

# *Spirit of Flight*

Experimental Aircraft Association  
Chapter 14, San Diego CA

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**Membership renewals & dues are due for 2005 - Membership form is in this newsletter, or download from our web site.**  
**February 19th program, Tyson McDowell Chapter 14 to host EAA B-17 Tour Apr 8-10**  
**Ocotillo outing scheduled April 1-2-3**  
**T-hangar purchased and moved to Brown Field site.**

Cover: Tyson McDowell, who flew with Dennis Cullum as a Young Eagle just 7 years ago, flew this L-39 in to the January meeting. A new Chapter 14 member, Tyson will present the program for the February meeting, describing the Velocity he and his partner are building.

## Presidents message

By Larry Rothrock

The year is getting off to a fast start. The Chapter has bought a used T-hangar at MYF and is planning to move it to SDM. Because of some confusion with the city we have some more hurdles to clear before we can actually set it up, but things are in motion. At the 3rd Saturday Meeting in January a call was put out for workers to disassemble and move parts of the hangar to SDM. No telephone campaign, no letters were mailed out, just an announcement that Joe Russo handed out at the meeting [and sent via email—editor]. Over twenty people showed up! The work itself became a social event and it was great fun.

The chief engineer of the project, R. S. Ryan, had the whole project thought through and organized well. Ryan, Galen Shirley and Pete Grootendorst were the main players and they were joined by John Woods, Ashley Palmer, Clive Shilbach, Gene Hubbard, John Alley, George Conway, Ives Able, Jim MacKinnon, Richard Kalling, Ty Tyvoll and John Watts in key roles. Joe Russo, Bill Moore, Jack Thomson, Kerry Powell, and Alan Sparkes were there pitching in their efforts and there were at least two or three more people helping whose names aren't coming to mind (let me know, somebody), but we are grateful to them. Dennis Cullum managed somehow to feed us all lunch. We hope to be completing the project soon and hope many more will pitch in to help set up the hangar. Join us!

At our first scheduled Board of Directors meeting we began to lay out a Chapter Calendar for the year's events. These plans are still a bit tentative, but they include the

Trickett Ocotillo Wells Fly-in/Camp-out, three mini-fly-ins for type aircraft-- Canards, RVs and Antiques, more Bus Trips and the December Awards Banquet. See the Calendar develop in the Spirit. A calendar of planned events is posted behind the counter in Hangar One. What activities would you like to see?

Now here's really something: **EAA's B-17 Flying Fortress, Fuddy Duddy, will be stopping in San Diego during its western tour this year!!** [see [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org)] Chapter 14 has been asked to host the visit and the plane will be here April 7 – 11. The plane and crew will be here to give rides, sell B-17 memorabilia, give tours through the plane and provide publicity for our Chapter and EAA. Because SDM is a little remote for best public access, we'll base the plane at Gillespie Field. Plans of what we will actually do are still vague, but we will certainly be manning the sales booth for tickets and memorabilia, conducting the tours, managing the lines, guarding the airplane and helping with publicity. We'll need about 50 members to pitch in, I think. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board or call me—619-507-4455. This will be FUN.

Rides are \$355 for EAA members (\$395 for non-members) and the flights last about half an hour. Tell all your friends to start saving up for this rare opportunity to experience actually flying in a B-17. Tours through the plane will be \$6 adult, \$5 student, \$10 family and \$free for all WWII vets! There will be more information in the next *Spirit* and on bulletin boards at SDM.

When the San Diego stop is over the plane will fly on to Torrance and EAA will give our Chapter 6 free seats on the trip. How should we decide who gets to go? Let the Directors know your opinions: a drawing from among those who volunteer to work during the stop? a drawing from the entire Chapter 14 membership? a drawing from among those who volunteer to do lunches during the year? Other ideas? Let us know.

## Program...

By Lista Duren

February 19 (Saturday)

Who flew that gorgeous deep blue L-39 over to see us a few weeks ago? A former Young Eagle, of course! And now he's building planes and signing up to fly Young Eagles himself in his F-35 Bonanza.

Come meet new Chapter 14 member Tyson McDowell who will present his Velocity project and talk about his trip from Young Eagle to L-39 owner/pilot. For a preview, visit his website at [www.n999js.com](http://www.n999js.com)

## The Flying Report

By Bob Osborn

**January 1** - Happy New Year ! The year is off to a fine start with EAA 14 Chapter members flying/driving to Brown Field to keep the pot boiling on a beautiful sunny and warm New Years Day. The pot was Dinty Moore's Beef stew provided by Ryan. Ryan made a quick flight to Ramona while the pot warmed. Flew the VW powered Quickie which refused to start on return until he bummed a battery charge. By the time he arrived, we had eaten all the stew and licked the pot. President Larry Rothrock had seconds. Proving first in the lunch line is always better at our fly in Saturday luncheons.

The New Years Day breakfast fly out to Chiriacho Summit, normally led by Dennis in the RV3, did not happen for many of us. Perhaps Pete and Janeth Grootendorst who departed in the Traveler for a look at the snow, stopped there. The RV3 is down for a new alternator installation and it looks like another "carburetor from hell" type job as occurred on the Club Cessna 140. The 140 is now up and active with members starting the "year off right".

The wind storm of the past week which blew down trees, radio towers, scattered boats in the harbor, flooded Mission Valley, etc. did very little damage to our hangers and aircraft

at Brown. The windsock on hanger 1 was shredded and all the canopy covers on the four aircraft tied outside were ripped off but appear salvageable. Ryans new hangar stood the test, unlike a couple of years ago when the wind upset and blew away one hangar and ripped the cupola off the top of hangar 3. A beautiful golden eagle caught a thermal over our flag pole and treated us to several tight turns as it rose gently upward, all feathers shining in the afternoon sun. A good omen for the coming year.

**January 8** - Second Saturday of 2005 and Young Eagles day at EAA Chapter 14, Brown Field. Did we fly any Young Eagles?

No. None came, in fact there were no fly in aircraft. Although it didn't rain on us Saturday, the threat was there all day, low clouds, and the field soaked from the recent rains of a rainy week. It was a good day to work in the hangar and some 30 members came for the Polish Sausage, beans, buns, salad, tropical fruit salad, and nachos served by Bob, Ryan, and Gene. The flying through the week between rains consisted of Talky's cross country solo to Blythe, Imperial, and home in the Grumman and Jack's local jaunt in the RV6A. Also Dennis and Bob Johnson got in a BFR between showers.

The action was at Sparky's hanger at Gillespie where a gala 96th birthday party for Steve Kecskes took place on Saturday. Steve is an OLD homebuilder with a Der Jager and Tailwind to his credit. He is also an OLD glider guider who checked out John Alley at Torrey Pines years ago. John and several Chapter members were present and enjoyed the cake and coffee Sparky provided.

**January 15** - Perfect. Weather, severe clear. Aircraft, a batch from Pietenpol to a L39 jet. Food, ample, pancake breakfast and luncheon. Monthly Chapter meeting and program, great. It all happened Saturday at EAA Chapter 14's fly in at Brown Field making



.Tyson and Anjuli, L-39 jet jockeys.

up for all the lousy flying weekends this year. While Ty Tyvoll, John Watts, Rodger Magee, and Bill Clark were serving pancakes, a dark blue L39 jet did a fly by, landed and parked on old Charlie next to Joe Pribilo's Beech Bonanza. Tyson McDowell and Anjuli Nunn came for breakfast and stayed for the monthly meeting and program, joined the Chapter, and Tyson related that some seven years ago he had flown with Dennis Cullum as a Young Eagle. From Young Eagle to jet pilot, way to go!

So many pilots flew in for lunch the supplies had to be rationed but all were fed and R.S. and Donna Ryan prepared a special luncheon of cold cuts, potato salad, and ice cream which "made the day". President Larry Rothrock opened the meeting, welcomed guests including Nils Eyton from Sweden where he is a member of the "largest EAA chapter in the world". The program was advertised by blimp "Outback" swinging from its mooring mast outside. Jim Chapman who recently circumnavigated Australia in a Cessna 172, with the aid of Richard Kalling's power point projector, conducted a travelogue of great interest. GONA Semi-Circ-II 2004 started at Perth with 16 pilots, 8 Cessna's and covered 4000 miles in about 40 hours of flying. Many stops along the coast were made to see cities, industries, WW II sites, parks, animals (crocodiles, kangaroos,

wallabies), beeches, islands, the many interesting small airports serving them and ending in Sydney. Perhaps that epic flight in a Cessna 172 prompted Jim's recent purchase of a Cessna Cardinal.

The following notice was handed out at the meeting: "NOTICE. Chapter 14 needs you! Your chapter acquired a T-hanger and your help is needed to disassemble and move it from Montgomery Field to Brown Field. The work party will be Saturday January 22, 2005 and Sunday January 23, 2005. Free lunch and bandaids to all volunteers. Please call Joe Russo at 858-349-1956 to secure your place in EAA, Chapter 14 history." A sign up sheet was posted for those who volunteered.



Refueling at Mt Hart, Australia



Final approach to Brampton Island, Australia



Hangar frame arrives at Brown despite bridge clearance 15' 1", hangar height, 15' 1 ¼"

**January 22** - Fog, a change from the recent Santa Ana condition. It delayed the fly in members from Gillespie and Montgomery Fields until mid-morning when Wheeler North was the first to arrive in his RV6 and "cop" a doughnut and coffee. Meanwhile Ryan assembled his crew and with Pete Grootendorst providing the tow truck, departed with "Big Blue" the Chapter trailer for Montgomery Field to haul the T-hanger purchased by the Chapter, to Brown Field. Joe Russo awaited there with his crew of "legals" to help load. Ryan and Galen Shirley had previously disassembled and divided the hanger into three sections.

Meanwhile back at Brown, Dennis Cullum was filling the hanger with the delicious fragrance of baking lasagna and garlic bread. With this enticement to lunch which also included salad, fruit, and ice cream everyone settled down to await the first trailer load of hanger. It didn't arrive until nearly 1330 by which time we had eaten all the lasagna, closed the lunch line and many members wandered away home. Dennis received a phone call that the hanger was on the way and 25 lunches were required. Free food and band aids had been promised the work crew. Dennis took the lunch proceeds and

proceeded to the Sub sandwich location across from the entrance gate to Brown and returned with the goods, turkey, beef, and ham. The trailer and crew arrived looking somewhat distraught and promptly dived into the subs. The rumor was that the trailer section was 15' 1" high and a low pass along the way was 15'. The only volunteered explanation of how they passed this obstacle was that at 50 miles per hour there was no stopping and so most parts passed out the other side. There was no report as to the fate of what may have been impaled in the bridge underpass.

Upon decimating the subs and unloading the hanger section the party again departed for Montgomery and a second load. There will also be a third load, the widest section which will entail a wide load permit, escort vehicle with flashing light and wide load signs. The saga continues, hopefully one of the "legals" will write a detailed account at its conclusion.

**January 29** - Today's history lesson 101. In the late 1960, and 1970's AGCSC (Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California) had some 300 members, a half dozen assorted training gliders, a winch, and two tow planes. Permanent gliding sites with scheduled operations each weekend were located at Torrey Pines and Elsinore. Several



Preparing the hangar frame to go on the trailer at MYF.

private clubs (UCSD, German/American Club, Convair Club) and some 30 private gliders flew with the association. During that period of time the lake at Elsinore filled up and wiped out the hangers, restaurant, showers, everything at Elsinore and the crowded conditions at Torrey Pines curtailed first the use of tow planes and eventually flying there except for a few weeks in the spring following the Buick Invitational golf matches. AGCSC moved its chief flying site to Jacumba where a club house with showers, indoor plumbing, office, storage, fuel facility, tie downs, etc were constructed. A hanger was purchased and hauled to Jacumba. The site for it was laid out and gravel for cement brought in but before construction started a permit was required. It was never obtained. The hanger was never built. Slowly the Club declined in membership and aircraft. Its existence is very uncertain today.

Saturday Allan O and I flew 19Fox to Jacumba where for several years we flew with AGCSC. The good news is the field is in excellent shape, apparently well kept by the County. All the old glider trailers, abandon aircraft, house trailers, old tie downs, tumbleweeds, gullies, rocks, etc have been scraped/cleared away. The clubhouse has disappeared completely! Two rows of new tiedown pads and chains have been installed. The surface is gravel (decomposed granite) rolled and firm, a few scattered rocks in the apron area. The bad news is there is no remaining evidence of the great glider operation and great times we had there.

Lynn Madden hosted the luncheon at EAA Chapter 14 at Brown Field Saturday with help by Ray West. We ate giant chili dogs, potato salad, nachos, green salad, and ice cream. Chris Puntis returned from an extended vacation, rolled out the Sonex and fired it up (about time!). Ryan worked on the weight and balance of the Tiny Two he and Galen Shirley have converted to tri-gear. The Cessna 140 club after solving the carburetor problem are

now faced with a starter problem which hopefully money will solve as only the factory can rebuild the ancient starter in use. The Nieuport II crew was on hand and in production. Two sections (the wings) of the recently purchased T-hanger are on board, the center section still at Montgomery. The permit to install the hanger at our site at Brown has not been forthcoming.....

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You can obtain more information at [www.anyawos.com](http://www.anyawos.com).

Pete Grootendorst



The Outback blimp on short final passes Chapter 14 hangar.

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The Aviation Services Department supplies a great deal of the technical information found on the Members Only portion of EAA's website at [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org). The Homebuilders Headquarters section on the site provides a wealth of information on building, maintaining and flying an experimental amateur built aircraft. A significant amount of the content on EAA's Sport Pilot website page is also developed by the Aviation Services team.

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For more information on your EAA Technical Services offerings please call 1-800-EAA-INFO. They're ready for your questions!

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- February 5 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- February 12 – Young Eagles, 9AM, Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- February 19 – Pancake breakfast 8:30, Chapter membership meeting—11AM, Open house, coffee at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- February 24 (Thursday) – Board of Directors meeting, 7PM, Montgomery Field administration building.
- February 26 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

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### On-Going Chapter Events

Open House at the Brown Field Hangars every Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with lunch at 11:30.

Pancake breakfast - third Saturday of each month.  
 General Meeting - 11:00 A.M. third Saturday of each month.

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