



# THE GRAPEVINE



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

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## Meeting And Program



**NOTICE:** Our August meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the 2nd of August. The meeting will be at the terminal - KLVK.

### Calendar:

Month	Date	Speaker	Topic
June	7th	Einar Enevolson	90,000 Feet in a sailplane
July	5th	Shawn Skaggs	50 Years of Flight
Aug	2nd	663 Chapter members	Sharing pic's & stories of Oshkosh 2012

**Our August Program** will feature Chapter members showing the many pictures of their adventures to Oshkosh. These are usually accompanied by a running commentary and a continued line of questions and answers from those in attendance. Quite interesting to see which photo's attract one's camera and how that represents or turns into anything from a casual question to a subject of fairly intense debate during this forum. Don't miss it, it's always enjoyable.

**Mailbag:**

I will be out on vacation until Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. Any newsworthy items, contact Ralph Cloud our chapter president.

July 2012 Minutes

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING, EAA CHAPTER 663, 7/5/12, 7:34 PM, KLVK TERMINAL BUILDING.

Chapter president Ralph Cloud called the meeting to order.

Guests/New guys introduced themselves. Shawn Skaggs is from the FAA local FFAST team and our speaker, and Allan Hughes flies a T-34 from KLVK and is a new member of the chapter.

The minutes for the June meetings were approved as printed in "The Grapevine".

Treasurer Mark Palajac reported 93 paid members and \$4703.81 plus the \$250 from the winnings of the fab five in the Golden West Fly In chapter aircraft judging competition. His report was approved.

Business: We won the Chapter Challenge at the Golden West Fly In. Barry Weber managed to corral five participants, Jeremy Constant, Harry Crosby, Bob Steffen, Bob Cowan and John Youngblood. There may be some changes next year: Four planes instead of five (Some chapters had problems entering five.) and putting more weight on variety of aircraft.

The new chapter barbeque worked well at the previous evening's event. There was the largest turnout yet. The weather was great, and all had a good time. The next one will be Aug 4th. Expect a few tales from Oshkosh.

Young Eagles: Trina reported that 25 Young Eagles were flown on 6/23. The planned number was 2, but then a Civil Air Patrol Squadron showed up! The pilots had to work overtime.

Jeffry Larson had to admit that Barry Weber once again won the name the airplane quiz, but due to his absence Chuck Ray received the Aircraft Spruce "T" Shirt. Decades ago Chuck built a model of the very airplane, the Douglas A2D.

Thought is being given to the annual dinner. Tentative dates are January 19 or the 26th. The Veterans Hall is in first place for the venue.

Announcements: The next board meeting will be 7/19 at Ralph's place.

The LVK runway 25R/7L resurfacing work will commence on July 29th and be completed on August 10th. During this period operations will be limited to 25L/7R, daytime only. Access from the north side is promised during this period.

Members forum: Dave Dent's maintenance tip, well more an operation tip was polarized sunglasses and flat panel instrumentation displays are not compatible.

Yours truly flew the Zenith CH750 for the first time June 24th. It flies!!

Break and then Program: Dave Dent introduced Shawn A. Skaggs from the local FFAST (FAA Safety Team) who made the presentation of the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award for 50 years of service in the aviation maintenance field. Shawn presented a slide show down memory lane of Dave's work wrenching on Air Force, NASA, and private aircraft. Dave has participated in many many very interesting projects on the cutting edge. Congratulations Dave. Meeting adjourned for pie.

July 2012

MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 7/19/12, 7:40 PM, RALPH'S PLACE.

Ralph Cloud, Dave and Trina Anderson, Chuck Ray Bob Farnam, and Bruce Cruikshank were present.

In the absence of Treasurer Mark, Bob said we have a lot of money.

Young Eagles: Trina said the next event would be the coming Saturday morning at Tracy. There was an extended discussion about the possibility of flying Young Eagles at the airport open house on October 6th. Nothing definite was decided.

Ralph said he would request a whole row for parking our chapter aircraft at the Open House.

The next barbeques are set for the Saturdays of 8/4 and 9/1.

Ralph said he would check on the availability of the Livermore Veteran's Hall for our annual dinner. Primary date is the 19th of January 2013 with a back up of the 26th.

Dave Dent was not present so there was no information about the program for the next meeting.

Random Issues: At a recent City Council meeting a variance was considered for high density housing in the northeast corner of the Livermore airport operations zone. We talked about how this would effect Pleasanton and Dublin wanting to do the same.

Meeting adjourned for pie.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Cruikshank, Secretary

### Feedback/Questions/Suggestions

Any and all feedback is welcome. Please take a few minutes to send suggestions, tips, corrections or any other feedback to: [jeffrylite@comcast.net](mailto:jeffrylite@comcast.net).

Aviation Story: Shortly after WWII a guy named Art Lacey went to Kansas to buy a surplus B-17. His idea was to fly it back to Oregon, jack it up in the air and make a gas station out of it. He paid \$15,000 for it. He asked which one was his and they said take whichever bomber you want because there were miles of them. He didn't know how to fly a 4-engine airplane so he read the flight manual while he taxied around by himself.

They said he couldn't take off alone so he put a



mannequin in the co-pilot's seat and off he

went. He flew around the area to get the feel of it and co-pilot to lower the landing gear. He crashed the ground. The bone yard wrote off both B-17's as another.

when he went to land he realized he needed a and totaled his plane and another on the "wind damaged" and told him to pick out

He talked a friend into being his co-pilot and off they went.

They flew to Palm Springs where Lacey wrote a hot check for gas. Then they headed for Oregon. They hit a snow storm and couldn't find their way, so they went down below 1,000 feet and followed the railroad tracks.

His partner sat in the nose section and would yell, "TUNNEL" when he saw one and Lacey would climb over the mountain.



They landed safely, he made good the hot check move a B-17 on the state highway. The highway fought him tooth and nail for a long time.

So, late one Saturday night, he just moved it having too wide a load.

Story and photos credit to : Thomas W. Childers tchilders32@gmail.com



he'd kited, and they started getting permits to department repeatedly denied his permit and

himself. He got a \$10 ticket from the police for

**Cool video's found on the internet.**  
[Time lapse from AZ](#) – Thanks Bruce.

[Don't honk at old people](#) - Another Bruce gem

[75 years since the Hindenburg – Photo's are amazing.](#) – Thanks again to Bruce

[Ok, now I wanna be a 787 test pilot](#) – Bruce hit 4 homers this month

**What is it? From last month Sponsored by:**



Chuck Ray was not the first correct answer, but he was the 1<sup>st</sup> correct answer that also attended the monthly meeting so the t-shirt goes to him. (You did read the rules?) Several others quickly identified the Douglas A2D Skyraider that was provided by Larry Fish. Congrats to all that participated and added points towards the year end prize of the Comtronics headset. Sponsor prizes thanks to Aircraft Spruce. Don't forget to thank them when you call and make that next order. Might be worth jotting down a note in the comments section if you order online. A year end prize has been donated by <http://www.comtronics-aero.com>. A new aviation headset.. Missed guess's still count one point each, tallied to the end of the year with a 2 guess limit per month. **Thanks to those that called Aircraft Spruce and mentioned this contest in the newsletter as they have agreed to continue their sponsorship. Prizes are available thanks to them. Please give them a call with your next order and tell them how much you appreciate their generous donation to our monthly newsletter.** Submit your answer to the newsletter editor to be eligible for a prize to be awarded at the regular chapter meeting. **You must be present to win but points are cumulative and guesses count.**



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 as discovered. Winners that correctly identified the winning make/model that do NOT attend the meeting will forfeit the prize to the next available submission. 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 as discovered. Winners that correctly identified the winning make/model that do NOT attend the meeting will forfeit the prize to the next available submission. Chapter Judge's decision on correct identification is final.



You know you're talking to a wise guy when you're in a J-3 and the tower controller asks you for your best forward speed. Any forward speed in a J-3 is your best forward speed.

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