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Meeting And Program



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

Calendar:

Month	Date	Speaker	Topic
Apr	4 th	Dan Dugan	V-22 Osprey
May	2 nd	Aaron Fisher	Worldwide Ferry Pilot adventures
June	6th	EAA HQ Video's	Various aspects of EAA – New Series

For Our June program, Dave Dent reported that his next scheduled speaker couldn't make it so we will resort to a couple of the videos offered from EAA Headquarters. We watched part of them, and they are pretty good.

Mailbag:

EAA Chapter 663 BBQ This Saturday, June 8th

The May BBQ was a success, come and join everyone for another afternoon of friendship, food, flying (talk) and fun. If you have not been attending the BBQs... start now!!

Chapter member Charles Rooks emailed me an offer. He is flying up from Bakersfield on the morning of the 8th, he offered to stop at Harris Ranch to pick up Rib Eye Steaks for anyone that wants one. All he asks is for \$5.00 per steak and to let him know how many. You can reach him at either his mobile phone: 925-989-0942 or by email: tcrafterdc65@yahoo.com

Join us at 4pm we will have the coals hot around 5 to start cooking. As in the past, bring your own entrée' to fire on the grill and a side dish to share. We will have beverages, plates, napkins and plastic ware. We will be at Bob & Bob's hangars 113/114 on the north side, first row in from the corner of Airway and Isabell. Note the gate is open but in a new location, next to the buildings at the end of the first hangar row. The gate code is: 27681.

I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Ralph Cloud

President, EAA 663

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Young Eagles updates:

Hello there Pilot's I have an update on the locations for the Young Eagles flights.

Updated dates for the Young Eagles flights

6/1/13 Livermore Airport

7/13/13 Tracy Airport

8/17/13 Byron Airport (Location changed)

9/21/13 Livermore Airport (Location changed)

10/12/13 Tracy Airport

The time of the events are still the same. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Thank you, and see you there.

Trina Anderson

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KILROY WAS HERE- Contributed by Bruce Cruikshank

He is engraved in stone in the National War Memorial in Washington, DC- back in a small alcove where very few people have seen it. For the WWII generation, this will bring back memories. For you younger folks, it's a bit of trivia that is a part of our American history.



Anyone born in 1913 to about 1950, is familiar with Kilroy. No one knew why he was so well known- but everybody got into it, I even remember seeing him around public places in the late 60s...



So who the heck was *Kilroy*?

In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the real Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts, had evidence of his identity.

'Kilroy' was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war who worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet. He would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark.

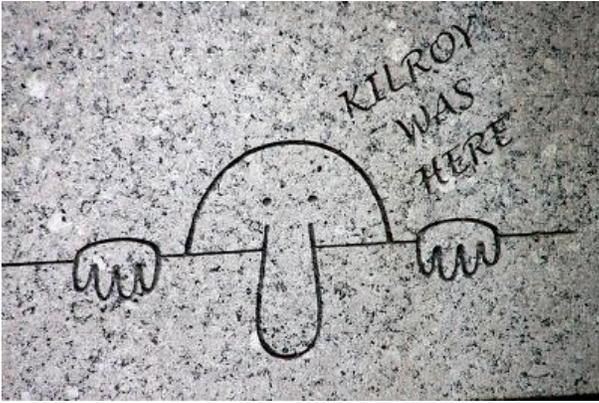
Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then he realized what had been going on. The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his check mark on each job he inspected, but added 'KILROY WAS HERE' in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message.



Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks. Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With the war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced.

His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific.



Before war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo. To the troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that someone named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely

places imaginable (it is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of the Arc de Triomphe, and even scrawled *in the dust on the moon*).

As the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GI's there). On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo!

In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference.

Its' first occupant was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?"

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy yard in Halifax, Massachusetts.

And the tradition continues...



May 2013 Minutes

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING, EAA CHAPTER 663, 5/2/2013, 7:31 PM, TERMINAL BUILDING KLVK.

Chapter president Ralph Cloud called the meeting to order.

We had two guests, Neil Freidman a Cozy builder and our speaker Aaron Fisher.

Treasurer Mark reported 93 paid members and a total of \$4,633.9 in chapter funds. His report was approved.

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

Business: Trina Anderson said 16 Young Eagles were flown last Saturday here at Livermore. We had 5 planes/pilots, Dave Anderson, Don Bartlett, Steve Bradford, Bob Cowan and Jerry Sickafoose. The next rally will be at Tracy Saturday 5/11. A future rally may be held at Byron Airport. Stay tuned.

Chapter web master Brad Olsen mentioned that he is investigating switch our site host from Network Solutions and maybe save \$30 per year. Trina made note of the wrong name listed as Young Eagles coordinator on the web site.

Newsletter: Jeffry Larson reported that there were four correct answers to the "What is it" contest. Dave Dent won by 5 minutes! The answer? A Mico SP-26. If you want one, Dave has one on the field that is for sale.

Barry Weber identified the candidates for this year's Chapter Aircraft Judging Event at the Golden West Fly In. Ray McCrea and his LongEze, Bruce Cruikshank and his Zenith CH750, the local based Spartan Executive (have yet to convince owner to join our chapter) and with so more arm twisting Bob Sinclair and his Lancair 320.

Ralph mentioned that the first barbeque of the year will be Saturday May 11th. Bring your own item to burn and a side dish.

Bob Tucknott suggested that the chapter and members lean on the airport administration to provide Wi Fi in all the hangars, if it is available at the Hayward Airport why not here?

Announcements: Next board meeting will be May 16th at Ralph's place; the next general meeting follows on June 6th.

Members Forum: BART is coming: Ralph led a discussion about the proposed new BART station very near the new Isabella/I580 interchange. Current rules require residences for 2500 people within a half mile of the station. This is well within the current Airport Safety Zone!! What is next, alter the safety zone, change the residence requirement? The last seems reasonable because of the presence of Peralta College. The next planning meeting is May 21st.

John Goldsmith is volunteering at the Patriots Jet Center at the Byron Airport helping young people build a metal airplane parts. He was looking for someone who no longer needs them to donate/lend and rivet squeezer and dimple dies.

Break and then program: Recently Dave Dent noticed a young guy pouring 100LL into a very large tank in the back seat of a Cirrus at the fuel island. He met Aaron Fisher, and asked him if he would be interested making a presentation to the chapter. Aaron Fisher's specialty is long distance ferry flying with 50+ flights over the North Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. From looking out the window at an ocean of icebergs to flying through tropical storms over the equator he's done it. Then "There I was" at 21,000 feet over northern Saudi Arabia at night and the propeller stops. Dead stick landing at an airport 61 miles away! And there was a fire!! Great program!

Meeting adjourned for pie.

May 2013

MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 5/16/2013, 7:45 PM, RALPH'S PLACE.

Ralph Cloud, Dave and Trina Anderson, Bob Farnam, Dave Dent, John Goldsmith, Bruce Cruikshank and Howard Chien were present.

In Mark Palajac absence, there was no treasurer's report.

Business: Trina reported that nine Young eagles were given rides on May 9th at Tracy Airport. There were seven pilots.

Tool man Bob Farnam reported the John Ewing complained about the chapter's Drill Doctor didn't do a good job of sharpening small drills, and there may be an upgrade available. After some discussion the consensus: For drills >1/8th in diameter, replace them.

Ralph mentioned the first barbeque seemed to be enjoyed by all, clue; more beer was drunk than any barbeque on record! It was felt that the email reminder was a good thing.

Dave Dent reported that his next scheduled speaker couldn't make it so we will resort to a couple of the videos offered from EAA Headquarters. We watched part of them, and they are pretty good.

Announcements: Next meeting will be 6/6 with the board meeting following on the 20th. Next barbeque will be June 8th.

KLVK tower controller forum will be at the Terminal building 5/22 at 7 PM.

Expect a 2.4% increase in hangar rent.

Hollister Fly In will be 5/25. Tracy Airport Open House will be 6/29. <http://tracyairportopenhouse.com/>

Comments: Ralph: From the recent Airport Commission Meeting. A new FBO, Five Rivers Aviation will be in operation within the next two years. They already operate at the Hayward Airport.

There was nothing new about the new Bart Station.

Ralph mentioned that he had asked the airport manager Leander Hauri about adding Wi Fi to the airport. Leander said it would cost \$25,000! He is more concerned about other airport improvements.

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.

Cool videos found on the internet.

[Annals of the Security State: More Airplane Stories](#) – Thanks to Bob Cowen

[Fly the plane until it's stopped – Alaska Bonanza](#) – Thanks to Allan Hughes

[Let me introduce you to your new neighbor](#) – Thanks to Bruce Cruikshank

[Area 51? You be the judge.](#) – Thanks to Ralph Cloud

[I swear, this looks like something Bob Buckthal would do for inter-hanger transportation.](#)

What is it? From last month Sponsored by:



Four winning entries were submitted for the Micro SP-26A. Dave Dent beat out Ralph by a scant 5 minutes who was another 5 minutes earlier than the next correct submission. The top six through May listed below. Keep those guess's coming.

David Flourney	20
Barry Weber	17
Ralph Cloud	15
Bob Tucknot	14
Steve Robinson	12
Dave Dent	11

Congrats to all that participated and added points towards the year end prize of the custom made 17" model from Factory Direct Models. 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. 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 incorrect 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.



Don't gloat over your good landings or fret over your bad ones. We all do some of each. It is the average by which we shall be judged.

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