



# Happy New Year

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## Calendar of Events

### Thursday, February 5, 2009

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

7:30pm - Meeting

Guest Speaker: David Cunningham, EAA 62 member and President of the San Francisco Branch of the Tuskegee Airman

### Thursday, February 12, 2009

#### Board Meeting

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

## Where Do We Meet

Victory Aviation  
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San Jose, CA 95148

## Presidents Corner

By Andy Werback

I don't know about you, but it's a good thing I retired a couple years ago. I'm busier than ever, especially on weekends. I haven't been out to the parks nearly as much with all the weekend events - Oshkosh, Columbia, Chino, Golden West - the list goes on.

I'd like to welcome all our visitors! Ben Burford spoke about his digital aerial photography – contact him for more info. David Cunningham was back, he is one of our speakers for early next year, and he is now a NEW Member of Chapter 62! We also had Russ Jones, Paul Staudenmaier, Gerry Mahan, Mimi Wainwright, Nancy Miller and Rafael Skodlar. Thanks for visiting, and we're always looking for new members.



Ben Burford



David Cunningham

Our speaker was Jessy Panzer. She flies her Pitts S1 out of Watsonville. She talked about here aeronautical career, her corporate pilot work, and especially about the Stars of Tomorrow aerobatic flight team. For those of us who had not been acquainted with Nick Nilmeyer, it was an opportunity to see what an exciting and enthusiastic young man he was. Thanks, Jessy!

We had several people volunteer for the RHV Ground Crew supporting the AOPA Convention in San Jose. Thanks for helping. We had more than 250 aircraft, a couple of interesting landings (all safe, fortunately), and most of runway 31L parked up. Good Job!

I'd like to reflect a moment on the Experimental Aircraft Association. It is really amazing what we as individuals can do today – you can pick up the phone, order some plans or a kit, buy parts, spend some time learning and building, get your plane inspected and certified, and go fly something you built. That's Incredible. There are so many choices, from designing your own airplane, to helicycles, light sport aircraft, fast glass, traditional aluminum or steel and fabric. But I think the bottom line is that Paul Poberezny started a movement that made this all pos

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## Upcoming Speakers

### March 2009

*Mike Shiflett, CFII, Flight Examiner, Software Engineer: Funny Things That Happen on Checkrides.*

### April 2009

*Todd Whitmer, Professional Aerobatic Pilot, International Aerobatic Champion flying an Edge 540.*

### May 2009

*Bill Randolph, RV-8 Owner/Builder, will speak on "Touring the world in an RV-8"*

### June 2009

*Hank Huddlestrom will talk about "Sixty-three years of Building & Aviating"*

## Presidents Corner *continued*

sible and look where we are today! If you would, please look up the Founder's Wing ([www.eaa.org/founderswing](http://www.eaa.org/founderswing)) and consider a contribution. I think EAA is pretty unique in that the materials/collections are still available to be preserved!



I'd also like to summarize the Chapter's activities in 2008 – We had an excellent year in the Young Eagles program. Hundreds of kids of all ages were flown, probably an equal number of Rib Builders. We sponsored two excellent Air Academy students. We had 3 EAA National awards – Achievement, Web Editor and News Letter Editor.

Lots of lunch flyouts, and the visit to Cal Pacific Aero. And we had a great set of speakers and topics for the meetings. Our web site has a new look and easier access to info. Lots of positives. But looking ahead, we need to recruit new members, get more people involved, especially in Young Eagles. And I still want to hear more from our builders (where are they!!?)



Hope to see you at the Party, Dec 4.

Remember, No General Meeting in January, See you in February



# In the Right Seat

By Terri Gorman

In summation of 2008, I will say we had a great year. As Vice President of EAA Chapter 62, my job description is to replace our President, Andy Werback, when he's off on one of his many Lancair Expeditions, however, I think I only replaced him one time. My other job is to provide our guest speakers. Listing my guest speakers three months in advance gave all of you a heads up as to which speaker will be speaking at our chapter and it gave me a chance to juggle speakers around who may have a sudden impending problem, the latter of which only happened two times when I had to juggle Larry Jobe, who spoke on the Flying Tigers, and Paul Tanks, Light Sport Airplanes West, and when Jeff Lo had to cancel out, I was able to invite Dr. Tiffany Davies, the Aviation Examiner that we all enjoy having her attend our meetings and give us all the latest tips on passing our next FAA medicals. I was very fortunate that I did not receive any Text Messages from my speakers at the last minute telling me of their transportation problems. So, for me, the job as Vice President went smoothly in 2008. I have been setting up my list of prospective speakers for 2009 with three confirmed for February-March-April. If there is any speaker that you think the chapter would like to have as a speaker, please email me and/or call me and I will be glad to contact them.



Another thing I do in my spare time, and I don't think I'm wearing any special hat or receiving any awards from National, I do monthly fly-outs, weather permitting. Topping off the fly-outs for 2008 had to be our fly / drive to Salinas and a tour of Cal Pacific Airmotive on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-eight people attended the presentation by Lori Teeters, daughter of Art Teeters, who is the owner of Cal Pacific Airmotive located at the Salinas Airport. We had EAA members from Concord, Hollister, South County and Reid Hillview in attendance, plus one future EAA Chapter 62 member, Gary Vosters, who is a pilot at Reid Hillview Airport. We, also, had a few members of SCAPA, South County Airport Pilots Association. Cal Pacific Airmotive was restoring another P-51 for Jack Roush. Several of Cal Pacific's P-51's are housed in Kermit Weeks hangar in Florida. After the tour, we had lunch at the restaurant at the Salinas Field. Several homebuilts flew in and among them was the newest built homebuilt for our chapter, an RV-10 built by Roger Standley. Roger flew in with his wife, Jan, and their son. Roger, also, built a nice bright red KitFox. What's next, Roger? Can't stop at two.

Our President, Andy Werback, built a Lancair Legacy which we all know is up and flying; in his spare time, he's building a Skybolt in his hangar at Reid Hillview, and he recently picked up a Lancair Legacy RG/ retractable gear which, with Andy's great speed in building, we will see it flying in a short time.

Boyd Blue came in with Ed Rosiak in Ed's Lancair. A Concord EAA member flew his Glastar down and was able to meet Boyd Blue, another owner-builder of a Glastar. Rusty

Wells filled up his Cessna 182RG with Bob Meuse and

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### Shop & Swap — OPEN

# November 2008 Meeting Photos



Rusty gets the drinks ready.



Randy gets the noodles ready.



Watching the food cook.



Hangar talk.



Come and get it!



Jessica enjoys the food.



Checking out the Legacy RG.



Andy open the meeting.



Jessica talks about her aerobatic flying.



Andy and Terri give a certificate of appreciation to Jessica.

## In the Right Seat *continued*

Mark Wainwright. Mark is building a Falco with help from the folks at Aircrafters at Salinas. Our mechanic, Brian Stout, owner of Flying S Aviation and located in Vern Millers former hangar, flew his beautiful Christen Eagle in from South County along with a member of SCAPA. Allen Roark came down in his Skipper. With winds at 18G23 (that's shorthand for 18 knots gusting to 23), we opted to drive down, as did Roger Kopp and Richard Moriarty, and Andrea and Jeff West. Andrea visited with Jeff's brother and his family who live near Salinas while Jeff took the tour of the facility. Gilbert Garcia and his partner, on their 'award winning' Aeronca Sedan, based at Frazier Lake, drove down. Gary Vosters and friend flew down in Cherokee. Gary, Allen and I all got our private ticket around the same time, almost 4 years ago, and except for me, did their training at Reid Hillview. Don VonRaesfeld, our new Membership Chairman, and Jim Rainey drove down in Don's van. Don leaves at 9 AM on Sunday morning for a week long trip to Hawaii to celebrate his anniversary, although Jim says, Don plans on going to the Aviation Museum in Oahu. I'm sure I missed a few names in this write-up as, with 28 people, it was hard to contact everyone, but I know each and every person had a great visit with Lori Teeters, and as Roger Kopp, our outgoing Membership Chairman said, "This is a tour not to be missed." According to Lori, it takes, approximately, 7 years to complete a plane, so our chapter will plan another visit in a couple of years as there will be some changes made to the wings and fuselage that we saw at this visit.

The AOPA Convention was a great success in San Jose and I know many of our members helped out at both San Jose International and at Reid Hillview Airport. The next AOPA Convention will be in Tampa, FL in November. The Airport Manager of Tampa spoke to Chris Nucci, Operations Manager at RHV, to find out what he did to run everything so smoothly. There were comments from the attendees, "This is run much better than Palm Springs." "We've never seen so many volunteers." "We didn't know Reid Hillview was such a nice, friendly airport. We will be back." Many thanks to all who put in many hours to help out. As a team, we made it successful.

Topping off my experience with the AOPA Convention was having lunch with Paul Poberezny, speaking to him and having him give me a big 'aviation hug, plus a little kiss on the side of my cheek.' Paul and I talked about EAA and he thanked me for all that our chapter has done in support of EAA. He sent his best wishes to our chapter. I gave him one of our award winning newsletters so he could read it on his flight home. This was Paul's first flight on an airliner since 2001.

On a sad note, Bob and I and many others lost a dear friend, Captain Woodie Spears, Tuskegee Airmen. Woodie Spears was one of my speakers at the

Hiller Aviation Museum in February of 2005. No one was a stranger to Woodie. He loved everyone and would always greet us with a hug and always thanked me for what I did for 'them', meaning the Tuskegee Airmen at Hiller. Woodie was 84 years old. Last year, he drove to Ohio for a P-51 Fly In. He had a lot of energy and a big heart. Unfortunately, he passed away of a heart attack early in 2008. Bob and I feel very lucky to have met and known such a great person. We will never forget him and we support the Tuskegee Airmen.

Did you have fun at the Christmas Party? I know you did if you attended. My helpers this year were Dottie Moriarty, Barbarba Wardrip and Kathy Sturr. I suggested to the Board, with the downfall of the economy, we may want to return to a Potluck in a warm room, however, all of the Board agreed we will continue going to a restaurant.

In 2009, I am going to be wearing another hat, but not under EAA Chapter 62. Somehow, I got talked into helping out at Golden West Fly In and I will be planning an outing for non-interested attendees, usually spouses. My plan will be to take folks off the field to an Indian Casino or some place of interest and it will be an all day event. There will be a nominal fee, so keep that in mind when you plan on attending the Golden West Fly-In to bring your non-interested spouse and I will make sure they enjoy the weekend, away from the airport. I will be working with John Gibson, the EAA West Coast Coordinator for Golden West. Feel free to volunteer to help me. I won't say, no thanks.

On or about January 20<sup>th</sup> 2009, we have a new president in the United States, and in January 2009, we have most of our former officers, except for me as I'm stepping down as Secretary and giving that job, a very simple job, to Wolfgang, our Webmaster. Don VonRaesfeld will be Membership Chairman. We still need a Young Eagles Coordinator and Jeff West will be happy to guide you in the direction of running a successful team. Remember, anyone bringing in a new member gets a flight on Andy's Lancair.

See you at the February Meeting. David Cunningham, EAA Chapter 62 member and President of the Tuskegee Airmen, San Francisco Branch, will be our guest speaker, and appropriately, February is designated Black Pilots Month, so in salute to all of these pilots, please do not miss this meeting.

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## NOTAMS

With the sale of Amelia Reid Aviation comes a new name: Aerodynamic Flight Training.

Zdravko, a Chapter 62 member, is the owner of Aerodynamic Flight Training. The school has several Sport Pilot Planes for flight training. Check them out.

# Photos From RHV and AOPA Convention



Waiting for visitors.



Turbine powered Cessna P210 (It's for sale by the way).



The fuel trucks wait for business.



The view from taxiway Delta.



Mark says "Where are all the visitors."



The shuttle buses wait for passengers.

Aspen Avionics new PDF, one of the hottest booths at the convention.



# Photos From RHV and AOPA Convention *continued*



LoPresti (Bede) Wheel Pants with doors open (note that the pants are upside down).



Wheel Pants with the doors closed.

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**General Meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2009**

**Board Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2009**

***February Speakers: David Cunningham, President of the Tuskegee Airmen,  
San Francisco Branch***

**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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