

President's Corner

Jon Garliepp

Any of the members who didn't get to attend the February meeting missed a great presentation about Andy Werback's experience of two weeks of intensive airplane building at the

Lancair factory in Oregon. He was able to make giant steps forward in building his Lancair airplane. He then had an open house at his hangar (see pictures on the web site) showing us the results. Thanks Andy.



We had four guests at the February meeting, Michael Shebanon, Lorin Dueck, Key Dismukes and George Black, and some are now members - welcome! We sent out 100 postcard invitations to our meeting in February, and so far we have heard back from two recipients. We will send out 100 more this month. Guests are always welcome and encouraged to join in at all events.

Air Academy information and an application are available on-line. Pass the word around, help us find a deserving candidate or two to send to Oshkosh Air Academy, boy or girl, 16 to 18 years old, a relative, friend or neighbor, get an application, fill it out, and turn it in.

Dues - It is that time of the year, dues are coming in, but if you haven't sent yours in yet, now is the time to do so.

Upcoming Events - Check the calendar here in the newsletter and on the web site. We have had to adjust some of the dates because of conflicts. The Board is working hard for all of us to have an interesting and fun year.

We are in need of a Membership Chairman. We are looking for someone to volunteer, and this position takes only a small amount of time each month.

CHAPTER 62 EVENT SCHEDULE

- March 3 General Meeting
 Vern Miller Aviation
- March 10 Board Meeting - RHV Terminal Bldg.
- March 19 12 - 3 PM - Open Hangar/Garage
 Erik Wahlstrom's Garage
 Erik is building an Aero Mirage TC-2
- April 2 - 3 Flyout to Monterey
 Visit Martin Hollmann & the Aquarium
- April 7 General Meeting
 Vern Miller Aviation
- April 14 Board Meeting - RHV Terminal Building
- April 23 Flyout To Castle Air Museum
- May 7-8 Flyout To Columbia

**HAPPY EASTER and
ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**

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Calendar of Events

March

3/3 - General Meeting - 7:30 PM

Featuring Master CFI Max Trescott
Bay Area Flight Safety Issues
Vern Miller Aviation, Reid-Hillview Airport

3/5 - Frazier Lake Open House

Antique aircraft at Frazier Lake Airpark
<http://www.frazierlake.com>, 408-779-2356

3/10 - Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

Reid-Hillview Airport terminal building

3/19 - Erik Wahlstrom's Open Garage

12 - 3 PM, Erik Wahlstrom's Garage
See his Aero Mirage TC-2 under construction

April

4/2 - 4/3 (NEW DATES) - Monterey Flyout

Visit Martin Hollmann and the Aquarium. Consider staying overnight and go whale watching on Sunday.

4/7 - General Meeting - 7:30 PM

Vern Miller Aviation, Reid-Hillview Airport
Program to be announced.

4/12 - 18 - Sun 'n Fun

Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In, Lakeland, Florida.
Info at <http://www.sun-n-fun.org>,
phone 813-644-2431

4/14 - Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

Reid-Hillview Airport terminal building
Have you done your taxes yet?

4/23 - Castle Air Museum

Details to be announced.

May

5/5 - General Meeting - 7:30 PM

Vern Miller Aviation, Reid-Hillview Airport
Program to be announced.

5/7 - 5/8 - Wings of History Open House

Annual open house, Young Eagles flights possible

5/7- 5/8 (NEW DATES) - Columbia Fly-out

Flyout and camp at historic Columbia. For those that don't like roughing it, there are several B&B's and hotels available in the area.

5/12 - Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

Reid-Hillview Airport terminal building

5/13 - 5/15 - Southwest Regional Fly-in

EAA Southwest Regional Fly-in. New location at Hondo, TX (near San Antonio),
<http://www.swrfi.org>, phone 830-997-8802

5/19 - 5/21 - Hayward Proficiency Air Race

<http://www.hwdairrace.org>

5/27 - 5/29 - Watsonville Fly-in and Air Show

One of the premier flying events in Northern California, provides a wide array of activities for the entire family with a wide assortment of aircraft, food booths, aviation merchandise, fireworks, world-class air show performers, and static displays. Now going into its 41st year, the Fly-In & Air Show enjoys a reputation of being the best of its type in the San Francisco Bay Area. <http://www.watsonvilleflyin.org>

June

6/3 - 6/5 - Golden West Fly-in

Let's make it a Chapter flyout. Detail are at <http://www.goldenwestflyin.org/gwaahome.shtml>

**Don't forget the flyout to Martin Hollman's
in Monterey on April 2nd and 3rd, including
the visit to the aquarium!**



Editor's Desk

Jim Manley



SPACE SHIP ONE AND WHITE KNIGHT COMING TO EAA AIR VENTURE OSHKOSH 2005!

SpaceShipOne,
the world's first

successful civilian-built spaceship that captured the world's attention last fall by winning the \$10 million Ansari X Prize, is coming to Oshkosh! The history-making spacecraft and its carrier aircraft, White Knight, have been confirmed for arrival at EAA AirVenture, July 25th -31st at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh. This is the ONLY planned public appearance of these two aircraft in one place. Preliminary plans call for White Knight and SpaceShipOne to be at EAA AirVenture for the event's entire seven-day run. After arriving on Monday, July 25th, the aircraft will be available for up-close viewing on the main AeroShell Square showcase ramp until their departure on Sunday, July 31st. Burt Rutan, the airplanes' designer, and Mike Melvill, who last September flew the first of two missions required to win the \$10 million Ansari X Prize for civilian spaceflight, will lead a delegation from Rutan's company, Scaled Composites, at EAA AirVenture. Rutan and Melvill, both longtime EAA members, hosted a number of extremely popular presentations at EAA AirVenture 2004, shortly after SpaceShipOne's successful test flight to the outer edge of Earth's atmosphere. "Through the years, I have always enjoyed flying my designs to Oshkosh", Rutan said. "EAA has always been the place where aviation innovation is inspired and encouraged, and has been part of my life for more than 30 years. We are eagerly looking forward to bringing the aircraft to Oshkosh this summer." On September 29th, 2004, Melvill flew SpaceShipOne to 100 kilometers, and Brian Binnie followed up with the second flight on October 5th, over the Southern California desert. "I have heard from many EAA members and aviation enthusiasts since those flights, and I believe many of them are just as excited about the achievement as we are", Melvill said. EAA AirVenture 2005 will offer all attendees the opportunity to see the aircraft that accomplished that goal and hear from the main participants exactly how it occurred. "Everyone involved with EAA felt tremendous pride at the accomplishments of SpaceShipOne", Poberezny said. Now, at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh this year, we will have the chance to join together and celebrate this achievement, which

opens the second century of powered flight to a new horizon and even bigger possibilities.

HITCHHIN' A RIDE: USE EAA AIR VENTURE OSHKOSH RIDESHARE FOR TRAVELING TO OSHKOSH

Visit www.airventure.org/rideshare to find a pilot/driver with room, or to offer a ride to another EAA member. Private info is not displayed on the web site, and coordination is via direct e-mail only between the pilots/drivers and riders who are matched up.

HEAD BACK IN THE COCKPIT

I've resumed the in-flight portion of my instrument training, now that the weather is just rainy and cloudy, and not thundering and lightning. See you at the meetings, on the ramp, in the pattern, around the clouds ... and hopefully in some sun, for a change! ... Jim



YOUR PERSONAL ADS WANTED HERE - FOR FREE!

FOR RENT: Airventure Housing available

We will be out of town that week and would like the opportunity to let an EAA family use it for the week. Erwin Polenz, N1488 Fairwinds Dr., Greenville, WI 54942 Contact: Erwin Polenz at 1-920-757-6054

FOR SALE: Ford V6 with a 2-to-1 reduction drive
A Ford V6 with a 2-to-1 reduction drive unit has been donated to our Chapter, it is all assembled, and it was to be installed in an airplane, but it did not happen. We want to sell this unit, and it comes with a propeller and a radiator. Jack Bowlus has the information on this (he has the same unit in his airplane)

Contact Jack Bowlus at 831-637-1137 or e-mail lae_pue@hotmail.com

HANGAR SPACE FOR RENT: Looking for Pitts S-1, Smith Mini Plane, or other similar size aircraft to share space in Old County Hangar with our Cardinal for \$200/month. Contact Alan M. Craig at 408-923-2308 or 408-404-8541 or e-mail acraig@us.ibm.com.

Meeting Minutes



Ron Carmichael

GENERAL MEETING

February 3rd - Vern Miller Aviation

President Garliepp called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Guests tonight were Michael Shebanow, Lorin Dueck (Starting a 9A), Key Dismukes (looking for hangar space for his airplane) and George Black.

Utilizing only two zip codes from the local EAA data base, we sent out only 100 post cards (out of 800 possible) inviting EAA members to Chapter 62 Meetings. So far, we have only a 2% return (George and Key), but this is still very early. We will continue to evaluate.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Randy Wilde. The Bldg. Fund has \$2,703.00, the Education Fund has \$2,692.32, and the General Fund has \$4,614.06. The total in our checking account is \$10,009.38. No big surprises. The sum of \$400 went out in January for reserving two slots for the Air Academy (one male and one female). We did have a much-appreciated February gift from member Alec Piplani, for the Education fund for \$200. Those who wanted to pay their membership fee in cash were told to see Randy at the coffee/donut break. Dues for the year should be paid now. Many took advantage of Randy's offer tonight.

Membership Chairman, Jon Garliepp, had several badges which he handed out to those new members present. Replacement badges are \$6.00. Any new members who have not received a badge should remind Jon ASAP.

Wolfgang Polak said that there is nothing new to report about the website except that you can now print out a calendar of future events which makes things much easier to read. This will be especially helpful in the coming weeks and months since we have quite a few events coming up.

Jon Garliepp reported on some possible scheduling conflicts for events. Check the website for current info.

On March 19th, we will visit Eric Wahlstrom and his Aeromirage TC-2 project. Details are being worked out.

Jon asked for a show of hands for those who would like to take the Intrepid Airman Newsletter online. Many raised their hands. Wolfgang passed around a sign up list to those who indicated they'd like it on-line. This saves the Chapter money!

This evening's program was presented by member Andy Werback. We were treated to a wonderful visual experience of what it's like to start a Lancair Legacy at the factory in Bend Oregon. Andy spent two weeks there and got a really good start. We will visit his project in Hanger L14 at RHV this coming Saturday, and all are welcome.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9 PM.

Officers and Board Members present were: Jon Garliepp, Brian Dal Porto, Randy Wilde, Ron Carmichael, Rolland La Pelle, Jim Manley, Wolfgang Polak, and Rusty Wells.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Carmichael
Secretary

BOARD MEETING

February 10th - Reid-Hillview Terminal Building

President Jon Garliepp was out of town. Vice President Brian Dal Porto called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Our Guest this evening was Jack Hocker, Safety Program Manager for the San Jose FSDO. He explained the need he has for our folding chairs on an emergency basis. It seems that his program has taken off to such a degree that many of the Safety Seminars have been held with overflow crowds.

We will also be in contact with the RHV Airport Association to coordinate changes. Jack pointed out that in the worst case scenario where chairs were lost or damaged, we are protected via the Federal Claims Torts Act and would be reimbursed for any loss.

The minutes from the February 3 General Meeting were read and approved. Next, Treasurer Randy Wilde presented the latest Chapter 62 financial picture which is now available on the web site. Randy also explained that the bill for the Christmas turkey will be coming in soon and should be about \$75. Randy reported that Michael Shabanow and Key Dismukes joined the Chapter at the General Meeting and that the web site shows the members who are paid up on their membership. Randy presented Brian Dal Porto with the Certificate of Insurance. Randy said he needs to get a letter to Rusty Wells who has been supplying the hot dog dinner materials for at least ¾ of last year. This letter would be for tax purposes. Rolland LaPelle discussed the importance of keeping our 501(c)3 non profit charitable classification and included some history on getting the designation. There was some discussion on putting the Building Fund into a more desirable interest earning account – at least in the future, as interest rates/inflation rise. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Vice President Brian Dal Porto reported on the new Air Academy Application. Brian and his wife, Paulette put a lot of effort into this. It included a picture of the Academy Residence building. Wolfgang Polak will put it on the website when a final draft is made. A discussion ensued about distribution to schools (private and public) and the Explorers. Larry Reed described his experiences in this area. Several board members volunteered to distribute to various high schools. Age limit is 16 to 18. Brian said that last year’s attendee volunteered to speak to high schoolers. The website for the EAA Air Academy is listed on the last page of the application. We have only 6 weeks to get stuff out and get it back. We may not be able to get all the process improvements we would like done in the short time available this year.

A discussion ensued on the Calendar of Events. March 19th we will meet at Eric Wahlstrom’s to see his Aeromirage project. Terri Gorman reported that Allen Roark (out of town), Young Eagles Coordinator, is waiting to hear about the YE schedule. YE will fly at RHV on April 9th.

Terri will report this to Allen. The flyout to Columbia is changed to May 7th/8th. Another YE Event will be May 14th/15th at South County. Ron Carmichael reported that the Monterey Flyout date of April 2 is firm. A discussion was held on possible ways to reduce Aquarium entrance fees. Annual membership at the Aquarium results in several free passes for guests. Wolfgang suggested facilitating entrance for our members so we do not have to wait in a long line. Ron will work on this. Wolfgang Polak reported he has scheduled an April flyout to Castle.

We may get an “open cockpit” event as we had last time. Brian received a newsletter from Ed Owens’ group, Chapter 1264 in Hollister. Brian will contact Ed Owens trying to get a Poker Run going with our several area Chapters.

Wolfgang Polak reported on the Website and announced that members may want to check out the “Shop and Swap” for info on lodging at Oshkosh. Wolfgang also reported that he will send out another 100 postcards to get new members to our next meeting (Program: Max Trescott).

Lastly, he said that he will put a signup on the web site for the Monterey Flyout.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Officers and Board Members present were: Brian Dal Porto, Randy Wilde, Rolland LaPelle, Ron Carmichael, Jim Manley, Wolfgang Polak, Larry Reed, Rusty Wells and Terri Gorman (for Allen Roark).

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Carmichael
Chapter Secretary



Flight Sites

*Greg Pisanich
and
Jim Manley*

GLOBAL FLYER BEGINS 70 HOUR CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE WORLD

Adventurist Steve Fossett got off the ground in the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer, EAAer Burt Rutan's homebuilt long-distance jet design, at the Salina (Kansas) Municipal Airport about 6:47 PM, Central Time, Monday, February 28th. In less than 70 hours, Fossett and mission organizers hope to land on the same runway and into the aviation record book after a non-stop, unrefueled 23,000-mile flight around the world.

"Our launch time was delayed because Steve was waiting for the winds to die down," stated Sir Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic, mission sponsor. "About 10 minutes before takeoff the winds slowed below 10 knots which came just in time."

The aircraft used 8,000 feet of Salina's 12,300 foot runway before rotation. During its initial climb at about 50 feet above the runway, the aircraft's nose pitched down suddenly, then entered a very slow and gentle climb. "We wished him well and said our farewells before the door was closed, then left him alone," Branson said. "This is the first time that this aircraft has been flown at maximum gross. We just wanted to let him fly the airplane." An estimated 8,000 spectators witnessed the takeoff.

Only Fossett has ever made a solo, non-stop circumnavigation, in a hot-air balloon in 2002. Rutan designed the only other fixed-wing aircraft to achieve the feat, Voyager, piloted by his brother, Dick, and Jeanna Yeager in December 1986.

The planned route takes Fossett over Detroit, North Bay, Ontario, Newfoundland, Madeira Islands, Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Pakistan,

India, Bangladesh, China, South Korea, Japan, Hawaii, Los Angeles, Colorado, and back to Salina, Kansas.

GPS FAILURE NEARLY SCRUBS GLOBAL FLYER MISSION

Steve Fossett's GPS system aboard the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer reportedly failed for about two hours the night of February 28th, creating some tense moments and almost scrubbing the attempt at the world's first nonstop solo flight around the world. Fossett reportedly called the failure a potential "showstopper."

"We experienced GPS failure as I was leaving the U.S. towards Canada," Fossett explained. "This really was a big worry since we are unable to fly without GPS, especially when out of radio range. We couldn't even be directed by air traffic control. It was essential that the GPS be recovered."

Fossett and Branson discussed the possibility of continuing the flight by Steve being in constant contact with the chase plane and getting his steering controls from mission control. The fact that it was the pilot's GPS that had failed weighed heavily on Steve's mind, because the thought of sitting in the cockpit flying 'blind,' even with reassurances from mission control, was daunting. After an extremely tense half hour, the pilot confirmed his determination to continue the flight.

Much to everyone's relief, the GPS system re-engaged two hours later after mission control diagnosed that interference issues had knocked out the GPS. The flight has since continued to progress as planned, and the pilot reports everything is working well.

Steve crossed over the North African coastline Tuesday morning and proceeded west. To follow the progress, visit:

<http://www.globalflyer.com>



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GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2005, 7:30 PM

BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2005, 7:30 PM RHV TERMINAL

Master CFI Max Trescott
Bay Area Flight Safety Issues
7:30 PM at Vern Miller Aviation

CMaster CFI Max Trescott studied local accidents, analyzed risk factors, and mapped accident locations. Max will be talking about Bay Area accident analysis and dealing with our unique risks. Learn how to fly more safely in the Bay area.



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

