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

This year is moving along rapidly with many events behind us, we still have quite a few to go, see the events schedule.



August 6 - Open Hangar Boyd Blue had an open hangar at Frazier lake, the same day as Frazier Lake's monthly open house. A good number of members made it

there, some flew and some drove. After showing the aircraft Boyd gave some demo flights. There were other aircraft on display also, check our web site for more information and pictures.

August Meeting reflection of Oshkosh 2005 - Many members attended this annual event, I am not sure how many but estimate at least 10 to12 or more. I spent 3 days and two nights (camping) at the event. Again many interesting things and aircraft to keep you busy for a week! Mary Anne Dal Porto (this year's Air Academy Candidate) gave a very nice power point picture presentation along with an animated description of her experience at Oshkosh. Several members had pictures and shared their Oshkosh experience also.

Roster Book - We are getting ready to print a new roster book, everyone needs to update any incorrect information. If you have a new phone number, address or e-mail address etc. please change it on line of let Jon Garliepp or Wolfgang Polak know the new information.

We have picked a nomination committee to help with new officers and board members as needed. The committee is Brian Dal Porto, Rolland LaPelle and Terri Gorman, if you would like to volunteer or know someone that would please let them know.

September 11 Open House at Palo Alto Airport We will be flying Young Eagles & building wing ribs that day. We will need pilots, ground crew and wing rib supervisors, please contact Allen Roark at 408-

926-1711 and let him know that you will be there.

September 17 Fly-out to Boonville Boonville is about one hour north by airplane, they are having the Mendocino County Fair and the California Wool and Fiber Festival. Last year there was even airport transportation but it is only a couple of minutes walk. Check our web site or contact Wolfgang Polak for more details at 408-735-8014.

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

| September I  | General Meeting               |  |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--|
|              | Vern Miller Aviation          |  |
| September 8  | Board Meeting                 |  |
|              | RHV terminal Bldg.            |  |
| September 11 | Sunday Palo Alto Open House   |  |
|              | Young Eagle Event, Wing ribs  |  |
| September 17 | Fly-out to Boonville          |  |
|              | Mendocino County Fair &       |  |
|              | California Wool & Fiber       |  |
|              | Festival                      |  |
| September 24 | Reid Hillview Open House      |  |
|              | Information booth & Wing ribs |  |
| 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 Love of Flying (or What a woman will do for the man she loves.)

When I was five years old, my father was stationed in Hawaii. The military had just introduced Commercial Flights for dependents. (Yes, I am that old!) Since neither my brothers nor I had ever been on an airplane, my parents thought it would be a good idea to take us out to the flight line and introduce us to an airplane. The story goes that I grabbed the sides of the doorway with both my arms and legs and screamed at the top of my lungs. We came back to the States onboard a Matson Line cruise ship.

I eventually had to fly, as we followed my father around the Pacific Rim, but I never liked it. I was terrified from the moment I stepped on the plane until we landed. And sometimes even that didn't stop the terror.

When I was a junior in high school, we lived in Guam. That summer my parents thought it would be fun to go to Japan for two weeks. Daily there was a flight from Anderson Air Force Base in Guam called the Yakota Flyer. Of course, my perception could have been off, since I was afraid of flying, but the plane did not look like it was held together all that well. We had taken off from Guam and had flown for about an half hour, when the pilot told us we lost an engine. Two minutes later we lost another engine. We were told to put our life vests on, and assume the position for an emergency landing in the water. The Navy had been contacted and would be coming out to get us. To say that I was terrified would be putting it mildly. However, somehow, the pilot managed to get one of the engines started again, and we limped back to Guam. That my parents managed to get me back on the SAME plane an hour later was truly miraculous.

When I met my husband, he didn't have his pilot's license but he was in A & P School, and it was very obvious that he loved airplanes, flying, and almost anything that let him leave his earthly ties. I realized early on that he expected me to fly with him. Once he obtained his license, it became obvious he wanted me to fly with him. For me it was terrifying, lots of tears, lots of Hail Mary's, and much relief once we landed.

I took a course through the 99's called the Flying Companion Seminar. I learned navigation, prepping a plane for flight, calculating the CG, and also the fact that I was not alone. The class was all women who were afraid of flying. Most of their stories were the same as mine, and we all wanted to overcome our fear of flying.

The course helped, and I tried to spend most of my time with navigation while I was in the air. If I kept my mind busy, the level of fear I was experiencing was kept at a bearable level.

I must admit when Brian bought his first aerobatic plane, an EAA Biplane, I was thrilled. It was a 1-seater, so there was no longer the chance that I could fly with him. Sorry, Brian, but I was in seventh heaven for about 5 years. Then he bought a Marquart Charger, a two-seater acrobatic bi-plane.

For about a year, I would get in the plane, and taxi all over Reid Hillview with Brian. We'd taxi over to Amelia's for gas and taxi back to the hanger. I never let him take off. I tried a couple of times to steer the plane with the rudder pedals, but we never, never took off.

Finally, we took off one day. Once around the pattern, and that was it. This lasted for about six months. Then we would fly out to Calaveras and back. Then, we flew to Dingalings for breakfast. Then a trip to Stockton. That had to to be a two day trip, because it would take overnight at Brian's parents home to compose myself enough to get back in the plane to fly home.

Last year was our first big trip. We flew to Arlington, WA, with a side stop in Port Townsend, WA. I absolutely loved Port Townsend. I think that despite the rough weather, and cold (Remember, it's an open cockpit), I loved the trip. It was this trip that made me realize that flying was a great way to get places I might possibly enjoy! Not just air shows.

This year we flew to Las Vegas in May. Long trip, but well worth it. This month we will fly to Booneville for the Chapter Fly-out, and one of my favorite things, the Fiber Festival. I'm a knitter, and a spinner, so this definitely will be a fun (and maybe expensive!) trip for me.

The actual flying still bothers me, and a lot of Hail Marys are still silently prayed, but I get in that plane and fly!



#### **Calendar of Events**

#### **September**

9/1 – General Meeting – 7:30 PM Vern Miller Aviation, Reid-Hillview Airport Speaker: Vern McGeorge

9/3 – South Lake Tahoe Airfest & Airshow 530-541-0480 http://www.laketahoeairport.com/airfest.html

9/8 – Board Meeting – 7:30 PM Reid-Hillview Airport terminal building

9/10 – EAA 663 Young Eagle Rally Livermore (LVK) – Eric Helms 925-784-7128 lengineer@comcast.net http://www.eaa663.org

9/10 – 9/11 EAA Land of Enchantment Fly-In Moriarity Municipal Airport (0E0) Chris Kinnaman 505-286-0924 <u>gliders@spinn.net</u> http://www.eaa179.org

9/11 – Palo Alto Airport Day Young Eagles, aircraft displays, birds, food and entertainment.

9/17 – Fly-out to Booneville. Mendocino County Fair & California Wool & Fiber Festival.

9/24 – Reid-Hillview Open House. Information booth & Wing Ribs

9/30 – 10/2 – The California International Airshow at Salinas – 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A great show with top performers from all over the country. <a href="http://www.salinasairshow.com">http://www.salinasairshow.com</a>

#### **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, <u>n737gl@juno.com</u>

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, <u>debra\_behler@rac.ray.com</u>

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.

Guests were introduced as follows: Ari Krupnikov (a pilot renting out of Amelia's), Richard Grialou (a new/old member) and Maryanne Dal Porto, our student representative at Air Venture in Osh Kosh this year.

Randy Wilde gave the treasurer's report after serving again as "Hot Dog Chairman" tonight. The "end of July numbers" were given and can be found on the website.

Brian Dal Porto gave the V.P. Report. He's still working on getting the speaker for our September meeting. He announced that he was going up to the McMinnville fly in 8/19 along with Boyd Blue and several others. He encouraged any interested members to give him a call!

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 both pilots and ground personnel.

Jon Garliepp gave the Membership Report. Four people joined online as follows: Sukarno Mertogano, John Gould, Richard Grialou and Bryan Wood.

Jon also announced that Andy Werback needs help on Saturday to turn the plane he's building. Hopefully there was a good turnout. His hanger is L14.

John described our very successful picnic/poker run with other Chapters this July and said we are looking forward to an even bigger and better one next year. All agreed that the desserts were GREAT!

Wolfgang Polak, our Webmaster, was at the Frazier Lake Open House recently and described taking a flight in the Glastar that member Boyd Blue built. Wolfgang said that it burns about 4 gal / hr at 100-110 knots. He took some nice photos of Boyd and his aircraft which are online at the website. John added that it has a Subaru engine.

John said it is time to think about nominating new members for next year. He also ran down the upcoming events. Several noted that the Booneville flyin is coming up and might be something members would like to attend. See the website for details.

Next was Maryanne Dal Porto's presentation on her trip to Osh Kosh. Maryanne was a very relaxed speaker and presented many photos she took to share with us. In addition, she passed around a sheet metal spark plug holder which she made herself - complete with handle. Jack Cross (sitting next to this Secretary) commented to me on the good quality of her work. Jack has worked with sheet metal for many years. It was easy to tell that this trip was a great adventure and learning experience for Maryanne. She met many new friends, took many great pictures and had front row seats for the Space Ship One landing. She ran down the itinerary for a typical day packed with activities starting with a room check and including working on an aircraft wing. Her parents were justifiably proud. She said she was so relaxed because she knew many in our audience. Maryanne has worked at Young Eagle Events and gone to other Chapter activities. Congratulations to Maryanne for a great presentation and for representing Chapter 62 so well at Osh Kosh this year.

Following the coffee & donuts, members shared their photos of Osh Kosh. We all enjoyed the presentations of John Garliepp, Rusty Wells and Jim Woo. Hopefully this will encourage even more of our members to go next year.

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

Officers and Board Members present were: Jon Garliepp, Brian Dal Porto, Randy Wilde, Ron Carmichael, Rolland La Pelle, Larry Reed, Wolfgang Polak, Allen Roark and Rusty Wells

Minutes submitted by Ron Carmichael

#### **BOARD MEETING**

RHV airport terminal building, San Jose, CA

President Jon Garliepp called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. The minutes from the General Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer, Randy Wilde, distributed the Financial Report. See the website for details. It was noted that we are ok with regard to the Education Fund after expenses this year and should be in good shape for the following year. Wolfgang Polak suggested that we might want to transfer some money from the General Fund (which seem substantial) to the building fund. Jon Garliepp suggested we might want to invest in a projector to be used at meetings. Larry Reed added that with a projector like his, you can play DVDs as well. Another possible use for funds is to update the roster blue book. Wolfgang suggested we need to address where to keep the many older inactive members if not on the roster. These two expenses(projector and "blue book") would amount to about \$1200. Jon also suggested the need to update our list of fixed assets. Vice President Brian Dal Porto said that he is still working on getting a speaker for September. Allen Roark suggested that Mark Kadrich, President of The RHV Airport Assn., wants to attend one of our meetings to encourage pilots to join his organization. Jon said that he is welcome at any time.

Allen Roark, Young Eagles Coordinator, said that he has contacted EAA to get the insurance paperwork done for the PAO Airport Day. In addition, South County would like us to fly on Sat Oct. 22. This will be another event like the one last May. Allen will check with Jack Bowlus or Paul Marshall to see if it's sponsored by the Museum or the South County Pilots Assn.

A Newsletter discussion was held. Jim Manley was unable to make the meeting tonight. It was agreed that due to unforeseen events, including the death of a family member, Jim has had difficulty getting the newsletter out in a timely fashion. It was agreed that Paulette Dal Porto should relieve Jim and take over this task. John will inform Jim of this decision. Rolland La Pelle agreed to be a backup to Paulette if she has any reservations about taking on this challenging job.

Wolfgang reported that the new website format works fine on several Mac's that he tried out. He concludes that the website works well enough and that no further changes need to be made.

Jon raised the issue of creating a nomination committee for this fall's elections. We must vote in

November after nominating in October. Brian volunteered to be on the committee. It was suggested that Terri Gorman might serve when she gets back from Osh Kosh. Rolland agreed to serve as well.

Jon described an online course for high school (sophomores through seniors) in aviation science to get college credit at www.aeroscholars.com. This would also prepare the student for the FAA Private Pilot Written Exam and involves a Midterm and Final (proctored) exam. Perhaps we could sponser one or two students. Jon also had a fundraiser idea from EAA involving a raffle of an EAA leather jacket to help local chapter fundraising efforts. Jon will send in the request for info.

Jon displayed a sample EAA Chapter business card and suggested we might like to produce some cards like this for Chapter 62. Brian Dal Porto said he'd be glad to bring a Chapter 62 sample next time and even make the cards if approved. Discussion was held about some logo/artwork for the card. Larry Reed said that a friend at Lockheed might still have the Intrepid Airman Logo since she helped get this onto our t-shirts. Larry will look into this. Jon suggested that this project would be good PR for our chapter.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45PM

Officers and Board Members present were: Jon Garliepp, Brian Dal Porto, Wolfgang Polak, Ron Carmichael, Randy Wilde, Larry Reed, Allen Roark and Rolland LaPelle

Minutes submitted by Ron Carmichael



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General Meeting: Thursday, September 1, 2005 7:30 PM

Board Meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2005 7:30 PM

# **Spaceward Foundation**

Vern McGeorge from Spaceward Foundation will be giving a talk on the Space Elevator and the Elevator 2010 competition on which his foundation is working.

The Spaceward Foundation is a public-funds non-profit organization dedicated to furthering space science and technology in the public mindshare and in educational curriculums.



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