

**President's Corner**     *Jon Garliepp*



The year is near its end and we have one more major event, our "Holiday Dinner." This will again be held at Vern Miller's Hangar and if you haven't signed up yet, please call Jon Garliepp at 408 253-3769 or sign up on line. The date is Thursday, December

1st. We plan to eat at 6:30 PM. Come early and visit with your fellow members.

Leather Jacket Raffle - The EAA has given the Chapter a leather jacket to use as a fund raiser. We are selling tickets at \$5.00 per ticket or five (5) tickets for \$20.00. Tickets will be available at the "Holiday Dinner" or contact Jon Garliepp at 408 253-3769. The drawing will be held at the "Holiday Dinner," December 1st. You do not need to be present to win.

November Meeting - Elections were held, we will have a new President Terri Gorman and a new Vice-President Jim Manley. Brian Dal Porto and Allen Roark will join the Board of Directors. All other Officers and Board Members will be remaining in their positions. A big thanks to Jack Bowlus for bringing another of his very interesting films taken by his father, William Haley Bowlus. The film was on a large prototype glider. Thanks again Jack for bringing the film to show all of us on a short eight hour notice.

Roster Book - Our new Roster Book will be available at our "Holiday Dinner." Many thanks to Wolfgang for undertaking this and many other projects.

EAA Calendars will be available for sale (\$12.00) at the "Holiday Dinner."

Final Note - This will be my last President's Corner article, Terri will take over in January. I want to thank all of you for the support over the last three

years, I have had fun and learned a lot more about aviation. Remember Chapter 62 is your Club, continue to come out and support it.

**CHAPTER 62 EVENT SCHEDULE**

December 1	Holiday Dinner Vern Miller's Hangar
December 8	Board Meeting Plan for next year 2006
January 5	Meeting Vern Miller's Hangar
January 12	Board Meeting



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## ***Longtime Member moving away***

By Marci Menconi

Sorry that I never really got to know you guys before I left. Jon, I met you briefly at the NASA Ames meeting this year. That was a kick of a meeting - so very interesting. And, I really didn't come to the chapter meetings in the later years either. I was pretty much a regular during the Maynard Ingalls years. I have known Maynard for years . . . met him at a fly in when he was married to his first wife, maybe around 1971 or so.

I got my pilot's license down at Compton (CA) airport in 1964 - way before they had a paved landing strip - it was a wide dirt strip (the take-off one was paved, but very narrow) and before any control tower. Learned to fly in an Aeronca Champ 7AC at the 500 Flight School, which was owned by A J Foyt and Parnelli Jones. When my flight instructor, who was at least 250 lbs., got out of the back seat of that Champ to let me do my first solo flight, I could hardly get the thing back on the ground! It took me four or five passes before I landed her. Since I was the only woman learning to fly at the airport, the guys on the field were outside making bets on how many go-arounds it would take me to get that little Champ back on the ground. After I got my ticket, my (now ex) husband and I purchased a Luscombe 8A and a Stinson Station Wagon, which we flew extensively. After I divorced him, I moved from Southern California up to Palo Alto. It was at that time I started flying around to the California fly-ins by myself. I would take my tent and my sleeping bag with me and camp under the wing of the rented 150 I flew out of Palo Alto. It was really fun being a single woman flying to the fly-ins by myself. I met so many wonderful and interesting people (OK, men), that I was having a blast (I was around 25 at the time). I have always enjoyed being a woman in a man's field. I love cars (rebuilt the carburetor on my Fiat 850 all by myself, and changed the oil and adjusted the valves on my 1964 Porsche 356SC - presently have an old Mercedes 450SL). Apple Computer created a position for me as an apprentice electrician when I wanted to go into that career instead of the support person I had been. I worked with all the Apple electricians and had a blast.

I had been a fan of the author Richard Bach after I read his story, "Steel, Aluminum, Nuts and Bolts" about an old Aeronca 7AC that was published in the April, 1968, issue of SPORT FLYING magazine. In 1973, as I was finishing reading Richard's book, BIPLANE, I realized that he had flown across the USA, but was going back to his home field of COMPTON, CALIFORNIA. Oh my god, that was where I was learning to fly at approximately the same time he said he was making the trip in his book. So, I

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sent a letter off to him, telling him of my solo flight adventure in the 7AC and that we were probably based at the same airport at the same time. Well, Richard wrote back to me and told me that he was going to be in LA for the filming of one of his other books, NOTHING BY CHANCE and that if I was going to be in the area at the time, I had a dinner waiting for me with him. Of course, I wrote back and told him that I would make SURE that I'd be down there at the same time. We got together and he took me to dinner at the Brown Derby restaurant in Beverly Hills. We had a delightful time. We then walked to a nearby bookstore where he bought a couple of books for me (not his, as I had them all already). When we got to the checkout counter, the clerk was telling us about how many authors they have there for book signings, never realizing that the guy he was talking to was Richard Bach, whose book JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL had been number one on the best seller list for weeks. It was an absolutely delightful evening!

My ex-husband was just starting to build a Stits Playboy at the time I met him in 1962. Since we lived in the LA area, he took me out to Flabob airport and introduced me to Ray Stits. My ex never finished his Playboy, but that introduction to Ray and the EAA was my first. I think Ray Stits was one of the initial founders of EAA Chapter 1 at Flabob. I didn't join EAA until I was up in Palo Alto. I had been looking at specs of different airplanes to build or buy myself, around 1972. However, I really didn't want to take my time to build one. I really liked the specs of the KR-1 by Ken Rand, so I wrote to him to inquire if he knew of anyone who was building one in my area and if he knew of anyone who wanted to sell one that was already built. He turned me on to a guy in Milpitas who was building one and I went over and saw his project several times. Ken also told me that one of his neighbors had built a KR-1 and that he might be willing to sell it. I contacted his neighbor, went down to see the plane, had it inspected, had a test pilot fly it and then bought it in 1973 or '74. My then boyfriend, Jim Menconi, went down to Huntington Beach with me to pick up my KR-1 and we got married in 1976 and have been together since. He retired from United Airlines (mechanic) in 2002 and I retired in July. I flew the KR-1 at Hollister airport until the wing leading edge started cracking. I took the wings off to repair, but I didn't want to do it (that's why I bought it already built), so after storing it at Half Moon Bay for awhile, I sold it to a guy in Florida. Haven't done much flying since. It was my hobby, not my husband's and we have so much fun together that I haven't taken the time out of our life together to go off and do my own thing. And, we do get flying privileges on United, so we get to go all over the world on their planes (much cheaper than owning my own).

I've done a lot of things in my life . . . professional model for Jocelyn Ryan Studios in LA, had my own late-night jazz radio show in LA (Rachael's Rendezvous), hitchhiked around California with my boyfriend in the 60's, hitchhiked back to Houston, Texas, with my then ex-husband to pick up the car he had shipped from Europe in the 60's, my great flying experiences by myself, etc.

I've never told anyone in the EAA chapter about all that stuff. Hope you weren't bored by it all.



For Sale:

Zenair Zodiac XL airframe kit, new in crate Jabiru 3300 engine, Jabiru Sport USA firewall forward package with engine mount, cowl, Sensenich prop. Horizontal stabilizer, elevator and rudder completed. Wings almost complete. Navigation lights with strobe option installed. Firewall, fuselage started, about 10% complete. Sigtronics intercom, cecocos, pneumatic riveter, hand tools, lots of extras like turnbuckles, nutplates, other fasteners from Aircraft Spruce included. Located in Bend, Oregon. Asking price for all: \$33,940.

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## Calendar of Events

### Meeting Minutes

Ron Carmichael

#### GENERAL MEETING

Vern Miller Aviation, RHV airport, San Jose, CA  
Jon Garliepp, President, called the meeting to order at 7.45 PM.

Ron Carmichael, Secretary, and Wolfgang Polak, Webmaster, were not present at the meeting.

Jon introduced the following guests...

Jim Tomich, holds a Private Pilot's License, Single Engine Land/SEL, and is interested in building an airplane;

Charles Furnwegger, Private Pilot/SEL, is building a Cozy MK4 at home, and Steven Plyler, Private Pilot, built and flies a KR2, temporarily stored in Bob

Gorman's hangar at RHV; owns and flies a Glasair 1R6 based at RHV in Brian Dal Porto's hangar and is currently building a Lancair 360 at his home. Steven paid his dues and signed up as a new member at the meeting.

EAA Headquarters, in Oshkosh, WI, gave all the EAA Chapters a beautiful leather jacket which Jon Garliepp modeled. This jacket will be raffled off at the Christmas Party on December 1st held each year in Vern Miller's Hangar. Tickets are \$5 each and/or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Tickets will be on sale during the Break at the meeting and during the Christmas Party.

A Sign Up List was sent around to the members for the Christmas Party or members may register online at [EAA62.org](http://EAA62.org).

The Membership Roster Book was passed around to members for any deletions and/or updates. Randy Wilde, Treasurer, said members can sign up online, but they need to send their membership dues directly to Randy Wilde via the Postal Services.

Jon announced that he had badges for Bill Sullivan, John Gould and Bryan Wood, and also announced that Bill Koing signed up as a member.

2006 EAA Calendars were available for purchase at \$12 and 10 members indicated their desire to purchase the calendars during the Break.

Randy Wilde gave the Treasurer's Report which is as follows: Building Fund \$2,703.00 Education Fund \$3,458.54 General Fund \$5,421.02 for a Grand Total of \$11,582.56 in U.S. Dollars...

Jon Garliepp took over and GENERAL ELECTIONS were held. Yours truly, Terri Gorman, volunteered to be President and hearing no objections from the members, the vote was seconded and approved. Terri Gorman nominated Jim Manley to be Vice President. Jim accepted; members seconded the motion and the members approved the nomination.

Jon Garliepp stated that the Vice President's position was to bring in Speakers to the meetings.

The other Chapter Officers holding their previous positions are ..

Ron Carmichael Secretary Randy Wilde Treasurer Wolfgang Polak Webmaster Jon Garliepp Membership Chairman The Board of Directors will include Jack Bowlus, Jim Manley, Larry Reed, Brian Dal Porto, Rusty Wells, Wolfgang Polak and Jon Garliepp.

Jon Garliepp stated that three years ago the Chapter had \$8,000 and it now has over \$11,500. He

discussed the Board's decision to purchase a projector to be used at the meetings.

Jon, also, discussed that there would be no Guest Speaker at the Christmas Party. Jim Woo will have his pictures from Oshkosh on display. Brian Dal Porto volunteered to pick up two turkeys for the Christmas Party and Jack Bowlus will donate the ham. All members will be asked to bring a side dish of their choice or a dessert. The Chapter will provide drinks.

Further announcement was, after the Break, Jack Bowlus would show a film from the 1940's depicting Jack's Dad and a picture of a 1934 Ford towing a glider.

BREAK at 8.22 P.M.

Whereupon, attendees indulged in donuts, coffee, tea and/or hot chocolate provided by Ralph Reichhold, Social Chairman.

Amidst a lot of hangar talk, Raffle Tickets, Calendars and Chapter 62 Tee Shirts were sold.==

MEETING RESUMED AT 8.43 P.M.

Jon Garliepp introduced Jack Bowlus who showed films of his father's famous BOWLUS GLIDERS. Jack stated that the first glider was delivered 25 days after the war was over. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9.13 P.M.

Officers and Board Members present.... Jack Bowlus, Brian Dal Porto, Jon Garliepp, Terri Gorman, Rolland LaPelle, Jim Manley, Allen Roark, Rusty Wells and Randy Wilde.

Officers and Board Members absent .... Ron Carmichael, Paulette Dal Porto, Wolfgang Polak and Larry Reed.

Minutes submitted by Terri Gorman

## **BOARD MEETING**

RHV airport terminal building,  
San Jose, CA

President Garliepp called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Board Member, Terri Gorman (substituting as Secretary for Ron Carmichael) read the minutes from the General Meeting. Minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer Randy Wilde gave his report which was generally encouraging. See details online. It was noted that expenses have been greatly reduced by members taking the Newsletter online and by [www.eaa62.org](http://www.eaa62.org)

Wolfgang Polak getting the Newsletter printed and mailed by the Post Office. It was suggested by Larry Reed that the "Jacket Raffle" money go into the Building Fund. There was majority agreement by vote that this be done. The report was unanimously approved.

There was no Vice President's Report

President Garliepp explained that Allen Roark was out of town to attend to his ailing father. Agreement was made to have a card sent to Allen expressing our thoughts for Allen and his father.

President-elect Terri Gorman suggested a deadline be printed by Paulette Dal Porto, Newsletter Editor, in the Newsletter to let members know the last date for their input if they so desire.

Terri also proposed that we get some local aviation businesses to put their business cards as advertising in the Newsletter. Phoebe at The Pilot Shop submitted \$40 for this to Terri already. Terri's research at other Chapters suggested we might give free advertising to members having a business. Discussion suggested that these moneys should go into the General Fund. Terri also indicated that it would be nice to say who the guest speaker will be for the next General Meeting on the Newsletter front page. Another suggestion by President-elect Terri was that we grill hotdogs for YE pilots since they do not have anything to eat during these events. This would require more manpower which could perhaps be obtained from Chapter 338 as well as more pilots.

Wolfgang Polak, Webmaster, reported that there was nothing new in that regard, but that the new Roster Booklet will be shorter since we had many names of long ago members in last year's. This year's will be about 40 pages instead of 60. The plan is to have them available - hopefully by the Xmas dinner. There will also be a mailing like last year's sent out by Wolfgang for the Xmas party. Wolfgang showed the new picture and card. Great work!

Randy added, for the benefit of the future VP in charge of speakers, that he had visited with Guy Minor (Oakland FSDO) recently and he would be happy to come to Chapter 62 again, Guy goes back quarterly to Oklahoma to give programs for the NTSB. President Garliepp also said that he'd bring a list of past speakers to Jim Manley, our new VP, for his use.

Terri suggested that we have a monthly fly-out like other chapters with the rain date being the following Saturday. She'd also like to see midweek flyouts for pilots to take members to a relatively close eatery.

Paulette reported that her letter/email needs to get

sent by the President/VP to get approval for the use of Moffet for the B17 event.

Wolfgang suggested that the old officers meet for lunch/dinner to hand off info. Another thing is that we should have a list of what officers actually do in their jobs to pass along to the new officers.

Randy said that later this month the President will get a status report from National to be sent back by Dec. 15 which includes (1) insurance application (2) EAA member numbers etc. Randy said that we are not up to the threshold for a 501c and do not have to submit IRS info. Wolfgang added that when you renew your membership with National, you get a card with the addresses/contacts of close by chapters.

It had been suggested in the past that we need a Marketing Director. Paulette said she has an employee who majored in Marketing and that would like experience. All agreed this would be great for the Chapter as well as the "volunteer". Paulette will explore this possibility with the young lady.

Terri Gorman volunteered that she would like to maintain the display case in the Terminal since she is at RHV "all the time". Jon will see about getting a key to her.

A general discussion was held concerning the upcoming holiday dinner. Jon said that Jack Bowlus will get the ham and the Dal Portos will get the turkeys from Safeway. Jon reported we have ample tables and chairs for about 60 attendees. Jon will bring the tree, utensils and tablecloths (red and green). Last year we authorized \$400 for the dinner. Rolland LaPelle moved that we spend no more than \$500 this year. This was seconded and approved. Terri Gorman will get 12 plants for the tables. So far there are no children signed up. Randy said to say on the card that Children are welcome (or sons and daughters). Larry Reed volunteered to bring the music – promising no bagpipes! Two heaters will be used and the hanger doors will be closed at all times starting well before the gathering arrives. Randy suggested we have Martinelli's sparkling white cider in addition to the normal canned soda. Larry Reed will bring the non caffeinated and diet drinks. It was suggested by Brian Dal Porto that we put out luminaries with little flashlights to direct people around to the back door.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:24 PM

Officers and Board Members present were: Jon Garliepp, Brian and Paulette Dal Porto, Terri Gorman, Randy Wilde, Rolland LaPelle, Ron Carmichael, Jim Manley, Wolfgang Polak, and Larry Reed

Minutes submitted by Ron Carmichael

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The WOODEN BUCKS are back at the Airport Shoppe at Reid Hillview Airport. For every \$50 increment spent, receive one WOODEN BUCK towards a future purchase. Save up the WOODEN BUCKS or apply them to your next purchase.



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### REID HILLVIEW AIRPORT'S SANTA CLAUS

By Terri Gorman

There really is a Santa Claus at Reid Hillview Airport. His name is Chuck Kuykendall and he works at the Airport Shoppe. Chuck applied for SANTA CLAUS SCHOOL in Colorado and he was selected. He will leave for his Santa training the day after Thanksgiving and has been assigned to a large store in Delaware. Chuck's salary is \$7000 for one month which includes his training, his two Santa suits, air fare and his lodging expenses. Luckily, Chuck already has a full grown white beard, white moustache and an original Santa tummy. Chuck told me this is the first time in his life that he was told not to lose weight.

Before our RHV Santa leaves for his training, I am giving him my HOLIDAY LIST, one large muzzle for my husband who manages to speak every time I'm on final approach.



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- \$30.00 Annually
- National membership is required

**General Meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2005 7:30 PM**

**Board Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2005 7:30 PM**

**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 Vern Miller Aviation, 2635 Cunningham Avenue, Reid Hillview Airport (main entrance, on Cunningham Avenue right side of the road).

**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" or view various 'How To' videos. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 PM, with 10 minutes of announcements, 10 minutes of "open mike," and 10 minutes for the coffee break. The program starts promptly at 8:00 PM