciform tail.

- True
- False



Was this experimental aircraft an improved version of the Cessna 337 Shymaster.

- True
- False

Answers to these and other burning questions will be at the May 1st meeting and in the June newsletter.

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Board Meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2008

May Speaker: Larry Jobe, 'Lost Theater' and the Flying Tigers

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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