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Meeting And Program

NOTICE: Our September meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the 6th of September. The meeting will be at the terminal - KLVK.

Calendar:

Month	Date	Speaker	Topic
July	5th	Shawn Skaggs	50 Years of Flight
Aug	2nd	663-Chapter members	Sharing pic's & stories of Oshkosh 2012
Sept	6th	Carol Ann Garrett	A world rounder, times 3

Our September Program will feature speaker Carol Ann Garratt of the World Rounders. She has flown around the world a number of times with her M20J Mooney promoting the cause for ALS Lou Gehrig's disease research. I'm sure she has great stories to tell us of many adventures.

She flew around the world in eight days 12 hours and 20 minutes. Visiting 19 different countries.

Mailbag:

It Only Happens At Oshkosh – EAA 663 member perspective

Every year at the end of July, it's time to start packing for Oshkosh and attending the largest aviation event in the world. It's easy to pack. I'm a happy camper. Unlike most wives, staying at the Hilton is not an option. My sleeping quarters for a week is my two person tent, just large enough for me and my mate, but this year, fate would have it that my mate, Bob, sustained a chipped bone in his left knee from an injury that happened forty years ago. At his age, it's easier to refer to this as an Old Age occurrence, but according to the doctor, it was caused from the former incident. Bob was planning on sharing the flight with Jerry Sickafoose, a pilot based at Livermore, and flying in his nice Cessna 210/Turbo. With my suitcase packed with my tent and other camping essentials and the most important item, my mosquito repellent for the Wisconsin State Bird, the Mosquito, that is always present, Bob dropped me off at SFO at 4 AM for my flight to Appleton via O'Hare Airport and on our son's Standby Passes on United. It's always an adventure to fly Standby as we never know if we will make a flight or spend another night sleeping in some terminal, the normal life of standby passengers. Miracles do happen and I made all the flights without being bumped. Along the way, I even met up with Princess Marion, a Princess from Monaco, who told me she was traveling incognito and left her bodyguards at a Starbuck's at SFO. I'm sure her story would have gotten more interesting, but fortunately for me, I had to get through TSA, so I wished Princess Marion farewell and I was on my way.

There's so much to see and do at AirVenture. This year was no different. There were 500 RVs that flew in for the celebration of Van's 40th Anniversary of designing aircraft. Over 200 Piper Cubs flew in and several Pitts. Young Eagles celebrated 20 years of flying children 8 to 17. From early morning until late in the evening, something aviation-related is always happening. There were over 500,000 people in attendance this year. I saw 12 people from Reid Hillview Airport and I recognized two RVs from Livermore, that of, Harry Crosby and Bob ... his friend .. Bob who built and pilots the blue and yellow RV. Fortunately, Harry and Bob left Oshkosh one day before two other homebuilts landed on top of each other due to a sudden gust of wind. Harry had been tied down a few feet from these planes.

Every morning, I awoke to the smell of pancakes cooking and coffee brewing. Turned out this smell was coming from a few rows over from my tent where several women were preparing breakfast for 12 teenagers who attended Oshkosh to show off the Aeronca that they rebuilt at the Flabob Airport, EAA Chapter 1, in Riverside. Had I been a normal wife and stayed at the Hilton, I would have had to spend \$250 a night and I would have missed my walk through the campground and smelling those wonderful pancakes.

At the Young Eagles Banquet, I shared my table with a woman pilot whom I had met three years ago at Independence State Airport, south of Salem, and while we were attending another event for Van's Aircraft. Small world, but if it's going to happen, it will happen at Oshkosh. I returned home in the Cessna 210 that Bob was supposed to fly in and I must say, it was a bit faster than our Piper Warrior.

To me, attending Air Venture at Oshkosh, is like attending another Homecoming Event. Every year I meet new friends and every year I see old friends. It's fun and it is a real adventure. If it were not for my early morning flight out of SFO, I never would have met Princess Marian from Monaco. Yes, it can only happen because of Oshkosh.

Terri Gorman

Thanks Terri for a wonderful story on your Oshkosh experience this year. – Jeffrey

August 2012 Minutes

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING EAA CHAPTER 663, 8/2/12, 7:31 PM, TERMINAL BUILDING KLVK.

Chapter president Ralph Cloud called the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer Mark Palajac reported \$4903.81 in chapter funds. \$50 was sent to the California Pilots Association to renew our dues. Chapter membership now stands at 94.

Barry Weber suggested that five pilots who participated in the Golden West judging event be allowed to decide how the \$250 they won be spent. It was so moved seconded and passed for this to be.

Business: The Livermore Open House is coming up October 6th. Ralph has made a request to the controlling forces that the chapter be allotted a whole row to display our craft. We'll see. It was suggested that we get the airplanes there early, even the night before.

The next barbeque will be Saturday the 4th of August; the last scheduled will be September 1st.

Trina reported that she is expecting 9 kids for the next rally at Tracy on Saturday the 18th.

Tool man Bob Farnam reported that the chapter now owns a brake rivet tool, and that Bob Sinclair has donated two 25# shoot bags for those looking for a little weight.

Jeffry Larson announced that Yasho Kote was the first to name the mystery aircraft in the August newsletter, a Dornier DO-28. Barry Weber came in a lowly second.

Ralph mentioned that the planned venue for the annual dinner be the Livermore Veterans Hall. No one complained. The date will either be 1/19 or 1/26, 1913!

Announcements: The next board meeting will be at Ralph's 8/16 at 7:30 pm; next general meeting will be 9/6.

Members forum: Dave Dent's maintenance tip: The new 406 ELT's must be reregistered every 3 years, or whenever the owner or contact information has changed.

There was a discussion of Eagle Flight, a program for offering airplane rides to older potential aviation enthusiasts.

Yours truly told how he discovered as much as 5.3 gallons (out of 24 total) is unusable when coming into KLVK. Upon initiating the flair for a off field landing out in the flat lands 2.51 (Google Earth) miles northeast of 25R the engine came back to life as fuel sloshed to the rear of the fuel tanks, where the fuel ports are, and drain to the engine. A header tank will be installed.

Break and then Oshkosh: Brad Olsen and Mark Palajac related their experiences. Brad finally got his much coveted camping spot under the tree he had been eyeing for years. Good thing because it got HOT and then there was RAIN for 10 minutes. Brad spent most of his time as a volunteer driver. Many airplanes and many new high tech devices were on display.

Meeting adjourned for pie.

August 2012

MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, EAA CHAPTER 663, 8/16, 7:40 AT RALPH'S PLACE.

Ralph Cloud, Dave Anderson, John Goldsmith, Bob Cowan, Bruce Cruikshank, and Dave Dent were present.

Business: Dave Anderson mentioned that the number of Young Eagles for 8/18 at Tracy had grown to 12.

The next (last for the year?) barbeque will be 9/1.

The Livermore Open House on October 6th will have at least a row of chapter aircraft if things go as we plan (hope).

Ralph has made the deposit (\$500) for the Livermore Veterans Hall for the evening of January 19th 2013. We are still looking and accepting suggestions for a speaker, one that will be of interest to significant others.

For the September meeting Dave Dent is trying to get in touch with Carol Ann Garrett, a world rounder, with three circumnavigations to her credit. She flies a Mooney. He may contact Jacquie Warda (Jacquie B Airshows) and have her tell about her Pitts Special mishap. Ought to be interesting. Bob Cowan suggested we get someone who can explain ADS-B, what it offers, what equipment, \$\$\$\$\$?

Announcements: Then next general meeting will be 9/6; the next board meeting will not be 9/20 but some other day.

Meeting adjourned.

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: jelkylite@comcast.net

Cool video's found on the internet.

[Open Source, fine for software, but really, AIRPLANES?](#) – Thanks Bruce.

[Some old airplanes](#) – Another from Bruce

[And you thought YOU spent too much time with your dog.](#) – Thanks again to Bruce

[Stinson, hot, back country, heavy, not a good combo](#) – Bruce hit 4 homers again this month

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Yasho Kote beat Barry to the punch by a scant 11 minutes correctly identifying the Dornier Do-28 that was provided by Dave and Trina Anderson. It was parked in front of their hanger when Trina snapped the photo. Several members also reported seeing it at LVK. One respondent said "I don't know what the hell it is, but it just took off in front of me". Don't know if that pilot was reading email on his smartphone at the time, but let's be careful out there.

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-aem.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.



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