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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Meeting, June 2

EAA Chapter 62 Board Meeting

June 9 at 7:30 in the Terminal Building, all welcome.

Golden West Fly-In

June 10, 11, and 12 at Marysville Airport. Alternative Engine Round-Up will be at Marysville for the first time this year; chapter member Mike Francis will be demonstrating his geared Corvair engine. All the usual cool stuff.

Columbia Airport Fathers' Day Fly-In

June 18 & 19 See www.fathersday-flyin.com and Terri's article in this issue.

Chapter 338 Builders' Motivation Day

June 18 Noon at RHV transient parking: many homebuilts will be on display. Come check them out.

Editor's apology

The editor notes that he wrote the wrong month for some of the upcoming events in last month's issue. I hope that no one was misled.

June Event: Barbecue at John Castner's house, come see his Sonex project.

John will be hosting the monthly meeting at his house in the Shasta Hanchett Park neighborhood of San Jose. Expect a good look at John's project, the usual excellent hot dogs prepared by Rusty Wells and Randy Wilde, and a look at old San Jose.



Sonex

Very long URL for map to John Castner's house. I hope you can click it.

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EAA Chapter 62's June meeting will be held at John Castner's house, 1288 Hester Avenue in San Jose. GPS shortcut: the zip code is 95126.

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

6:30 PM General Meeting
7:30 PM Presentation

President's Column, by Wolfgang Polak

The Wings of History Open House was a great success. Russ Todd did an exceptional job organizing and running the Young Eagles event. We flew a total of 315 kids, which must be a record for a single day, at least for our chapter. Thanks to all the pilots and ground crew.

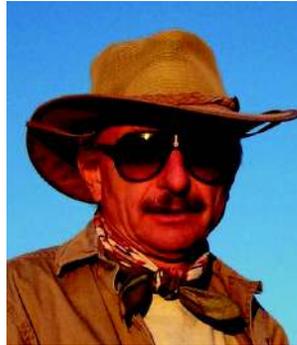
I missed the May meeting and the controller presentation. We tried another FAA WINGS seminar but somehow these seminars don't bring us the new members we had hoped for. Thanks to Andy Werback, we now have a flier describing our activities. We'll post this at area airports and hand it out at aviation events. Thanks to Konstantin Blank's gracious donation, we can promise to enter all new members in a drawing for an aviation transceiver. On my trip to Toronto and back, I talked with a member from EAA chapter 260 in Lansing, Illinois. Their chapter is suffering the same problem as we: an aging, shrinking membership. So the membership problem does not seem to be unique to us.

The August meeting will consist of reports from OSH, so all of us staying behind can find out what's new. If you're going, please bring back lots of pictures and stories to share. We'll also have our air academy candidates talk at the August meeting. And remember, due to OSH, the August meeting will be one week later than normal. Because of that we won't be able to use the terminal building for our meeting. But thanks to John Castner and Zdravko we can have our August meeting in the Aerodynamic hangar.

For our summer picnic we'll be trying something new. We will have it at the airport, bring out our aircraft and trade some rides. The date has been set for Saturday, September 24th, after the Palo Alto Airport Day (September 10) and after the Reno air races. We'll start at 11 AM setting up the BBQ on the terminal lawn and go flying between bites.

Happy Flying

Wolfgang Polak



British Tiger



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New Member's Profile, by Mark Wainwright

Our newest member, **Marjorie Bachman**, graduated in the first class of women at the U.S. Naval Academy. During her six years of active duty, Marjorie was a missions officer on Navy EC-130 aircraft, and was a primary flight instructor in T-28Bs and T-34Cs.

After leaving active service, Marjorie worked for Northwest Airlines as a flight engineer on Boeing 727s and a first officer on 757s.

After taking time out to raise a family, Marjorie reentered flying as an independent contract pilot. She currently works as a CFI, CFII, and MEI, and is based at Watsonville Airport.



Marjorie with Tecnam Sierra

Harris Ranch Fly-In, by Konstantin Blank

The Harris Ranch Fly-in was a success. It was a combination of EAA Chapter 62, \$100 hamburger meet-up group (you should join !!), and my Facebook pilot friends.

Approximately 30 people and 20 aircraft (including a Robinson R44) showed up, including two new Tecnam LSAs brought by Gryphon McArthur, the Tecnam dealer!! New member Marjorie Bachman piloted the second Tecnam.

Next year's Harris Ranch will be on Saturday, April 21 so mark your calendars!

Thanks!

Harris Ranch participants



Robinson R44



Pinch Hitter Flights Offered by Trade Winds Aviation

by Terri Gorman

Trade Winds Aviation provides Pinch Hitter flights for nonpilots throughout the year. The purpose of the Pinch Hitter program is to train a non-pilot basic flying skills in just one day! Pinch Hitter courses can be taught in Trade Winds airplanes or your own by any Certified Flight Instructor. Please contact Tradewinds at (408) 729-5100 for more information.

NOTAMS for Columbia Fly-In, by Terri Gorman

Come and join us at the Columbia Air Show in the Gold Country of California. This event occurs every year on Fathers Day Weekend. My mate and I will be flying in on Friday evening and camping at the Pilots-Only Campground, which is a few steps from where the Santa Clara County Airmen (and Air Ladies) hang out in their prestigious motorhome. The sounds of corks popping and laughter can be heard throughout the campground. I'm sure we would all be welcomed to join them. Several of our 99s are members of this group.

If you will be flying in on Saturday, plan your ETA at 11 AM. The airport closes on Saturday and Sunday between the hours of Noon to 3 PM. I will meet up with you at the small Administration Office. If

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Young Eagles at South County, by Russ Todd

Someone said we made a new record on the Young Eagles event at the Wings of History Open House on May 14. I haven't been able to confirm it, but in any case it's right up there with the best of them.

There were a lot of people all lined up against the fence patiently waiting to get a flight: Moms, Dads, Grandmothers and Grandfathers and kids. One lady was there with her son when I arrived at 7:30. We started at 9 AM, took a



break from 11:20 until 12:30 and continued till 2 PM. It turns out that 315 kids got flights in 21 planes and 1 helicopter flown by 22 pilots. It was a wonderful busy, cool day with a nice 3500-foot overcast: just enough to keep the heat of the day down.

The wind didn't come up too strongly either except for a short time in the middle of the afternoon. Of course when that happened the papers flew, a foot got caught in the printer cord and down went the printer onto the ground. It came up with some new cracks in the plastic moldings on its top and it didn't work any more. I think it was Mark Wainwright who fixed it with a borrowed pair of scissors. Whew, we were back in operation printing out certificates. That was scary for a couple of minutes or so.

The pilots of course did a great job. I was surprised and pleased with the show of 21 airplanes and a helicopter. Of course, the helicopter flew the most with 78 YEs. Larry Fernandez and Bob Belanger switched off at the controls for 46 and 32 YEs, respectively. Of the winged aircraft, Gary Niva flew the most. He flew 39 YEs! Gary was there to fly the kids: he kept doing it and he didn't want to quit at the end of the day. Armin Abusaidi and Bob Leitch were next with 24, followed by Brian Stout and Rusty Wells, each with 23. Those were the high numbers but in another sense all the numbers are great and important because they were needed to add up to the 315 YE flights.



The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) members did a great job with the wing ribs. Each time I got a look at what was

Columbia Fathers' Day, cont'

you plan on attending, RSVP by Thursday, June 17th. I doubt my cell phone works in that area.

If your arrival is on Friday, June 17th, arrive before 5 PM so you can join us for the \$5.00 Burger Burn, which supports the local EAA Chapter.

On Saturday and Sunday morning, breakfast will be at the campground in the Pilots Lounge.

NOTAMS:

Temporary Tower: 127.9

Ground: 121.05

Fly-In Camping: \$8.00

Airport Closure: Noon to 3 PM, Saturday and Sunday



Columbia Airport from above



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Young Eagles, cont'

going on, the construction tent was crowded with kids building ribs and LULAC members guiding them. This was the first time that Wings of History supplied lunch, which was really nice and well appreciated. They brought three kinds of sandwiches: veggie, ham and cheese, and hotdogs. I counted 37 volunteers and that's the number of sandwiches they sent to us. The sandwiches disappeared fast.

Janet Hinojosa did a wonderful job entering names and printing certificates. It turns out that we did run out of certificates right at the end, but Rusty Wells said he would print the missing ones and send them along to OSH. I saw Lisa Bickford keeping the pilots busy by assigning kids in rapid succession. Out on the flight line John Castner and Russ Todd (my son) did a fine job of marshalling the planes under the masterful direction of Mark Kadaicha, the Flight Line Boss. Actually, everyone was working like the dickens all the time. All efforts were very much appreciated and there are more names than I can remember who should



be mentioned; they all made the Young Eagle Event a wonderful success and possibly a record. Thank you all. See you all on the 25th of June at the Reid Hillview Airport Day.



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Memorial Weekend flight in Brian's Marquart Charger, by Mike Francis

EAA 62 members Brian Dal Porto and Mike Francis ventured to the Hollister Air Show on Saturday, May 28th, riding atop Brian's MA-5 Marquart Charger. An early start meant they could be in and out of the event before the airport closed at 11 AM.

Brian shares his hangar with the beautiful freshly painted (and second) Lancair of Andy Werback. Rolling out into the fresh morning air, pre-flight was accomplished, and Mike was briefed on the fine art of pouring a quart-sized derriere in to a pint-sized cockpit.

Heading towards the gap in the ridge on the transit to UTC, Mike learned his first open cockpit lesson: don't hang your camera out in the 100 knot plus slipstream. Even labradors hanging out of SUV windows at highway speeds know that simple rule. The O-290 is remarkably smooth in that airframe, hardly any vibration at all.

Brian let Mike take the controls about ten miles out of Hollister, taking over again on the first radio call to the Hollister Unicom. A couple of Eagles were making low passes and smoke as they set up for the left base of 31.

Parked next to an AT-6 Texan, the diminutive Charger did draw quite a lot of attention. The Ding-A-Ling café "topped off the tanks", and after a brief walk for the early arrivals, they were back in the air again by 10:30 AM. The return flight threaded the ridge line gap and overflew Anderson Reservoir by 1000'—quite a rewarding and evocative sight for the breakfasting residents on a Memorial Day weekend.



Preflight



Anderson Reservoir

To top off the memorable day's events, what better for Mike than to be flicking through the cable channels that evening, and catch the last hour of *Fly Boys*, right on cue. When you consider that those guys were performing those maneuvers only around 12 years after "the first flight", those feats and acquired skills while controlling an airborne weapons platform were even more remarkable.

Many thanks to Brian Dal Porto for giving up his Saturday morning, when he had a chores list as long as his arm with which to contend.



The Team



Membership Notes by Donald Von Raesfeld, Jr.

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Our last General Meeting held on May 5, was once again very well attended largely in part due to the fact that it was again a “WINGS SEMINAR”. The topic was “Meet your RHV Tower Controller - Michael Fries”. Michael gave a very informative presentation. He talked about operations at RHV, gave us some insight into what the controllers go through, and spent a good amount of time answering questions from those in attendance. It was a very good presentation. Thank you, Michael Fries.

The meeting was called to order about 6:40 PM by Vice President John Castner. President Wolfgang Polak was out of town. Ron Carmichael gave a report on the recent Mount Pleasant High School field trip to RHV and thanked those members who helped make it a success. Members who were involved with this event were Wolfgang Polak, John Castner, Andy Werbeck, Russ Todd, and Konstantin Blank. Stops on the tour were Aerodynamic Aviation, Nice Air, RHV Tower, Victory Hangar, and the RHV Terminal. Russ Todd also set up a Flight Sim in the Amelia Reid Conference Room and gave all the students a chance to fly the sim.

Konstantin Blank gave a report on the recent Fly-Out to Harris Ranch that he organized for April 23. About 30 people showed up for this event including Mark Wainwright with Konstantin in a Warrior and myself with Rusty Wells in his 182RG. Konstantin emphasized that he intends to make this an annual event. The next Fly-Out to Harris Ranch will be on April 21, 2012. Mark your calendars. We had a really good time. Let’s get more members from 62 to participate.

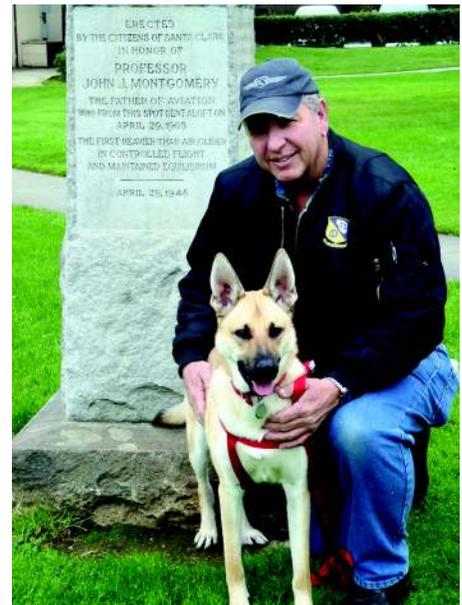
Russ Todd, our Young Eagles Coordinator, talked about the Young Eagles event to be held at South County during the WINGS OF HISTORY OPEN HOUSE on May 14, 2011. I was unable to attend this event as my oldest son Mark, Jeff West, and I drove down to Chino for the PLANES OF FAME AIRSHOW.

A rep from Angel Flight gave a short presentation on their program and asked for volunteers. Requirements for pilots can be found at www.angelflightwest.org. You do not have to be a pilot to volunteer.

Chapter business concluded shortly after 7:00 PM and the “WINGS SEMINAR” began.

Membership in our Chapter is currently rather low. We only have a total of 43 paid members at this time. The Board of Directors is discussing possible ways to increase our membership base but if any of you have any ideas let me or one of the other Board Members or Officers know. We have a good Chapter with some great people and we do a lot of good things. We hold several Young Eagle Events each year, we send two applicants to the EAA Air Academy each year, have Fly-Outs, an annual BBQ, our Holiday party, meetings every month with a guest speaker and Rusty’s and Randy’s Hot Dog Dinners, and our Award Winning Newsletter. Let’s make this a great Chapter. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Don Von Raesfeld, Jr





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