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Calendar of Events

Thursday, July 2, 2009

General Meeting

6:30pm – Hangar Flying, with the best hot dog dinner in town.

7:30pm - Meeting

Guest Speaker: Bryan and Sherrie Wood - RV9A to the Bahamas

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Board Meeting

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

Upcoming Speakers

August 13, 2009

Chapter members will reports on their AirVenture experience

Where Do We Meet

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Newsletter Deadline

Articles need to be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter

“It’s a small world...”

Chapter 93 Young Eagles Event

By Don Ripp

Once again, it was up to mother nature as to the success of a Chapter 93 event as we gathered at Blackhawk Airport (87Y) on Saturday, June 6th. With rain in the forecast for later that morning, some 10 Chapter 93 members waited for the first Young Eagles to arrive. We had four aircraft ready with pilots and once the kids did arrive, we got busy giving rides. Of the parents I talked with, many commented on what a great event and opportunity this was for their children and could not stop smiling while talking about it. A couple of kids changed their minds at the last minute about a ride and were content sitting in a plane and learning about the controls and instrument functions. I bet they'll be back for a ride at the next event!

I had one such young man, an 8-year-old who wasn't quite certain about a ride, but as he spent time talking with other pilots, he thought he ought to at least sit in the plane and talk with me about the ride: How high we would fly? Would it be bumpy? Is it noisy? And, how long would we be up? I mentioned that if he wanted to go, we could take off and if he did not like it we could certainly come right back to the pattern and land. (The ride for the day was about 20 minutes!) He agreed and away we went. As we taxied out, the questions started again (all very good questions!). He commented as we held for takeoff, "I saw you in this plane earlier today here as my mom and I watched from the road and you waved at us before taking off." Once we took off and before we left the pattern I asked him how it was going and he said, "THIS IS GREAT, but let's not go too high..."

As I leveled off at "ride altitude" I told him that this is how high we are going and again asked if he was okay with things. He said he was fine and then asked more questions. As we flew over his home town, he was able to spot his grade school and commented; "Now I've really got something to put in my journal on Monday!" We tried to find his house but could not. I think he was having some fun now.

Back on the ground he had all smiles and "thumbs up" for mom and could not stop talking about the ride. As I signed his Young Eagles Certificate, he could hardly pick it up as he was loaded down with past issues of *Sport Aviation*. I shook his hand and thanked him for coming by. And as a famous radio man would say, "And now, The Rest Of The Story!"

Tuesday afternoon as I sat at the PC at work with my back to the office door, someone came in and said, "Hey Don that was sure nice of you to give my son a plane ride on Saturday. He really enjoyed it and hasn't stopped talking about it since!" Turns out that this Young Eagle is the son of one of my co-workers and they did not realize the pilot's connection with dad's work until they got home and dad saw the certificate and read the name. "It is a small world!"

Upcoming Speakers continued

September 3, 2009

*Dave Saylor, RV owner-builder,
owner of AirCrafters at
Watsonville*

October 1, 2009

*Lee Behel, Lancair Pilot, flying at
the Reno Air Races*

November 5, 2009

*Jay Skovbjerg, will be talking
about flying Solo to Alaska in a
Cozy III*

December 2009

To be announced

Young Eagles Events

Jul 18, 2009

Young Eagles at Reid-Hillview

Aug 8, 2009

*Young Eagles at Reid-Hillview
This event is in conjunction with
Kids Take Flight.*

Sep 12, 2009

*Young Eagles in Palo Alto This is
the tentative date for the Palo
Alto Airport Day.*

Oct 17, 2009

*Young Eagles in South County
This is the final Young Eagles
event for the year.*

Presidents Corner

By Andy Werback

Where did it go?

I need to confess, my input for the newsletter is late. Very late. I'm going to pin it all on the Moffett Field Young Eagle event of last Saturday, June 27.

But first, to wrap up the June meeting, I'd like to thank Mark Wainwright for telling us about his Falco project. Mark seems to be making good progress, but this is a pretty detailed and time-consuming project. Hopefully he will be making engine noises someday soon!

The Moffett YE event was something we haven't done for many years. Larry Reed was instrumental in getting this started, working through his NASA contacts. Russ Todd picked up the ball and started organizing things. Then, late in the game I was contacted by Dean McCully, Lisa Bickford and John Blair, about providing some help. As you know, Dean's organization has a lot of contacts, with pilots, volunteers, and potential passengers. He also has an on-line web signup available so that people can schedule their time, rather than waiting in line for hours. Since we needed pilots, volunteers, and we weren't at all certain how many young people we would get from our announcements, this seemed like a pretty good match. Anyway, to make a long story short, Dean and his friends provided a lot of help, we had a lot of local kids show up, and I think by and large, this was a very successful event. About 29 pilots, 258 Young Eagles, 40 or so volunteers. Certainly there are things that can be done better, but congratulations and thanks to the Chapter volunteers, to all the Pilots (who had to jump through all sorts of insurance hoops and permission requests in order to land at Moffett), all the volunteers, the Moffett staff, and everybody else who had a hand in this.

Hopefully, Bob got some good pictures, we had a couple of C130s and F18s taxi out and takeoff, Brian McShurley and his ground crew did an award winning job of airplane marshalling, so hats off to everybody.



In the Right Seat

By Terri Gorman

By the time you read this newsletter, EAA Chapter 62 will have had a successful Young Eagle Event at Moffett Field. This is the first time in many years that EAA Chapter 62 has flown Young Eagles at Moffett and there's only one person to thank for coordinating this event with NASA and that is none other than our former chapter president, Larry Reed, so when you see Larry, give him a good 'pat on the back' for a job well done. Of course, we can't forget to thank our many pilots and ground crew who gave up Saturday, June 27th to help to make this a successful event and, hopefully, next year, our chapter can return to Moffett. Without Larry's suggestions and all his efforts, we would not have made it back into Moffett. So again, thanks, Larry, for a job well done. And, if you have nothing scheduled for 2010, our chapter will be looking for a new President and Vice President.



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Our guest speaker for July will be Bryan Wood. Bryan and his wife, Sherrie, joined 8 other Van's RV Homebuilt Aircraft and flew from Florida to the Bahamas. Bryan's wife, Sherrie, grew up in an aviation family. She flew as a passenger many times with her Dad. Presently, her father flies a beautiful Commanche and it is based at Reid Hillview. Bryan built an RV9 and completed it in 2004. The color scheme is very American, the colors of our American flag: red, white and blue including stars. Recently, Bryan and Sherrie flew their plane to North Dakota and shared the tarmac with the USAF Thunderbirds, also, red, white and blue. Bryan is based at Reid Hillview and is active in the Santa Clara County Airmen's Association. Last year, he joined our chapter on a few of our Flying Gourmet Fly Outs.

July 10-11-12, Airfest at Nevada County Airport, Grass Valley

Come and join us as we attend the Airfest at Nevada County Airport. On Friday night, there will be a dinner and a dance, dancing to the music of Glenn Miller. Dinner and dance is \$35 each and dance only is \$15. Saturday morning, the local EAA Chapter will host a pancake breakfast. The rest of the day will be filled with walking off the flight line of homebuilt, war birds, classics. There is no camping on the field, but there are several motels within a short distance of the airport. More info at: www.ncairfest.com

Membership Notes

By Don Von Raesfeld

Not very much to report this month. We did not have any new members join the Chapter last month so no new members to welcome.

I would like to remind all the members of the upcoming Young Eagles event at Moffett Field on June 27, 2009. We are expecting a large turnout and can always use more volunteers. You can contact Russ Todd if you are able to help.



Our guest speaker in May was Bill Randolph. He talked about his solo flight around the world in his RV8. Before Bill's presentation I asked him if it would be OK to video tape his talk. He said he had no problem with that. If anyone is interested I made up a couple of DVD's and if you would like to borrow them I would be happy to lend them to you.

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General Meeting: Thursday, July 2, 2009

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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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