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Calendar of Events

Thursday, November 6, 2008

Chapter Meeting

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

7:30pm - Meeting

Guest Speaker: Jessica Panzees - Air Show Performer and Corporate Pilot

Thursday, November 13, 2008

Board Meeting

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

Where Do We Meet

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

AME : Friend or Foe?

By Tiffany S. Davies, M.D., AME

(At our February 2007 meeting, Dr. Davies gave this presentation and she graciously returned for our October 2008 meeting to repeat her presentation of this important information. Ed.)

Your AME is your **FRIEND** and that primary or preventative care will keep you flying.

The reason that I came up with this presentation is that in my own practice I see a number of pilots that aren't coming to me for the aviation exam per sec but I happen to be their primary care physician. As I spoke to these pilots, I started to notice that they were very paranoid and very nervous about being around medical personal. They were afraid to see a doctor for anything because they really didn't have any idea about what might get them into trouble and they were terrified that, for some reason, they might be told they couldn't fly any more.



I'll say it again that your AME is your **FRIEND!** Your AME is there to help you get your license so that you can fly. The majority of pilots get approved on the initial visit to their AME and if not, your AME will help you get together the necessary information needed to get approved.

A quick look at some recent statistics will show that the vast majority of all applications are approved.

Total Applications Received by AMCD during calendar year 2005: 438,707

Denial for Failure to Provide or Failed to Pursue: 5,527 (1.25%)

Final Denials (When all information requested is provided): 446 (0.10% of all Applications)

The 5,527 applications that were denied for Failure to Provide or Failure to Pursue are mostly a result of applicants that failed to provide requested medical information. If those applicants had provided the information, it is possible that depending on the medical condition, the FAA would have approved the application.

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Calendar of Events continued

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Christmas Party at the Bold Knight Bistro. Guest speakers will be Lts. (Ret) Loree and Harry Hirschmann, U.S. Navy Carrier Pilots

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Board Meeting

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

AME : Friend or Foe? - continued

Your AME can issue, defer or, very rarely, deny an application. If there is a medical problem, the AME will usually defer it the FAA Physician who will make the decision. If the FAA approves, then your AME can issue in subsequent years. The following are partial lists of common medical problems where the AME can issue with information or require Special Issuance from the FAA.

Common Medical Problems, which can be issued with information.

- ENT: Sinusitis, otitis media, history of ear perforation that has been resolved.
- Eye: Amblyopia, pterygium, history of refractive surgery
- Lungs: Allergies, mild asthma
- Heart: Bradycardia, PVC's, history of atrial fibrillation >5 yrs, hypertension

Common Medical Problems, which may be issued with information.

- Abdomen: Gallstones (asx), history of hepatitis, hernia (asx)
- Neurological: Tension headaches
- Psychiatric: Depression
- Endocrine: Diabetes controlled without meds

(NOTE: These are only partial lists and do not include any disqualifying conditions for lack of space.)

If you are deferred for any reason by your AME, the AME is supposed to transmit your information to the FAA within 14 days. The FAA then has 30 days to issue the certificate, request additional info, or deny. The pilot has 30 days to supply the necessary information. The FAA has 30 days for a final decision, but it is usually much faster

In summary, taking care of your health is the best thing you can do to ensure your ability to fly. This means seeing your Primary Care Physician regularly and making sure you can get any information your AME may need.

AME : Friend or Foe? - continued

Remember that your AME is your **FRIEND!** Their job is to help you get your license. If they are not doing that, find another one!

Tiffany S. Davies received her medical 10 years ago from UCA. She has been in practice in Los Gatos for the last 3 ½ years and an AME for the last 2 ½ years.



Presidents Corner By Andy Werback

Hi, Everybody,

Welcome to the Elections 2008 President's Column! Seems like every fourth year just gets more intense, doesn't it? Hope all goes well. We need some trust and confidence.

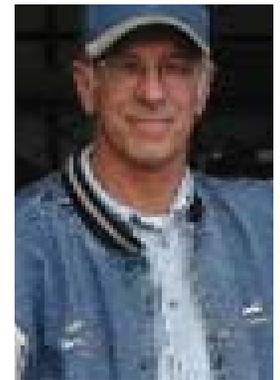
At the October meeting, we had no visitors. None. But, we had two New Members! Jerry Ferguson is restoring a Mong biplane (don't see those very often), and Ed Garcia is working on a Zenith 601. Glad to have you in the Chapter!

For some strange reason, we had a good turnout, even some people who had not attended in awhile. Oh, that was probably because our speaker was Dr. Tiffany Davies, talking about how to keep yourself and your medical in good shape and keep on flying. There were many points of interest and many questions answered. Thank you, Dr. Davies!

It has been a little quiet on the flying front, spending a lot of time on the Skybolt. Slowly building... Had a chance to go to Rio Vista for their First Annual Car and Airplane show. A couple of guys had turbine powered Helicycles. Pretty fancy stuff for a single seat helicopter. On the way over to Napa late that day, the Lancair decided to misbehave. Taxing off the runway, the engine quit. It restarted, but wouldn't idle. We looked it over, but didn't see anything. The next morning, I got some help from the friendly and helpful people at Bridgeford Flying Service.

We looked for intake leaks, finally found a loose fuel line fitting on the throttle body. Wow. More than a little interesting. But, we tightened it up and all was

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back to normal. Another lesson learned.

Congratulations and Thank You to Don Van Raesfeld for volunteering to be our Membership Chairman. You can help by getting your annual Dues in ASAP and let Don work on recruiting new members. Thanks!

We hope to see you at the Chapter Christmas Party, along with Chapter 338. Please go to the web site and sign up with Terri. She's doing a great job as usual getting this organized.

Chapter 62 Shirts

Our new Tee-Shirt and Polo design is available in several colors and sizes. Please go to <http://www.eaa62.org/EAA-62-shirt-options.pdf> for samples of the colors. The polo shirt is available in blue, with a pocket. Costs are not yet complete, but expect \$15 for the tee shirts and between \$25-\$30 for the polo. Please send all requests to Andy – include type, color, and size. (If there are no requests for the white tee shirt with a pocket, we'll make it a plain white tee).

Thank you Don Barnes for doing the design and helping with the order process!

Nominations for EAA62 Officers

The following people have volunteered to be Chapter 62 Officers and Directors for 2009. We will have a short introduction of candidates during the meeting.

President Andy Werback

Vice President: Terri Gorman

Secretary: Wolfgang Polak

Treasurer: Randall Wilde

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Director: Ron Carmichael

Director: John Castner

Director: Bob Kindlund

Please come to the November meeting and cast your vote. I'm not sure this will be as exciting as the elections on Tuesday, but we need your vote on Thursday!

In the Right Seat By Terri Gorman

Thanks to our October speaker, Dr. Tiffany Davies, Aviation Medical Examiner, who not only filled in for Jeff Lo, Reno Race Competitor and, also, one of Dr. Davies' patients, but once again gave a great presentation to our chapter members in attendance on passing your next FAA Medical Exam.

In the past years, when November rolls around, members tend to skip this meeting because it's Election Night for EAA Chapter 62. Please don't skip it as I have a great speaker planned and I have had her on my calendar since early May. Andy will take care of the Elections and I'm sure it will go swiftly as most of our previous officers are retaining their positions, however, to keep everything 'legal', there will be Ballot Sheets and 'write-in' slots so you can nominate the person of your choice.



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In the Right Seat *continued*

Our guest speaker will be Jessica Panzees. Jessy is a



Corporate Pilot and a Professional Air Show Pilot performing in her Pitts Special. She has been flying in air shows for several years, bases her plane at Hayward, and

her 'Chief' Mechanic is none other than Brian Stout, EAA Chapter 62 Member and owner of Flying S Aviation which is located next to the Airport Shoppe at Reid Hillview Airport.

Don't miss this meeting. Jessy is young, outgoing and a very dynamic speaker. She loves to talk aviation.

Information for our EAA Chapters 62 and 338 Christmas Party is now online and a Reservation Form is in your newsletter. Please sign up early for the Christmas Party.

The deadline is Thursday, November 20th.

This year my helpers are Dottie Moriarity, Barbara Wardrip and our newest Chapter 62 member, Kathy Sturr. Kathy's background is in Interior Decorating!! Once again, there were no



volunteers from Chapter 338 who offered to help out this year, so I will appoint them to the 'Clean Up Committee'. We will be supporting Toys 4 Tots again this year. If you would like to participate, bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl. I will distribute the gifts to the U.S. Marines in San Jose for their distribution to needy families.

EAA Chapter 62 Member Profile By Terri Gorman

Rolland LaPelle steps into the spotlight this month as my EAA Chapter 62 VIP. I hate to be like the 'real news media' and guess at anything, but I would estimate that Rolland has been a member of EAA Chapter 62 since the sixties. I do know that he is a Lifetime Member of EAA National. He was past



EAA Chapter 62 Member Profile *continued*

president of Chapter 62 in 2001 and he has served as a Board Member. He is a Flight Advisor for the chapter, a mechanic and a CFII. Rolland attends Air Venture, at Oshkosh, every year and teaches a Welding Class. In his spare time, he has built two BD-5's, a Varieze, and is restoring a Beech C-18, all aircraft based in a hangar at the Livermore Airport.

His flying history began when he was about 4 years old and he



would sit on his father's lap and describe how he

was going to build a plane and fly it. When someone would ask him how he was going to power it, he replied that he planned on using an electric motor and batteries and how a long power cord



wouldn't be long enough.

Later in his life, he built models. His father didn't have any experience with them, so he had to figure it out himself. The stick models never were really finished, so he went on to U-control planes. The first ones all crashed even on the first go-around. He says he didn't know how to build and he didn't know how to fly.

Read his article entitled, [My Flying Stories by Rolland LaPelle](#). Rolland's website is [eaglesloft.com](#). There are pictures of his family, his wife, Shenny, and their children and grandchildren. For members who do not have access to a computer, please contact me and I will provide you with a copy.



October 2008 Meeting Photos



Everyone enjoys the food



Hangar talk



Our trusty cooks



Guest 1



Guest 2



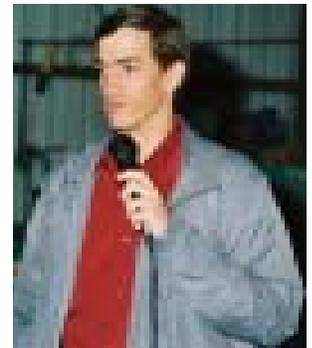
Wolfgang has desert



Everyone enjoys the food



Roger and Rena Kopp



Jeff reports on Young Eagles



Terri reports on Chapter Leaders Workshop



Dr. Davies answers a tough question

EAA Chapter Leaders Workshop

By Terri Gorman

September 10-12, 2008

As Vice President and Secretary of EAA Chapter 62, I attended EAA's Chapter Leaders Workshop in early September. The opportunity to shake hands and personally speak to Tom Poberezny, plus accommodations at the Air Academy Lodge, should be an incentive for every member to volunteer to hold the title of an officer within our chapter.



I arrived early and took a tour of the hangars and the antique aircraft. Friday evening began with a Social Hour and Dinner and the introduction of all the great folks at EAA

National, including Tom. His father, Paul, was away that weekend and celebrating his 88th birthday. Tom talked to us about how important it was to bring in new pilots.

Twenty-two officers from several EAA Chapters in the Midwest, New Mexico and California exchanged ideas on information on organizing a successful chapter. Our chapter had the most members, but then again, San Jose is a larger town than most of the towns that were represented by these chapters. Two attendees were from the Concord Chapter. Their biggest complaint was how EAA could help save their airport which is about to go under and give way ONLY to Corporate Aircraft and/or that's the plan. I suggested they join and contact CPA/California Pilots Association and passed Ed Rosiak's name off to them. Ed is the president of California Pilots Association.

Many of our CA airports have been saved through

this organization. Bob and I support CPA; I hope you do, too.

Saturday began with a great breakfast in the Lodge and a 'school bus' ride over to the private conference rooms in the Museum. (By the way, all the EAA Staff have their offices in the same building as the Museum.)

The sessions began at 8 AM and went until 5 PM, breaks during the day included lunch, plus two 10 minute breaks. Water and snacks were provided all day long. We each received a large workbook with suggestions on how to keep members interested in our chapter and how to locate members.

The following were some of the suggestions. Of course, when I brought up these ideas at our last Board Meeting, I heard, "This is what is done in the Midwest; it's not done in CA." Well, folks, I had to disagree as I always do, just because something didn't happen in the past, and/or at a chapter in CA, it doesn't mean it can't happen now." It just takes volunteers and as they say at Oshkosh, 'Volunteers make it happen.'

- Aviation movies in the evenings and with popcorn
- Free hot dogs for kids during Young Eagles Events; a small fee for anyone else
- Parents and/or Guardians of Young Eagles receive a flight from a pilot for \$5
- Fly-in's and pancake breakfasts (Frazier Lake does this monthly)
- Multiple chapter socials.

One chapter, in WI, along with 20 volunteers, built a new hangar. Many pancake breakfasts and help from the local community provided the funds for the project.

There were many other suggestions. As you can see from this short list, it would take volunteers to help out and, unfortunately, out of over 90 members, we usually have the same 20 or so members volunteering when we ask for help.

Another chapter from Michigan pays for all the fuel for the Young Eagle Pilots.



EAA Chapter Leaders Workshop

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They, also, have free food with a Donation Jar set out. The donations usually add up to the costs of the pilot's fuel.

On Saturday Evening, we took a private tour of the Museum. The Tour Guide was a man named Allan who was from Australia and had a degree in History. He is, also, building a Pietenpol and has many hours as a pilot. A B-25 and a Mosquito were opened up and we were able to climb into them. I chose the B-25 for obvious reasons; the opening was larger.

After lunch on Sunday, we said our goodbyes, exchanged email addresses, and looked forward to meeting again, perhaps back at Air Venture in July of 2009.

It was a very eventful weekend and I'm glad I was able to attend. The event takes place several times

a year. Some chapters paid for an officer to attend. I have free flights on United, so it just costs me a lot of patience and time flying standby.



Attendees at EAA Chapter Leaders, September 2008

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San Jose, California

EAA CHAPTERS 62-338 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 4th

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San Jose, CA

(Between Hedding & Mission)

Valet Parking, Handicap Accessible, Banquet Room on Lower Level, Elevator & Stairs

(Additional Self-Park behind Bank of the West, 515 N. First Street, San Jose)

NO HOST BAR: 6 PM

DINNER: 7 PM

QUESTIONS: 408-828-6707

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. THERE IS ONLY ONE DEADLINE, AND IT IS

NOVEMBER 20th

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Vegetarian Platter \$21.00 Chicken & Scampi \$28.00 Tea-Coffee \$2.00

Filet of Salmon \$26.00 Bistro Steak \$28.00

All Meats are Medium Rare unless specified. Please circle your choice:

W-well M-medium MR-medium rare MW-medium well R-rare

Name(s) _____ Dinner _____

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Chapter Membership - \$30.00 Annually

National EAA membership is required

Chapter dues can be paid on-line with PayPal

General Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2008

Board Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2008

November Speaker: Jessica Panzees - Air Show Performer and Corporate Pilot

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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