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Meeting And Program

NOTICE: Our September meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the 4th of September. The meeting will be at the FBO/Main Terminal Building on the grounds at KLVK.

Calendar:

Month	Date	Speaker	Topic
July	3 rd	Chuck Surprise	The Magic of Flight
August	7 th	Beth Stanton	President local International Aerobatic Club
September	4 th	Barry Weber	AirVenture 2014 Pictures

For Our September program: Our speaker is Barry Weber. His presentation is a photo presentation on the highlights of AirVenture, 2014. Expect lots of pictures of beautiful homebuilts, warbirds, classics and interesting things seen while walking around the venue. See you there.

Mailbag: ½ Boy, ½ Man – Thanks to Harry Crosby

The average age of the military man is 19 years. He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country. He never really cared much for work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's, but he has never collected unemployment either.



He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away. He listens to rock and roll or hip-hop or rap or jazz or swing and a 155mm howitzer.

He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after

dusk. He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must.

He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional.

He can march until he is told to stop, or stop until he is told to march.



He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity. He is self-sufficient.

He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry.

He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts.

If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low.

He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands.

He can save your life - or take it, because that is his job.

He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay, and still find ironic humor in it all.



He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime.

He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed.

He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking. In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful.

Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years.

He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding.

Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood.



And now we even have women over there in danger, doing their part in this tradition of going to War when our nation calls us to do so.



As you go to bed tonight,

remember this shot....

A short lull, a little shade and a

Of all the gifts you could give Marine, or Airman, prayer is



picture of loved ones in their helmets.

a US Soldier, Sailor, Coastguardsman, the very best one.

-- What you are will show in what you do.-- Thomas A. Edison

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING EAA CHAPTER 663, 8/7/2014, 7:30 PM, TERMINAL BUILDING, KLVK.

Chapter president John Goldsmith called the meeting to order.

One guest Beth Stanton, our guest speaker introduced herself.

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

Treasurer Mark Palajac reported the chapter membership at 92, with \$4,047.05 in chapter funds. His report was approved by voice vote.

Young Eagles coordinator Trina Anderson stated that 8 kids were flown out of Livermore on July 26th. The next rally will be Saturday 8/16 out the airport office at the Byron airport.

Business: Web master Brad Olsen said he placed a new picture of Bob Buckthal's Glasair on our website. I guess it's not Bob's anymore.

The "What Is It" in the newsletter was a Hydraulic Torque Wrench. Barry Weber was the first to identify "IT".

Announcements: The next barbecue is Sunday. The fire will be ready at about 5:00 pm. The next board meeting will be Thursday 8/21 at John's place. Next meeting will be 9/4.

John relayed information on many of the nearby fly in events. Jeffry Larson agreed to send out a PDF to the mailing list of all of the items in The Mail Bag.

Member's forum: There was a discussion about the Oshkosh Fly-In from many of those who went. Many planes and near perfect weather reportedly made for a great event, pictures will be featured at the next meeting.

Dave's maintenance tip: Be careful removing spark plugs. If they do not remove easily after breaking the installation torque, work them out slowly so as not to remove the Helicoil. Also, do not use long threaded plugs in cylinder heads designed for short threaded plugs.

There was a discussion about the FAA's hangar policy and their attempt to building an aircraft in a hangar at airports receiving federal airport improvement funds. The "FAA has not found all stages of the building process to be aeronautical for purposes of hangar use." WHAT? It was suggested members please comment BEFORE the next meeting Sept 4th the end of the comment period.

Break and then Program: Chuck Ray introduced Beth Stanton, president of the local International Aerobatic Club. Beth gave us a great presentation on the value of learning unusual attitude flight, the fun of aerobatics and details of aerobatic competition. There was also a discussion of local areas where one can expect aircraft engaged in aerobatics.

Thank you Beth.

Meeting adjourned for pie.

MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, EAA CHAPTER 663, 8/21/2014, ~7:35 PM, JOHN'S PLACE.

John Goldsmith, Mark Palajac, Chuck Ray, Bob Farnam, Trina and Dave Anderson and Bruce Cruikshank were present.

Well. . . the meeting started with old age ailment talk. Many present had complaints.

Treasurer Mark reported the membership at 93, with \$3,835.58 in chapter funds.

Trina Anderson stated that 9 kids were flown at the last Young Eagles Rally at Byron Airport. She was not too happy with the reception some of the airport "officials" gave the activity. The next rally will be at the Turlock Airport with lots of kids and the help of other chapters on Sept. 27th. There may be a rally on Oct. 11th.

Tools: There was some talk of the need to calibrate the chapter's scales. Tools man Bob Farnam thought the last time was when the scales were repaired.

Program: Chuck is having Barry Weber give his annual Oshkosh picture show.

Dave mentioned that the Tracy Airport Association is holding a potluck dinner on Tuesday Sept. 9th at 6:00 pm at the Tracy Airport. A presentation by aviation lawyer Ronny Gipson (he recently spoke at our chapter) will follow at 7:30 pm. He also stated that runway 12-30 will soon get a complete resurfacing.

John gave a break down of the known expenses of the coming annual dinner 1/17/2015: Larkspur Room , Community Center 5-11 pm \$648, screen \$25, booze permit \$100.00, sound system \$50. It all totals \$823; with a \$500 deposit having been paid. This venue is much better than the veterans hall, for about the same price with much less chasing around.

John mentioned that no one has come forward to purchase the oxygen bottle recharging system left behind in his hangar by Bob Buckthal, any takers?

The next (last of the year) barbecue will be Saturday 9/13. Attendance has been down at the last couple. Bob Farnam suggested that reminder emails be sent to spouses, as this is one activity his or her attendance is encouraged. There followed a discussion about developing a spouse email list and adding spouse emails to the rooster.

Around the room issues: Mark Palajac noted that there were two plane wrecks the previous weekend, the Bonanza in Marin County, and a Starduster II near the Swansboro Airport. The Starduster had participated in the Hayward-Oshkosh Air Rally.

Bob Farnam mentioned two nifty apps, Social Flight and Intelecast. Social Flight shows airports on a map and shows fly-ins. Intelecast is another great WX/radar app; both are for Iphone and Android.

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: jeffrylite@comcast.net.

Cool videos found on the internet.

[How about some “air” time?](#) – Not quite runway takeoffs, but....it’s called the Air Chair.

[Skunk – A Weapon From Israel!](#) – Stinky

[Crazy Hot Matrix](#) – Where was this xx years ago? You fill in the x’s.

[SubSonex Twilight Air Show?](#) – Flown at AirVenture 2014.

[Aaron Knight - Sonex trip to Alaska.](#) – 80+ flight hours in 8 days condensed to 5.5 minutes.

What is it? From last month Sponsored by:



Barry Weber was the 1st to respond with the correct answer – Limited Clearance two speed hydraulic torque machine by Hytorc. Despite the “curve” there were multiple correct answers.

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.



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