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*Board Meeting:*  
*October 3, 2006 6:30pm*

*General Meeting:*  
*October 4, 2006 7:30pm*

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**October 4, 2006 PROGRAM:** Eric Presten, (Sonoma/Schellville) will give a slide presentation of his trip down the Mississippi in his floatplane. Eric also is an aerial photographer and has published 5 books. (He said he would bring some for any who wish to buy one.)

### BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> for the month of October at 6:30pm. Please be prompt.

**WANTED!! Chapter 124 members to serve on the Board of Directors.** At the October 4th monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 124, the Nominating Committee (David Heal and Bill Massey) will be asking for nominations and volunteers from the floor to fill four (4) Board of Director positions. If you are benefiting from membership in our chapter and would like to contribute to our organization as a Board member, please offer up your name as a nominee for one of the four needed Board positions. In particular, we are seeking out volunteers from our membership who have not served the Chapter in the past. If you would like to offer your name as a nominee, **please contact David Heal (707-953-5021) or Bill Massey (877-499-0671)** or volunteer your name at the October 4th meeting. The membership truly appreciates your contribution.



## MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT DESK...

OCTOBER, 2006

Bob Gutteridge, President

In November we will be electing a president and treasurer plus three board members. **David Heal**, nominating committee chairman, will be making the first reading of the candidates list this month. Nominations from the floor are also being solicited and will be accepted at both the October and November meetings.

The new **RV-6** in the maintenance hangar for final assembly is **Rolf Unternaehrer's**. Looks like we are about to have a hatching!

Group gathering Saturday's **124 Day Fly-day** to **Willits** was a rousing success with quite a large group of gallant flyers and airplanes. Please see group photo within. We could have used a few more passengers as there were some unfilled seats. Our Rancho Tehama rendezvous with the Santa Rosa party at Willows airport. Our group included guests, shown on the right, Ron and Sue, neighbors of Massey's and Dugger's, and my neighbor, Serge. Special thanks to **Jan McConnell**, Sue and Kevin's friend, for volunteering to take photos for us.

**Copperstate Fly-in** is just around the corner; dates this year are Oct. 26-29. All the pertinent details are on the official web site at <http://www.copperstate.org>. **Jim Elliott** has promised to be there so it will be the responsibility of all who attend to find and harass him.

**BBQ clean up** assistance has been marginally successful. Additional 'eager' volunteers are needed to: clean off and stack tables and benches, wash pots, clean the coffee pot, put food in the refrigerator or mouse proof cabinet and move airplanes back in if required. One last request, please flatten your soda cans before depositing in the barrel for recycling.

October **Board meeting** will be **Tuesday, Oct. 3rd at 6:30.**



## THE FIRST TIME IS ALWAYS THE BEST by Remo Galeazzi

Nowadays, kids seventeen years of age, with few exceptions, have flown many thousands of miles all over the U.S., and perhaps the world. When I was seventeen, in 1941, you would have been hard pressed to find an adult who would even have had the experience of sitting in an airplane, let alone flying in one.

I often imagined what it would be like flying above the earth, even as a child, when I was lucky enough to have one of those marvelous machines fly overhead. When I was about thirteen or so I had even gotten close enough to feel a couple of them, and to watch them sway just a little when a breeze wafted over their surfaces. I even got to smell that delicious aroma that emanated from those old beauties, that mysterious melding of gasoline and nitrate dope, the exact proportions still an enigma, the blend that when inhaled by us old-timers still makes us giddy with pleasure.

But to actually get to fly in an airplane was so far from reality in those depression years, and that the possibility of it actually coming to pass was totally unrealistic, and I knew it. But the years passed, people became more mobile, airports were springing up here and there. Europe was at war (and Asia), and the sounds of more powerful engines were heard overhead. Now, instead of slow, rumbling biplanes lumbering along, we often saw a few sleek low-wingers moving along at a pretty good clip. We were aware that many Civilian Pilot Training Fields were being set up all over the county to train our future fighter and bomber pilots. Now, one could no longer brag about having been aloft in a flying machine as it was no longer a novelty. Well, my turn finally came, after all of those years of yearning, and this is how it came about.

During summer vacations I would journey from my home in Kentfield to visit my older brother in Healdsburg, helping him out in a small business that he owned. While there in the summer of 1941, I discovered that a friend of my brother, Jim Athey, had negotiated with the City into bulldozing an airstrip just about where the Healdsburg Hospital is now located. Jim had just earned his private license and had purchased a 50 hp J-3 Cub. I was told that he was trying to build up some time to obtain what in those days was called a "limited commercial" certificate, although at that time I didn't have an inkling what that meant. Late one Sunday, my brother suggested that if I wanted a ride I should bike out to the airstrip as he was sure that Jim would be flying around the patch. He said to go right out and introduce myself, and explained that I couldn't pay him for a ride, but if I offered him a couple of bucks for gas he would be inclined to take me up. I had two dollars in my jeans, and I got a kink in my side running like a madman for the airfield.

Sure enough, Jim had just taxied in from a landing, and I ran up to the side of the J-3, making like I wanted to talk to him, so he pulled up the side window, and lowered the door, letting the engine idle. I told him my name, and that I was Lou's brother, and if I gave him two dollars for gas, would he take me up for a ride. He motioned for me to crawl in, and instructed me on how to fasten the seat belt. I thought that at that moment I had died and gone to heaven, and that he was God! I was actually in an airplane and about to rise above the earth! (I'd love to be able to say that I was about to *slip the surly bonds of earth*, but somebody has already beat me to it.)

Jim told me to hold the stick lightly and to put my feet gently on the peddles so that I could follow him through, and the rest, as they say, is history. The thrill of that first flight, the feeling of moving about in the air, turning and maneuvering at will, is a sensation I'll never forget. The ride couldn't have lasted for more than twenty minutes, but my body was airborne for weeks afterward. I'd lay in bed awake for hours going through the motions of making a turn and climbing, then gliding, reliving those glorious moments in my mind's eye. For me, those were heady thoughts indeed.

# THE FLYING WIRE

## THE FIRST TIME IS ALWAYS THE BEST (continued)

When we entered WW II, Jim Athey flew thousands of hours in Stearmans giving basic training to hundreds of cadets. When the war ended, Jim started a large flying school at the Sonoma County Airport, the Athey Flying Service. Jim was the pilot who taught me to fly under the auspices of the G.I. Bill in 1946.

When I had finished my Charger I flew it up to Ukiah where Jim lived and had retired as a manager of a large grocery store. This was probably in 1984 or 1985, and Jim was well into his eighties by then. We spent all day reminiscing about the “old days”—I saw him once more at the Healdsburg Airport when they had an “old timers” day, and shortly after I heard that he had passed on.

More time has passed, I’m 82 myself now, and it’s been 65 years since that first flight through space. Now, I sometimes forget why I’ve walked into a room, but oddly enough, I can still remember every second of that first glorious flight. RG





Group gathering for Saturday's 124 Day Fly-day to Willits

(See external picture)

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## THE FLYING MARKET

New set of RV4 wings for sale. Call or email Dave Pinsky at [davepskier@yahoo.com](mailto:davepskier@yahoo.com) Phone 575 7900.

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STS Gun Club hangar for rent. Newer Porta-Port, clean with full electric service. \$350 per month. Contact: Larry Ford, 829-1955

## October, 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Schellville Antique Escadrille

The Schellville Antique Escadrille meets at noon every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Sonoma Skypark EAA 1268

Sonoma Skypark EAA 1268 meets at 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night of each month at Sonoma Skypark, hangar N-3. Dinner is served (\$5) and business meeting/program follows. Provides “Historical Aircraft Display” Days. Contact Darrel Jones 707-996-4494 for info.

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### Chart sources:

Dwayne Green has researched different ways at various sources to price charts and shipping for the best deal. (Sometimes the best chart price is not the best deal when shipping is totaled in. Work up an order that includes shipping and if you don't like the total, go find another source.)

<http://www.apscharts.com/dod.html>

<http://www.aerotraining.com/index.html> This one has the ONC charts that are used worldwide (\$4.95 from here).

<http://www.airnav.com/fuel/report.html>

<http://www.JoePilot.com> This one was at Oshkosh and Dwayne has not reviewed their site so see how the shipping works.

<http://www.skygeek.com/c156003-0101.html>



## September 6, 2006 Board Meeting:

President Bob Gutteridge called the Board Meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

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| <b>Bob Gutteridge, Pres.</b>       | <b>P</b> | <b>Rolf Unternaehrer, Board</b> | <b>P</b> |
| <b>Mike Tovani, VP</b>             | <b>P</b> | <b>Steve Fredricks, Board</b>   | <b>A</b> |
| <b>Joe Lacchia, Sec.</b>           | <b>P</b> | <b>Paul Reinders, Board</b>     | <b>A</b> |
| <b>John Whitehouse, Treas.</b>     | <b>P</b> | <b>Pat Fanning, Board</b>       | <b>P</b> |
| <b>Larry Rengstorf, Facilities</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Dave McIntyre, Board</b>     | <b>P</b> |
| <b>Brian Cluer, Board</b>          | <b>A</b> | <b>Donna Turrentine, Editor</b> | <b>P</b> |

**Minutes:** Minutes from the prior Board Meeting were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Whitehouse reported on activity this year to date, and on finances and parking fee collections. The report was accepted.

### **Reports:**

**Bob Gutteridge** reported on the initial Phase I Inspection of the Hamilton Hangar Site. All looked good with the exception of questions that arose about a parts cleaning station that is located in the hangar. Bob will continue with the Phase I report and report back with results.

**Bob Gutteridge** also reported that Young Eagles is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Larry Rengstorf** reported that the shed has been painted.

**Dave Heal** is our Nominating Committee chairman. Elections are in November with nominations required by October.

**Ali Massey** has suggested that photos of members be included in the directory when available. It was decided that this would be a good idea if Ali were willing to get the pictures.

Meeting adjourned 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Lacchia, Secretary



## **September 6, 2006 General Membership Meeting**

President Bob Gutteridge called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. 49 members were present.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the prior General Membership meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Whitehouse reported on activity this year to date, and on finances and parking fee collections. The report was approved.

### **Announcements:**

Bob Gutteridge reported on the Phase I Environmental activity at the Hamilton site.

Dave Lynch reported Young Eagles is scheduled for September 30th. He is looking for volunteers. The Santa Rosa Jet Center will be offering fuel discounts during the event.

Thanks were given to Dale Wittman and his staff for another excellent dinner.

Dave Heal, our Nominating Committee Chairman, announced that he is looking for candidates. This year we will be electing the President, Treasurer, and three Board members. Nominations will be at the October Meeting with elections in November. Dave is looking for members willing to serve.

### **Builders Report:**

Dave Lynch reported that the wings for his RV-8A are complete.

Steve Memmer reported on progress with his RV-9A

Jim DuVander reported that he would be starting work on his Champ.

Rolf Unternaehrer reported that he would be starting final assembly of his RV within two weeks.

Bob Gutteridge reported on the transportation of his Jabiru.

Dennis McGuire reported on fuselage progress with his RV-9A

Larry Rengstorff reported that PCAM has some RV hardware available to anyone interested at a very reasonable price.

Chris Ketelsen has two airplanes for sale.

### **Chocks:**

Donna Turrentine distributed chocks as Mementos of Accomplishment awarded by the Chapter to Bob Archibald, Doug Dugger, Bill Massey, Eric Petersen, Kevin Quirk, Steve Barnes and Joe Lacchia.

***Congratulations on finishing and flying your projects.***

### **Evening Program:**

"Emergency Bailout Procedures for Pilots" with Allen Silver.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Lacchia, Secretary