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## **President's Corner** Jon Garliepp



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Pavan Bhatnagar, and Bill O'Sullivan.
Pavan signed up as a new member,
Welcome to the chapter. Bill owns a Beech F33C and is building a Bear Hawk at his home shop that will be

is

done.

Welcome to guests

Michael Slominski,

September 1st General Meeting Speaker for the evening was Ben Shelef of the Spaceward Foundation, the topic was the Space Elevator. This was a great presentation of a future elevator that will be able to climb, powered by a beam of light from earth, on a carbon nanotube cable to a space station. He held every one's attention with this very interesting talk, we thank him for this interesting presentation. Check it out at <a href="https://www.elevator2010.org">www.elevator2010.org</a>

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Roster Book - Now is the time to update your information with Chapter 62. Any new address, phone number or e-mail address, etc., can be changed on line or call Jon Garliepp 408 253-3769 or Wolfgang at 408 735-8014 to update the information.

Nominating Committee - Brian Dal Porto, Rolland LaPelle and Terrie Gorman will be working on this. If you would like to volunteer or know someone that would, please have him or her call the nominating committee. We need some help in this area.

What is this... Alex Piplani has his leg in a cast. Those motorcycles will do that to you every time, mine gave me a 4-F when I was 21, way back when...

A thanks to Vern Miller Aviation for his continued support for our Chapter in turning over his hangar to us for our meetings each month. Thanks again Vern. We will be working on next year's schedule. Let us know what you would like to do or not do, remember this is YOUR organization.

Palo Alto Open House - This event went well, but not as many people participated as last year. We flew 30 plus young eagles and the wing rib building was a major hit. Some of the children were 4 and 5 years old and worked with their parents.

#### **CHAPTER 62 EVENT SCHEDULE**

October 6
General Meeting
Vern Miller Aviation
October 13
Board Meeting RHV terminal
bldg.
October 22
Young Eagles South
County Airport

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### Editor's Desk - Paulette Dal Porto

The Best Laid Plans of Mice and Men often go awry. (or I didn't know airplanes weren't plug-n-play!)

Having a plane is a great way to get away for fun events around Northern California. One of these events is the Booneville Fiber Festival. However, having a plane also brings it's own set of obstacles.

Saturday morning, we were all set to head off to Booneville, and we were even fairly on time. We taxied out to the run up area, and everything went smoothly until Brian tried to radio the tower to request permission to take off. No radio. From the time he had requested permission to taxi to the run up area to the time to take off, his radio decided that it didn't know which frequency it wanted to be on. It was arbitrarily changing frequencies on its own.

So, with no radio we taxi back to the hanger, and Brian pulls the radio out. A quick call to the local avionics (or not so local, in Palo Alto) shop, he arranges for Wolfgang to fly down a compatible radio. Short wait at the hanger and the spare radio is delivered. Wrong connectors! I have since learned that radios are not interchangeable. Unlike computers, there are no standard connections. There were offers of handheld radios, but loose objects in an open-cockpit plan don't quite mix.

Well, there's always next year.

# **Applicants Wanted:**

An exciting opportunity is available to women who are interested in taking the first steps in learning how to fly. This fall, EAA will host the Coffy Gregory Aviation Program at the EAA Air Academy facility in Oshkosh.

Coffy Gregory, a long-time EAA member and aviation enthusiast from Rockford, Ill., was one of the first licensed female pilots in the country. Her vision and generosity has made this program possible.

The program consists of two parts. AeroScholars, a web-based curriculum that includes EAA's Fundamentals of Aviation course, which begins participants on their journey to take the FAA Private Pilot written test and earn two college-level credits. The second portion of the experience is an extended weekend residence program held in Oshkosh, featuring presentations and activities to further interest in pursuing flight.

Best of all, there are a number of full scholarships (valued at \$850) available directly through Young

Eagle Coordinators. Maybe a former Young Eagle has expressed an interest in learning to fly. Possibly one of your dedicated ground support crew is ready to pursue their dream of flight. You have a chance to help by nominating someone from your local area to attend the program.

The date of the resident portion of the program is from Friday afternoon, October 7 through Sunday, October 9, 2005. While attending the residence program, participants will enjoy a flight (weather conditions permitting) and begin working on the Aviation Fundamentals course with EAA mentors. In addition, sessions will be held with female leaders in the aviation profession.

Space is limited, so act quickly. This is an introduction to aviation class for women. To qualify, participants must be in the 10th grade and have not yet taken the FAA Private Pilot Written Exam.

Program registration includes participation in the web course and residence experience, including meals and lodging. Participants must provide their own transportation to and from Oshkosh. The closest commercial carrier airports are Appleton (ATW) or Green Bay (GRB) airports. EAA will provide shuttle service to and from these designated airports.

I can't emphasize the unique nature of this opportunity. Coffy Gregory knew the joy of flight and wanted to share her passion with future generations of women. Through her generosity, we can do just that. With your help, a group of deserving and enthusiastic women will follow in Coffy's footsteps.

For additional information or to receive an application for the 2005 Coffy Gregory Women's Aviation Program, please contact Marion at the Air Academy office, (888) 322-3229 or <a href="mairacademy@eaa.org">airacademy@eaa.org</a>.



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### Calendar of Events

### **October**

**10/1 – EAA663 Young Eagle Rally, Livermore** Eric Helms 925784-7128 <a href="mailto:lengineer@comcast.net">lengineer@comcast.net</a> <a href="http://www.eaa663.org">http://www.eaa663.org</a>

10/6 – General Meeting – 7:30 PM Vern Miller Aviation, Reid-Hillview Airport Speaker to be announced.

10/6 – CopperState Regional EAA Fly-In Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ), Bob Hasson, hassonr@theriver.com http://www.copperstate.org

10/8 – Mariposa-Yosemite Airport Fly-in Larry Todd, n737gl@juno.com

10/8 – 10/9 San Francisco Fleet Week Airshow The Blue Angels will be in town and this is a bad weekend to fly the bay tour.

**10/13 – Board Meeting** – 7:30 PM Reid-Hillview Airport terminal building

10/15 – 16 Travis Air Expo, Travis AFB Looks like the Thunderbirds will be in Vacaville.

**10/15 – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Houston Aircraft Expo** William P. Hobby Airport (HOU), Debra Behler, 713-567-5046, debra behler@rac.ray.com

10/19 – 10/23 – Chutes-In Color Country, Hurricane, UT, Frederick Scheffel, 435-656-0800, 435 Paintbrush Way, St. George, UT 84790 http://www.SkyTrailsRanch.com

**10/22 – EAA 663 Young Eagle Rally, Livermore** Eric Helms 925-784-7128, <a href="mailto:lengineer@comcast.net">lengineer@comcast.net</a>, <a href="http://www.eaa663.org">http://www.eaa663.org</a>

10/22 – Young Eagles South County

### **November**

11/12 – Veteran's Day Aerial Extravaganza Flabob (RIR), Riverside, CA Kathy Rohm 951-683-2309 ext. 104

11/12 - Truckee EAA Pancake Breakfast Truckee Tahoe Airport (KTRK) Truckee, CA Charlie White 530-587-4811 http://www.truckeetahoeairport.com

## **Meeting Minutes**



Ron Carmichael

#### GENERAL MEETING

Vern Miller Aviation, RHV airport, San Jose, CA President Jon Garliepp called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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Guests were introduced as follows: Bill O'Sullican, Pavan Bhatnagar, Michael Slominski.

Randy Wilde gave the treasurer's report after serving again as "Hot Dog Chairman" (aka "Bean Counter-Cooker") tonight. Randy indicated there were "no surprises" for August. The Education Fund received a generous donation from Gudrun and Wolfgang Polak of \$500. The "end of August numbers" can be found on the website.

Brian Dal Porto reported about his enjoyable trip to McMinnville recently. He announced that the Booneville Flyout is upcoming and to check the Website for details.

Alan Roark, YE Coordinator, announced that the next event is going to be at the PAO Airport Day September 11. Those who wish to volunteer should contact Alan ASAP. He needs two or three more pilots and one or two ground personnel. October 22 YE will fly at South County in conjunction with The Wings of History. There is a report that a busload of 20-30 kids may be brought for the flights and there may be a big turnout.

Jon Garliepp gave out several badges.

Our new Newsletter Editor, Paulette Dal Porto, was introduced. She got the Newsletter out in four days. Way to go, Paulette! Wolfgang Polak, our Webmaster, got the newsletter printed and mailed. In the future we will use Online-mailing services from the Postal Service for about 68.4 cents/per copy (37 cents is postage). He just uploads it to the Postal

Service. Nice job, Wolfgang! Jon encouraged all who do not get the Newsletter Online, to go online and sign up. This saves considerable funds for the Chapter.

Jon also announced that members need to update their info online or otherwise so the new "Blue Book" Roster that comes out in another month or so will be up to date. Old listings will be removed as appropriate

Wolfgang talked about the advertising for the upcoming PAO Open House and that they are expecting a good turnout. There are no problems with the Website. Wolfgang got a note from a person who wants to sell a Taylor Titch aircraft (Wooden construction) on display at the Wings of History Museum. Randy Wilde added that it is mostly finished and was started by a WWII P38 pilot who sadly passed on before finishing it.

Following the coffee & donuts, members enjoyed a presentation by Ben Shelef from Spaceward Foundation who gave a talk on the Space Elevator and the Elevator 2010 competition that his foundation is working on.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Officers and Board Members present were: Jon Garliepp, Brian DalPorto, Randy Wilde, Ron Carmichael, Larry Reed, Wolfgang Polak, Terri Gorman, Allen Roark and Rusty Wells

Minutes submitted by Ron Carmichael

#### **BOARD MEETING**

RHV airport terminal building, San Jose, CA

President Jon Garliepp opened the meeting at 7:37pm. Ron Charmichael was absent and Wolfgang Polak took these minutes. He read Ron's minutes from the General Meeting and they were approved unanimously, subject to minor changes.

Randy Wilde gave the treasurer's report. There were no changes from the report given during the General Meeting and the treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Jon Garliepp listed the positions that need to be filled in the upcoming election. We need candidates for at least the president, the vice president, and one director.

There was nothing to report from the Vice President.

Allen Roark stated that he had commitments form 9

pilots to fly Young Eagles during the Palo Alto airport day. He has obtained the necessary insurance certificate and handed it to Carl Honacker. Wolfgang Polak briefed Allen on the special ground frequency and procedures for the airport day.

Allen obtained new Young Eagles flyers from National that show Harrison Ford as the chairman of the program. Allen will be out of town for the Reid Hillview airport day. At that event the chapter will have a booth and do wing rigs but there will be no Young Eagle flights.

The next YE event after the Palo Alto airport day will be at South County airport on October 22nd. Allen is in contact with Paul Marshall, Chapter member and representative of the South County airports association, and with the Wings of History museum.

Jon Garliepp mentioned that past member John Ostrowski contacted him in response to mass mailings done by the Chapter earlier this year.

Brian Dal Porto talked about the Fly-out to Boonville on September 17. The plan is for everyone to meet at the Boonville airport at 11am and then to walk to the fairgrounds.

Paulette Dal Porto discussed deadlines for the newsletter. It was agreed that the newsletter should be mailed to members 10 days before the meeting. The website will be changed to mail minutes to the editor when they are uploaded to the web. There was a general discussion on the formatting and presentation of events listings in the newsletter. It was agreed to use electronic services provided by the US postal service for the mailing of the hardcopy newsletter. This will limit the size of the newsletter to 7 2/3 pages. It was mentioned that the web version of the newsletter could be longer and different from the print version it this becomes necessary.

Wolfgang Polak had no news on the web site except for some complaints due to obsolete browsers that cannot properly render the site. It is still possible to access a simplified version of the site that supports old browsers using http://www.eaa62.org/old.htm.

Jack Bowlus had suggested to Jon Garliepp to organize a swap meet together with the Wings of History museum. There was little enthusiasm for the idea.

There was a general discussion about the possibility of hosting a visit of the B-17 next year. Terri Gorman mentioned that Chapter 338 hosted the B-17 some years ago and that the event was a success, financially and otherwise. It was agreed that we would investigate

if it was in possible in principle to host the B-17 at Moffet Field. Assuming that we could get a positive response from NASA we will submit the form to National, due date is October 1. Paulette DalPorto offered to contact NASA.

Allen Roark mentioned that member and former VP Allec Piplani has a broken leg due to a motorcycle accident. Alec still offered to help on the ground at the Palo Alto airport day. In discussing the airport day it was decided that the location of the wing rib setup outside the terminal building was undesirable due to the disruptive helicopter operations in the area. Instead, wing ribs and T-shirt sales will be in the regular vendor area of the event. Young Eagle registration will be inside the terminal building. Wolfgang Polak will work with the Palo Alto Airport Association to ensure suitable space is available in the vendor area.

The meeting adjourned 8:45pm.

Officers and Board Members present were: Jon Garliepp Randy Wilde Brian DalPorto Paulette DalPorto Allen Roark Larry Reed Terri Gorman Wolfgang Polak Rolland LaPelle

Minutes submitted by Wolfgang Polak

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OCTOBER'S GUEST SPEAKER: JEFF LO HTTP://WWW.FLYIN-LO.COM/

General Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 2005 7:30 PM Board Meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2005 7:30 PM

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