

# *Spirit of Flight*

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(Sunday afternoon 5:30PM+ Bring  
a salad, side dish or dessert)

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- In Memoriam -

Jack M. Brower - 1923 - 2005

Cover: 34 Reach for Tomorrow Young Eagles and their chaperones, Young Eagle pilots and ground crew.

## President's Message

Larry Rothrock

Dayton Smith has retired from the Young Eagles Coordinator position. Dayton has put in an enormous amount of time in this youth program. Many of us are not aware that Dayton has been coordinating YE events at Gillespie, Montgomery, Ramona and Borrego in addition to the work we see each month at Brown Field. Can you imagine the time that has taken?!

Dayton has had a computer meltdown and has lost some of his records, but I know he has been the YEC for the last five years and has been responsible for flying nearly 500 kids from the Reach for Tomorrow program and we fly about another 200 kids each year. So, Dayton has handled about 1500 kids, I'd guess. That's 1500 families who, when a plane goes over their house, run out to see it instead of complaining about the noise. What a contribution!

Our YE program is a very visible symbol of our educational outreach activities and aviation education is a key activity of the Chapter. We are very grateful to Dayton for his leadership and efforts.

Now we need volunteers to help fill Dayton's shoes. We have flown kids from all over the county and now we need to concentrate on our local community around Brown Field as well. The YE program is a wonderful way to get local residents involved with Brown Field and make them feel that this is their airfield, too. If the local folks like the field and can participate, it will never be taken over by developers. We should not reduce our county-wide program, but we need to give our good neighbors a little more attention.

The YE programs at other airfields that operate under Chapter 14 auspices will do well to focus more effort on their good neighbors as well. The job Dayton has been

doing is a big one and it will get even bigger. We need some volunteers to step forward to help manage and direct various parts of the program: publicity, scheduling, operations, certificates, pilot recruiting, pilots, coordination, organizing other airfields-- Let me know how you feel you can help. Give me a call or send me an email. This is important!

**Mayor and City Stuff** We have invited both San Diego Mayoral Candidates to come (separately) to Brown Field and speak to us about their vision for the future of Brown Field, Montgomery Field and general aviation in San Diego. The suggested dates were any Saturday in September and October. We'll try to have it on our General Meeting day (3rd Saturday), but it may not work out that way. No commitments yet, but stand by! We'll need to have a strong attendance.

For those of us who aren't worried about SDM/MYF closure, because it takes an act of congress: A bill was just passed in the House of Representatives to close Rialto so the city can develop it. It's not hard to get a Congressman to introduce a bill; all it takes is influence.

Two Big Events during August: The Hangar Party on Sunday afternoon August 14 and The RV Fly-in on Saturday, August 20. Don't miss them. See articles elsewhere in this issue of *The Spirit of Flight*.

## *Don't Forget the* Summer Hangar Party!

The Summer Hangar Party is on August 14. That's a Sunday, folks. Spend a lazy, summer Sunday afternoon in the company of fine friends and finer airplanes. Come about 5:30, or thereabouts, and stay as long as you like. We'll cook some bratwursts and hamburgers or something else. We're flexible. And you bring some pot-luck dish or your choice. Salad, vegetable, casserole, desert, caviar, escargot, chitins—whatever strikes your fancy. This is a very laid-back affair.

Bring your aeronautical junk to sell or trade. Clean out that garage and bring somebody else's junk home to fill up the space.

This is a great time to invite some friends or family down to EAA. Maybe we'll pick up some new members.

Since this is a new event, we have no idea how many people might come. So, if you think of it let Joe Russo or Larry Rothrock know if you're coming. Our email and phone numbers are in this newsletter.

Oh, yes, donate \$3 each at the door, if you can afford it. *[Bring a salad, side dish or dessert—we'll grill the meat. Editor]*

## RV Fly-In

Chapter 14 is hosting an RV fly-in on August 20 (3rd Saturday in August). We invite all RV flyers, builders and those who may be thinking about building one. This is a free event and all RV'ers flying in are eligible for a complimentary breakfast and/or lunch. This is an opportunity to check out other RV's and have questions answered by RV builders and flyers. If there is an interest, we will have equipment and expertise for checking weight and balance on your airplane. Also, we have an optical tachometer available to check the readout on your panel tachometer. We can also calibrate your airspeed indicator (if you really want to know); the calibrator will, in addition, check for leaks in the pitot system. These services are available at absolutely NO COST!

If you're not familiar with the layout at Brown Field, just ask the friendly tower controller for the EAA location and he (or she) will guide you there.

Breakfast starts at around 7:30 for the early risers, and continues until about 10:00. Then lunch at 11:30 or so - don't be late, it's usually all gone by noon.

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## The Flying Report

By Bob Osborn

**July 2** - The first Saturday in July arrived and the start of the 4th of July weekend. June's gloom has departed and Maurice Orange arrived early in his Lancair for EAA Chapter 14's fly in luncheon. Both runways were open after being closed individually through the week for resurfacing and sealing. Also the runways at Gillespie are once again open after being closed for resurfacing. After last weekend's air show at Ramona which turned out a real winner attended by huge crowds both Saturday and Sunday, there was potential for a pick up in traffic at Brown. It didn't happen, but then perhaps for the best for next Saturday we are booked for 90 Young Eagles in the "Reach for Tomorrow" program consisting of kids from Indian reservations all over the US. The rest may prove to be deserved. Don Hamm flew his beautiful RV-4 down from Riverside to catch the luncheon prepared by "Ryan" and Donna Ryan.

Have you tried corn bread with jalapenos baked into the mix? Galen Shirley liked it so much he broke his diet to scoff it down with additional jalapenos on the side. The rest of us enjoyed the "All you can eat" servings of chili, beans, 3 bean salad, macaroni salad, corn muffins, nachos, and ice cream. Who would have thought Ryan could bake corn bread? Dayton Smith reported on the Ramona Air Show last weekend where he arranged to feed breakfast to hundreds of Young Eagles and others who ran the event. Hopefully he will give us a write up on the show for a lot of credit is deserved by those who contributed to this outstanding event.

**July 9** - The great July event, flying 34 Young Eagles in the "Reach for Tomorrow" program. Several extra flights were made so those who wanted "stick" time could have a chance to fly. Joe Andrade, Dick Bradshaw, Armond Brattland, Dennis Cullum, Pete Grootendorst, Richard March and James Arondovsky were

the pilots. The "kids" came from Alaska, some living above the arctic circle in small villages. They were a perky, well behaved, and delightful group of young students. We fed them quarter pounder hot dogs, potato salad, nachos, salad, and ice cream with Donna Ryan and husband doing the heavy lifting. Dayton Smith, Chris Alan, and Lista Duren did the orientation, aircraft assignment and provided training videos and a flight simulator for each to try out. It was a busy morning with many arriving aircraft. Fortunately the weather was good and the runway surfacing and striping complete. It all came together, a shining day for EAA Chapter 14.

Sadly though we shall miss the happy face of Jack Brower our librarian who passed away Wednesday, July 6th after a short illness at 82 years of age. Jack catalogued and organized our library, donating his own extensive personal library of aviation literature. He was a retired Aeronautical Engineer and once provided the program for our monthly meeting with a discussion on rocket science.

**July 16** - Would you believe Joe Pribilo flew his Bonanza from Pt. Barrow, AK to Brown Field for the Saturday morning breakfast served by Rodger Magee and Ty Tyvoll? EAA Chapter 14's pancake breakfasts have their staunch supporters, a must attend event. Joe only recently attended Sun and Fun in Florida and at the time flew on to Key West, FL to touch down there so as to visit the two most distant corners of the country. We're waiting for a full report Joe. Another distant visitor for breakfast was Steve Wood in Glass Star, Centennial Edition, N600FY out of 7FL6 Spruce Creek, Daytona Beech, FL who is making a Young Eagle demonstration tour of the country. There were two beautiful Glass Star aircraft visitors Saturday.

Larry Rothrock opened the monthly meeting and commented on what a fine group of Young Eagles the Chapter flew the previous

Saturday, all the student group being from above the Artic Circle in Alaska. Also noted Dayton Smith coordinator for the Young Eagles was retiring and recommendations for a replacement were requested. Two Chapter events scheduled are a hanger party on Sunday August 14th, and an RV fly in Saturday, August 20th. The Chapters lease agreement with the City was discussed and hopefully it would be cleared and available by September. Pete Grootendorst discussed safety and noted a fire bottle had been mounted outside between hangers one and two so as to be always available when the hangers were closed. The program for the day was announced by VP Lista Duren and Tech Counselors Lloyd Gray and LaVerne Edwards inspected Gene Hubbards Pietenpol and made comments regarding what they would look for regarding builders inspection of members projects.

Lloyd Gray screened and donated a CD to the Chapter of stunt flying, featuring the N2S Stearman. And Dennis Cullum prepared a delicious lunch of cold cuts and ice-cream.

**July 23** - Rain! Great puddles of water on the runways and taxiways of Brown Field and a rotating beacon signifying IFR flight conditions greeted early arrivals at EAA Chapter 14's fly in Saturday. Dennis, primed to depart for Oshkosh in the RV-3 found conditions undesirable for departure and "booked" a delay. To switch to the IFR Tomahawk would just not be acceptable. It's a matter of arriving "in style". Although conditions improved during the day it became a high maintenance day with the Nieuport II Squadron showing considerable progress, several fuselages taking shape in hanger 2. Chief of Construction, Gene Hubbard had three projects underway, the Nieuport's, his Piper Tripacer, and he has the tail feathers off the Pietenpol for covering. Galen has worked diligently another week rebuilding 19er Fox and there is light at the end of the tunnel but no cigar. Perhaps next week..... Chris

Puntis's Sonex is reported down at Ramona with high oil temperature a concern. Better there than Oshkosh....

Mitch and Marie Mitchell served a fine barbecued beef luncheon with ice cream for dessert. Some of us had seconds, great barbecue! We should recruit Donna Ryan into the Chapter. She recently completed painting the new T-hanger. Also the mountain of decomposed granite on Charlie taxiway is shrinking and being used to smooth and resurface the drive way into the EAA hangers. Is she also responsible in that project? Someone deserves credit for it.

**July 29** - An ancient polished Beechcraft Bonanza from out of the past swooped in for a landing at Brown Field and taxied front and center of hanger 1 for Saturdays fly in luncheon. Out stepped Stewart Cochran now of Malakoff, Texas and past president for many years of Chapter 14, accompanied by his son Douglass and grand daughter Karsen. Stu is visiting for the week and hanging at Ramona Airport near which Doug lives and came to check up on the status of "his" Chapter. Also to feast on the barbecue, cold cuts, and generally gourmet luncheon prepared by Donna Ryan, Ryan, and Bob O. Though a bit hazy the day found several local pilots exercising their craft, Paul Hanson, Jim Chapman, Ryan, Galen Shirley, Laverne Edwards, perhaps others were noted on the fly. Gene Hubbard was photoed "logging time" in one of the Nieuport II's fuselages in front of hanger 2, or perhaps just trying it on for size to be sure it fit before continuing on with construction.

On a more distant venture, Dennis Cullum was last reported 50 miles outside of Oshkosh in his RV-3 waiting for the air show to be over and the field prepared for his featured arrival. Preparing Chapter 14's area for your featured arrival appears to be the project of Donna Ryan who with paint roller in hand continues down the hanger line, covering one half of the

office/library trailer with fresh paint. Ryan arranged to have the mini-mountain of crushed granite left over from the runway paving project moved to our leasehold. Much of the drive way into the hangers was covered and smoothed, still plenty of gravel awaits those volunteers who are talented in that direction.

## Reach for Tomorrow – A Cultural Exchange

By Lista Duren

On 9 July, Reach for Tomorrow (RFT) brought us 34 Inupiat Eskimo kids from the Northwest Arctic Borough School District of northern Alaska. Get out your map or globe and find the Arctic Circle. Then follow it west across Alaska until it meets the ocean. That's where this group came from – specifically the town of Kotzebue and the nearby villages of Kivalina, Noatak and Selawik.

If this area looks remote, it is. In a school district the size of Indiana, there are eleven villages with 6,000 people including 2,000 K-12 students, and about 200 teachers. Here the caribou rule. There are a half million of them, and when they are running, the schools close and the entire families go out to hunt and lay in meat for the villages. Fishing and gathering provide the rest of their food stores.

These kids, who are entering high school, know how to kill and dress a caribou, how to clean fish and, in general, how to subsist in the 10,000 year old tradition of their family-oriented culture. They don't know how to drive a car. There are no roads. People there get around by snowmobile, boat, or plane (usually amphibious plane). Yes, all of these kids had been in small planes before. We could not give them a true "first flight" experience.

Why, then, did RFT put Young Eagle flights on their agenda? The same reason they do it

for the kids from Detroit or Washington DC or any place else: to give them firsthand experience in the cockpit with a pilot who could tell them that this is something they could do, that it's all about deciding what you want to do and then going after it.

RFT walks a fine line between encouraging these kids to share their pride in their own culture and showing them that they have choices – to go to college, to pursue a career, to leave the subsistence lifestyle, to go back with a broader perspective, to find their own calling and then contribute to their community and the world in the ways they choose.

Thanks to pilots Joseph Andrade, Dick Bradshaw, Armond Brattlund, Dennis Cullum, Pete Grootendoorst, Dick March and James Aronovsky who delivered this message in the sky. Thanks to members Clive Shilbach, Chris Puntas, Gene Hubbard, Jack Thomson, Larry Rothrock, Chris Alan, Kerry Powell, John Watts and Dayton Smith who provided safety briefings, ran the ground operations, showed the flight control video, operated the flight simulator, and acquainted the group with pre-flight inspections and building procedures. Thanks to R.S. and Donna Ryan, Bob Osborne and Ed Fitzgibbons who served up the hot dogs and kept the lunch line going. Thanks to all who flew in or drove in to share in this cultural exchange.

“Ariiga!” the kids told us after their flights (that’s Inupiat for Very Good). “Taikuu” they all said in unison as they left (Thank you very much). “Ariiga Taikuu” we say to them, because together it means “Welcome.”

## Sitting down on the Job

By Gene Hubbard

The Siesta Patrol has made solid progress over the past month, with three fuselage frames riveted together and almost ready to mate with landing gear. One fuselage has a

seat mounted, and members took turns having their pictures taken while making engine noises.

Alan Sparkes has taken the lead on assembly, having pulled hundreds of Avex rivets in the past month. Richard Kalling has cut, dressed, and polished hundreds of the 2024T4 aluminum gussets that hold the aircraft together. Joe Russo has been concentrating on woodwork recently, taking the lead constructing floorboards, seats, forward bulkheads, and rudder pedals for the emerging airframes. Jim MacKinnon is completing work on the tail surfaces, and has taken the lead on materials inventory and procurement. Lista Duren continues her role in parts layout and assembly, while Gene Hubbard continues to manufacture fidgety small parts for the airframes.

The team is making rapid progress, with something new to see each week. Stop by, visit, and check out what’s new. The first ten minutes are free, then we’ll put you to work. You’ll hear a lot of banter, some jokes, and a lot of hyperbole, but remember that these are real airplanes, and that our butts will be in them a mile up in the air. We take this project very seriously, and ask that you do too.



Chris Alan instructs the Reach for Tomorrow Young Eagles on the simulator.

# Hangar Manager's Report – July 2005

By R.S.Ryan

## **Chapter Members Man the Paint Rollers**

Even though it has been hot, dedicated Chapter members used their muscles and expertise to paint the T-hangar. Thanks to Dennis Cullum, Bob Osborne and Jack Thomson for handling powerwash, paint roller and paint trim duties. Since the T-Hangar is currently one of the first structures visitors see when they come to the Chapter, it's important that it looks good. Now it does – and we really appreciate all their hard work.

We're going to be tackling the office trailer next (once it cools down a bit) . Anyone who would like to lend a hand, please see me. We all take pride in our Chapter—and having the Chapter facilities look good shows other people how we feel—so don't be shy – show your interest and grab a paint roller!

We also plan on getting rid of the rust on the metal framework inside Hangar 1. This work needs to be done during the week, and we'll get a chance to use the personal lift donated by Gene Gaidousek. Let me know if you would be interested in helping out with this as well.

## **Hangar Security**

We usually don't think about hangar security until something goes wrong. But by then it's too late. Here are some reminders to ensure that all of our Chapter assets are secure and ready for our use whenever we need them.

Basically, if you are a Chapter member, you have a duty to keep the entire facility secure – and that includes the afternoons when people start going home. If you don't have a key, make sure you let someone with a key know to lock up the hangar you were using. And if you do have a key, don't pass the buck: make sure that the entire facility is

secure either when you leave or take the time to see if someone else will handle this responsibility. Let's look at just four examples where we can all do our part to keep the Chapter secure.

Example 1: You wheel out your plane from Hangar 3 to take a flight. No one else is in Chapter 3, but you notice Chapter members in Hangar 2. Take a minute to tell them you'll be flying and ask them if they will be needing anything from Hangar 3. If they say Yes, ask them to lock it up if you aren't back before they leave. If they say they don't need anything, go ahead and secure and lock it before you take your flight.

Example 2: You've had a full day working in Hangar 2 and are ready to head home. You're the last one in Hangar 2, but you notice a few people still in Hangar 3. Just because someone is still at the Chapter doesn't mean they'll do a total hangar check when they leave—they're probably just as tired as you are. What's the security conscious thing to do? Take the time to ask them if they will be needing anything from Hangar 2 and if they want to lock up. If they say Yes, you've passed the responsibility on to them and have helped them remember to close up. If they say No, close it and secure it before you leave.

Example 3: It's been a long day at the Chapter. You've just had your last cup of coffee and are ready to hit the road. Even though there are still a few people working away, go ahead and secure Hangar 1 before you leave (including the office trailer). Don't expect others to take the time to make sure Hangar 1 is locked and alarmed. They may remember to check on Hangar 2 or 3, but they might not even think about Hangar 1. So do it yourself and make sure. If someone wants some coffee later, they can always unlock it (and having it locked will help remind them to lock it back themselves!)

Example 4: You've been doing your part to keep our garden and plants looking their best and have put the shovel and wheel barrow away. If you are through for the day, go ahead and lock the shed, even if there are still people around. While people might remember to do a check on the hangars, they may overlook the shed.

Let's all do our part to keep the Chapter secure.

### Donations

As always, we appreciate and can use any aviation-related donations. This includes projects or kits in different stages of completion, as well as equipment.

Ryan—Hangar Manager  
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### New Members

*Help us welcome the following new members to Chapter 14. Some of the faces will be familiar, others might not be. Whoever they are, meet them, talk to them, get to know them. All of our members have something to contribute to the Chapter, and to everyone in it.*

**Clark Friedgen** is a private pilot working as an arborist for the city of San Diego. Clark owns an RV-6A, and brings skills with computers to the chapter.

**Elwood Maiden**, his friends call him "Stretch", is a chef and private pilot living in Imperial Beach. He doesn't admit to a current project, but shares a love of aviation with all of us.

**Tommy Mathews** is a concrete cutting contractor based in El Cajon. Tommy has been a familiar face around the chapter for a couple of months. He doesn't have a current aircraft project, but has been making friends and showing interest in quite a few chapter activities.

**Ralph Sharp** is a retired tech writer and mechanic living in San Diego. He has a

Zenith STOL CH-701 project on order and would like to make contact with one of our tech counselors to discuss the project.

**Donna Ryan**, Ryan's better half, is already a familiar face at Chapter 14. Donna has been responsible for a good number of our recent Saturday lunches, and almost single-handedly painting the new T-hangar. Donna is also an excellent authority on Microsoft computer applications.

**Nick Stroumtsos** is an electrical engineer living in San Diego. He is a CFI with glider and multi-engine ratings. Nick has just purchased a share in Serendipity Flyers Cessna 140 in order to add taildragger experience to his resume..

### August Birthdays

Please help us wish a very happy birthday to the following Chapter 14 members born in August.

- 1 Jay W. Henderson
- 1 Kai Schumann
- 2 Ben W. Hunsaker
- 5 John L. McWhinney
- 5 Ralph R. Sharp
- 6 Eugene S. Kaiser
- 9 Ronald F. Parker
- 10 Robert D. Osborn
- 10 John P. Cronk
- 11 Stanley G. Bell
- 14 William A. Monroe
- 16 Don Thornton
- 18 Earl E. Bush
- 20 Roger L. Sokoloff
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- August 6 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- August 13 – Young Eagles, 9AM, Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- August 14 – 5:30PM + Midsummer Social Potluck at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- August 20 – Pancake breakfast 7:30, Chapter membership meeting—10AM, Open house, coffee at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field. Lunch – 11:30
- August 25 (Thursday) – Board of Directors meeting, 7PM, Montgomery Field administration building.
- August 27 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

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### On-Going Chapter Events

Open House at the Brown Field Hangars every Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with lunch at 11:30.

Pancake breakfast - third Saturday of each month.  
 General Meeting - 11:00 A.M. third Saturday of each month.

#### Tape Library

Our tape library contains over 700 tapes of many interesting and informative subjects. These tapes may be checked out by members for a period of one week. If you can't return the video in person, please return it by mail.