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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

October 6, 2004 PROGRAM: The subject will be **Flying in Australia** via a self-fly tour. Jim Elliott, with assistance from his wife Janet, and Bob and Geri Gutteridge, will present stories and photos from their recent vacation down under.

VINTAGE AIRCRAFT DISPLAY AT NEXT MEETING

The Chapter will have a Vintage Aircraft Display at 4:00 to 8:00pm at the Chapter 124 site coinciding with our meeting on October 6th. All aircraft that meet the Vintage Aircraft requirements are welcome.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST/RANCHO TEHAMA OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar for Oct. 2. This is going to be a great double-header event day! First will be our **Chapter Breakfast**, which Dwayne Green is championing. Coffee should be ready by 7:30, with pancakes, bacon and sausages by 8:00. As soon as breakfast is wrapped up, we will be departing for the **Rancho Tehama Open House**. Bill and Ali Massey, Doug and Lori Dugger, Steve Barnes and others will be hosting all arrivals with a great BBQ lunch at Massey's hangar. Please let them know if you are planning to come for food planning: Massey's: toll free number is 877-499-0671 or email at alibyrd@direcway.com. They ask you to bring either a salad or dessert...let Ali know when you call or email. If you will be flying up and have an empty seat, please offer it to a member who does not have a flying aircraft. And FYI for those flying in: Rnwys, 09/27; TDZ 520'; socks at both ends; Lat/Lons are N40.00.558 – W122.23.211; and CTAF is 122.9 and will be monitored.

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED TO OCTOBER 4, 2004

The October Board Meeting will be held on October 4th at 6:30pm, instead of the usual time before each meeting.



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Bob Gutteridge, VP

Check EAA's Hotline on page 12 of the September issue of Sport Av. for some good leads into **LSA medical** info, or look on EAA's web site at www.sportpilot.org.

Walt Farris has left his copy of Australian Geographic's "Our Fantastic Planet" on the front desk for interested folks to borrow. It is the photographic record following a group flying a Twin Otter as they circle the globe from pole to pole. I have glanced through the book and can tell you the photographs are first rate, as are the accompanying stories.

The 2004 **Reno Races Bus Trip** is history! The coldest on record, on my record at least. Saturday we were treated to a wonderful paddle wheel boat tour on Lake Tahoe, and then a full day of air races on Sunday. While on the road there was a lot of good-natured ribbing and camaraderie on the bus. Be sure to thank Bill Massey for championing the event. I know he spent a lot of time, both before and during the event, making sure we were all taken care of. Thanks also go to Ali Massey & DeDe Goodrich for doing the shopping for the refreshments we all enjoyed on the bus. Thomas Tovani and Brandon Elliott helped by running refreshments up and down the isle and collecting rubbish.

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Copper State Fly-in will be occurring right after our October meeting; the dates are, October 7 through 10. A permanent home has been established at Phoenix Regional Airport (A39) for the event and the folks in Arizona are doing a great job of site improvement with permanent buildings and other amenities that are fast turning this event into one of the premier fly-ins.

EAA Members, Aviation Community Make A Difference! EAA and AOPA members were alerted to the introduction of a very bad congressional bill that had been introduced by Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.). Fortunately, there were enough voices heard to cause Mr. Weiner to withdraw his legislation.

Evening Programs:

Oct. 6: The subject will be flying in Australia via a self-fly tour. Jim Elliott, with assistance from Janet, Bob and Geri Gutteridge, will present stories and photos from our recent vacation down under.

Nov. 3: Dwayne Green will take us on a photo journey to several airfields in England and Europe.

Upcoming events of note:

Oct. 2: **Club Breakfast & Rancho Tehama Airport Fly-out.**

Oct. 7-10: **Copper State Fly-in**

Nov. 3: **EAA Chapter 124 Election of Officers** for 2005 & 2006.



Mojave Field Trip for SpaceShipOne

(Steve and Donna Waite)

We left Windsor a little after 9 PM Sunday night headed for the Mojave Airport. I'd used Mapquest.com to calculate our travel time and since they were not going to open the parking lot until 3 AM Monday morning there was little use in getting an earlier start. With a stop for a late dinner it turned out we pulled into Mojave a little after four in the morning. Highway 58 now bypasses town to the north and we were able to take that out to an airport frontage road (Exit 172 for those who may want to go in the future.) This worked really well as we bypassed most of the crowds coming from the south and were not in any traffic until actually on the airport.

By the time we got parked, bought souvenir tee-shirts, and were ready to walk to the flight line there were folks standing several deep near the arrival end of runway 30. We staked out a spot further down about where Space Ship One eventually would touchdown. I had somehow misremembered the time things would start to happen as 6 AM and when that came and went with a still stiff breeze blowing, I began to get a little worried things might be delayed. About 6:15 the public address system came to life and shortly afterward they announced all was go for a 6:30 taxi and liftoff of the White Knight at about 6:45. I was still worried as there was still a stiff and gusty breeze blowing, however, it turned out that one of the helicopters circling the field earlier had been up checking the wind and the only place it seemed to be blowing was right at Mojave... and there it was right down the runway with almost no crosswind component.

At 6:30 the first of three chase planes taxied to the end of runway 30 and departed. The low level chase was flown by an Extra 300, mid level by a Gulfstream Starship, and upper level chase was flown by Paul Allen's Alphajet. The first two took off, then came White Knight and Space Ship One looking like an alien version of Kanga and Roo. They took off about 6:45 and began climbing to ~50,000 ft. We followed them with the video camera for a while and then it became too difficult to hold the camera while tracking them as they continued to climb. Not needing an hour to climb to 50,000 ft., the Alphajet taxied out about 7 AM and departed to join up with the circling White Knight. For the next forty-five minutes or so it was fun to watch ten thousand people all staring up into the sky while occasionally someone would call out "there they are," as the planes alternately were lost in the distance and then brilliantly reflected the early morning sun.

About 7:45 we looked to the eastern horizon and picked up the contrails of the White Knight and the Alphajet flying directly towards the sun. About midway between the horizon and the sun a definite smoke trail could be seen and everybody gave a brief cheer. The smoke trail continued into the sun and about an equal distance out the other side. When it quit there was an almost unnatural silence as everybody waited for word over the PA. The first radio call I heard was "270,000 and still climbing," followed shortly by "316,000." That was it until several minutes later when two soft booms were heard in rapid succession. Another brief cheer from the crowd and then everybody waited with their eyes to the sky trying to catch the first glimpse of the gliding Space Ship One.

The contrail from the Alphajet gave away the position of the glider and Space Ship One made one circle of the field overhead before gliding to touchdown. I don't know about every one there, but, for me, a mixture of amazement, wonder, and exhilaration kind of blots out the next few minutes. We walked back to the truck where Donna discovered we had gotten one of the tee-shirts in the wrong size. We had successfully exchanged the shirt and were asking directions for the drive into Ontario where I'd be working the rest of the week when we realized they had towed SpaceShipOne down the runway in front of the crowd. Ah well, a great photo op missed. We ate a couple of breakfast burritos while waiting for the traffic to clear the parking lot and by 10 AM we were on the road heading south.



Mojave Field Trip for SpaceShipOne

(continued)

The only thing left to do now is repeat the entire exercise later this year when SpaceShipOne goes for the Ansari X-prize. It's taken me long enough to type this up that Burt has announced they have solved the problems with the control systems and will be attempting three flights within two weeks later this year. They need to give the X-prize folks sixty days notice before the first flight. *That's plenty of time to re-arrange my work schedule.*



Neat picture of Donna Waite



Gulfstream



Landing of SPACESHIPONE...



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 annualled. 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.

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

Looking for RV-8A partner. I am planning to build an RV-8A starting in the next couple of months. I am looking to share this process with a partner. If you are interested in building and owning a partnership in this plane, please call David Lynch 707-538-231 or email david_lynch@agilent.co

Short term hangar sublet wanted. If you have hangar space for a high wing plane, October/November/December, 2004, please call Pat Fanning (707) 823-7455.

OCTOBER 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 1-2nd Corona Airfare, Corona, CA 909-845-3325 <http://www.serfi.org>

Oct 1-3rd Canard Rough River Fly-In, Falls of Rough River, KY www.roughriver.org Super Canard A/C Event!

Oct 2nd Tires, Tanks and Flying Machines, Yerington, NV (O43).. Community action event with cars, military displays and airplane rides and displays. G.A. and warbirds will be on display Contact Stephanie Hinzman, 775-463-9558;

Oct 2nd Edwards AFB Open House & Airshow, Rosamond, CA www.edwards.af.mil/ 661-277-3510

Oct 2nd All Day Airshow, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott (PRC) Arizona

Oct 2nd Oakdale EAA 90 Airport Appreciation Day, Oakdale, CA (O27) All day fun. Fly-In's are welcome. Breakfast and Lunch will be served. RC models demonstrations and a street rod show.

Oct 2-3rd Salinas Air Show Salinas, CA Blue Angels & Snowbirds <http://www.salinasairshow.com>

Oct 2-3rd 6th Annual Yerington Airfair, Yerington (O43), NV. Young Eagle rides, static displays, balloon and sky-diving demonstrations. Hourly raffles and door prizes. 775-463-3988

Oct 2-3rd CAF-FINA Airshow, Midland, TX 432-563-1000

Oct 2-10th Albuquerque, NM. Balloon Fiesta Park. Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta®. This is Albuquerque where the most spectacular, amazing ballooning event in the world occurs every October. Where hundreds and thousands of people arrive from all over the world. To fly. To watch. To photograph more balloons than you'll ever see at once. Contact Pat Brake, 505/821-1000 or 888-422-7277

Oct 5-6 Las Vegas NBAA Convention, Las Vegas, NV 202-783-9000

Oct 6th Kern County Airshow, Ridgecrest, CA Featuring the Canadian Snowbirds

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.



SEPTEMBER General Membership Meeting

President Joe Wiegand called the Meeting to order September 1st, 2004 at 7:45PM.

Number in Attendance: 46.

Minutes: Minutes from the prior General Membership meeting were M/S/A.

Treasure's Report: John Whitehouse reported on activity this year to date and on finances and parking fee collections to date. The report was M/S/A.

Committee Reports:

Facilities: Larry Rengstorf reported that the oil drum has been emptied and is ready for use. **Don't park on the grass during the coming rainy season.**

CAFÉ: Brian Seeley stated that he thought a large map of the USA on the wall of the clubhouse would be nice for long range flight planning. (We had one at one time but it seems to have disappeared.) CAFÉ is also working with Langley on the requirements for a personalized air vehicle (PVA).

Events:

Sue Sarmir announced that there would be another Young Eagles event on September 25th.

Bill Massey announced that the Reno bus would depart from our facilities on September 17th at 5:00PM.

Bill also has an oil buy scheduled during break at tonight's meeting.

Dwayne Green reported that there is a Pan Cake Breakfast on October 2nd followed by the Rancho Tehema fly-in.

Marshal Palmer announced that our monthly vintage aircraft display was being held tonight.

Builders Reports:

Dave McIntyre reported on the experiences he has had with his fuel leak.

Joe Weigand reported that he has installed new Matco brakes on his Starduster II.

Jim Elliott reported on a perceived leaning problem during a flight in his C-172.

John Whitehouse reported on the installation of his O-320 engine on his RV.

Announcements:

Steve Barns reported that Dennis McGuire was in a rather serious auto accident on Friday August 27th. He was reported to be doing well.

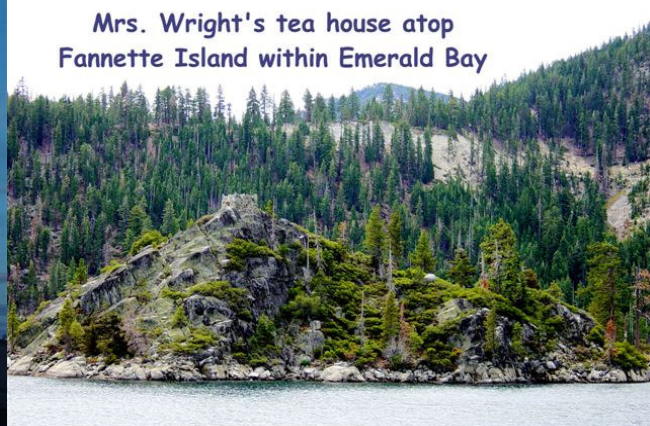
Thanks to Ron Schultz for getting everything together for our great dinner tonight.

Evening Program: Our program for the meeting was a presentation by Brian Seeley on corrective eye surgery and how it relates to flying.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Lacchia, Secretary

THE FLYING WIRE

PHOTOS FROM RENO, 2004





SEPTEMBER Board Meeting:

President Joe Wiegand called the Board Meeting to order September 1st, 2004 at 6:32 PM.

Joe Wiegand, Pres.	P	Rolf Unternaehrer, Board	P
Bob Gutteridge, VP	P	Ron Parrott, Board	P
Joe Lacchia, Sec.	P	Dwayne Green, Board	P
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: Minutes from the prior Board Meeting were Moved / Seconded/ Approved (M/S/A).

Treasure's Report: John Whitehouse reported on activity this year to date, and on finances and parking fee collections to date. The report was M/S/A.

Committee Reports:

Facilities Report: Larry Rengstorf reported that weed spraying has been completed. We received our EPA # and the oil drum has been emptied. The yard light sensor needs repairs which should be done this month.

Nominating: Bill Massey, Dave Heal, Dale Wittman and Mike Fenn were appointed to the Nominating Committee.

Events:

Young Eagles is scheduled for September 25th

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There will be a Pan Cake Breakfast on October 2nd followed by the Rancho Tehema fly-in.

Our next Board Meeting is scheduled on Monday October 4th at 6:30 PM.

Copper State Fly-in is scheduled for October 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th.

Chris Ketelsen appealed his bump from the shade hangers. Unfortunately the appeal had to be denied because of the point system.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Lacchia, Secretary



ONE MORE PHOTO FROM RENO, 2004



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

GENERAL MEETING: October 6, 2004

7:30 pm

Meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month. Directions: The site is located on the west side of Sonoma County Airport. Take the Shiloh Road exit from Highway 101 in northern Santa Rosa. Turn left at the stop light (west) and continue to a "T" intersection. Turn left again and follow the road to the EAA sign on the left. FOOD (\$5) AND SOCIALIZING (free) from 6:30 to 7:30pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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Members are invited to submit articles of interest. (You will be notified whether or not article will appear in current issue.)

Please email them to: donna@eaa124.org

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