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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monthly Meeting, February 3

##### Aerodynamic Aviation

Zdravko Podolski of Aerodynamic Aviation has started a new venture: organized flights in Croatia. Take a look at the website: [www.flyincroatia.com](http://www.flyincroatia.com).

##### Death Valley Fly-Out

On March 5 and 6 EAA 62 is organizing a fly-out to Furnace Creek (L06). Please see the Editor's notes for details.



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## February Event: Gryphon McArthur, West Coast Sport Aircraft



Gryphon McArthur is president of EAA chapter 119 and founder of West Coast Sport Aircraft, a TECNAM distributor based at the Watsonville Municipal Airport (KWVI). Gryphon is a 1,000-hour instrument-rated pilot.

#### Topic 1: Sport Pilot Certificate and Light Sport Aircraft

Since the introduction of the Sport Pilot certificate in 2004, there have been more than 3,442 certificates issued. However the Sport Pilot certificate and Light Sport Aircraft category is still not widely understood. The goal of this presentation is to address many of the questions related to these topics.

#### Topic 2: TECNAM Light Sport Models & the P2006T Light Twin

Since 1948 Luigi and Giovanni Pascale have designed aircraft under the name Partenavia and later as Costruzioni Aeronautiche TECNAM. Worldwide, TECNAM is the largest manufacturer of light aircraft by number of aircraft sold, with many models available, including the P2006T light twin.



**EAA Chapter 62** is currently meeting at the Reid-Hillview terminal building on the first Thursday of the month. Everyone welcome.

Come and join us, share your experiences, and meet new friends.

6:30 PM Hangar Flying, Hot Dogs  
7:30 PM General Meeting

## President's Column by Wolfgang Polak

With the new year we started our meetings at a new location. The terminal building does not have quite the ambiance of a hangar but it has its advantages: it's warm and dry, there are comfortable chairs, the county provides a screen etc. We're still trying to figure out if and how we can serve some food. Check the meeting announcements on the web to find out if you can expect our traditional gourmet hot dogs in February.

During the January board meeting we worked on event planning for this year. If you've not read the meeting minutes, here is a quick rundown: There will be 7 Young Eagle events, starting on April 9th in Palo Alto. We've planned 2 fly-outs so far. The first will be an overnight outing to Death Valley on March 5th and 6th. This date is coming up quickly and it's the valley's busy season. So if you want to join, act quickly. At this point it looks like there will be 5 aircraft and 9 people for this event. Mark Wainwright has reserved 2 rental jeeps. They are a bit pricey but should be fun in the desert. The other fly-out, organized by Konstantin Blank, will be to Harris Ranch on April 23rd - stay tuned for details on this event.

John Castner has lined up two good speakers so far. We'll learn about LSAs in February and Zdravko will talk about flying in Croatia in March. This may be a good occasion to bring you spouse and get him or her interested in some flying adventure. Like last year, we would like to run some more WINGS seminars and are looking for topics of interest to our members. If you have a subject, vaguely flying-related, you'd like learn more about, talk to John.

Bob Meuse reminded me that we did not have an open hangar/garage event where we get to look a member's project. It's a great idea; any volunteers to show off their handy work? Besides making this good suggestion, Bob has been very generous to the Chapter. Last year he donated high-quality speakers and professional stands. Last month he donated a wireless lapel mike. Thank you very much.

Safe flying,

Wolfgang Polak



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EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (Jan. 11, 2011) — Insight from J. Mac McClellan, former editor-in-chief of FLYING Magazine and one of aviation's most-respected journalists, is now available online for all aviation enthusiasts to enjoy through his "Left Seat" blog, sponsored by Aspen Avionics, at [www.macsblog.com](http://www.macsblog.com).



McClellan's blog postings will focus on EAA's pilot community and encompass flying experiences, flying techniques, weather, technology, and aircraft ownership. Selected blog entries will be featured each week in EAA's e-Hotline newsletter.

McClellan, an extremely active general aviation pilot, joined EAA in October as a contributor, with his monthly "Left Seat" column debuting in the November 2010 issue of Sport Aviation. His writings interest all readers, including those EAA members and aviation enthusiasts who fly more complex aircraft for personal and business transportation.

"Thanks to the generous support of Aspen Avionics, EAA members will have the opportunity to engage with like-minded individuals on topics and issues important to them," said Rod Hightower, EAA president. "Aspen's continued commitment to fostering an informed aviation community helps EAA better serve all aviation enthusiasts."

Comments on McClellan's posts are encouraged and readers can sign up to have each new blog entry automatically delivered to their e-mail inbox.

"After Mac's readers have enjoyed his latest blog entry, we invite them to click on Aspen's banner and visit our Customer Gallery. There they will find unedited comments about dozens of customer installations in all kinds of airplanes along with panel photos too," said John Uczekaj, Aspen Avionics president.

## Editor's Notes

by Mark Wainwright

Unfortunately the editor has been unable to deliver on his offer of more, instead of less this month. I have been a bit overwhelmed by business, which seems to have taken 100% of my intellectual capability until tonight, Ground Hog's Day.

I'd like everyone to take note that the Furnace Creek / Death Valley Fly-Out appears to be real: five airplanes are committed to going, and customers of Aerodynamic Aviation are expressing interest in sharing the costs of aircraft rental for the trip down. If you have any thoughts of coming, please let me know by email at [mlwainwright@mac.com](mailto:mlwainwright@mac.com) or 650-776-4623.

Right now I'm preparing for a short trip via car to Montana to spend a few days with my Dad and my son, Max. In case any of you have been watching the weather channel, West Yellowstone, Montana reported a low temperature of -44° last night. West Yellowstone is the closest town to where we will be staying.

Again, I will do my best next month to put together an article about Jim Palmer's Aircar, a visit to the Lycon engine people in Visalia, and a story on Rusty Wells's excellent new hangar that he built on his place in Texas. I have the photos, so I know

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## Membership Notes by Donald Von Raesfeld, Jr.

Our Chapter is planning an overnight Fly-Out to Death Valley on March 5 and 6, 2011. If you are interested in participating in this event either as a pilot or a passenger contact Mark Wainwright. At this time there are 5 pilots signed up and only 1 available seat left. Hopefully more pilots will sign up and a few more seats will become available.

I recently sent out renewal letters to all Chapter Members who were current in 2010. I would like to thank all of you who have taken the time to renew your membership for 2011

and encourage those who have not yet done so to take a few minutes and go online to renew your membership or make out a check for \$30.00 payable to EAA 62 and mail it to me at:

Don Von Raesfeld  
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If you prefer you can bring a check or cash to our February meeting and renew there. At the end of 2010 we had 63 paid members in the Chapter. As of 1-20-2010 we have 28 members paid up through 12-31-2011. I hope the rest will renew soon.

In addition to our monthly meetings, some of which will be WINGS SEMINARS, the Chapter has many events planned or in the planning stages for this year. Among them are our Young Eagle Events. The first is scheduled for April 9 at Palo Alto. We will then have one per month through October. Check the website for future dates and locations. Remember we always need pilots and ground crew at these events and your help is greatly appreciated.

We will also be having a fly out every month. Last year Mike Francis tried to organize our fly outs but did not have much success. It seems most members do not want to commit ahead of time by signing up on a list. We are going to try something different this year. We are thinking of having our fly outs the Saturday after our General Meeting. We will have anyone who is interested show up at RHV at 10:00am. and we will then decide where we want to go. If there are not enough pilots or the weather is bad we can always just drive somewhere for a lunch. Either way it will be a way to spend some time with fellow Chapter Members and relax for a few hours.

We will also be holding our annual BBQ/Potluck in late September. The last couple of years we have held it at my home in Santa Clara the Saturday after the Reno Air Races.

My wife and I are willing to hold the BBQ at our home again unless someone else would like to host this event.

We will also hold our annual Christmas/Holiday Party on our last meeting of the year. Last year our featured speaker after the dinner was Bill Stein. He gave a great presentation on Air Show Formation Flying including some great video.

We have a lot planned for this year . I hope you will all be able to join in on some of the events. Let's make this a great year and have some fun. —Don Von Raesfeld, Jr.

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## Editors's notes, cont'

it's good. There also may be an article about my moving (or attempting to move) my Falco project's 26' main spar to somewhere else - destination unknown.

I realize that I missed the link to information about the Zeppelin Eureka in last month's issue. Here it is: [home.comcast.net/~bzee1b/Zepplin/Zepplin.html](http://home.comcast.net/~bzee1b/Zepplin/Zepplin.html).



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