

# *Spirit of Flight*

Experimental Aircraft Association  
Chapter 14, San Diego CA

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Reach For Tomorrow - Young Eagle event Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
July 17 meeting - Ron Roberts and San Diego Police "HeliCops"  
August 21 RV Fly-in

Cover: John Kerr's beautiful Thorp T-18

## President's Message

By Richard Kalling

Wow, the year is half over already and elections are just around the corner. We have tried a new system for printing the newsletter to save money but we have had some difficulties and are switching back to our old system at least for now. That is why you got two in the mail on the same day. We have also gone to serving breakfast only on our general meeting day to try to eliminate the problem of finding some one to serve lunch on those days. The breakfast starts and ends one hour later than it used to. If we can find enough cooks we might change that back again also. We have had some great guest speakers this year including Reg with his MIG 21 and PT 19, the Express 2000FT people and the auto pilot presentation in June. We also had that great trip to the Chino air show. If you didn't sign up for that one you missed out. Up coming we have The Police department helicopter and Ron Roberts in July and in August we will have Dr. Kerber giving a talk on his L-39 Albatross. The July 10th young eagles program will be huge. We expect 90 kids on that day. We are still looking for more pilots and help for that event. Jack Thompson has been in contact with Tracy Means about a lease for us and we seem to be making progress. If the current master plan for the airport goes into effect, and who knows how that will go--remember BFAP--we may have to move down close to the restaurant. There may be some advantage in the long run for us if we have to make that move but it will not be easy. Our Nieuport group is moving right along. The tail surfaces are complete and we have finished with four right fuselage halves as of June 26. Being a teacher I am finally free for the summer and plan to spend my Tuesdays and Thursdays down at the field. Perhaps I can finally get all the bugs worked out of the Piper Colt and start putting more time in the air.

Due to my daughters wedding June 19, the first time I was able to get down there was Thursday June 24. What did I see, Bob Osborne and Dennis Cullum patching a spot on the ramp. These guys are great. When you see them tell them thanks.

## The Elections are coming!

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By Dennis Cullum

No, not that dull Bush/Kerry election - this is the important Chapter 14 version! For 2004 we're taking a leaf out of the big guy's book by starting early on our campaign to find nominees for our Board of Directors election in November. We have a nominating committee set up for the purpose of encouraging ( or blackmailing if necessary) Chapter members into signing up for the prestigious positions available on the Board. Now's your chance to have a voice in making things happen in the Chapter! We will have some important issues to deal with next year - in particular those related to the renewal of our lease with the City and the possibility that we may have to move our hangars to a new site. It's a big deal and may well affect the survival of the Chapter in its present form.

The committee members are Richard Kalling (our Prez), Loren Schreiber (tall thin guy, hangs out with Paul Hanson) and Dennis



Interior of John Kerr's T-18

Cullum (short squatty guy with not much hair). Should you see any of these characters sidling up to you in the near future, don't run and hide but consider seriously allowing them to place your name on the list of candidates so that you may have some influence in how the Chapter is run. It's important!

## RViators unite!

By Dennis Cullum

Where are you, all you San Diego RV owners? We know you're out there somewhere and we're going to find you so that we can invite you to a mini-RV fly-in at our hangars on 21 August at beautiful Brown Field, where the weather is always perfect and the controllers accommodating. No trophies or certificates, but a free pancake breakfast for all RViators prepared by our expert Chapter 14 cooking team! You will also have the opportunity to inspect an L-39 jet which is to be flown in by our speaker for the month, Dr Kerber, who will describe its performance and flying characteristics.

We are hoping to find addresses of all RV owners in the county so that we may send individual invitations, however if you know of any who may not have seen this announcement, please make them aware of this informal event. We're looking for a good turn-out!

Breakfast starts around 8:00 am and finishes at 10:00, - don't be late!

Any questions, contact Dennis Cullum at 760-436-5806, e-mail [dfcullum@aol.com](mailto:dfcullum@aol.com)

## Program.....

By Larry Rothrock

The Trio Avionics presentation by Jerry Hansen and Chuck Busch was informative and fun. I think they've picked up a few customers! It's rare to see a company so well supported by its customers. There were six or seven canard planes with the Trio Avionics autopilot in attendance. Just there to 'bear witness' and support the company...unusual.

It gave us an idea to host a mini-fly-in for type airplanes on selected Saturdays. The first one is an open invitation to all RV- type airplanes to come in for a free breakfast on the 3rd Saturday in August. Dennis Cullum (an RV builder and driver) will set it up. See his article elsewhere in this Newsletter.

## July...

The Program at the July General Meeting (Saturday, July 17 at 11:00) will be presented by the San Diego Police. The SDPD has a very active helicopter arm and they will fly in to our hangars to talk to us about their activities.

We'll get a chance to inspect one of their Ranger helicopters and learn how they go about carrying out their mission in San Diego.

They'll bring along some videos of some pursuits in which they've been involved, too.

Bring the kids and come to the helicops presentation on July 17th.

**Also, we expect to have a Very Important Personage on hand to talk about the City government and its interaction with aviation. We expect San Diego City Councilman and candidate for Mayor, Ron Roberts to speak to us. Stand by!!!**



Ed Bancroft's BD-5 signed off and ready for flight (!)



"Curse you, Red Baron!"

## August...

Don't forget the August General Meeting!! Dr. Kerber will bring his nifty jet to the field on Saturday, August 21 and will tell us all about the Czech L-39. This jet military trainer is becoming very popular.

Also, (see Dennis' article) don't forget all RV's get free breakfast!

## September...

Our faithful EAA14 colleagues, Loren Schreiber and Paul Hanson will make the presentation at the September 18th General Meeting!! Kindly, beloved Paul Hanson is a Chapter 14 Life Member, has built a Tailwind and now, an Offshoot of the Tailwind. He is known for designing the revolutionary Hexagonal Hangar on our site. Loren is a Director of the Chapter and is known for being able to get along with Paul.

Paul and Loren will fly their Jaibaru-powered plane to Oshkosh and will give us a slide show of the trip and of 'What's Cool at Oshkosh this Year'.

--Larry Rothrock

## The Flying Report

By Bob Osborn

**June 5** - The biggest smile Saturday was on Pete Grootendorst's face when he taxied back from flying Laverne Edwards Starduster. Laverne spent some sixteen years building the perfect Starduster and learning to fly it. Seems about three years since it made it's first flight and since that time only Laverne, Lloyd Gray and now Pete have soloed in it. Pete put the little aerobatic champ through its paces and pronounced it the greatest fun airplane yet. A fine assorted showing of fly in aircraft ranging from Ryan's Quickie to King Schultz Cessna 210 with Earl Hickman's Bucker, Donna Smith's Kitfox, Ashley Palmer's Beech Musketeer, Dennis Cullum's RV-3, Dan Patch's varieze, and Larry Rothrock's Great Lakes fitting in between. All were treated to a lunch of chili dogs, salad, potato salad, and delicious lemon cake baked and served by Phil and Lynn Fulton with the help of their daughter Emily. Can you believe Emily is now eleven years old and nearly as tall as Phil. Seems like only yesterday she was a babe in arms. Time flies.

Jack Thomson's RV-6 has been flying regularly and fighting transponder problems. Pete had to rescue Jack and Ryan with the Traveler Thursday at Gillispie where Bill Cardwell vetted the electronic gremlins at



Bob Offord's flowers brighten up the space between the Chapter 14 ramp and the taxiway.

Advanced Aircraft Electronics. Gene Whigham celebrated the recovery from some nose surgery with a flight in his HIPP Motor Glider also Thursday. Ed Bancroft reports his BD-5 ready for FAA inspection and test flight by Ron Schular this coming week. Ed arrived on the scene in a huge Dodge pickup which he plans to use to move to a new home in Oregon shortly. What's to become of the BD-5, Ed?

**June 12** - What a weekend ! A Barnum & Bailey, three ring circus event. In the center ring Dayton Smith's Young Eagle program with Joseph Andrade, Pete Grootendorst, and Stan Bell piloting some nine Young Eagles in their aircraft. Parents seem more excited over these flights than the participants. The participants must really work up an appetite for by 1030 they were ready for free hotdogs and nachos and were clamoring for a free ice-cream cone. A lunch for all followed at 1130 with the addition of potato salad, cole slaw, and peach halves added to the basic fare. So a few Young Eagles came back for seconds.

In the second ring some beautiful homebuilt airplanes were flown in. John Kerr dazzled us with his mirror finish Thorp T-18. Like a beautiful woman that aircraft is round and smooth in the cowl, the wing tips, elevator tips, and cabin, and straight and narrow as an arrow in the waist and after fuselage. The cowl in particular shows lots of work with an English wheel which, John is an expert with. Don Hamm flew his newly completed RV-4 down from Riverside where he has nearly finished the 40 hour flight test period. And third, Glenn Pew brought in a fine composite Acro 1 which he built in NY and brought to San Diego. It is currently residing at Palladin and he is looking for a permanent spot and closer association with Chapter 14.

The third ring event was the licensing of Ed Bancroft's BD-5. FAA Inspector Designee Alan Purdy came promptly at 10 Tuesday. Ed has only been 15 years or so (as I recall from memory, a weak authority) and should have

things polished and perfect. The inspector pointed out a few items such as log books (none), instrument markings (none), rivets (lots but a few missing), and finally he had to see the engine run. Dennis Cullum and Larry Rothrock towed (it wouldn't start) the aircraft to the EAA hanger and did a weight and balance. Ed popped in a couple of rivets and headed out for Montgomery Field to buy log books. Some instrument markings were provided from Chapter 14 supplies. Finally all was in order and the inspector said he had to see the engine run. Luckily Ed Fitzgibbons had jumper cables and after long effort it started and ran. Inspector Alan signed off on the operating limitations and told Ed that you couldn't pay him to fly that aircraft, a wise and patient man for it was by now 3PM. This disturbed Ed greatly but then Ed doesn't plan to fly it. Ed was to leave Thursday pulling a 5th-wheeler and moving to Washington State where he is building a home. Ron Schular has custody of the BD-5. Be careful Ron.....

**June 19** - Barber Shop Quartet ! It turned a cool June gloom day into a sunny one at the EAA third Saturday fly in at Brown Field. But first Ty Tyvoll and Bill Clark put everyone in the right mood with their delicious brunch of eggs, pancakes, sausage, and coffee. Larry Rothrock gathered scattered fliers, builders, and onlookers from the ramp into hanger 1



Pete Grootendorst and a planeload of Young Eagles.

where Bill Ingram led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Bill an Vari-eze pilot was one of 7 Eze pilots to fly in for the monthly meeting. Following the Pledge, Allan Sparks took the floor to introduce the "City Limits" a quartet in which Allan sang tenor. He and his partners, Bob Holloway, Dick Lobinette, and Joe Perry then led us all in singing "The Star Spangled Banner". This was followed with a program including the favorite "Lyda Rose" and several more. The old hanger fairly shook with song. Larry Rothrock quickly seized the moment to book them for our Annual Awards Banquet next winter.

A report by members followed. Gene Hubbard on the Nieuport project (proceeding well with fuselage parts ready for assembly) and as membership chairman (a total of 227 members signed up). Dennis Cullum as facilities manager stated our hangers are full to overflowing and commented on an RV-6A kit project which was donated by Jim Knotter to the Chapter. Pete Grootendorst, Dennis Cullum, Talkie Muraoka, and Bob Osborn picked up the kit including jigs, tools, and pilot accessories (headsets, electronic E6B, etc) and have stored them in hanger 3 awaiting disposition and possible sale. Larry Rothrock pronounced the last bus trip to Chino a success, i.e. no fist fights or singing on the bus, and suggested thinking about another. Paul Hanson announced the Eagle Flight to Oshkosh was booking and would cost about \$1000 for air fare, housing in the college dorms, ground transportation, and entrance to the event. See Paul for contact info. Jack Thomson gave an update on our lease with the city and indicated a move up to the FBO line near the restaurant might be a requirement for a long term lease under the Cities plan.

Jerry Hanson and Chuck Bush of Trio Avionics brought their auto pilot to demonstrate and present a program covering its many features. Boy did they ever bring it! Six of the Eze's that flew in were equipped with one. Basically it is a small, light (it fits the

Vari-eze), solid state, digital, GPS enabled, auto pilot, costing about \$1670, and developed for experimental aircraft. Their web site is [www.trioavionics.com](http://www.trioavionics.com) and the company is located at 1730 Joe Crosson Drive Suite B1, El Cajon, CA 92020. Some 130 units have been sold and new developments are continuing.

**June 26 - Shades of gloom.....** A fly in luncheon and no one flew in. Prez of Vice Larry Rothrock even drove down when he found Montgomery field socked in. The usual IFR arrivals were absent also, Frank Himmerich's Cherokee 235 is down for engine overhaul and paint and King Schultz didn't show up as he usually does. Still the show goes on and Chris Puntis' Shepherds Pie with peas, grapes and apples was delicious. The most active scene was the club 140 doing touch and goes and then failing to start at the gas pump after the flight, had to be towed back to the hanger behind the golf cart. On second thought, Gene and his Nieuport 11 builders were active all day in the cool and perfect working weather.

Bill Russell's aviation class of Young Eagles at Gillespie field were scheduled for flights on Friday. With several of the Young Eagle pilots no longer eligible to fly Young Eagles, Dennis Cullum was the only pilot to show up to fly 8 candidates. He was able to fly 3 in his Tomahawk but the wait time became too much for the rest of them. What is going to happen on 10 July when 90 Young Eagles are planned?

And finally the Cardiac Rehab unit at Naval Hospital kicked me out of the nest Friday. Gave me the full graduation treatment, mustered the patients and nurses, presented the red T shirt with embroidery and pinned on a gold heart, RN Bloomquist made mention of how they received me DOA at ER, resurrected me and there I was, proof of their product. They're the very best!!!!

# MINUTES - Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 14, Board of Directors Meeting - 27 May 2004

Lista Duren, Secretary

**Present:** Dennis Cullum, Kerry Powell, Lista Duren, Larry Rothrock, Gale Hess, Joe Russo, Gene Hubbard, Ryan Ryan, Richard Kalling, Loren Schreiber, Dayton Smith.

**Absent:** John Alley, Mike Fisher, Pete Grootendoorst, Roger Magee, Bill Moore, Jack Thomson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by president Richard Kalling.

Minutes from the April meeting were read and approved with corrections.

The financial report was not presented because Jack Thompson was absent.

## REPORTS:

**Facilities.** Dennis Cullum: Ian Lansdowne has vacated the mezzanine. There was an inquiry from somebody who wants space to build a RANS II in a box hangar. We have no space, so we offered him the mezzanine to build parts. Not all tenants are current on their membership.

**Safety.** Pete Grootendoorst: Pete was absent. No report. Ed Fitzgibbons is still safety officer, but Pete reports to the board.

**Lease** Joe Russo: Jack Thomson has opened a dialogue with Tracy Means. The entrance to Brown Field will be relocated to our present location, so we will eventually have to move. Joe Russo will find an appraiser for the additional space we'd like to rent temporarily at our current location. The board authorized Joe to spend up to \$1,000 to have the appraisal done.

**Newsletter** Kerry Powell: The new plan for newsletter production is that Steve Opgenorth will get the pdf file from Kerry and use it as the master for printing. The quality will not be significantly different.

**Young Eagles.** Davton Smith: Reach for Tomorrow is bringing 90 kids to the Young Eagles event on July 10. Dayton is recruiting pilots and other volunteers to make the event go smoothly. Issues include having enough pilots, briefing space, tower cooperation, staggered lunch schedule, and getting started on time. Dayton has a volunteer signup sheet.

**Programs.** Larry Rothrock:

June Trio Aviation people will present their autopilot for experimental aircraft.

July - No program has been arranged yet.

August - Dr. Kerber will speak about [?]

Larry is looking for ideas for future speakers.

**Bylaws Committee.** Lista Duren: The Bylaws Committee did not meet this month.

**Bus Trip to Chino.** Larry Rothrock: The trip was a success. The mailing brought in another dozen people. A total of 42 people signed up, but only 36 actually went on the trip. Larry circulated a written report showing a net loss of \$468. Joe Russo took umbrage with term "net loss" and requested that it be considered "an investment in chapter congruity." The board discussed the possibility of future trips to The Midway or Copperstate. [Later in the month, Nellis AFB was added to the list of possible trips.]

**Membership.** Gene Hubbard: We now have 226 members. We got 30 renewals from the recent mailing. We're ahead of last year.

**Sunshine Committee.** Mike Fisher: No report. Mike Fisher was absent.

**Shop Committee.** Gene Hubbard: No meeting to date

## NEW BUSINESS

Fly-in at Nichols Field: Gale Hess reported that the Toy Gun Fly-in will be held at Nichols Field, a mile east of Otay, on July 18. It will include spot-landing contests. It's possible to get permission take a certificated airplane in. As background, he reminded us that the Nichols Field group is associated with the U.S. Ultralight Association, and is an EAA chapter with about 55 members. They have similar lease issues with the City, so we should collaborate.

Elections: It's time to staff the nomination committee, which should be published in the July newsletter. Nominations should be made by August so they can be published in the September newsletter. The committee requires three people. Loren, Richard and Dennis volunteered. We also identified Chris Puntis and Bob Osborne as potential committee members. We need to write up a policy on elections for the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

## Taildragger!

By Tony Buttacavoli

*[Editor's note: Tony is a frequent contributor to the 'fearless Aeronca Aviators' (f-AA) email list]*

Well it wasn't a Champ, but a C47 certainly fits the bill as a taildragger, and so it was with a light heart, and a sense of sheer joy that I eased the throttles forward, cranked full aileron into the crosswind, and bounded down runway 23L at KYIP, Willow Run, Mich. The tail, that lovely sail of a tail rose behind us, the radials bellowed that mighty combustion symphony, all bass and baritone, and all encompassing, kicking rudder to keep her straight, a little aft pressure on the yoke at 85kts, and we were up and away, churning wonderfully into severe clear cobalt electric

blue neo spring skies. Cleaning up, reducing power thru METO to climb, running the checklists, turning crosswind, to downwind, slowing now, dropping gear and 1/4 flaps abeam the touchdown zone, easing the throttles back to 20", 2050 RPM, slowing now beneath 100kts, the checklist a continuous litany from After TakeOff thru Before Landing, feeding in more flaps, as we turn base to finals, slowing to 95kts, showing slightly high on the VASI, so I call for full flaps, all 45 degrees angled against the breeze, and we sink onto the glidepath, right wing down, aileron into the crosswind, 12kts on the surface, stronger aloft, I ease in a few more inches of manifold pressure, the better to hold my short field approach speed of 85kts. We sweep thru the last 200 feet, over the field boundary and the runway numbers, settling into ground effect, softly slip/crabbing against the X-wind, ruddering her straight those last few feet, and we settle in, upwind tire, downwind tire, tailwheel easing down as we slow below 60kts, yoke against my chest to pin her to the planet, light braking slowing us, as we clear the runway. Oh yes, I remember her, and I think she still remembers me, we taxi back and repeat the dance 2 more times, and once again by the wonderful grace of God, I am a current, qualified, DC3/C47 captain, and a wonderfully current tailwheel pilot again. All is well, can't wait to fly the 7AC again too! TonyB



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 3 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- July 10 – Young Eagles, 9AM, Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- July 17 – Pancake breakfast 8:30, Chapter meeting – 11 AM, Open house, coffee at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- July 22 – Board Meeting – Montgomery Field administration building 7PM
- July 24 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- July 31 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

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

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