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# **Calendar of Events**

#### Thursday, June 5, 2008

### **Chapter Meeting**

6:30pm - Hangar Flying, with Hot Dog dinner. 7:30pm - Meeting Guest Speaker: Jim Jensen, RHV Controller - Flying Through Controlled Airspace

## Thursday, June 12, 2008

#### **Board Meeting**

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

# Where Do We Meet

Victory Aviation 2502 John Montgomery Drive Reid Hillview Airport San Jose, CA 95148

# **Our First Young Eagles Event**



Russ and passengers



Helicopter Young Eagles flights
More pictures on page 5

# Calendar of Events (continued)

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

#### **Flying Gourmets**

Noon at the Schulz-Santa Rosa Airport STS Meet inside the Sky Lounge Restaurant for lunch. IFR or gusting winds will cancel the flight. Any doubt, give me a call before 10:30 AM. Share the flight or need a ride, call Terri at 408-828-6707 or flyrhv@aol.com If the Warbird Museum is open, we can take a tour of it.

# **Upcoming Speakers**

June 2008

Jim Jensen, RHV Controller - Flying in controlled airspace.

**July 2008** 

Shawn Kelly, CFI - Owning and flying a Light Sport Aircraft

August 2008

Tales of Oshkosh

#### September 2008

Dave Saylor of Aircrafters -Homebuilding

October 2008

Jeff Lo - Reno Air Races

November 2008

Jessica Panzee - Air Show Performer and Corporate Pilot

# President's Corner By Andy Werback

Greetings! I hope you've all had a chance to review the issues and decide on your candidate for County Board of Supervisors. This could be an interesting period in the history of Reid Hillview Airport. Let's try to keep it going as an Airport! Please get out the vote.

Larry and Nina Jobe were our guests at the May meeting. Larry gave us a very nice presentation on the plans for developing a Flying Tiger museum in China. I recently read Jack Samson's book, The Flying Tiger, about Gen. Claire Chennault and the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force. It was very interesting from the perspective of what you have to do sometimes in order to get things done.



Greetings to our other visitors – Phil Duzet, past president of Chapter 62 and his spouse Pam; Keith Frost, one of our Yak buddies (turns out we sort of met some years ago when he was doing a mock air battle over the Liberty ship S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien, on one of the cruises to San Pablo bay!); and Steve Mork. Thanks for attending, hope to see you again.

May started off with a day at the Maker Faire. Dave Hipchsman, Senior Editor from EAA National, was there along with several volunteers from the Concord area chapters. Also, Allen Roark was there to help with the rivet demo. There were lots of visitors, and lots to see and do. I would say it was sort of an eclectic collection of stuff, but if you like to build or make things, you would enjoy it.

I would like to close with a few words about the South County Airport and Young Eagle event last weekend. Many, many thanks to the Young Eagle volunteers and people who manned the booth. We had a really good turnout, a good selection of static display airplanes, and good weather (after the fog burned off). Thanks again to everybody who made this a successful event!



Makers Fair - Art in Metal



Makers Fair - Eclectic Stuff

# President's Corner (continued)



Makers Fair - Allen coaches a riviting demo



Makers Fair - More eclectic stuff

# From The Right Seat By Terri Gorman

Retired Captain Larry Jobe, United Airlines, and his wife, Nina, were our guest speakers at our May meeting. Larry showed a presentation on the Flying Tigers during World War II and a plan to resurrect a Memorial in their honor at their former airbase in China. Brochures pertaining to the Heritage Park Memorial are on display inside the Terminal Building at Reid Hillview Airport. Donations



are accepted and can be sent to Larry Jobe.

### JUNE MEETING



Our guest speaker for June will be Jim Jensen, one of our senior Controllers at Reid Hillview Airport who will discuss the procedures for flying through controlled airspace and the correct transmissions at controlled airports. This should be a very educational and informative evening. How many times have you heard a

Controller say to a pilot on ground... Standby? Sounds simple, right! Flying into RHV today, I heard the Controller tell a plane waiting to depart, 'Standby.' The pilot replied, "Do you mean me or him?" There will be a Question and Answer period after the presentation. Remember, a good pilot is one that is still learning and it doesn't matter how many ratings they hold or how many hours they have in their logbooks.

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## **TOWER TOURS**

## By Terri Gorman

Tours of Reid Hillview Control Tower are continuing through and including October. Each tour is on the same evening as the General Meeting. We meet inside the Terminal Building at Reid Hillview Airport at 5:30 PM. Please allow time for any additional traffic enroute to the airport The tour is opened to all EAA Chapter 62 members who have not been on a Tower Tour in the past year. The tour runs, approximately, 30 minutes.



Steve Plyler and Tony Babb did not know each other before they took the Tower Tour. With all the talking they did, I would say they are now good friends. Steve flies a Lancair and a KR-2 and is based at RHV. Tony is building a Velocity in his garage in Morgan Hill. Seated is Ben, the newest official Controller at RHV. He's 24 and retires after 25 years as a Controller.

Interested in joining me on another tour, meet me inside the Terminal Building at 5:30 PM. We leave the building at 5:35 PM and we drive together to the Tower. Questions:

Terri at 408-828-6707 or flyrhv@aol.com .

# Flying Gourmets By Terri Gorman

The Flying Gourmets flew off to Schellville Airport in Sonoma Valley. Schellville comes alive on the weekends and is known as, 'Home of the Tail Draggers." Every year, there are a group of pilots from this airport who fly off to Oshkosh with most of their landings being on grass strips and flying an average of four hours a day. I think it takes a week for them to get to Oshkosh. They camp together along the way and have their favorite campsite at Oshkosh.

After landing at Schellville, we walked to Angelo's

# Flying Gourmets (continued)

Deli for lunch. Angelo's has been in business for over 30 years and is well known for their home made sausages and their famous 'Turkey Jerky'. Returning, a local informed us of a safer route to and from the airport. I, also, met the 'owner" of the Schellville Airport who asked me how long we were going to be because he owned the airport and night departures and landings were not permitted. However, a local pilot who was kind enough to drive me to Angelo's once he found out I just had emergency appendectomy, told me this man owned a very small portion of the airport and he dislikes airplanes. (I wondered if he was transplanted from East San Jose!!)

Below, Richard Moriarity and Roger Kopp joined us on the fly out to Schellville. Roger did the radio communications while Richard did the piloting. As many of you may know, Roger is a student pilot at Sundance in Palo Alto. He has soloed and is nearing cross country flights.



Richard Moriarity and Roger Kopp with their shared Cavalier at our Half Moon Bay Fly In.

At our Half Moon Bay Fly In in April, we had 16 attendees. We lost a few of those attendees on our Schellville fly out due to other commitments.

Our Flying Gourmets will fly off to Santa Rosa on June 25<sup>th</sup> for lunch at the Sky Lounge, meeting at Noon. Come and join us. We always have fun.



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# May 2008 Young Eagles at South County Airport

















# Minutes and Upcoming Events By Terri Gorman, Secretary



The Board and General Meeting Minutes and current events can be found on our Award Winning Website at <a href="https://www.eaa62.org">www.eaa62.org</a> So, check it often. If you have questions and do not have access to a computer and/or

prefer not to use one, just give any of the officers a call.

Our EAA Chapter 62 Potluck-Poker Run will be held in October this year and, hopefully, it will be much cooler than in the middle of July when the temps hit 90 in the early mornings. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11th, 2008 at the WINGS OF HISTORY at South County Airport. EAA Chapters from South County, Hollister, Watsonville and Livermore will be invited to join us. More info on this event in the August Newsletter. This is a family affair. We ask everyone joining us to bring a dish to share, a dish of your choosing. Chapter 62 provides the hamburgers.

EAA Chapters 62-338 Joint Christmas Party will return to the Bold Knight Bistro in downtown San Jose on Thursday, December 4th, 2008 and this year we will have two speakers, Lieutenant Loree Hirschman and Lieutenant Harry Hirschman, yes, married, and both will speak of their careers as lieutenants in the U.S. Navy. Loree flew a S-3 Viking and Harry flew a F-18. On their wedding day, Harry said: "Here's to the Navy; brought us together and keeps us apart." They met in flight training school in Texas in 1990.

We will, also, be supporting the Marines Toys-4-Tots Program and we ask you to bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl. Dottie and I will be coordinating the Christmas Party again this year, but we can always use a few extra hands, especially when it comes to Registration. More details to follow in the September Newsletter.

And, lastly, for those of you flying your own planes into Wittmann Field this year to attend Air Venture which occurs on July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the NOTAMS are available at <a href="https://www.eaa.org">www.eaa.org</a>.



# **EAA Chapter 62 Member Profile**By Terri Gorman

Richard Moriarity is my EAA Chapter 62 Member Profile for the month of June. Richard has been a member of Chapter 62 for several years. He volun-



teers to help work with the Young Eagles both as a Young Eagle Pilot, Wing Rib Builder and on Ground Security. Richard has always loved being around airplanes, even as a little kid. He likes to say he loves women and airplanes, but we all know he loves one woman (as of this write-up) and that's his wife, Dottie. Dottie isn't a pilot, but she does fly as a passenger with Rich in the Cavalier that he coowns with Roger Kopp and Ralph Reichhold. The plane was built by Ralph Reichhold and George Nicholson, former member of EAA Chapter 62 and present member of EAA Chapter 110 at South County.

Richard was born on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Morrisdale, Pennsylvania. He has one brother that is two years younger than him. His brother has no interest in aviation, but does enjoy hunting, fishing and building boats, and he is still residing in the family home. Richard's mother is 85 and lives in Southern California in the town of Rosemead. She makes frequent trips driving her own car up to San Jose to visit with Rich and Dottie.

Richard began flying at Ft. Ord in an Aeronca 7AC. His first solo was in August of 1959 at Brady AB Kyushu, Japan. He soloed in a Stinson L-5. He received his private ticket at Syracuse, NY in 1976 in a Cessna 150. At that time, he was flying without headphones.

Richard has a BS in Accounting from the University of Hawaii in 1974. He did some Graduate studies at Syracuse University, but did not finish working on his Masters. (Was it aviation or women that got in the way!!)

Fortunately, Dottie saved Richard from his wild life as a bachelor when they met at the Blackberry Farm Golf Course in Cupertino in 1987. They married two

# Member Profile (continued)

years later in 1989. Between the two of them, they had five children and altogether, they have 13 grandchildren. In the past two years, their family pets, a dog and a cat, died and went off to Pet Heaven. They had both animals for 16 years.

Richard worked as a Field Service/Technical Support Manager for 20 years. His last position was with Sortex, an English company that manufactured optical sorting equipment — peanuts, rice, coffee and fresh veggies, corn, peas. He traveled all over the world during his employment.

Sortex moved to Stockton, so Richard decided to retire in 2003. He didn't want to make the commute from San Jose every day. His life is now taken up by flying, traveling and landscaping his well kept manicured yard and he is building a Sonex, light sport plane.

What he likes the best about EAA Chapter 62 is the Chapter Secretary and Rusty's Spaghetti. (Do you think he'd like the Chapter Secretary if it were male!)

# Flying in a Grob

Attending the Pasta Feed, in support of the San Jose State University Precision Flight Team in March, I donated towards the Silent Auction and I won a flight on a GROB Motorized Glider piloted by Hans Nillson. What was so interesting to me about this flight, other than the fact that the wings were 55' long compared to our Warrior wings which are only 35' long, but my pilot, Hans, flew using only hand controls. He is paralyzed from the waist down. He had the hand controls created for him in both his motorized glider and in his Archer which he, also, flies. To change the prop, he pulled a string. The rudder pedals were a long rod with a small handle. The yoke was similar to any stick yoke and the throttle was in a similar position as any low wing plane.

Hans is an aerobatic pilot and offered to do aerobatics with me, but I preferred going 'sort of' straight and level.' Around the hills and mountains enroute to Half Moon Bay, we couldn't go what one would refer to as straight and level. I have done aerobatics in an RV6, but I was very interested in watching all of Hans controls to take him up on an aerobatic flight. Maybe, next time.

Before climbing into the aircraft, Hans handed me a parachute. Having the experience of wearing a parachute with the RV6 pilot, it didn't take too much imagination on what to do with the parachute.

Climbing into the glider is a lot easier than climbing into Pat Johnson's Lancair. Hans let me step on his wing and he had a handle to hold on top of the instrument panel. There's also a little handy foot-

step at the leading edge under the fuselage, very conveniently placed. (Pat has to give me a little shove to get me into his Lancair!)

It's very impressive to watch Hans get into his glider. He is able to scoot out of his wheelchair onto the wing and manages to pick up his chair, take it apart, put it in the luggage area behind his seat and get the rest of his body in the glider.

After having our fish lunches at the Capistrano Café (first restaurant on the left after walking over the bridge), we strolled down to the water. It was a beautiful day with a very blue sky and some wind.

Half Moon Bay Airport was a little busy when we were departing. We had to wait for a training Cessna to leave the runway and at the same time, we heard a helicopter calling in to land.

Hans likes the water and it was obvious with our flight over and returning from Half Moon Bay. It was very easy to see the baby Seals in the water.

When I met Hans, I knew we'd be friends. He's 3 days younger than me, so we are both born under the sign of Virgo, outgoing and friendly people.

The Santa Clara Valley Ninety-Nines organize this Pasta Feed every year around March to support the Precision Flight Team, the Flying 20's, of San Jose State University. Mark your calendar for next year and you may be lucky to win a flight with Hans.



Approaching Half Moon Bay Airport with an overhead approach. The wings were too long to make the normal downwind to 45 deg approach to land on Runway 30.



My VIP for the Day, Hans Nillson, pilot-owner Grob Motorized Glider

# May 2008 Chapter Meeting



# The Passing of Another Legend



Captain Leon 'Woodie' Spears passed away on May 12th at his home in Hayward after suffering a serious heart attack on April 17th. Woodie was one of my speakers at the Hiller Aviation Museum on February 10th 2005. In the past year, he had made 44 public appearances talking about aviation and the Tuskegee Airmen. Bob and I attended Woodie's Memorial which was on Wednesday, May 21st. It was a full military funeral with current military as Pall Bearers. Family and close friends gave short talks about Woodie. The immediate family greeted everyone in the chapel. After the casket was closed and carried



outside to the waiting hearse, two North American P51's flew over head. Woodie's P51 was called 'Kitten' as he once told me his engine always purred like a kitten. There was an eight gun salute. After the Honor Guards folded the flag, it was handed to Woodie's wife, Shirley, in the presence of their two sons and children. A reception followed the service.

Bob and I will always remember Woodie who had the biggest smile. He was the type of person we would have wanted as a neighbor and could have said, 'Hey Woodie, come on over and have some Iced Tea with us. Bob would have talked about flying with Woodie and Shirley, Woodie's wife, and I would have talked 'Girl talk'. In our eyes, he will always be a hero.

Terri and Bob Gorman





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General Meeting: Thursday, June 5, 2008 Board Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2008

## June Speaker: Jim Jensen, RHV Controller - Controlled Airspace

**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.