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There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."

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MEETING AND PROGRAM

Our July meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the 7th of July in the Terminal Building at the Livermore Airport. Bill Randolph who recently completed a around-the-world tour in his RV-8 will be visiting to talk about his trip. Several adventures to talk about. I hope we can have a good turnout despite being a time that many take vacations. Bring your friends, I'm told that Bill is a good speaker, it should be a interesting evening.

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING, EAA CHAPTER 663, 6/2/05, LVK TERMINAL BUILDING

Pres. Ralph tried to call the meeting to order around 7:30 , as usual, but members were too busy looking at and feeling the planes , painted by guest speaker Steve Green, which were sitting out front to be admired and felt. You HAD to feel them to fully appreciate the magnificent job Steve did with the painted detail work. You could see

the dividing lines, but you couldn't feel them. Magnificent!

When everybody finally came in, Ralph introduced himself and Bill Jepson, the only two officers present.

Four guests introduced themselves. One is taking lessons, and two are into Legacies, one with it's leg fixed (Is that like having your dog or cat fixed?) Maybe that was supposed to be his landing gear will be fixed, not retractable. Bruce would have gotten this straight.

No special announcements, but the minutes were approved as printed in the N/L.

In absentia Sharon reported a balance of \$3,558.58 in the chapter coffers.

Business: First BBQ of the year on May 15 was a great success; next one will be June 11.

Remaining BBQs will be July 4 and October 8.

Young Eagles: No report, Eric was absent.

Tool report: Bob reports no activity, not even return of missing cable tensiometer.

Web site update: Greg reports no change.

Announcements: Next Board of Directors: June 16 at Ralph's place.

Next meeting: July 7

Golden West: June 3-5.

Airport Open house: September 24.

Mail bag: Big doings at Flabob on July 4 and November 12 & 13.

Program: Steve Green from Ashland, OR, gave fascinating talk on painting homebuilts. The sad news, for those looking for someone to paint their bird, Steve is being forced out of his hangar/painting booth at Ashland Airport and appears to have decided that he would rather work for a commercial aircraft painting company than deal with the hassle he's getting from the city of Ashland because of their environmental concerns.

MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, EAA CHAPTER 663, 6/16/05, ABOUT 7:30 PM, RALPH'S PLACE.

Those present had the first initials DaCl, RaCl, ErHe, BiJe, BoFa, and BrCr.

At the start only 4 were present, no quorum. Items of discussion ranged from bad traffic on the freeways, to laptop computers, to digital cameras, and pit bulldogs. Finally Bill Jepson arrived and announced that he had contacted Dan White of chapter 119. Bill Randolph famous for his around the world flight in his RV-8 is a possible speaker for our July 7th meeting. This ought to be good.

Ralph reminded us of the Chapter Barbeque on July 4th starting about 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned for pie.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Cruikshank,
Secretary

PRES STUFF

I hope everyone is ready for summer fun. Our next Chapter BBQ is Monday, July 4th at 4:00pm (the coals will be hot around 4 anyway). It will be at the usual place, hangars 113/114 (Bob F & Bob B). The regular setup, bring your grill entree and a side to share. Beverages will be on ice for all. Bring family and friends.

On the "what's happening with the airport" front. At the July 11th Livermore City Council meeting (7pm at the Council Chambers on Pacific Ave), Leander Hauri, Livermore Airport Manager, will give the first quarterly report to the City Council on the airport's progress on "airport noise issues". Be there to show support for the airport, and

make public comment.

The Livermore Airport Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th 10-4. Put this date on your schedule and plan to display your plane or do some public relations in our EAA Chapter booth.

Our biannual chapter elections are this October. Contact a member of the board of directors if you want to serve on the board or as an officer.

I hope you have a great summer planned. See you around the airport.

Ralph

AVIATION EVENTS CALENDAR

Jul 2-3 R.A.C.E. Canard Event, Jackpot, NV Pilot briefing 9 am on the field. \$30 entry fee which pays for the trophies, timing gear, etc. Great place to meet your fellow Canardians. Racing is not mandatory but fun. Come and meet some very good people who love flying. Contact Shirl Dickey at mreracer@tabletoptelephone.com

Jul 2 Military Observation Aircraft. Planes of Fame Air Museum, Chino, CA 909 597 3722 www.planesoffame.org

Jul 2 Antique Aircraft Display. Frazier Lake Airpark, Hollister, CA 408 779 2356 www.frazierlake.com

Jul 2 Historical Aircraft Day. Mariposa-Yosemite Airport, Mariposa, CA 209 966 2143

Jul 3 First Sunday Open House and Vintage Aircraft Fly-in. Aviation Museum, Santa Paula Airport, Santa Paula, CA 1 805 525 1109 www.amszp.org Note: Check on this before going!

Jul 4 EAA 01 Flabob Airport, Riverside, CA Picnic and Fun Events Bring your eat/drinks and stay for the Fireworks at Sun Down.

Jul 6-10 Northwest EAA Fly-In, Arlington Municipal Airport, Arlington, WA (AWO)

Jul 8 EAA 1175 Moonlight Dinner Dance, Nevada County Airport, Nevada City/Grass Valley, CA <http://www.nevadacountyairfest.com/>

Jul 8-10 21st West Coast Cub Fly-In, Lompoc, CA
805-733-1913

Jul 9 Nevada County Fly-In, Nevada County Air-
port (O17), Nevada City/Grass Valley, CA. EAA
1175 will host special FREE seminars on buying,
building and flying over 20 different kit aircraft.
<http://www.nevadacountyairfest.com/>

Jul 9 Truckee Tahoe EAA 1073 Pancake Breakfast,
Fly-In & Young Eagles Flights (TRK), Truckee, CA
7-10 am Come join us for some good food and
great camaraderie. 5\$ donation. Park your An-
tique or Classic (35 or older) on our ramp and add
to your qualifying for tax exempt status. Ask for a
signed card.

Jul 9 Antique-Classic Aircraft Display. Modesto
Airport, CA 209-610-1180
<http://www.modairport.com>

Jul 9 Vintage and Antique Aircraft Display. Art
Scholl Miro Field, Rialto, CA 909 874 9108

Jul 9 Antique and Classic Display Day. Paso Robles
Airport, Paso Robles, CA 805 237 3877
www.pasoairport.com

Jul 9 Rogue Valley Balloon Rally and Night Glow.
Biddle Road, Medford, OR 541 664 2171

Jul 9 EAA 01 Young Eagle Flights Flabob Airport,
Riverside, CA Register at 7:45 AM Call (951) 683
2309 X 104

Jul 9-10 Annual Pomona Valley AirFair, Cable Air-
port, Upland, CA

Jul 10 EAA Chapter 52 Pancake Breakfast & Vin-
tage Display, Yolo County Airport,
Woodland/Davis Yolo County, CA

Jul 10 Festival of Bi-Planes & Warbirds, FlaBob
Airport, Riverside, CA 951-683-2309
www.flabob.com also there is the EAA 01 Chap-
ter Meeting, Eat at Noon, Meeting starts at 1:00

Jul 16 Westover Field Classic Aircraft Display.
Westover Field Airport, Jackson, CA 209 223 2376
www.co.amador.ca.us/depts/airport

Jul 16 EAA 1112 Fly-In Breakfast, 8-10am. OFOF
Dan Cook Briefing Hut, NW corner of Oroville

Airport (OVE). Check the web page at
http://eaa-oroville.8k.c*m/breakfast.html for
map and details.

Jul 16 EAA Chapter 1 Aircraft Display Day, Flabob
Airport, Riverside, CA www.flabob.com

Jul 20-23 Airborne Law Enforcement Association,
Reno, NV
[http://www.alea.org/public/seminars/annual_](http://www.alea.org/public/seminars/annual_conference/toc.htm)
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Jul 21 Truckee Tahoe Board Meeting, 9:00 AM Air-
port conference room, first floor in the terminal
building. We need more participation from our lo-
cal pilots. You don't have to spend all day. Just
come and stay for public comments (usually the
first thing) and make yourself heard. We need to
let this new board know that we care about how
they run our airport.

Jul 23 9th Annual Old Time Fly-In, Colusa, CA
530-458-0580

Jul 23-24 Inland Northwest Skyfest, Fairchild AFB,
Spokane, WA Golden Knights Army Parachute
Team

Jul 25-31 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, Wittman Re-
gional Airport, Oshkosh, WI (OSH)

CHAPTER 62 POKER RUN AND PICNIC

We are inviting your EAA Chapter to join us for
our Poker Run and Picnic. Here are the details and
contact information. We hope you can join us.

EAA Chapter 62 is having a Picnic and Poker Run
on Saturday, July 16th. Our picnic will be at
E16/South County at the Wings of History Mu-
seum. Our Chapter will provide hamburgers, hot
dogs and drinks. Non flyers are asked to bring
their favorite dessert and or side dish. Food serv-
ice will start around 12.30.

The airports for the Poker Run are LVK, TCY, 301,
LSN AND 307, in any order.

At each airport you pick up one sealed envelope
per aircraft. You will find a box with envelopes at
the self serve fuel station. Finally, proceed to
South County/E16 for the finish and picnic. At the
finish, we will open the sealed envelopes and de-
termine the winners based on the best poker

hand. There will be prizes.

RSVP You must RSVP for the Poker Run by 7/12 and we'd appreciate an RSVP for the picnic. You can do so on our Chapter website at www.eaa62.org or by calling Brian Dal Porto at 408.802.7040.

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ONCE A CHILD, ALWAYS...

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager!

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral. The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you. He wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral."

She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

The bank manager looks back at her and says..... "It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

AN OTHER SIDE OF HOLLYWOOD !

I recently got an e-mail from a good friend, containing a feel-good story with the above title, about Denzel Washington, the actor, and his visit

to Brooke Army Medical Center. Just because I've gotten burned in the past, I decided to check on-line with Snopes, a great site for B S detection. Here is what I found:

[Fort Sam Houston](#), which houses the Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), also includes on its property two [Fisher House](#) facilities within walking distance of the medical center. Fisher Houses are a network of "[comfort homes](#)," essentially low-cost hotels built on the grounds of military medical centers in the U.S. and abroad that provide all the amenities of home and enable family members of servicemen to stay close to loved ones who are undergoing medical treatment for illness, disease, or injury. The modest fees charged by Fisher Houses (about \$10 per night) make them accessible even to families with tight budgets (a situation common to many military families).

As might be expected with the U.S. military's having been engaged in combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq for the last few years, the demand for space in Fisher Houses at some military facilities has exceeded their capacities. According to the Fisher House Foundation, when Denzel Washington was at Fort Sam Houston in December 2004, he did visit its Fisher House and learn of their need for additional facilities, and he did later make a substantial donation to the Fisher House Foundation; however, he did not, as described (in the e-mail I got), "get out his checkbook" on the spot and write a check for the full amount needed to construct a new building.

The problem, according to Fisher House President David Coker, is that while Washington did make a 'sizable' donation to the program, the e-mail claim is almost entirely bogus.

"Denzel came to visit with the soldiers and Marines being cared for at Brooke Army Medical Center last December 17th," Coker said. "He visited with them and told them how much he respects their service. He also toured one of the two Fisher Houses at Brooke Army Medical Center."

Washington told Coker at the time he would like to make a commitment to support the work of Fisher House.

"Denzel did not take out a checkbook and write a

check on the spot," Coker says. "He seldom carries a check book with him."

Coker said Washington did in fact make a sizable donation to Fisher House several months after his visit to BAMC. He declined to comment on the size of the donation, but it was not enough to build a new Fisher House.

[Coker also] said the fact that Washington, 49, did not write a check 'on the spot' does not diminish his contribution to the Fisher House and his support 'for the men and women who serve our country.'

INNER STRENGTH

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can get going without pep pills,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

...Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!



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