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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

August 4, 2004 PROGRAM: President Joe Wiegand will lead a discussion of what was happening at Oshkosh this year. Other members in the Chapter are invited to contribute to the discussion.

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 was officially given to the general membership last month. 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 August 4th, 4:00 to 8:00pm at the Chapter 124 site coinciding with our meeting on August 4th. 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

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. *THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE RESERVED A SEAT ON THE TRIP, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PAY THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$120 AT THE AUGUST MEETING.*



MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT DESK; AUGUST, 2004

OR...MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

(Bob Gutteridge)

They signed it! The long awaited SPORT-PILOT AND LIGHT-SPORT-AIRCRAFT REGULATIONS have been signed by the FAA to become effective on 9/1/04. Keep watch for a plethora of new, less expensive, fun-to-fly designs. See EAA web page www.sportpilot.org for the full story.

Mice have moved into the storage closet! Hence forth, do not store **ANY** food items in the closet. All such items are to be stored in either of the mouse proof receptacles (refrigerators) in the maintenance room.

A couple of **new birds** have arrived. **Art Beer** and **Doug Dugger** traveled to Texas on a Greyhound bus and flew Art's Piper back to it's new home. Art reports that it flies just fine, but that it is a long way from Texas to STS, even longer from STS to Texas on a bus. He is currently fighting a high oil temp problem. **Pat Fanning** has his very nice Ran's S-14 almost ready for taxi tests. Pat reports that the engine has just been run and all systems seem to working well. Note, Pat received his kit in March this year and a few months later, he is ready to go flying!

My long drawn out annual on the C-182 is done! It now sports a Maple Leaf nose wheel fairing and some much needed interior clean up. Thanks to some timely assistance from my wife Geri, the new headliner looks great. I asked Geri to help with the fabric work, but as we got into the job a broken nut plate was discovered that had to be replaced. So I handed Geri the rivet gun, added 25 seconds of training, and she riveted while I bucked. Now I have my very own "**Rosie the Riveter**"! Thanks Geri!

Evening Programs:

Aug 4: Joe Wiegand will lead a discussion of this year's Oshkosh event. Maybe others will also have observation to share.

Sept 1: Brien Seeley will discuss vision corrective surgery. Emphasis will be given to the ramifications for pilots and our medicals.

Oct 6: The subject will be flying the Australian outback via a self-fly tour. Jim & Janet Elliott, and Bob & Geri Gutteridge will present stories and photos from their recent flying vacation.

Upcoming events of note:

Aug 4: Special Board Seat Election.

Aug 21 & 22: Wings Over Wine Country by PCAM.

Sept 1: Next oil buy...sign up with Bill Massey.

Sept 17-19: National Championship Air Race and EAA 124 bus trip.

See Bill Massey for your seat on the bus!

Sept. 25: Next Young Eagle event, sign up with Sue Sarmir.

Oct. 2: Bill & Ali Massey's Rancho Tehama Airport Open House, stay tuned for details.



SOMETIME IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS...

Jim Du Vander

I decided to make my own envelope for covering my 1959 Champion, because I was told by the instructor of a fabric seminar I attended, that the commercially available envelopes were not very good. I was a little nervous about this, but I had a half semester of sewing in the eighth grade. (It was mandatory.) So even though that was almost 50 years ago, I figured I could still sew a straight line. It took me a day or so, but I managed to stitch together an envelope. How good an envelope was yet to be determined...

When I glued it on and began to use the iron at 250 deg F to begin to shrink the fabric, everything was going pretty well. It was tightening up nicely. However, one place on the top of the fuselage had a lot of gathered fabric and I began to doubt that I had enough shrinkage remaining in the fabric to take up the considerable slack. I left this area till last, hoping that the shrinking remainder would pull out some of the gather. Finally, the moment of truth came. I stepped up on my step ladder and began ironing the limp, sagging area. The sags persisted. I began to think the worst. I might have to strip off the envelope and sew another. This was not a happy thought. In desperation, I turned the iron up to 350 deg F, the maximum shrinking temperature. I ironed away at all that limpness. No dice. In fact I couldn't see any change at all. Now, I began to get a little suspicious. I felt the iron. Sure enough, it was not hot enough. I stepped down off the stool and looked over at the plug. It must have come partially loose while reaching up to the highest point on the fuselage. I plugged it back in and it shrunk just fine at 250 deg F.

SOMETIMES IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT GIVE US HOME BUILDERS THE MOST GRIEF!



THE FLYING WIRE



AUGUST 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 6-8th SeaFair Airshow, Lake Washington/Seattle, WA
206-662-7752

Aug 8th EAA 1027 Annual Aiport Day/Fly-In, Willits, CA
(O28) Fly-Mart-Swap Table, BBQ, Quilt sales, Plant sales,
local artists display & sales. Fun for kids of all ages. Contact
Elizabeth Williams (707) 262-0548

Aug 11th Vancouver Airshow, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Aug 13-15th Abbotsford Int'l Airshow Abbotsford, BC,
Canada

**Aug 14th Truckee Tahoe EAA 1073 Pancake Breakfast
Fly-In Truckee**, CA (TRK) 7:30 to 10:30 AM The best
Norwegian pancake breakfast in the Sierra's! Contact Tim
LoDolce tiger@telis.org

Aug 14th Hawthorne Air Faire, Hawthorne, CA 310-332-
6228

Aug 14th Oakdale EAA 90 Pancake Breakfast, Oakdale,

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

New compass, 2 1/4", 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

YEAR 2000 RV-6A N5821V 180 hp O360 Lyc.
w/constant speed prop. 536 hrs TTA & E.
New KLX135 gps/comm. King trans w/encoder.
Icom #403 -- built in panel wing leveler auto pilot.
Full panel – all the trick farings – show quality.
\$70,000 contact Roger Lovato 545 Salt Mine Road,
Camp Verde Az. 86322 (928) 567-0660

SINGLE SEAT HOMEBUILT HELICOPTER
PROJECT: Four new engines, two counter-rotating
rotors, 2 blades each with 8 extra blades. Needs very
little time to finish. Asking \$200. *You see it...you
can't pass it up...*
Werner Ottens (707) 763-9041



JULY Board Meeting:

Joe Wiegand called the Board Meeting to order July 5, 2004 at 6:30 PM. It was held at the Chapter 124 Clubhouse, Santa Rosa, CA.

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

Minutes from the prior board meeting were M/S/A.

Treasure’s Report: John Whitehouse reported on activity this year to date: finances, parking fees, and collections to date. John is calling members with planes on site who are not on the National’s roll. The report was M/S/A.

Committee Reports:

Facilities Report: Larry Rengstorf is looking into getting the EPA # for our oil disposal. An IR security system has replaced the old motion sensor system. The annual maintenance of the gate system is underway. Larry is rebuilding the front porch. (See enclosed pictures)

Newsletter: Donna Turrentine will be e-mailing the Newsletter to members with e-mail addresses this month only (in order to give 30 day notice of the special election to replace Bill Bruce on the board).

The nominating committee will develop a list of candidates to replace Bill Bruce’s vacated board seat.

Events:

Marshall Palmer announced that there would be an aircraft display at the next General Membership meeting.

New Business:

John Whitehouse is submitting the biannual Nonprofit Corporation data along with the \$20.00 fee. He will be designated as our contact person.

The Planning and Strategic Committee reported on lease renewal progress to date. An attempt was made to collect ideas for a charter and mission statement.

Adjourned 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Lacchia, Secretary



JULY General Membership Meeting

Minutes for July 7, 2004

Called to order at 7:00 PM.

- Guests present tonight:
 1. Brian Piercy
 2. Wayne Cook
 3. Alex Neifert
 4. Tom & Pita Casebiet
- A moment of silence was requested for all to remember Bill Bruce and Don Knight.
- Minutes for June General Meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's report was given by John Whitehouse; approved as given.
- Special election was announced for the August 4 general meeting to fill Bill Bruce's seat on the board.
- Brian Sealy gave a CAFÉ report detailing visit to EAA National and talks relating to future plans for small aircraft development.
- David McIntyre reported that the Pulsar fuel tank is fixed.
- Kevin Quirk reported on 6/12 Young Eagle Event and acknowledged all who assisted in effort of flying 199 kids.
- Next Young Eagle event is scheduled for September 25, 2004.
- Bill Massey reported:
 1. Next oil buy is scheduled for September 1,
 2. Reno buss trip is on schedule for September 17-19,
 3. Bill & Ali's Rancho Tehama airport open house will be Oct. 2.
- Meg Hurt reminded new members to get information for nametag and availability of Club jackets.
- Paul Traklin gave a Sun & Fun report.
- Donna Waite reported that she and husband Steve attended the Space Ship One flight and are writing an article for the newsletter.
- Donna Turrentine reported on efforts underway to insure newsletter is included on the web site in a timely manner.
- General discussion relating to fire hazards when working on fuel systems.
- Steve Barnes gave a quick review of the evening's raffle.

The evening's program was details of the Johnson Rocket, presented by Ron and Ariel Parrott. Memorabilia from Ariel's father's flying experiences was the source of many unique photos and data on this aircraft.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Bob Gutteridge for Joe Lacchia.



**Our fearless Facilities Chairman, Larry Rengstorf, building our new front porch.
(Thanks, Larry, for all you do for our Chapter)**





