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Calendar of Events

December

12/6 Christmas Party

6:00pm - No Host Cocktails

7:00pm - Dinner

The Bold Knight Bistro

840 North First Street

San Jose

12/8 Board Meeting

7:30pm

Terminal Building

Reid-Hillview Airport

January 12, 2008

Flying Gourmets - 10am,

Watsonville. Meet at Zuniga's

Restaurant for breakfast. Non

VFR weather cancels flight.

Need a seat and/or share the

flight, contact Terri at 408-

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President's Corner

Terri Gorman

Rolland LaPelle reminded me that my article in the November issue of the Intrepid Airmen was not my last article, so here I am again and this will be my last article as President of Chapter 62. We held Elections for both Officers and Board Members in November and the results were as follows: President, Andy Werback; Vice President and Secretary, Terri Gorman; Treasurer, Randy Wilde; Board Members, Allen Roark, replacing Brian Dal Porto; Jack Bowlus, Wolfgang Polak, Jeff West, Ron Carmichael and Rusty Wells. Roger Kopp is taking over the role of Membership Chairman from Jon Garliepp and Bob Kindlund remains as Newsletter Editor. I want to thank Brian, Jon and Jim Manley for their years of service to the chapter. A special thanks to Ron Carmichael who created the Ballots for the Election and to Allen Roark, Brian Dal Porto and Barbara Wardrip for counting the ballots.



Appreciation Awards were presented to the student volunteers who helped out at all the Young Eagles Events. The students are members of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Silvia Andrade is the leader for the volunteers. In speaking with Silvia, I learned that all of the student are college bound students. They keep busy all year by doing volunteer work for the community. During the Christmas Holidays, we will find them working with the Toys For Tots Program. Our chapter would like to thank Silvia and her team of volunteers for giving up their Saturdays to work for the Young Eagles. I'm sure they would have preferred to stay home and do their homework and/or hang out with their friends. We look forward to having them join up with us again in 2008.

Our Christmas Party is on December 6th and we will be sharing it with Chapter 338. By the time you receive your newsletter, the deadline will have passed. If you act quickly, it's possible I can squeeze you into the party. If you are interested in going, give me a call and/or email me. You can download the Christmas Party Dinner

Upcoming Events and Speakers

January 3, 2008

Guy Watson – Presentation of the Best Fighter Pilot in World War II

February 7, 2008

Paul Marshall – Formation Flying

March 6, 2008

Martin Hollmann – Homebuilding

April 3, 2008

Max Trescott, Gold Seal CFI Flight Training and Glass Cockpits

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President's Corner (continued)

Reservation at www.eaa62.org, our chapter website. This year our chapter will be supporting TOYS FOR TOTS. I am asking everyone to donate an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl, any price, and bring it to the Christmas Party and/or contact me and I will gladly arrange to have it picked up. The donation is not mandatory; it is voluntary. Rusty Wells is donating a prize for the Young Eagles pilot who flew the most Young Eagle Flights during the year 2007. Jeff West, the Young Eagle Coordinator, will make that determination. Chapter Awards will, also, be presented at the Christmas Party, along with my passing the gavel to Andy Werback, our elected 2008 President.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, too,

Terri

A Salute to the Tuskegee Airman

By Terri Gorman



On Veterans Day weekend, November 11th and 12th, the Tuskegee Airmen from Northern California were honored in two events, the first at the College of Marin on Sunday and the second on Monday in Marin City where there was a parade and reception in their honor.

On Sunday afternoon, David Cunningham, President of the William 'Bill' Campbell Chapter, which holds their meetings in Alameda, opened the event. David is a former member of EAA Chapter 62, a pilot who is based at Reid Hillview, and the son of Major John O. Cunningham, an original Tuskegee Airmen.

David turned the program over to Ray Taliaferro, KGO Talk Show Host, who introduced the Program Participants, which included several local Supervisors from Marin County as well as Congresswomen, Lynn Woolsey, Barbara Lee and State Senator Carole Migden, D-San Francisco.

Replicas of the Congressional Gold Medals awarded the airmen by President Bush last March were presented to 32 of the Tuskegee Airmen and a few of the Tuskegee widows who were seated on the stage. The auditorium was filled to capacity.

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was Archibald Williams. Archie, as his wife, Vesta, said was his real name, was an Oakland native and was a teacher of mathematics at Drake High School for 23 years. He died in 1993. Before the war, Archie Williams won a gold medal at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Two of the Tuskegee Airmen who received their Congressional Gold Medals from President Bush in Washington, DC in March of 2007 were our friends, Captain Leslie Williams and Captain Woodie Spears. Many of you attended the presentation that I did at the Hiller Aviation Museum in February of 2006 for the Tuskegee Airmen. Les and Woodie were my speakers at this presentation.

The patron saint of the Tuskegee Airmen was Eleanor Roosevelt. In April 1941, Eleanor Roosevelt asked the head of the program, Charles Anderson, "Can Negroes really fly airplanes?" His answer was, "Certainly, they can, and would you like to go for a ride?" Anderson took her up for a half hour flight. After the flight, she returned to Washington and a short time later it was announced by FDR that the first Negro Air Corps pilots would be trained at Tuskegee Institute. Prior to 1941, the Army Air Corps had not allowed African-Americans in the service.

The Tuskegee Airmen was the popular name for a group of black Air Force members who flew with distinction during World War II. Of the more than 1,000 airmen who trained in Tuskegee in the early 1940's, 450 were fighter pilots who flew missions over North Africa and Europe. They logged 1,578 missions, destroyed 261 enemy aircraft and won over 850 medals. Their heroism and commitment to freedom and the United States of America was a major catalyst for integration of the United States Armed Forces. They overcame the enormous challenges of prejudice and discrimination and their stories are one of pride and determination, skill and leadership that will continue to inspire others for generations to come.

Throughout the afternoon, there were standing ovations for the Tuskegee Airmen and their widows who were present. Entertainment was provided by the magnificent voice of Lawrence Beamen. Corlette and Daniel Mack, young teenagers from Louisiana, danced to the tunes of good Jazz.

Check out www.acepilots.com for more information on the Tuskegee Airmen.

Bob and I support the Tuskegee Airmen and are members of the William 'Bill' Campbell Chapter.

NOTAMS

Tune into a General Aviation Radio Station on Sunday afternoons from 1 PM to 2 PM, Station 1220 AM. Steve Finnie, CFI at West Valley Flying Club, is the Talk Show Host. We, finally, have someone in the news media that supports General Aviation. You can contact Steve at Info@SteveFinnieAviation.com or listen to him on Sundays at 1 PM, 1220 AM, and give him a call. We think he's great.

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Membership Corner

Jon Garliepp

It is that time of year again, time for everyone to pay our annual dues for 2008, \$30 per year. You can pay at the meeting, mail them to Randy Wilde at 1150 Buckingham Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024, or you can now pay online thru our website, www.eaa62.org.

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Next year we will have a new Membership chairman, Roger Kopp has volunteered to take this position for 2008. Thank you Roger for volunteering!!

Jon G.

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From the Editor's Desk

By Bob Kindlund

First off, I want to thank all of you for your help, support and patience during my first year as Editor. It has been a challenge, at times, but most of all it has been fun. I am planning some changes for the coming year and I want your input on how to make your newsletter better.

Starting with the January, 2008 newsletter, I will be using Adobe Pagemaker 7 rather than MS Word. I believe that this will allow me greater creative control over how the newsletter looks. One of the things that most of the other chapters have more of is pictures and I will have more flexibility in picture layout.



A suggestion was made at the last board meeting that we go back to the old logo for the newsletter. Below are different versions of the logo that I would like your input on. Please let me know which one you prefer or you can suggest that we make no change.

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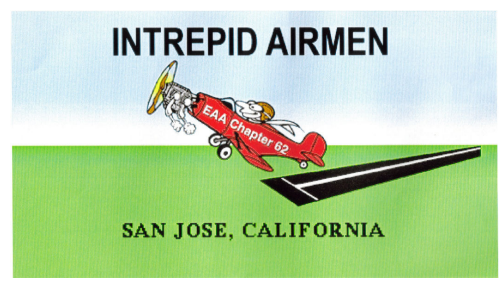
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Christmas Party: Thursday, December 6, 2007 6:00 PM
Board Meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2007 7:30 PM

January Speaker: Guy Watson – The Best Fighter Pilot in WWII

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 Gregg Victory's Hangar.

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.