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

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June Meeting And Program

NOTICE: Our June meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the 4th of June. The meeting will be at the terminal as normal.

Calendar:

Month	Date	Speaker	Topic
Jun	4	Jack Burke	P51 Project
Jul	2	Chapter Airplanes	Chapter Airplane Show
Aug	6	Barry Weber, et al	Oshkosh Air Venture
Sep	3	John Youngblood	Flying B52's
Oct	1	Max Trescott	Flying SF Bay Tour
Nov	5	Chris Lowery	Aviation Fuel Expert
Dec	3	Bruce Cruikshank	Attack Jets

Our May Program will feature Jack Burke.

We will visit his hanger and partake in a discussion about his adventure to design and build a scaled version of the ever popular P51. This one will likely have some unique nose art, but the jury is still out on whether the sleek graceful sculpture seen on a popular European motorcar will grace the cowling as it does on past and modern day Jaguars, since that is the proposed power plant.

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING EAA CHAPTER 663, 5/7/2009, 7:30 PM, TERMINAL BUILDING KLVK.

Chapter president Ralph Cloud called the meeting to order.

One guest introduced himself.

The minutes of the April meetings were approved as printed in "The Grapevine".

Treasurer Mark Palajac reported \$4004.80 in chapter funds after paying \$1506.33 for the DynaVibe propeller balancer. The report was approved.

Business: Tools: Tool keeper Bob Farnam showed the new DynaVibe dynamic propeller balancer. Barry Weber offered to assist those wishing to put it to use. Bruce Cruikshank demonstrated a Videostik which is a model of video type inspection probe device that the chapter has been considering purchasing for some time. This one is loan able for food.

The next Young Eagles Rally is May 16th at the LVK terminal building. Eric is looking for volunteers, pilots and ground.

Send pictures of your plane or project to photos@eaa663.org so they can be posted to the chapter website.

This first chapter barbeque is Saturday May 9th. Bring something to burn and a side dish. Start time is about 3 pm at hangars 113 and 114. The gate code for that afternoon at the northeast corner is 45663# for non tenants. Future barbeques are Sunday 6/7, and Saturdays 7/4, 8/15, 9/12, and 10/24.

Announcements: The next board meeting will be 5/21. at Ralph's place. The next general meeting is 6/4.

Several fly in events were mentioned. Golden West is looking for volunteers; it is going to be June 12, 13 and 14.

Airport Tenant Day is May 28th. The airport staff is providing a hamburger/hot dog free lunch.

Member's forum: Wilson Hoffman asked about the availability of the chapter rooster. Mark Palajac has the most accurate. Until the website chapter database is working Mark has offered to e-mail a copy (Excel spreadsheet) to any member. His e-mail address is mark_pal@yahoo.com Bruce Cruikshank mentioned the Hayward Air Rally to be held June 12. This year it goes from Hayward to Bend, Oregon with a stop in Redding.

Break and then Program: Don Smith introduced airshow pilot Jacquie Warda of Jacquie B Airshows who gave a fascinating presentation on what it takes to be a top airshow pilot. After a short video she described the control movements it takes to get her Pits S-1C to literally tumble through the sky. Life as an airshow pilot is a lot of work. Fortunately none of those present showed signs of airsickness. Thank you Jacquie.

Meeting adjourned for pie.

MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 5/21/2009, 7:40 PM, RALPH'S PLACE.

Ralph Cloud, Don Smith, Brad Olsen, Bob Farnam, Dave Dent, Mark Palajac, Barry Weber, Bruce Cruikshank, and Scott Alair were present.

Mark reported \$4004.38 plus a \$30 check, to bring paid members to 82. Don Smith has a \$75 expense from Allan Brown's visit, and Brad Olsen has a \$120 expense from the website host. Brad has put whole days into getting the website database working.

Business: The airport management is exploring a webcam for the airport. The "city" cannot host such a site per their rules. They asked if the chapter could host the webcam. Webmaster Brad Olsen said it can be done. It was pretty much decided that as long as the airport provides all the hard/soft ware involved the chapter would offer to do it.

A list of the chapter tools will soon be on the website.

Eric Helms is having major problems getting volunteer pilots for the young eagle program. The 5/16 event was canceled for lack of pilots.

The next barbeque will be June 7th, a SUNDAY. There was a problem with the gate code for the May barbeque that should be corrected for the next one.

Don Smith is starting to book programs for 2010! All present commended Don for doing a GREAT JOB lining up programs. June's program is a visit to Jack Burke's original P-51 replica project.

Ralph brought the matter of this year's chapter elections. A nominating committee needs to be formed to ferret out all those members with a burning desire to be more involved with guiding the chapter; or members don't say no. According the member Greg Triplett, one advantage of being on the nominating committee is insuring you are not nominated.

Meeting adjourned for pie.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Cruikshank, Secretary

Feedback/Questions/Suggestions

Any and all feedback is welcome. In order to make the newsletter entertaining, informative and above all else, something that you enjoy reading every month please take a few minutes to send suggestions, tips, corrections or any other feedback to: jeffrylite@comcast.net.

Mailbag:

The chapter continues to receive emails asking for help and/or participation at several local events. Please check them out at the [EAA Chapter website](#). Remember that we are doing this as a “labor of love” and there can never be too much of that. Click on the link of the website above and spend a few minutes planning how you can contribute to the cause.

Last month I published a short blurb about a potential youth program in Tracy. Following up on that, I received the following email from Sonex LTD.

Greetings Jeffrey,

We actually have a program in-place for youth education programs interested in building Sonex Aircraft which is called the Sonex Education Initiative. The Initiative offers discounts on Sonex Aircraft Kits and AeroVee Engine Kits, and also offers the Sonex Education Starter Pack project as well. You can see details here: <http://education.sonexaircraft.com/>

If you have any questions after reviewing this site, please let me know!

Regards,
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Obviously this is still a long way from taking flight, but if you have any interest in participation, please send me an email and I'll keep you in the loop.

“Grapevine Talking” This month is on hold again this month due to some scheduling difficulties. For those of you that haven't taken the opportunity, experience breakfast with the chapter every Saturday morning at 8:00 AM. If you haven't been to the chapter [website](#) lately, take the opportunity to stop by and view the excellent work by Brad Olsen.



Cool video's found on the internet.

[Mythbusters - McGiver Flying.](#)

[Glideslope...what is that?](#)

[What not to do with your RC Helicopter.](#)

[Capt. Sully putting in the Hudson \(recreate\)](#)

What is it? From last month
Sponsored by:



F-16XL Ship #2

This in-flight view of NASA's two-seat F-16XL #2 research aircraft clearly shows that the left and right wings are definitely not mirror images of each other.

Dave Anderson correctly identified AND was present at the chapter meeting. Congrats Dave and we hope you enjoy your new wall clock.

The EAA 663 Chapter newsletter has a sponsor. Aircraft Spruce has graciously donated a “box” of prizes to be awarded for the first correct identification of the monthly “What is it?”

Please send them a note of thanks or at least mention your appreciation when you make your next order for your latest project.

Additional sponsors are being sought and contributions to the prize bucket will continue to be added. Submit your answer to the newsletter editor to be eligible for a prize to be awarded each month at the regular chapter meeting. **You must be present to win.** Winning entries will be decided by the email that is received with the earliest time stamp and the correct naming of the make/model of the pictured airplane. Winners that correctly identified the winning make/model that do NOT attend the meeting will forfeit the prize to the next available submission.

The correct, first answer that attends the monthly meeting will be declared the winner. You will be notified of the winning entry at the monthly meeting. The winning entry that DOES attend the meeting will receive his/her prize at that time.

Should no one correctly respond with the winning make/model, the prize will be returned to the sponsor(s). Being part of a “group” really does make a difference. Join us for the regular chapter meeting and see what prize might be coming your way. I’ll give you a hint, it will definitely be aviation related. Don’t be late and check your email for the newsletter.

Editorial: Chapter 663 Young Eagles dying!

A couple of months back I wrote a strongly worded piece about the lack of participation from members of the chapter. The same guys appear all the time, whether it be running for office, showing up at the meeting or assisting with Young Eagles. Those half a dozen guys do it all.

This month I got a call from Eric about yet another Young Eagles event having been cancelled because of lack of participation.

If we can’t get out of the house or the hanger and lend a hand to a worthwhile cause like Young Eagles a few times a year, how much are we really dedicated to EAA? This endeavor that we all participate in means going above and beyond, lending a hand when called

for and helping out as necessary. Above all else it’s for those of us that have been gifted with the fortune of flight to share our wisdom and skill with those fledgling minds of today’s youth. We can and will make a difference, but in order to do so, it’s to put the hanger talk in the hanger, get the airplane out and show a few youngsters what it feels like to soar like an eagle. Let’s not let their first experience of flight be in Iraq, or Afghanistan like so many of our young men and women are doing for this country as we sit here in the comforts of our air conditioned surroundings reading words on the screen.

For the upcoming June 20th event, we need 10 pilots with aircraft, 5 safety escorts, 1 photographer and 1 individual to do certificates. Please confirm your participation on or before June 10 via email to young_eagles@eaa663.org.

As of this month’s updated list, we have 82 active members, surely we can get 15-20 at a time for few times a year. Remember there is discounted membership available by participating at least 3 times per year.

I have been actively seeking additional sponsorships and one offer that’s on the table is from Rob at AirplaneGear.com. He has offered us a Lowrance AirMap 2000c at cost including free shipping. This GPS would be offered as a drawing at Young Eagles events, to be used by the random winner until the next Young Eagles event. Each event would have a drawing that would determine the next “user”. I know it’s not the top of the line, but it’s a start. If anyone has any additional ideas that would make it worthwhile to spend your time volunteering for additional activities in the chapter, please let me know.

Speaking of efforts, I read a tremendous article in this month’s Sport Pilot magazine by a guy named Grey Lane. I had the opportunity to meet Grey 3 years ago when I sold my Kitfox Lite to a friend of his. His article details countless hours of effort and thousands of dollars contributed or raised from the local pilots in Michigan to make it a real living and breathing airport. Our airports are still breathing, so let’s help ensure that Young Eagles continue to exist for EAA Chapter 663.

What is it?



A little trickier this month, so how many can you get? If I don't get at least an email from everyone with at least one correct answer I will be sadly disappointed.



A new monthly feature is a quote from our guest speaker at our 2008 chapter dinner Laurant Paine Jr. His book "If Airplanes Could Talk" available in paperback at Amazon.com for \$7.95 contains page after page of notable, very quotable, often funny and always philosophical statements about flying. Don't be afraid to pick one up during your next online visit. His statement this month is topical given the above editorial.

"Teenagers fly better than they drive".

Take a chance to make a difference and send an email and get out to the airport and show a youngster what the world looks like from the air. Every trip will be rewarded many times over and remember, 3 times per year earns you a discount on your chapter membership. What have you done for your chapter this month?



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