

# *Spirit of Flight*

Experimental Aircraft Association  
Chapter 14, San Diego CA

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It's Membership Renewal Time!

Renewal form in this newsletter

EAA B-17 Aluminum Overcast coming  
to Gillespie again April 5-7

Cover: *Bill Dennison with his 1939 Fairchild 24R with the inverted Ranger P440 engine.*  
*Photo by Bob Osborn.*

## President's Message

By Larry Rothrock

The EAAs Flying Fortress, Aluminum Overcast, will arrive in San Diego soon and you don't want to miss out. Check with Richard Kalling to sign up for the crew.

The other traditional spring Chapter event is the Ocotillo Wells Fly-in/Camp-out. Many of you have asked about it. Kai Schuman is setting it up this year with a lot of help. The Board decided to postpone the event until autumn and to invite several other Chapters to co-sponsor it. It is fair amount of work and it would be good to share the effort and camaraderie with other groups. Kai will contact other groups and try to pull it all together for November.

Gale Hess, former Chapter 14 President, brought his Austin Healey auto club (Hess' Healeys??) to our hangars and everyone enjoyed looking at the splendid cars. It made me think of all the good things that Gale has done for the Chapter. Thanks, Gale. We have not forgotten all your hard work.

Blue Skies and Tailwinds.

## March meeting program

Our Chapter meeting on March 15 speaker will be Robert Griscom, Esq. who will speak on: "FAA Enforcement Action" His background is a California Lawyer and practices law here in San Diego. A significant part of his law practice is defending pilots or mechanics who have been charged by the FAA with violating the Federal Aviation Regulations.

## B-17

The B-17 is coming, the B-17 is coming, but don't worry, they won't be dropping bombs, they will be carrying people like you back into the past. Yes, it is that time of year again when the EAA B-17 Aluminum Overcast comes to Gillespie Field and they will be here April 4-6 (Friday-Sunday) 08. This makes the fourth year they have been here and you have a chance for a free ride and at the very least a free tour of the plane. All you have to do is signing up to volunteer as one of the people needed for tours, our own EAA Chapter 14 Booth, Security, or the sales trailer. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board located in hangar one at Brown Field. The more hours you put in the better chance you have of winning that ride on Aluminum Overcast so be sure to get your name in soon. If you want to sign up but can't make it down to Brown contact me and I will get you in there some where

space permitting.

## The Flying Report

By Bob Osborn

**February 2** - It wasn't a day for open cockpit flying and the Stardusters and Buckers stayed in the barn for EAA Chapter 14's fly in luncheon, the first Saturday in February. The Pipers, Aeronca's, Luscombe's, KR's, and a Mazda powered Cozy, as well as many drive in members and guests came for Chris Puntis's gourmet luncheon fare. Chef Puntis served some 40 diners a "Groundhog Day Special" of bangers, beans, bubble & squeak, fruit and ice cream with "authenticity" added by Dennis Cullum. I had to ask what bubble & squeak were and learned it is the grilled mashed potatoes and cabbage rolled together. We ate it all.

Keith Spreuer from Chapter 96 in Compton, CA flew his Subaru powered Cozy IV N91KS in for a visit. Powered with a 6 cylinder Subaru engine of 230 horse power it cruises at 200 mph on 10 ½ gallons per hour. It appears to have an elaborately equipped glass cockpit. Ryan went for a ride with Keith and I suspect the wheels are turning in Ryan's head considering converting his ERacer to Subaru power. Keith disclosed some problems he had with the conversion including engine failure on the first flight and dinging the aircraft in a landing 15 feet short of the runway. It's never a free ride....

Paul Hanson making progress on the Ben Hunsaker Memorial Library and Business Office, asked for a volunteer to paint the standout block letters designating it and was quickly accepted by Larry Owen. King Schultz is the consultant on "Air Force Blue" the designated colors.

**February 9** - Finally a summer day at EAA Chapter



Gale Hess and the Austin Healey club visit EAA

14, Brown Field, after the last couple of weeks of sweater weather. Perhaps that is what brought the "open cockpit's", the warbirds, the antiques, the homebuilts, all of them back. Perhaps it was the Young Eagle flights, Chris Puntis' gourmet luncheon, or Larry Rothrock's lease adjustment program. It was just the place to be.

80 degree, severe clear, sunny weather welcomed the Buckers, the warbirds, Mike McCrea in his SNJ-5, Bill Dennison in his 1939 Fairchild 24R with the inverted Ranger P440 engine, and many other fly in lunch attendees. But first there were Young Eagle flights with Gene Hubbard serving as loadmaster, safety director, and certificate award presenter. Tim Steele was first to fly with Pete Grootendorst and Tim's father Gary also along to observe, in the Grumman Traveler. Gary Baloaing flew with Armond Brattland in the Maule. Meanwhile Richard Marsh with the Stinson and Dennis Cullum with the Piper Tomahawk were on standby for late arrivals.

El Camino Del Morte Peppers, mash, corn, bubble & squeak (until it ran out), with ice cream desert was served by Chris Puntis to some 37 diners on the holiday red checkered table coverings. Whatever the holiday, the stuffed peppers were as good as they come. Thanks Chris. Stoked with the excellent lunch, Larry gathered his planning and surveying crew (Dennis, Gene, Joe, John, Kerry, Ryan, ??????) and proceeded to site in the new hanger and taxi way arrangements. Was that a good day or what?

Dennis Cullum donated the binoculars' and case located by the visitors log, to the Chapter. They are to be employed for grading landings at the end of Runway 26R. So watch it! No one escapes.

**February 16** - Ty Tyvoll and Rodger Magee once again enticed fly in members with their pancake breakfast at EAA Chapter 14, Brown Field. A variety of aircraft were on hand for those who drove in, to kick tires and stay around for the 3rd Saturday monthly meeting. President Larry Rothrock got the meeting rolling with reports, following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Gene Hubbard reported that membership signup's were proceeding nicely. Also that Young Eagle flights had decreased perhaps due to advertising in the community in need of refreshing. Pete Grootendorst, Safety Director advised avoiding the restricted areas around Camp Pendleton as they had changed over the years. Dayton Smith has volunteered to arrange programming for the Chapter and has numerous speakers available. One requirement was they were to limit their program to 45 minutes. Richard Kalling is signing up members to help with the B-17 flights at Gillespie, April 5-7, a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. And Paul Hanson commented on the

progress of the Ben Hunsaker Memorial project.

The program was Larry's annual "Report of the Chapter" assisted by Chris Puntis (hanger purchase), Joe Russo (lease negotiations), Dennis Cullum (Sam McCutcheon's hanger donation), and presented with handouts and overhead projections to enlighten the assembled members of work in progress and costs related thereto. For instance Chris reported the original cost of the long row hanger to be located on "Old Charlie" was \$34,120 but as time passes and due to the increase in cost of steel it rises to \$43,350.

The location of the main entrance to Brown Field at the traffic light just south of the control tower and off our parking ramp, on the Master Plan which is being developed for Brown Field, has resulted in changes to our leased area and perhaps some opportunities to acquire adjacent areas and some site development in exchange for giving up some leased area we now utilize. As Red Buttons would say "Big things are happening".....

Chef Puntis once again tickled our palate with hugh trays of his home prepared luncheon of "meat and pitot pie, peas, and ice cream." Some 39 lunches were served. Dennis Cullum who replaced the burner in the oven of our stove last week also deserves credit for a satisfying dinner on a chilly day.

**February 23** - A beautiful sunny warm day sandwiched between rains greeted EAA Chapter 14 fly in luncheon patrons at Brown Field Saturday and the response was a burst of fly in aircraft and on site activities fitted neatly into that window of opportunity. Guy Buchanan was first to arrive in his Kitfox out of Ramona. The Buckers soon followed. Bill Dennison in his Fairchild 24R came aboard. Dan McCutcheon in the Mooney Cadet, Joe Pribilo in the Luscombe, Curtis Hopkins in the Helio Courier, and Bill Beaylock came by in the RV8. Ryan woke up the south county with his Mazda powered ERacer. Joe Russo inspected the east county from the Grumman Traveler. Dennis thwarted from escaping to a weekend in Yuma, AZ for the Marine Corp air show, due to Fridays steady rain, wound up the RV3 and practiced a few landings. And last but not least, 6 year old Justin Cervi mounted up in the GeeBee pedal plane and patrolled the ramp area. Justin is the great grandson of Angelo Cervi of Buffalo, NY who winters with us but leaves his Cessna 172 hangered (snowed in?) back in Buffalo.

On the construction side, Gene Hubbard and Jim MacKinnon kept the Newport factory humming. Bill Moore put in a days work on the MiniMax. Andrey Fedorenko is readying his Kitfox for return to flight status and Kerry Powell rolled the Aeronica Chief out of hanger 2 for some fresh air and maintenance work.

Food? We ate tuna casserole, mystery meat, salad, fruit, and ice cream. The receipt from the internet to utilize our stock of canned tuna turned out a success. The mystery meat wasn't road kill as someone surmised but a succulent bit of leftovers from Chris Puntis' previous weeks production. Some 35 diners polished it all off and asked for more. We ran out....

**Help us wish a very Happy Birthday to those Chapter 14 members born in March**

- 1 Dick March
- 1 Linda Sorensen
- 3 Ernie Shattuck
- 4 Alex Martinez
- 5 Lee Anderson
- 5 Bob Morse
- 6 Bernie Rand
- 7 Charles Pickett
- 11 James Aldrich
- 13 Gerald Blank
- 13 Gregory Finch
- 14 Bill Russell
- 17 Mits Hosaka
- 17 Dave White
- 18 Tony Gittes
- 21 Dan McCutcheon
- 23 Neil Harland
- 25 Chuck Heberle
- 27 John Collins
- 29 Jim Hann

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**Ben's library is progressing.**

Interior construction is basically completed. Many pictures, award plaques and Ben's mementos are displayed.

There are still things to do:

- An entry canopy
- Planters along side the deck
- Signs
- Books and furniture placement
- Bringing the south room back to order, including reinstallation of our computer
- Funding: Our goal is still to have all costs covered by individual donations rather than by our chapter funds which are needed for future hangars.

If you would like to join the others who have contributed to Col. Ben's Memorial, Please see Dennis or myself.

Paul Hanson

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# EAA Chapter 14 January Board Meeting Minutes

## DECISIONS & ACTION ITEMS

December Financial Report reviewed and approved. Ray/Richard, passed.

Change the potluck lunch from once a month to every 5th Saturday. Pete/Kevin, passed.

Dennis and 2 additional board members will identify savings accounts which might provide more interest and still offer liquidity.

Dennis will look into the cost of a portable phone.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Dennis provided a detailed account of Chapter income and expenses up through December and compared the current figures to last years. Larry solicited comments on the Board's reaction to the increased expenses for 2007. In addition to the increased lease payment, the Board noted the one-time expenses for the restroom facility construction, new grill and the hangar down payment. The Board felt that considering how much more we paid out in 2007, our overall financial situation was good. Kerry reminded the Board that we have invested in more real estate and while we haven't yet realized the profit, we will. The Board noted the decrease in income from lunches. Upcoming efforts to arrange for meeting speakers and for Birds of a Feather fly-ins should contribute to increased attendance at lunch. Chris suggested reviewing the savings account type we have now and see if we can improve our interest rate while still retaining the liquidity we need for upcoming purchases and expenses. Board members suggested several companies which might meet our needs. Dennis will ask a couple of Board members to assist with this.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety – Pete reviewed recent occurrences at Lindberg and Corona. He encouraged all pilots to keep their landing lights on at all times.

Membership: Gene reported that we had approximately 111 members who had renewed.

Facilities: Ryan shared the Hangar Manager's Report.

Young Eagles: A one-time Young Eagle's event under our auspices will be held at Montgomery Field this coming Saturday.

Chuck McGill is spearheading the effort. Gene and John Watts will be helping. Gene discussed other possible Young Eagle's events, including one in El Centro.

## OLD BUSINESS

Banquet: Joe reviewed the Banquet. Joe and several of the Board members felt that it went very well and everyone appreciated the entertainment. However, expenses were greater than income and because of our increased emphasis on watching expenses, the Board will discuss a future Awards Banquet at a later meeting.

Brown Field Development: Larry discussed recent activities decisions concerning the selection of a developer for Brown Field and how we are impacted by this decision.

## NEW BUSINESS

B17: Richard is in charge of coordinating the B-17 event. Kerry discussed getting sign-up sheets up in Hangar1.

Hangar Donation: Larry reviewed the donation of the McCutcheon hangar to the Chapter. Paul Hanson is obtaining costs for moving it.

Potluck: The Board felt that the potluck was not currently as successful as it had been and that we would discontinue having a monthly potluck. Pete made a motion to have it every 5th Saturday, which would work out to approximately once a quarter.

Ocotillo: The Board wants to continue the Ocotillo outing, but feels that partnering with another Chapter or two would help.

Partnering with Chapter 114 is one possibility. Suggestions were also made to contact Yuma, Thermal, Bermuda Dunes, French Valley. Possible dates were also discussed, including March 15, March 31. Ray suggested perhaps having it in the fall. Kai and Jimmy will contact some other Chapters to determine their availability and interest and the Board will discuss it further.

Calendar: The Board discussed some upcoming events, including a possible trip to Chino during the first part of May. The Board wants to concentrate on having Birds of a Feather fly-ins every few months.

Directors' Responsibilities: Larry reviewed the need for having each Director responsible for a specific assignment. Some assignments were made at the Meeting:

Dennis Cullum: Treasurer

Pete Grootendorst: Safety

Gene Hubbard: Membership, Young Eagles, newsletter labels

Richard Kalling: B-17

Jimmy Kennedy: Ocotillo

Gary List: Kitchen

Kerry Powell: Newsletter, web site

Joe Russo: Vice-President, Awards Banquet

Donna Ryan: Secretary, library, newsletter mailing, hangar rental payments

Kai Schumann: Ocotillo

Phones and Heaters: Ray West suggested replacing the current phone with a portable phone with rechargeable battery based near the kitchen so members would more easily hear it. Dennis will look into prices. He also suggested purchasing an electric heater that may be least costly to operate. This motion was tabled until the next meeting.

## Matters for Next Board Meeting

- Further assignment of Director duties
- Activity Calendar
- Upcoming programs
- Portable heater

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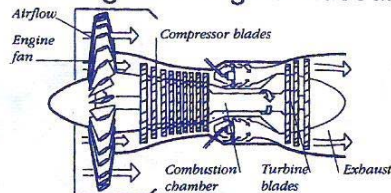
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

March 8 – Open house, coffee, lunch, at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

March 15 – Pancake breakfast 7:30, membership meeting—10AM, Open house, coffee at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field. Lunch – 11:30

March 22 – Open house, coffee, lunch, at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

March 27 – Board of Directors, 7PM, Montgomery Field Adm bldg.

March 29 – Open house, coffee, lunch, at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

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Membership cost is \$25.00 per year plus an initial \$5.00 induction fee for new members. Applications are available at our Brown Field hangars and on our website.

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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 - 10:00 A.M. third Saturday of each month.

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