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### Calendar of Events

#### Saturday, August 9, 2008

##### **Kids Take Flight/Young Eagles**

9:00am - 4:00pm at Reid Hillview Airport. See listing for more details.

#### Thursday, August 14, 2008

##### **Chapter Meeting**

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

7:30pm - Meeting

Guest Speaker: Tales From AirVenture or What We Did in Oshkosh

#### August 15 -17, 2008

##### **Van's Homecoming**

Independence, OR

#### Thursday, August 21, 2008

##### **Board Meeting**

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

#### August 22 -23, 2008

##### **Central Oregon Airshow**

Madras, OR

### Where Do We Meet

Victory Aviation  
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Reid Hillview Airport  
San Jose, CA 95148

## Three Chapter Awards for EAA 62 at AirVenture!

### Come to the meeting to find out who the lucky recipients are!

### Notes From Oshkosh

By Andy Werback

Sam and I left RHV about 8AM Friday, stopped for cheap gas in Wells, NV, stayed the night in Torrington, WY. We met several people along the way - Fred (Red) Baron and friend Brian flying a Lancair 320, along with Art and Dick in an RV-7A. They are from the Guerneville/Willits area, Chapter 1027. Torrington has a very nice airport and town nearby. Everybody was very friendly, even just walking down the street. While we were there, we met Paul Martin with his very nice Piper TriPacer from Medford, OR. Turns out we both know another Lancair guy at Medford.



Next stop was Fairmont MN to meet up with a couple of other Legacy pilots. Found that our friend Quentin, the guy on duty whom we met last year, is now out of high school and planning to start his flying training at University of North Dakota this fall. To celebrate that, we went out for a quick hop around the town in the Legacy.

Arrival at OSH was something of a mess. Slow and fast airplanes were being sent to both runways, and we got a bit slow on the fast arrival.

During the week, we spent a lot of time in the Lancair/Legacy area, but wandered around a bit too. Found Vicki Benzing's really nice Stearman parked way down at row 99. She's based at Pine Mountain and across from us at RHV. Then we met a couple of interesting people over the Builder's Breakfast on Wednesday - Mark and Sandy from Wisconsin. We later went by and visited them with their award winning Hatz Bantam biplane. There were some really excellent (incredible workmanship) P-51 restorations, and one in particular that was way better than factory new.



Jim Thomas, Race #52

## Calendar of Events

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**August 23, 2008**

**Spy Planes**

*Truckee, CA*

**August 30-31, 2008**

**Travis Air Expo**

*Travis AFB, CA*

**September 6, 2008**

**Young Eagles**

*10:00am - 2:00pm EAA62 Young Eagles at South County Airport*

**September 6-7, 2008**

**End'o Summer Fly-in**

*Fresno, CA*

**September 10-14, 2008**

**Reno Air Races**

*Reno, NV*

**September 27-28, 2008**

**California International Air Show**

*Salinas, CA*

**September 30, 2008**

**Flying Gourmets**

*12:00pm Lunch at the Sky Lounge, Santa Rosa Airport. See details in Upcoming Events.*

**October 11, 2008**

**EAA62 Chapter Potluck and Poker Run.**

*South County Airport, Wings of History building. See details in Upcoming Events.*

## Upcoming Speakers

**September 2008**

*Dave Saylor of Aircrafters - Homebuilding*

**October 2008**

*Dr. Tiffany Davies - Passing Your Medical*

**November 2008**

*Jessica Panzee - Air Show Performer and Corporate Pilot*

**December 2008**

*Christmas Party*

## Notes From Oshkosh *continued*

Didn't manage to meet with William and Emily, our visitors for the last couple months, but they were in the area. Finally, we ran into a homebuilder named Bob and his Star Lite – can you believe only 280 lb empty and 500 lb gross?

Wednesday evening we went to the Ford reception for Chapter Presidents. Short speeches from Edsel Ford and Harrison Ford. Got within 20 feet of Harrison before he made his exit. Nice to have a big sponsor like Ford, hope their new technology takes hold. The same evening, Max Trescott was receiving the National CFI of the Year award. Congratulations, Max!

We also talked with Sandra Clifford and Pamela B, at the Women in Aviation. Pamela is majoring, and Sandra is a corporate pilot here. One of her projects is to do a major overhaul of the San Jose State aviation program.

We talked to the FAA about ADS-B plan, commenting that it seemed like there were simpler solutions, including TIS and XM Weather, but it sounds like they have their plan and they're sticking to it...

Jim Thomas, Pres of Chapter 1337 in Columbia (host of the Father's Day Fly-In), participated in the AirVenture Cup and placed 6<sup>th</sup>. He's another Legacy builder.

We met Dino and his wife. They currently reside in Luxemborg. Dino made some history a couple years ago flying his Lancair Legacy to AirVenture from Luxemborg. Everyone enjoyed meeting them.

There were a lot of international visitors – we had people from South Africa, France, England, Australia, and Holland stop by.

Nice to run into familiar faces – Jeff West, Steve Plyler and Ralph Love stopped by, ran into Terri and Bob a couple of times. Met Wolfgang at the Saturday breakfast.



Airshow Action

Oh, and some of the airshow events were pretty impressive. Lots of Yaks flying – 3 ship acrobatic formations, and a large collection of Yak 50s, 52s, 52 TWs, and CJs. A good demo (but very noisy) of the F-22, and a first look at the V-22 Tiltrotor doing its thing (very much like the XV-15 that used to fly out of Moffet).

I'm impressed by one of the alternatives to the Light Sport aircraft. The Arion Lightning is right in the LSA class, and there is a slightly faster and heavier model available. If you were going to build a neat little airplane, for the price and performance, it would be hard to beat. You might check out the timely article in Kit Planes.

Unfortunately, not all the news was good. We lost a couple of Lancair friends when their Legacy FG crashed on short final. Earlier, Randy Snarr munched his prop while taxiing off the runway into a low spot. That we can fix.



Sandra and Pamela, Women in Aviation

## Notes From Oshkosh *continued*

was nice to meet everybody and pick up a few awards. More about that later. Ken McKenzie, who did most of the work at the Maker Faire, received an appreciation award. There was a presentation on the Founders' Wing project, which is dedicated to preserving Paul Poberezny's collection of historical papers and materials, and to preserving the EAA Culture.

Flying back went well except for the heat and the headwinds. 95 deg everywhere we stopped. We made two stops, one at Ainsworth, Nebraska and the second at Brigham City, Utah. Both places were sort of devoid of people and activity, so we continued on. Thought about stopping in Truckee, but home was just another hour. Arrived back at RHV just after sunset. Long day. Nice to be back. Still making good use of the Garmin 496 to track the weather, METARs and TFRs.



Chapter Leaders Meeting



I like B-25's



Max and Terri



Mark and Sandra and their Hatz



Taking in the show

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# July 2008 General Meeting



The work goes on at Victory



Rusty cooks another great dinner



Jon G. helps Rusty



Hangar talk



Paul Tanks and the Ekvor Sport Star LSA



The Ekvor Sport Star LSA



# July 2008 General Meeting *continued*



Sport Star panel



Air Academy candidate Chris Guerrero



Terri introduces Paul Tanks



Paul talks about light sport



The crowd gives Paul their full attention

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## In the Right Seat

### Terri Gorman, Vice President

It's August. The months are 'flying' by too fast for me. By the time you read your newsletter, Air Adventure will have come and gone. Were you one of the lucky members to attend this year? At last count, I believe, we had 14 members attending and only Jeff and Andrea West and Bob and I are camping in tents. The other members will be staying in rental homes or the university. Rusty Wells, John Gould and Mike Reynolds have a 'secret hideaway' and some day we may find out the location. We know they will be in a building with air conditioning. I guess most members don't enjoy the sounds of rain and hail hitting the outside of the tent or walking through mud to the Porta Potties.



Our guest speaker, at the July meeting, was Paul Tanks from LSA West/Light Sport Airplanes located in Salinas. Paul is a retired Naval Officer and Pilot and he gave us a very informative talk on flying sport pilot planes. As Paul was ready to depart, I contacted our lead controller at Reid Hillview Airport, Steve, former Air Traffic Controller for the Navy, and he and Paul had quite a conversation before Paul's departure. Upon flying over the Victory Hangar, Paul saluted us with his wings saying goodbye to all of us. He told me he really enjoyed speaking before our chapter and I know we all enjoyed having him as a guest speaker.

Our August speakers will be our members who attended Air Venture at Oshkosh. So, remember that the August meeting will be on the second Thursday of the month, August 14<sup>th</sup>, same time and place. We will be showing slides on what happens at the largest aviation event in the world each year on Wittman Field in Oshkosh, WI.

Our September speaker will be Dave Saylor of AirCrafters in Watsonville. We will return to our regular meeting on the first Thursday of the month in September.

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## Chapter 62 Member Profile

### By Terri Gorman

Russ Todd, our Chapter 62 VIP for August, has been a member of our chapter for five years and a member of EAA National since 1983. The two things Russ told me he really likes about our chapter are Rusty Wells famous hot dogs, the camaraderie of the members and



## Chapter 62 Member Profile

### cont.

flying the Young Eagles. Last year, Russ won the chapter award for flying the most Young Eagle Flights. Gary Niva still holds the title of flying the most kids, over 600 Young Eagles.

Russ says he likes to get a chance to give back to flying what he has obtained over the years and to, possibly, give to those children that participate a sense of uniqueness and worthiness that people who fly often have in their lives.

Interest in aviation came along when Russ was seven years old. Russ did his flight training at San Jose International Airport at San Jose Flight School under the GI Bill. He has been a CFI since 1977.

Russ was born on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1933 in Uxbridge, Massachusetts. His father was an insurance agent for Metropolitan Insurance. His mother was a housewife. Russ has one brother who resides in Santa Clara and whom I've seen at several of our Young Eagle Events. He, also, has two sisters who reside in Virginia.

After graduating from high school, Russ attended the University of Massachusetts and obtained a BS in Electrical Engineering.

Russ joined the military for three years to get the GI Bill and to learn about missiles. He spent one year in Guided Missile School and two years at White Sand Proving Ground in New Mexico working on Nike Missiles and building and flying model airplanes in the Special Services Facilities.

While on a summer vacation to Cape Cod, Massachusetts to get a job, Russ met his wife. She was being pulled on an aquaplane by an over zealous friend who was trying to bounce her off and into the water, so Russ rescued her. They were married on June 29<sup>th</sup> 1959 and this past June, they would have celebrated their 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Russ and his wife have two sons. His youngest son, Casey, is married and lives in Madras, Oregon and has two daughters. One of Russ' grand daughters is two years old and the other is two months old. His oldest son, Russell, also a pilot, was married in February and lives in San Jose. Russell, along with his wife, Sarah, have worked as volunteers with our Young Eagles and Russell wrote a Software Program which aids in the creativity of our Young Eagle Certificates. He and Sarah volunteer at most of our Young Eagle Events.

In 1991 when peace broke out in Russia and the Trident Missile went operational, General Electric offered Russ an early retirement and he took it because he wanted to use his CFII (Certified Flight Instructor Instrument) and teach flying full time.

When Russ is not in the air giving flight training, we can find Russ flying his electric radio control models



## Chapter 62 Member Profile *cont.*

at Rancho San Antonio Park in Los Altos.

As an active member of EAA Chapter 62, along with being a pilot at most Young Eagle Events, including Kids Take Flight at both Watsonville and Hayward, Russ is, also, a member of Angel Flight West where he transports patients in a Cessna to or from their medical treatment facilities.

I first met Russ through my oldest son. He and Russ, at one time, taught together at Squadron II Flying Club at the San Jose International Airport. My son, highly, recommended Russ as a flight instructor. So if any of you are in need of a currency or just seeking help in obtaining your ticket, I know Russ will be glad to help you.

## Upcoming Events

### August 9<sup>th</sup>, **Take Flight For Kids,**

[www.takeflightforkids.org](http://www.takeflightforkids.org) The event will run under our Young Eagles Program and we will need volunteers. Check out the website. This is an all day event, 9 AM to 4 PM, Reid Hillview Airport.

### August 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> **Van's Homecoming**

[www.eaa292.org](http://www.eaa292.org) Independence, OR

Whether you are building and/or flying a Van's Aircraft, check out the website. Accommodations are in the homes of the airpark residents. Pre-registration required.

### September 6<sup>th</sup>, South County Airport **Young Eagles**

### September 30<sup>th</sup> **Flying Gourmets**

Lunch at the Sky Lounge, Santa Rosa Airport, Noon. Haze, fires or fog cancels the flight. Alternate: Hangar H19 at Reid Hillview Airport. Bring your bag lunch or buy at the Airport Shoppe at Reid Hillview Airport. NOTAMS: need a ride or share the flight, call Terri at 408-828-6707.

### October 11<sup>th</sup> South County, **Wings of History Building, Chapter Potluck & Poker Run**

The September Newsletter will have more information. The Poker Run will be more challenging this year. This is a family event and everyone is invited. Bring your favorite dish to share. The hamburgers and drinks will be provided by the chapter, and thanks for asking, we will need volunteers. Lunch around Noon. Prizes for the best Poker Hand.

Wolfgang will set up this 'challenging' flight. Let's hope it's not Formation Flying!!



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**General Meeting: Thursday, August 14, 2008**

**Board Meeting: Thursday, August 21, 2008**

***July Speaker: Tales From AirVenture or What We Did in Oshkosh***

**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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