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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

July 7, 2004 PROGRAM: Ron Parrott, and his wife Ariel, will present information and pictures on the Johnston Rocket. Ariel's father was the test pilot that certified the Rocket and also set a cross-country speed record with it. Ron has original drawings and articles that he will use to show the unique features of the aircraft. Ariel will narrate the spin test story that her father told and was discussed in an aviation magazine. (It involves a flat spin recovery that started at 11,000 feet and recovered at tree top level over the Fort Worth airport in the late 40's.) Thanks, Ron.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

As specified in our Bylaws, Article V-A and VII-E, the Chapter must call a special election to fill Bill Bruce's seat on the board. Thirty (30) day written notice is required and hereby given to the general membership. Please be prepared to nominate and elect a new Board member at the August general meeting.

VINTAGE AIRCRAFT DISPLAY AT NEXT MEETING

The Chapter will have a Vintage Aircraft Display on July 7th, 4:00 to 8:00pm at the Chapter 124 site coinciding with our meeting on July 7th. All aircraft that meet the Vintage Aircraft requirements are welcome. (A Vintage Aircraft is a plane that is 35 years or older. If it is registered with the county tax assessor and displayed 12 times or more per year, it could be exempt from property tax for the year that it is displayed.)
Marshall Palmer, Vintage Aircraft Display Committee Chairman

FREE BARBECUE PLANNED

The Sonoma County Aviation Association (formerly Friends of the Charles Schulz Airport) is having a third annual free barbecue at the Pacific Coast Air Museum, corner of N. Laughlin Road and Becker Blvd on Saturday, July 24, 2004, from 4:30pm to dark. The museum's restored aircraft will be on display. Homebuilt and antique aircraft owners are welcome to display their aircraft. Families are welcome. (Thanks, Tim Peterson)

RENO AIR RACES...SEPTEMBER 16th - 19th

Bill Massey reported that the Reno Air Race trip almost full. There are a couple of seats left, so if anyone wants to go, please contact Bill at the next meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT DESK; JULY 2004

OR...MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

(Bob Gutteridge)

It is with great sadness that I write to inform all of the loss of long time EAA124 member and friend, Bill Bruce. As you all know, Bill was killed while attempting a landing at Cloverdale airport on June 9. Details are very sketchy at this time, and may never be fully understood as there were no witnesses to fill in the blanks. What we do know is that we have lost a valuable, energetic member and officer of this Club. He was a constant source of advice and ideas concerning how we could improve the Club to make it a better organization for all members. Bill was a mentor to me personally, I will miss his counsel.

WOW, what a great Young Eagles day! Those are the only words I can come up with to describe the June 12, 2004 Young Eagles event. Hats off for **Sue Sarmir & Kevin Quark** for organizing and orchestrating a spectacular fly-off! An army of happy kids, 199 strong, was sent home with a new experience. See within for more details.

A big THANK YOU goes to **Marshall Palmer** for putting in place the requirements for EAA124 Young Eagle events to qualify as Vintage Aircraft Display Day.

Our hangar phone died recently and has now been replaced. Thank you **Paul Reinders** for supplying and installing a working phone.

Dave McIntyre has completed the N+1 leak testing of the fuel tanks on the Pulsar. Dave was heard to say; "If it were a horse, I'd shoot it!"

Ron Schultz returned from a quick flight to Ukiah recently and reports that there are two eating establishments very close to the airport. Sounds like a new destination for the \$100 hamburger.

Golden West EAA Regional Fly-in was held on June 18-20 at Marysville, Yuba County (MYV); it is just an hour away by Champ. Only bumped into a few 124'ers and one old member and past president, Ken McDermott(1985 & 6). I can report that he is doing very well. Lots of very informative talks with much smaller crowds than will be experienced at these same forums during Oshkosh.

Programs:

July 7: Ron Parrott has arranged a review of the Johnston Rocket.

Additional events of note:

July 27-Aug 2: EAA **AirVenture**, Oshkosh, Wisc.

NOTAMS now available on EAA web site.

Sept 16-19: **National Championship Air Race**

Sign up with Bill Massey for the bus trip, only a few seats left!

2004 Young Eagles: TBD

See you at the meeting!

REPORT FROM NAIROBI (by Dwayne Green)

(Our roving reporter, Dwayne Green, is spending two months in Africa this summer with his two daughters, Carie and Michele. He sends email occasionally and I thought the Chapter might enjoy one of his reports)

Hi All,

We are back from the "Moon" ie. Lake Turkana. We spent 8 days on Safari driving up to Samburu, Marsibit, over the volcano fields to Lake Turkana, Thompson Falls and back to Nairobi. The paved road ended about 2 hours out of Nairobi and we only returned to pavement at Thompson Falls about 3 hours before we got back to Nairobi. The rest was dirt which was usually OK or volcanic rock which meant 1 to 2 Kilometers an hour for a time. Sure glad someone else was doing the driving of that Toyota Land Cruiser. I have a great deal of respect for that vehicle now and the driver.

The animals in Samburu were there own special type of excitement. We spent one night at the Marsibit Lodge camping near the lake shore, a beautiful and peaceful setting. Elephants were grazing across the "Crater Lake" from us about 300 meters away.

The landscape out of Marsibit is spectacular in its own way. Sort of like Arizona/Utah or parts of Idaho in some ways with lava flows going on forever or so it seems, and a large dry lake that we were able to make good time on until we reached a part where it had not dried out. Then it was over the lava flows and thru the "bush" which is scarce and mostly thorn trees or bushes. We spent the night at a camp on the dry part of the lakebed and it included a windmill for pumping water into a swimming pool and other uses. Seemed like good water but we didn't go for a swim because what you cannot see can hurt you if you swallow it; we did get a good shower.

Lake Turkana was delightful; we went for a boat ride in a large tourist boat and we were the only ones who were paying customers. The other ones were employees or hitch hikers, but it was big enough for all. Spotted a few crocodiles on shore and one about 4 feet long swimming along side. Lots of birds. Tammy had her bird book so the girls were identifying them and making a list that became quite long. Our quarters were stick and grass huts with a door sized platform and foam mattress on which we placed our sleeping bags. The only references I had read about this country talked about the wind and in that they were correct. IT HOWLED!!!! It helped keep it cool however and in fact the whole trip was cool considering what it can be up there. 120 degrees F is common, but we only had one day in the high 80"s. The girls said they had trouble sleeping, I didn't. One morning I woke up and could hear a jet engine sound. I listened for a while and realized it wasn't moving. Went back to sleep and the next day looked around to see if I could figure out what made that sound. Our huts were behind a little bluff and the gusty wind was turbulently hitting us. About a quarter mile away there was a valley that had nothing to disturb the wind flow so it just whistled thru...creating the jet engine sound simultaneously. That's what I was hearing...Strange...

Made it back yesterday about 3:30 PM. Everyone is well and so far no illnesses to slow us down. We watch what we eat and drink only bottled water so none of the expected problems with you know what.

Shell and Carrie bought our bus tickets to travel to Voi tomorrow (Sun.) then Monday we will go to Ghazi where Michele worked when she was here. She has reserved the house she lived in back in 1998-99.

My camera quit on the way back so I just bought a simple Olympus for \$40 for the rest of the trip.

Lisa, our host here in Nairobi took us to a very good restaurant last night, and then, we caught up on our washing, and the girls on their sleep.

Dwayne & girls

JULY 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 3rd through 5th R.A.C.E (Canard a/c Event) Jackpot, NV - Racing on Sunday the 4th
www.geocities.com/canardcovers/RACE.html

July 4th Pearson Field Air Museum Fly-In, Vancouver, WA
ctc: pacifier@pearson.com

July 4th Tacoma Airshow, Tacoma, WA ctc: 253-756-9808

Jul 7-11th EAA North West Fly-in. Arlington Municipal Airport (AWO), Arlington, WA. 360-435-5857
<http://www.nweaa.org>

Jul 9-11th 20th Annual West coast Piper Cub Fly-In, Lompoc (LPC), CA Bruce Fall 805-733-1914

Jul 10th Truckee Tahoe EAA 1073 Pancake Breakfast Fly-In & Young Eagles Truckee, CA (TRK) 7:30 to 10:30 AM Come and join us for the best Norwegian pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee a \$5 donation can buy. You classic flyers be sure and ask for a registration card for tax purposes. Contact Tim LoDolce tiger@telis.org

Jul 10th Oakdale EAA 90 Pancake Breakfast Oakdale Airport (O27) CA. 8:00 AM

Jul 10-11th Heber Valley Airshow, Heber (36U) UT 435-654-3962

July 17th American Heroes Airshow, Hansen Dam Recreation Area, Lake View Terrace, CA 818-347-4577

Jul 17th 8th Annual Old Time Fly-In, Colusa ((O08), CA Harry Krug 530-458-0580

Jul 17-18th Cold Lake Int'l Airshow, Cold Lake, AB, Canada (That's way up there folks but worth the trip!)

Jul 21 Cheyenne Airshow, Cheyenne (CYS), WY (midweek)

Schellville Antique Escadrille

The Schellville Antique Escadrille meets at noon every 2nd Saturday of each month (except June) at the Sonoma Vintage Aero (George Dray) hangar at the Sonoma Valley Airport. No-host BBQ follows. Aircraft display – noon to 4pm.

THE FLYING MARKET

Homebuilt SEA HAWKER AMPHIBIAN for sale. Flown 40 hours. Factory rebuilt 150 HP. Very Attractive – Always hangared \$25,000 Chris Ketelsen (707) 526-5869 trowbridge4@juno.com

KOLB FIRESTAR II: EXPERIMENTAL N23NN. Call Neil (415) 664-2296, firestard@aol.com. Built by an A&P. It flies fine but my partner moved so it's time to sell. Asking \$12,500, have \$16,000 invested.

PIPER CLIPPER:

New recover, new major, dual pedals.
(707) 275-2291

New compass, 2 ¼", lighted, still in box. For vertical panels. (Mine's tilted forward, so I couldn't use it.) I paid \$200. Yours for \$100. Jim DuVander (707) 838-2174

For sale: METAL MCCAULEY PROP, TM7653. \$400 (from \$700), guaranteed, still a full 76". Jim DuVander (707) 838-2174

FOR SALE: WHEEL PANTS They are early piper 140 main gear type that have been installed on another aircraft so holes may be in a different place. Good condition. I checked Aircraft Spruce catalog and found the same ones. They are 38 inches long. Make offer.....Dwayne Green (707) 544-4535

Partner in CAFÉ Cessna Sparrow Hawk. Just annualed. In exc. shape and flies fabulously. Recently installed new radios, and is equipped to fly IFR. Nice paint and upholstery, wheel pants, special prop and nose bowl, and special carb. \$6000. Bill Bourns (707) 823-7903 or 696-1390.

FOR SALE: RotoWay 162F kit, 150 hp fuel injected RotoWay engine, all fiberglass parts fitted then disassembled for final painting, was Bob Bruner's project, call Jim Smith (707) 431-1430 for details. Asking \$45,000.

ESSEX MANUAL PRIMER with fittings. Retail value \$200, asking \$100.
Len Gazzano (707) 765-2193

June Board Meeting:

Joe Wiegand called the Board Meeting to order June 2, 2004 at 6:33 PM. It was held at the Chapter 124 Clubhouse, Santa Rosa, CA.

Joe Wiegand, Pres.	P	Bill Bruce, Board	P
Bob Gutteridge, VP	P	Ron Parrott, Board	P
Joe Lacchia, Sec.	P	Dwayne Green, Board	A
John Whitehouse, Treas.	P	Marshall Palmer, Board	P
Larry Rengstorf, Facilities	A	Mike Fenn, Board	P
Jim Elliott, Board	P	Donna Turrentine, News Ltr.	P

All members had not received minutes from the prior Board Meeting so approval was postponed.

Treasure's Report: John Whitehouse reported on activity this year to date and on finances and parking fees collections to date. John also mentioned discrepancies between our membership roll and the National's membership roll and how they will affect members with airplanes parked on our site. The report was M/S/A.

Committee Reports:

Facilities Report: The oil drum is full. Larry is looking into getting the EPA # for our disposal.

Newsletter: Donna Turrentine and Christine Kerner are looking into solving our web page problems. Bill Bruce will look into getting a back up for Christine to assist when she is not available.

Events:

Planning for the June 12th Young Eagles event continues. Glen Hetchler will conduct the school. Bill Bruce is being sent 100 copies of a Glime's publication for distribution at the event. There are two articles scheduled for publication in the Press Democrat.

Marshall Palmer reported on his work to date on the vintage aircraft display for our chapter. He is scheduling the first display for Young Eagles day.

Old Business:

We are planning to finalize the chapter Mission Statement at the next Board Meeting. Inputs and thoughts on this should be directed to Bob Gutteridge.

The July Board Meeting has been rescheduled to June 30th, 6:30PM at the Chapter Meeting room. Joe Lacchia will send out a reminder of the meeting.

New Business:

John Whitehouse will send out membership applications and a note to members with aircraft at our facility that are local members but are not on the National's Roll.

Art Goodrich has offered a donation of a band saw and sheet metal sheer to our Chapter. Jim Elliott moved and it was seconded and approved that we accept the donation. It will be housed in Bill Bruce's hanger.

A discussion was held concerning what could or could not be discussed politically at our club's General Membership Meetings. No conclusion was reached.

Adjourned 7:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Lacchia, Secretary

June General Membership Meeting

President Joe Wiegand called the General Membership Meeting to order June 2nd, 2004 at 7:40 PM. It was held at the Chapter 124 Clubhouse, Santa Rosa, CA.

Number in Attendance: 62.

Minutes from the previous General Membership meeting were Moved / Seconded / Approved (M/S/A).

Treasurer's Report: John Whitehouse reported on the previous month's activity, and the finances and parking fee collections to date. The report was submitted, M/S/A.

John also mentioned that there are discrepancies between our membership roll and National's membership roll, and how that will affect members with airplanes parked at our site. John Whitehouse will send out membership applications and a note to members with aircraft at our facility who are local members but not on National's Roll.

Facilities: We are working on getting the oil barrel drained.

Events:

Bill Massey reported on the Reno Air Race trip and that there were just a few seats available.

Bill Conklin (bjconklin@comcast.net) from PCAM announced that their air show is scheduled for August 21st & 22nd. If you have display aircraft or need information contact Bill.

Young Eagles will be held on June 12th. Glen Hetchler will conduct the school. Bill Bruce is being sent 100 copies of a Glime's publication for distribution at the event. There are two articles scheduled for publication in the Press Democrat. Volunteers are needed.

Our first Vintage Aircraft Display will be held during the Young Eagles Program.

Builders Reports: Jim DuVander reported that he has completed covering his fuselage and has sent his engine out for rebuild.

Announcements: Donna Turrentine has a room available at Oshkosh if anyone needs one.

There will be an "oil buy" during the break for delivery tomorrow. The next oil buy is scheduled for September.

Evening Event: Everett Long, author of "Cobras Over the Tundra" spoke about his experiences piloting P-39's to the USSR.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Lacchia, Secretary

IN DEDICATION TO

BILL BRUCE (by Jim DuVander)

Every pilot who loves to fly, lives with an irony that can only partially be overcome. That is, the more we fly, the more likely we are to be in a fatal accident. It's as if every time we go up, we buy a ticket to a lottery we don't want to win. Sure, we do all we can to avoid fatal mistakes, but sometimes Lady Luck is against us, in spite of all our care. The only sure way for a pilot to avoid a fatal airplane accident is to not fly at all.

Bill knew the odds. He knew the score. But he chose to fly anyway. He flew more often than most of us club members. He loved to fly and didn't let the odds scare him from what he loved to do. There is something great about that. Perhaps there is a special award in the hereafter for those who die doing what they love. If so, then Bill gets a medal.

My hat's off to Bill for the enthusiasm that he demonstrated to us for flying.



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