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Chapter 14 President Sam McCutcheon says 'Farewell' to San Diego and Chapter 14 as he and his wife Lee move to Arkansas.

President's Farewell

For the last 15 years my EAA home has been Chapter 14 at Brown Field. I remember Air Space America which brought an international air show and in the process re-arranged our ramp. We had fly-in's and open houses every year. At times our vision was greater than our willing volunteers. Still Chapter 14 became the largest EAA Chapter of all. It took me a long time to get acquainted, perhaps five years. Since then my comfort with all of you has increased and many deep friendships have developed. My greatest honor is that Chapter 14 elected me as President for one quarter of these fifteen years. I believe that Chapter 14 is for its members and their needs and desires. Now all good things must come to an end. My time has come to move on. I wish the best for Chapter 14 and its great people. I will miss you and think of all of you and the good times we have had often. I will continue my membership in Chapter 14, so if you are passing thru Arkansas please look me up.

Farewell friends,

Sam McCutcheon.

Cover: *Hanna Hickman flew in in her J-3 Cub, NC 6515H, the most beautiful restored J-3 in the country, with her dad, Gary, riding back seat. Hanna is about 6 years old and can barely see over the front instrument panel.*

The Flying Report

By Bob Osborn

April 5 - FIRE! FIRE! It looked like Joe Pribilo's "new" Beech Bonanza was burning while parked at the south end of the ramp. Fortunately the fire was coming from a parked truck on the road behind it. A huge cloud of black smoke was pouring from the truck with its engine hammering away. Apparently it was a diesel which was burning its engine oil supply and could not be shut off. Eventually the racing engine slowed and stopped, seizing as the oil ran out and the smoke died away just as the fire department responded expecting to douse an aircraft fire. Never a dull day at Brown Field.

April arrived a beautiful sunny cool day with cloud streets. Bouncy but perfect flying weather and a nice selection of aircraft and crews on hand for Pete and Janeth's spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad and ice cream. It didn't take long for the portable table crew to lay down their tools and line up for a ration after smelling the garlic bread toasting in the oven. A Starduster builder from Corona stopped in with his wife and commented he liked visiting our Chapter as we always had a project going and were such a friendly bunch. Perhaps he should attend a Board meeting for a more balanced appraisal.

Jim Chapman, grapefruit farmer from Borrego grossed out his Kit Fox with a load of grapefruit last week which he generously gave to the Chapter. That airplane is a hauler and we all appreciate it. Those grapefruit are delicious. Try some next time you visit the hanger.



Portable table assembly on the ramp.



Tom Buettgenbach and his Falco

April 12 - Great Birthday Party! Airplane rides took the place of pony rides. Dayton Smith as Pied Piper enticed some 42 Young Eagles to sign up for rides. Assisted by John Watts, Al Allan, and Lista Duren the safety orientation, and plane assignments went smoothly. Joe Andrade, Stan Bell, Armond Brattland, Dennis Cullum, Rik Keller, Richard March, Maurice Orange, and Bob Osborn supplied the ponies....err. airplanes. The birthdays were supplied by Titiana Galvez and Jonathan Sharp and perhaps one or two others. The parents supplied the three layer birthday cake, party favors, and happy kids. We had a party.

Gene Hubbard supplied the model building supplies and expertise to the many model glider builders who soon covered the ramp with the gliders they built while waiting for a real airplane ride. And there were lots of fly in aircraft. The tower had to limit touch and go training because of the traffic. It was that kind of day. Beautiful weather and visibility. Good enough for the hot air blimp experimenters to inflate their blimp on the ramp up by the old navy tower. Ron Schuler has been an active participant in that project and once the bugs are worked out hopefully will bring it down for a demonstration.

Some birthday parties just can't get any better unless you have all the hot dogs and hamburgers you can eat. Also there was potato salad, chips, beans, and ice cream. These were supplied by Peter and Janeth Grootendorst who above and beyond the call of duty and for the second week in a row provided lunches for 90 hungry boys and girls, parents and pilots. We do live it up at the Brown Field EAA Saturday fly in.

April 19 - Easter Vacation! School kids, teachers, and pilots look to this week almost as eagerly as to summer. Weather can be perfect, fields are green, flowers in bloom, and this year we even had a day of refreshing rain. So a Saturday at Brown Field was a real winner.

Ty Tyvoll and Bill Clark prepared a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage for 75, a new record. It set the stage for the rest of the days activities. Fly in aircraft were numerous, the Bueckers, Bonanza's, Cessna's, Don Bloom's Northstar, Maurice Orange in his Lancair with copilot Delroy McDonell from Jamaica, Tom West in the Glasair and Tom Buettgenbach and friend in a beautiful red Falco N1001A out of Gillispie Field. Gayle Boddy our resident Falco builder even scored a ride with Tom to make his day.

The monthly meeting conducted by pres Sam McCutcheon opened with announcements, introduction of visitors, and Sam's announcement he was resigning and moving to Arkansas. Sam has been a Chapter member for many years and has introduced many refreshing changes, advanced engineering ideas, is currently designing and building two aircraft in partnership with Dean Beddow, and he runs the Chapter too well to just pull up stakes and depart. He introduced Richard Kalling, current vice president who will be in charge once Sam resigns.

Marty McNabb, president of EAA Chapter 286 in north county announced the Oceanside Airport Association is sponsoring a barbecue on June 7th



Bill Clark's Corvair engine, almost ready for installation.



The flightline at Ocotillo

and invited us to fly in and display our homebuilt and antique aircraft on that date and receive a free dinner. The Oceanside Airport Association is in a long running battle with local interests to keep the airport open and hopes on that date to demonstrate to the local community the importance of the airport.

Gene Hubbard introduced Bill Clark who provided our program. Bill is building a Pietenpol and powering it with a Corvair engine. He brought the engine in for display and also introduced Jeff Ballard of Ventura, CA who is in the business of converting Corvair engines for airplanes and auto racing. Jeff's business is SCPerformance at 1363 Donion St. #5, Ventura, CA 93003. Bill's engine is a 6 cylinder, 150 h.p., 220# engine, with a forged crankshaft, compression ratio of 9/1, burns auto fuel, and costs \$4000 already converted or half that if you do your own build up.

Lista Duren and Gene Hubbard's healthful lunch of "chicken soup for aircraft builders", salad, fresh baked cornbread followed the program and prepared us for the next event on the days schedule. Ernie Block and John Ally loaded "big blue" our trailer with two portable hangers, tables, chairs, and much other equipment for the trip this coming Friday to Ocotillo Wells for the campout/fly in next weekend. John will be buying food, ice, and complete the loading Friday morning and then caravan out to the desert. He will need help unloading and setting up camp. Pray for another beautiful weekend and come on out!

April 26 - The Roger Trickett Memorial Outing to Ocotillo Wells is where all the action is this weekend. John Alley, Ernie Block, Larry Rothrock, and crew loaded the trailer and caravanned to the site on Friday. Dennis Cullum loaded (tent, sleeping bag, food, water, tools, tooth brush, kitchen sink) his RV-3 and flew an interdiction mission to the dry lake. Saturday, Pete Grootendorst, Earl Makela, Ernie Shattuck, Bob Osborn, Steve and Mrs. Maher, and Dean Beddow mounted up and launched for the scene of the fly in. It was great that Steve in his Geo powered Kitfox was along, otherwise the Cherokee would have arrived last as usual. Ocotillo Wells Mayor Sam McCutcheon greeted us on arrival and that famous desert personality Kathy Moss brightened the sunny day with her big hello.

And a sunny day it was! Must have been nearly 80, little wind (Larry Rothrock was complaining that his kite wouldn't stay up). Airplanes, there were a batch of all kinds from all over. Richard Kalling counted 16 on the ground at one time and more flying in. Charley Zurian, and family flew in from Santa Pala in N60FG a French, Max Holste M H 1521 Broussard, 6 place, powered with a 450 P&W. It looked like it was fresh off the North African desert, in army colors, and ready for missions. They set up camp and settled in for the duration. Earl Hickman and squadron of Bueckers who had earlier raided the nearly deserted headquarters of Chapter 14 at Brown Field flew



Sam McCutcheon, Ray Cote and Dean Beddow soak up some sun at Ocotillo.



Marjorie Trickett, with daughter Davonna Roy and granddaughter Cinnamon.

back to Gillispie, boarded a couple of Cessna's for the long haul to Ocotillo and lunch.

Marjorie Trickett, her daughter and granddaughter, arrived for Saturdays lunch under the WW I hanger shelters the crew had set up. Ray and Gladys Cote wandered in from off the desert, enticed by the cooking of Loretta Alley and Ernie's hamburgers, Polish sausage, onions, and all the condiments, wafting over the desert breeze. Hopefully there will be a full report of the outing by someone on the scene as it is an ongoing affair as this is written. Thanks John Alley for a job well done.

Comments on The Roger Trickett Memorial Outing to Ocotillo Wells

By John Alley

It doesn't "just happen"!

Back in February Larry Rothrock came to me and asked, "when are we going to go to Ocotillo?". Then came a similar question from Gene Hubbard, then Dennis Cullum, Lista Duren, Richard Kalling, and others.

Later in the month, the Board of Directors gave its' approval. The discussion at the board meeting included things like, "What are we going to eat on?" This group can't do anything without eating, you know! Since the old tables we used to use, "went out with the last cleanup" the board approved the building of new tables.

That turned out to be a real blessing. Dennis Cullum designed and built a prototype table, and a crew led by Gene Hubbard (Larry Rothrock, Dennis Cullum, Dan Patch, Joe Russo, Richard Kalling, Pete Grootendorst, and Chris Puntis) worked several Saturdays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays to built the rest of the set. What a great job they did. Everything fits, the parts are interchangeable, and they look great. Thanks everyone!

On the Saturday before the outing, a bunch of people helped load the hangers, tables, chairs etc. on the trailer (Dennis Cullum., Ernie Block, Gary List, and others). My memory fails! Thanks everyone!

Oh! The Food! Bob Osborn made sure we had all the pots, pans, spoons, and general kitchen stuff ready to go. Thanks Bob! Ernie Block came through again and helped with the shopping on Thursday evening, before the Friday departure. Thanks Ernie!

Kai Schumann came to the airport early Friday morning, hooked up to the big trailer and towed it over the hill to Ocotillo. He came back to town because he had to work (for a living on Saturday while the rest of us had fun. Kai returned to Ocotillo on Sunday to tow the trailer back to brown field. What a guy. Thanks Kai.

A year or two ago, a group from Redlands Ca. (EAA Chapter 845) saw our hangers, smelled our food, and heard our noise at Ocotillo and liked what they saw, smelled, and heard. Gary Hawthorne, the chapter president, contacted Sam McCutcheon, ("Our Pres.") and asked if they could join us on our next outing. What do you think Sam said?

They came in force! There was Gary & Rachel Hawthorne, Scott & Logan Jones, Kit & Theresa Palmer, Bill Cheesman, John & Rose Kruger, Dale & Beverly Radcleff, and Jeff Irwin. I did not get all the names, but we were told that they expected to send us 18 people out of their 40 member chapter. What a great percentage of active members!

Cars, Motor Homes and Airplanes provided their transportation. Cessna-170B, Thorp T18, 7AC

Champ, (Shades of Ed Lockhart) , Cessna-120, and Cessna-140. This is a good group of people and I hope we can do some other things together.

“Saturday Night at the Movies”. Joe Russo and Richard Kalling conspired to put on a Large Screen video movie, “The Dawn Patrol”. What an effort! Video projection equipment, large screen, and sound. Where was the popcorn? “Good Show” guys!

The County of San Diego Requires a Permit for this kind of event, so Larry Rothrock took care of that. Here is his report to them.

Ms Crane,

I'd like to thank Mr. Kyle Rollins of your staff for the very professional help and terrific can-do attitude with which he managed to coordinate and obtain our camping and use permit for Ocotillo airport (L90).

We, EAA Chapter 14, had a very successful fly-out/camp-out during the week-end of 26- 27 April with over 25 planes showing up at various times and about 75 people. In addition to our Chapter, based at Brown Field, we had representatives from Riverside, Redlands, Thermal and El Centro EAA groups.

I would guess that there were some 75-100 operations. This is not a flying or air show type event, but, rather, is a social, fly-in and camp get-together. The field was in very good shape despite some off-roader tracks here and there. (Off -roaders were in evidence right through our camp site, even at night, but were not too much of a nuisance.) The weather was fine; thanks for that, too!

We have held this event for several years and hope to continue and expand it. It is pleasant to work with your staff-- wish the city airports were so helpful.

Larry Rothrock

EAA, Chapter 14

Thanks to everyone. It could not happen without you.

J. Alley

NOTAMS

By Pete Grootendorst
ELTs

Emergency Locator Beacons (ELTs) transmit on 121.5 and 243 Mhz frequencies. Newer ELTs are now available that also transmit on 406 MHz. These newer ELTs allow the owner to register with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). When a 406 MHz ELT is activated and picked up by one of numerous orbiting satellites, your aircraft ID and owner information is relayed and thus assist in Search and Rescue efforts. There is a provision on these newer ELTs to be connected to your onboard GPS and thus provided greater accuracy in locating the signal source.

Effective February 1, 2009, satellites will no longer detect the 121.5 MHz ELTs. So if you are about to purchase an ELT, you might consider buying a 406 MHz one. Whereas 121.5 ELTs cost about \$200, the newer 406 MHz ELTs sell for \$500-\$2,500.

This information was obtained from a copy of FAA Aviation News.

Wanting to follow up and determine if these 406 ELTs were in fact on the market, I called El Cajon Aircraft Supply. The salesman stated they did not have any 406 ELTs in stock, in fact he was not aware of these newer ELTs. He suggested I call Artex, their ELT supplier. I called the company and spoke with a knowledgeable person regarding the 406. She stated that they were selling these ELTs, but mostly to the Airlines and Commercial Operators. There was a wide fluctuation in prices, the lowest cost unit for General Aviation would sell for about \$1,750. She suggested going to their website at artex.com.

Some things to keep in mind on your ELTs: The batteries need to be changed when reaching 50% of their shelf life or if they have been used for 1 hour or more. The battery expiration date must be marked on the outside of the transmitter. Test ELTs must only be conducted during the first 5 minutes past the hour, on the ground only, for no more than 3 audible sweeps.

References: FAR 91.207 and AIM Chapter 6 - Emergency Procedures 6-2-5.

Flight Training on Private Airstrips. During a recent CFI Meeting, a FAA representative stated that complaints were being received from owners and residents of some San Diego Private Airstrips. It was pointed out that nearby residents were complaining about noise created by aircraft making approaches or flying low over these strips. Blackington and Pauma Valley strips were mentioned. Although you might maintain the required 500 ft over the airstrip, residents in nearby homes might be closer. Some have taken N numbers and called FSDO with complaints.

EAA YOUNG EAGLES NEARS 900,000 KIDS FLOWN

By Dayton Smith

May 2, 2003 - Volunteer EAA Young Eagles pilots gave 5,601 children airplane rides during the month of April, keeping the program squarely on target to provide the thrill of flight to 1 million kids ages 8-17 by December 17, 2003. April's final count brought the year-to-date total to 18,640, or 19 percent ahead of last years record pace as we enter the prime flying season of spring, summer and fall. The total number of Young Eagles in the World's Largest Logbook at the end of April was 894,850, representing the number of kids flown since the program's inception in July 1992.

The EM Young Eagles program also attracted 124 new volunteer pilots during the month for a year-to-date total of 495, best start since 1998. More than 33,000 EM member pilots have volunteered their time and resources to benefit the program, as have countless tens of thousands more EM members on the ground.

"We're right on target for where we want to be right now," said Young Eagles Director Steve Buss. "This summer is the key for us. We'd like everyone to look at their efforts from last year and try to increase that by 15 to 20 percent, which would put us in very good shape to reach our December 17 goal."

Buss looks ahead to June 14-International Young Eagles Day-where EAA Chapters and members hold flight rallies throughout the world to highlight the

EAA Young Eagles program. "Last year more than 10,000 Young Eagles were flown on one day, which is an incredible number. We hope to top that in 2003," he said. "We are all pushing hard to reach our goal, but we must always remember the number one objective is to make sure we continue to operate safely, on the ground and in the air. Let's enjoy the stretch run and have fun creating a new generation of aviation enthusiasts

Chapter 14 has been doing our share with 9 pilots. So far this year we flew over 200 kids. And hope to fly about 300 more. After May the 10th we may start to fly the kids on any Saturday. We would like to make sure we are doing our part.

Unclassified Ads

Unclassified ads are free to Chapter 14 members - \$5 to non-members for 2 months. To submit an ad (or other newsletter input) send to Kerry Powell, Newsletter editor, either by email (preferred) at kgpowell@aol.com, or by phone at 760-602-0662

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

May 10 – Young Eagles, 9AM, Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

May 17 – Pancake breakfast 7:30, Chapter meeting – 10 AM, Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

May 22 – Board of Directors meeting (4th Thursday) 7PM at Montgomery Field administration building

May 24 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

May 31 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

EAA Chapter 1279

invites you to join us as part of the

Annual Hemet/Ryan Airshow

Saturday, May 31st

EAA Chapter 1279 will host the **Pancake Breakfast from 6:00 to 9:00 AM** as well as the **Experimental Aircraft Static Display** as our part of the airshow event. We would like to take this opportunity to invite your Chapter members and any owners of experimental aircraft to fly in between the hours of 6:00 AM and 11:00 AM to place their aircraft on display for the enjoyment of the general public and to enjoy this exciting airshow event.

Aerobatic acts scheduled to perform in the airshow include:

- Rob Harrison in the Zlin
- Silver Wings formation Stearman act with a wing-walker
- Bill Comick in the Pitts
- John Cullver in the T-6
- Tim Weber in the Extra 300
- Dave Lazerson doing aerobatics in a Sailplane

Other airshow activities include:

- A police motorcycle demonstration
- A C.D.F. tanker demonstration
- A C .D.F. helicopter demonstration
- A radio-controlled A/C demonstration
- A skydiving demonstration
- A police K-9 demonstration
- The Planes of Fame
- And a kids fair

The airport will be closed to normal operations between 11:00 AM and 2:30 PM. Fly-in aircraft will be directed to the Static Display area and provided with a prop card for their aircraft. Chapter 1279 will provide docents to help inform the public about the aircraft on display. For more information contact Chapter 1279 President Steve Williamson at (909) 699-3078.

Upcoming Southern California aviation events

Following events from the "Fun Places to Fly" web site <http://www.fun-places-to-fly.com/>

Saturday - Sunday, May 17-18, 2003 — Chino, CA. Planes of Fame Airshow 2003 - <http://www.planesoffame.org>, Chino. Show will include biplanes, classics, warbirds, helicopters, vintage jets, and modern combat aircraft. Gates open at 8:00 a.m. daily. Contact: Call 909/597-3722

Saturday - Sunday, May 24-25, 2003 — Llano, CA. Ninth Annual - <http://www.brianranch.com>, Brian Ranch Airport. USUA signature event. Ultralight demonstrations and competition, skydivers, RC planes, and classic cars. Free admission, 8 a.m. til 2 p.m. Contact: Call 661/261-3216

Saturday - Monday, May 24-26, 2003 — Kernville, CA. ICS Southwest Comanche Tribe Kernville, CA Fly-in. Kernville. Lodging at the Kernville Inn. Saturday is the raft trip (deli-type lunch served). Dinner in PM locally. Contact: Mike Griffin (661) 323-0857, grifloan@pacbell.net

Friday - Sunday, May 30, 2003 - Jun 1, 2003 — Ramona, CA Ramona Air Fair - <http://www.RamonaAirFair.org>, Ramona. Ninth Annual Ramona Air Fair & Air Attack Base Open House. Home of the oldest permanent and most active of aerial firefighting facilities. Fire Fighting demonstration flights of fixed wing and rotor wing aircraft. World War II airplanes and flights of various personnel aircraft. Hot Air Balloon flights morning and evening. Activities and food vendors for all ages. Contact: Niel Butler 760-271-6626, B3308@aol.com

Saturday, May 31, 2003 — Hemet, CA. Hemet-Ryan Airshow. Hemet-Ryan Airport. Hemet-Ryan Airport will come alive as the WWII training field host aerial acrobatics, along with Hemet P.D., Fire and Search & Rescue Demonstrations. Contact: Elisa Grey 1-800-984-1000, egrey@rivcoeda.org

Saturday, May 31, 2003 — LaVerne, CA. Bell 47 Helicopter Fly-in. Brackett Airport. From 10 a.m. til 6 p.m. Contact: Danny Rodriguez 310/214-2822

Saturday, Jun 7, 2003 — Chino, CA. Air War Over Italy - <http://www.planesoffame.org>, Air Museum Planes of Fame. This monthly event will feature veterans of aerial combat over Italy during WWII and conclude with a flight demonstration. Event begins at 10 a.m. Contact: Call 909/597-3722

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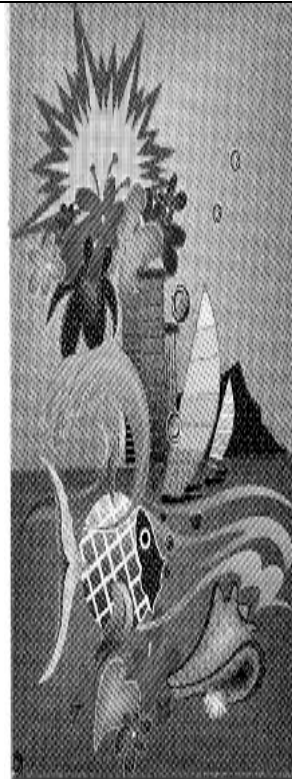
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On-Going Chapter Events

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.

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.