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Meeting And Program

NOTICE: Our February meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the 6th of February. The meeting will be at the FBO/Main Terminal Building on the grounds at KLVK.

Calendar:

Month	Date	Speaker	Topic
December	5th	Dave Dent	Video on the creation of the VF-23
January	2nd	Rich Perkins	Attitude Aviation
February	6 th	Thomas Daniel	Flying to Mexico

For Our February program: Some pilots are apprehensive about flying outside of the United States, but as SCFC CFI Thomas Daniel will explain in this seminar, flying south of the border is easier than you think and opens up a whole new world of exciting destinations. Thomas has journeyed into Mexico many times, and just recently returned from a 4,000 mile trip from San Carlos to Acapulco in November in a Cirrus SR22. He'll recap this amazing adventure and share with us his insights into flight planning, weather considerations for flying in Baja, and border crossing procedures. With photos taken on this and previous trips, Thomas will help demystify flight into Mexico and help seminar attendees find ways to operate safely, be monitored by SAR and enjoy flight across the southern border.

Mailbag:

**This is a story shared by Bruce Cruikshank:
Normandy – September 25, 2013**

9,000 Fallen Soldiers Etched into the sand on a Normandy Beach
to Commemorate Peace Day on September 25, 2013.

This is how you honor those that served in WWII other than locking them
out of their monument.





On this weekend British artists Jamie Wardley and Andy Moss accompanied by numerous volunteers, took to the beaches of Normandy with rakes and stencils in hand to etch 9,000 silhouettes representing fallen people into the sand. Titled *The Fallen 9000*, the piece is meant as a stark visual reminder of the civilians, Germans and allied forces who died during the D-Day beach landings at Arromanches on June 6th, 1944 during WWII. The original team consisted of 60 volunteers, but as word spread nearly 500 additional local residents arrived to help with the temporary installation that lasted only a few hours before being washed away by the tide.

January 2014 Minutes

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING, 1/2/2014! 7:30PM TERMINAL BUILDING KLVK

The new chapter president John Goldsmith called the meeting to order.

John introduced himself, our new vice president Chuck Ray, along with incumbents Mark Palajac treasurer, and Bruce Cruikshank secretary.

John thanked Dave Dent for his great job of arranging for a string of exceptional speakers for our meeting programs.

John also praised Ralph Cloud for serving the chapter as president for twelve years out of the last 14 years. Ralph is a true volunteer, thank you.

Next John mentioned the new board of directors, Trina Anderson, Dave Anderson, Dave Stiehr, Ralph Cloud, Dave Dent, and Bob Farnam. (Note: 3 Daves and only one Bob!)

John mentioned that he is going to push wearing NAME TAGS at the meetings. Trina Anderson is the contact for getting one of the newer style laminated tags made, email her a picture.

One guest introduced himself, Barney who is one of the airport crew refueling airplanes.

John asked if anyone had any comments regarding the minutes as printed in "The Grapevine". There were none; so a vote was taken, and the minutes approved.

Treasurer Mark reported that final count for members last year was 98. Currently 34 have renewed, and 26 have paid up for the annual dinner.

The chapter fund now totals \$3182.41. Dead line for signing up for the dinner is January 11. His report was approved.

In the absence of Trina Anderson our Young Eagles coordinator, John reported that 125 Young Eagles were given rides last year. The champion was Dave Anderson allowing 22 young people experience flight in his RV-9A, that's 22 flights! Two of the rallies were held at the Byron Patriots Jet Center, a great place for this activity (no tower).

The annual dinner is this month on the 18th, socializing starts at 6 pm with dinner at 7. Livermore Veterans Hall, 5th and L streets. The speaker Paul Dye, former head of NASA's Manned Space Flight Center, will make a presentation on flying the Space Shuttle that should be of interest to all.

What Is It? Contest: It turns out only newsletter editor Jeffry Larson knew the answer. Even Barry Weber was stumped. It was an Akron Star 330. (Later Jeffry admitted to me that I was correct. My answer was "aerobatic airplane", not specific enough to win the prize.) Jeffry pleaded with members to please mention the contest when ordering stuff from Aircraft Spruce, our past source of monthly prizes. If ordering on line there is a comment box near the bottom of the page.

John mentioned the board meeting coming up on Thursday the 16th at his home.

Comments: Allan Hughes mentioned the Bonanza that recently went missing in Idaho only had the old style 121.5 ELT. He asked for a show of hands of who had the newer 406 type ELT; several had. There followed a general discussion of locating devices both emergency and an otherwise.

Jack Burke asked if there was a local source of aircraft supplies, oil, filters, etc. First Light Aircraft Group was mentioned, and Rich Perkins, our evening speaker, plugged his own business Attitude Aviation. He said if they didn't have it in stock; they could get it in a day.

Break and then Program: Chuck Ray introduced Rich Perkins, owner of Attitude Aviation. Rich gave a brief rundown of his experience, which is extensive and amazing. Not many people can say they have flown over 120 types of aircraft. His subject for the evening: Advanced Flight Testing and a critical part, the stall. In a back and forth between Rich and the rest of us we learned about the Tickle, the Rumble, and the Break, how the airplane tries to communicate with the pilot. Another related topic was the important difference between a slipped and skidded turn (no skidding). After an hour and a half Rich finally brought the discussion to a close. It could have gone on much longer, thank you Rich.

January 2014

MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, EAA CHAPTER 663, 1/16/14, 7:36 PM AT THE HOME OF JOHN GOLDSMITH.

John Goldsmith, Trina & Dave Anderson, Bob Farnam, Chuck Ray, Ralph Cloud, Bob Buckthal, Dave Dent, Bruce Cruikshank, and Mark Palajac were present.

Treasurer Mark reported that 51 had signed up for the dinner and 45 had renewed his or her dues for 1914. The chapter has \$4,432.41 within the neighborhood of \$1000 yet to go into the dinner, but \$500 coming back from the deposit on the room.

Trina Andersen has yet to set the schedule for this year's Young Eagles Rallies. After some discussion, it was decided that most of the rallies will be held at Byron or Tracy as the delays created by the traffic/tower at Livermore can nearly bring operations to halt.

It was mentioned that newsletter editor Jeffrey Larson is doing a great job putting out "The Grapevine".

The "your information" on the web site can only be by sending an email to Brad Olsen at: webbed@eaa663.org There is also on the home page.

The dinner: John asked that members of the board and others help with the setup at 5:00 pm. The party starts at 6 with dinner at 7. The caterer is arriving at 6:30. We will probably have 63 dinners. Ralph Cloud will hunt down the appetizers, IKEA meatballs, chips and 5 layer dip, and some veggies. Since there are no clouds over California, our speaker Paul Dye will probably fly in for the event. The audio/visual stuff has been arranged for, thank you Ralph.

The program for the February meeting will local aerobatic pilot Pete Eltgroth. He flies an Extra 200

Announcements: The next general meeting will be Feb. 6th with the board meeting on the 20th.

Other issues: For nametags, send you name, tail number, and picture to Trina Anderson.

Ralph reported from the last Airport Council meeting that for airport safety ALL dogs WILL be on leash. Also ground has been broken on the new terminal building.

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.

[It's a bird, it's a plane, it'....oh sh*%.](#) – Thanks to Bruce Cruikshank.

[Fly Alaska.](#) Fifteen minutes but worth your time– Thanks to Bruce Cruikshank.

[So you wanna be a firefighter, with John Wayne as copilot?](#) – Thanks to Bruce Cruikshank.

[How about a vacation in Russia?](#) Thanks to Bruce Cruikshank.

[USS Arizona and Missouri in Arizona](#) - Thanks to Bruce Cruikshank, sorta goes with this issue.

What is it? From last month Sponsored by:



No one came up with the correct answer, the Akrostar 330, last spotted on Barnstormers.

The year end winner is David Flourney tallying 64 points. The top 5 are listed below.

David Flourney	64
Barry Weber	60
Bob Tucknot	45
Bruce Cruikshank	24
Ralph Cloud	17

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.



When you fly to an airport restaurant the food seldom matters. It is the journey.

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