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Chapter 14, San Diego CA

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Cover: Monthly meetings at Chapter 14 bring many interesting aircraft to Brown Field, and September was no exception. I caught Dick March's yellow Glastar in front of hangar 1.

President's Message

By Larry Rothrock

Mayoral Candidate Donna Frye will speak to us on Saturday, October 15 at 10:00a. Be there.

Review last month's newsletter for all the reasons why you should be there. If you can come, but don't bother -- then, when you want more tie-down space or some hangar space, don't bother to call me. These are critical times in San Diego aviation and for Chapter 14. Things are about to change in San Diego airfields and we want them to change for the better.

Many of us came to hear and to question Jerry Sanders in September. He certainly heard from the aviation community and now knows we exist. He didn't know that the FAA has cut off funding to Brown Field because of the City's management practices. He knows it now and he said he'd fix that, if elected. He'll remember us.

Let's hear Donna Frye's opinion of aviation and Montgomery and Brown. We need both candidates to understand the needs of San Diego General Aviation. If Ms Frye is elected, she will influence aviation strongly. If she loses, she's still an influential Council member and Montgomery Field is in her district.

Ask questions. Get it on the record. Just like we did with Jerry Sanders.

Come to EAA on October 15 and support your Chapter and San Diego aviation. We need good attendance.

Thanks to all those who showed up to clean up for the Candidates. What fun. We had people up on man-lifts power washing the hanging airplanes, people with brooms and leaf blowers and vacuum cleaners. We had folks with 409 and Windex and towels. New tablecloths! People on ladders with brooms.

Joe set up a sound system that even I could hear. Kerry set up a slide show (which was put together for us by Rick Beach of CAASD). Paul hung the flag. Ryan hauled junk. Mitch swept. Jack scrubbed. Gene washed. Bob cleaned. Lots of others. Donna Ryan and her family made lunch. What a group of people! This is a great Chapter.

Pitch in. It's fun.

Remember, October has five Saturdays. That means we have our Aero-Junk Sale. Bring the aero-junk from your garage or hangar and find it a good home. Sell, buy, swap or give away. October 29.

Bus Trip to Flabob- Flabob is having a great Veteran's Day celebration on November 12 – 13. The Chapter plans to charter a bus, if we get enough sign-ups. We also plan to have a booth there. Kevin Roche is arranging the bus trip. Sign up with him. Also, see Dennis Cullum or me to help put together a booth and project. Some Chapters are putting on fun events. One of them will fly RC models around and let you shoot at them with paintballs. We hope to slide models along wires and use RC transmitters to drop bombs on a target. Come help build it and put it together.

The Community Airfields Association of San Diego (CAASD) is a group we all need to know about. It was formed by some of the



Jerry Sanders, candidate for Mayor of San Diego, addresses a crowd of 100+ in hangar 3.

folks who marched on the City Council in April. They are actively working on behalf of us in General Aviation. They have bought us a new Chapter 14 banner to hang at the Cactus Drive entrance to Brown and they will continue to support the Candidates' appearance at EAA by sending out flyers and beating the drum. They also voted to pay the \$200 permit fee for us and lent us 120 chairs. Several of them have joined our Chapter. You may want to join them. It's \$10 a year- to a good cause. Check out their website at www.sdairfields.com.

Election of Chapter Officers

The election will be held at the November general meeting on Saturday, November 19. A ballot will be printed in the November newsletter, and may be mailed, or cast in person at the November meeting. Blank ballots will be available at the meeting. Mail-in ballots must be received by the time of the meeting. Candidates are as follows; any additional nominations should be directed to Richard Kalling, nominations chair.

President: Larry Rothrock

Vice-President: Joe Russo

Secretary: Kerry Powell

Treasurer: Dennis Cullum

Directors:

John Alley

Pete Grootendorst

Eugene Hubbard

Richard Kalling

Jimmy Kennedy

Bill Moore

Chris Puntis

Kevin Roche

Donna Ryan

R.S. Ryan

Dayton Smith

The Flying Report

By Bob Osborn

September 3 - The haze and fog gave way reluctantly about ten o'clock at Brown Field so EAA Chapter 14's first fly in luncheon of September could get rolling. Paul and Dennis mounted up in Offshoot, Paul's take off on the Whitman Tailwind design powered with the Jabiru 6 cylinder engine, and departed for Corona Airport and the nearby Aircraft Spruce Company, on a supply run. Galen had the HIPP Motor Glider on the line ready to fly soon as the weather broke. It is performing beautifully now with both cylinders up to specs. Lista Duren and Gene Hubbard had the lasagna in the oven baking and subsequently turned out one of the more delicious dinners we have had. Eventually some 35 dinners were served of beef or veggie lasagna, cole slaw, mixed fruit, and ice cream. The aroma of baking lasagna must have reached to control tower for two tower controllers, James Valrie and Shawn Landon wandered down to investigate and stayed for lunch. Also carried three more lunches back up the tower with them for the rest of the crew.

It was a relaxing day with several fly in aircraft and members carrying on with regular building and maintenance work. Pete



John King questions Jerry Sanders; note there are lots of CAASD shirts!

Grootendorst fired up his weed eater and tackled the hay field in front of hanger 1, leaving it in trim condition. Bill Moore rehabbed the amplifier installed in the podium and returned it to service. Ryan mounted the Chapter logo after a complete repaint job, on the side of the office trailer. September, off to a good start.

September 10 - Chapter 14's Young Eagle team again carried the day, the second Saturday of September, to register, brief, fly, and feed those youth of "7 to 17" who came for an introduction to flight. Chris Alan, John Watts, and Ivan Espejo handled the briefings, Ryan provided the flights in Cherokee One Niner Fox, and Dennis Cullum fed them on chili dogs, nachos, cole slaw, fruit, and ice cream. Cherokee One Niner Fox might have the record in the San Diego area having logged flying some 570 Young Eagles over the years. Bring your airplane and share the fun especially now that gas has hit \$3.85 a gallon at Corona, the cheapest around.

Much of the day was spent in a general clean up of the hanger facilities by a few volunteers led by Ryan. The hanging display aircraft in hanger 3 were either washed down in place or lowered and scrubbed before being returned to the ceiling. The cabinets and kitchen area in hanger 1 was either painted or scrubbed by Ryan and Donna Ryan, Jack Thomson, Dennis Cullum, and a few others. New table covers were installed after approval by Paul Hanson. Check them out next time you come by. In the afternoon Pres Larry Rothrock held a planning meeting with Reg Finch, Buzz Fink, and Chapter members regarding the proposed lease for expanding our facilities. Busy days at Brown Field.....

September 17 - Politics and flying, strange bedfellows and yet it appears a necessary union if we are to retain our airfields. As Jerry Sanders, former Chief of Police, Councilman, and Mayoral Candidate stated at the monthly chapter meeting Saturday, "Once you give up

an airfield, you never get it back". Pres Larry Rothrock opened the monthly meeting in hanger 3 with Ben Hunsaker leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, standing under "Ben's Baby", the Heath Parasol Ben donated to the Chapter some years ago. Over one hundred Chapter members, guests, aircraft owners, and FBO's, from Brown, Montgomery, and Gillispie Fields attended. Prominent among the assembly were members of CCASD (Community Airfields Association of San Diego) wearing the white T-shirts so advertising their presence. Educators John & Martha King, of the King School attended and John queried Jerry regarding his support for the city airports should he be elected Mayor. Others representing ultra-lite flyers, general aviation, and business class operators proposed questions to gauge Jerry's support of general aviation and make known the commercial advantages to retaining the City's airports.

Preparing for the event was a giant of a job chiefly effected by Ryan, and wife Donna Ryan by the fresh coats of paint on the T-hanger, office trailer, and a through clean up throughout the area. Hanger 3 was set up with a sound system and over 100 new comfortable chairs provided by Paul Hanson. Coffee, soft drinks, doughnuts, and new porta potties contributed to the comfort and sparkling appearance of our leasehold. The



Steve Adams and his RV-8 were among September fly-ins

morning started off with Rodger Magee and Ty Tyvoll's pancake breakfast, and many fly in aircraft. Hanger 1 was set up with attractive new red checkered table cloths, and Donna Ryan with help from daughter Tania Ryan and friend Allan Miranda loaded the tables during the "political meeting" with cold cuts for the noon luncheon. A full day.

Flying? That too. Tyson McDowell did a fly by in the L-39 flying wing on a SNJ (Texan). Then landed to pick up copilot Anjuli Nunn for several more speedy passes. There were several Classic aircraft on display, the Antiquers' did not appear (?) unless perhaps Earl Hickman and his Buckers qualify. It was enough....

September 24 - EAA Chapter 14 managed a respectable presence at EAA Chapter 1's annual open house at Flabob Airport Saturday, 24th of September. It was not like in years past when Ben Hunsaker would muster the troops at noon for a photo session in front of Chapter 1's lunch pavilion. Often 30 or more Chapter 14 members and a dozen or so aircraft would fly in for the often spectacular display of ancient and homebuilt aircraft that would gather. Such as a real WW1 Jenny with an OX5 engine doing fly by's or the Facet Mobile or some such weird aircraft in the pattern and then on deck to marvel over. I once entered the downwind pattern in the KR-2 with 13 other aircraft including a Ford Trimotor all trying to land on the narrow crumbling Macadam strip of the late 70's early 80's. Things have changed. The field is newly paved with the taxi way completely paved also. There are several new buildings including Chapter 1's excellent hospitality hanger, a large, insulated, structure with hanger space, meeting space, rest rooms, office, etc. There are enough old hangers stuffed with antique projects, builders projects, etc to retain the character of the place and the new improvements result in a sparkling, delightful airfield. Missing were the crowd of antique, experimental, and homebuilt

projects of the past and the faces of the old familiar crowd. Only half of them appeared this year. No Pietenpols, Volksplanes, Waco's, etc. Mostly Lancair, Glassair, RV's, and a few warbirds. Paul Hanson's Offshoot was about as exotic as it got in early homebuilt examples. Along with Paul, Pete Grootendorst and Joe Russo flew up in the Traveler, Ryan and Bob Osborn flew the Cherokee in, Mike Wills in the RV6, Len Buckles and John Hickman were there in Piper J-3's. It was a fine show.

Meanwhile back at the Ranch, Gene Hubbard and Lista Duren prepared a fine lunch of lasagna, fruit salad, Cole slaw and ice cream. We regretted to see Jack Thomson pack up his kit (u-haul) and depart for Florida where he had previously bought a house some six months or so ago. Jack came to our Chapter some 8 years ago, built an Ultra-Pup in hanger 2, became Chapter Treasurer for several years and contributed greatly to the Chapter helping get the newsletter out, etc. He built and flew his RV-6, and built an attractive hanger for it. How could you leave us Jack for that hurricane haven you're going back to? Jack has plans to build a KR-2S and has left his RV-6 and hanger in Ryans care for sale. His most recent donation to Chapter 14 was a new popcorn popper, and a wall clock to replace the one in hanger 1 which was prone to lose time. Good luck Jack, we



Another nice fly-in aircraft in September was this Champ.

shall miss you. We also received a contribution of several boxes of aviation books for our library from Skeets Coleman. Thanks Skeets.

Flabob Airport's Veterans Day Celebration EAA14 Bus Trip

Chapter 14 is sponsoring a bus trip to Flabob Airport on Saturday, November 12, 2005. Some of the things planned are listed below.

- Chow hall (SOS & Spam available) & NCO Club Reproductions
- Warbirds & Military Vehicles on Display
- Vintage & Hot Rod Car Show
- Fly-bys by Classic & Antique Aircraft
- Commercial Bi-plane & DC-3 Rides
- R/C Model Airplane Flying Demos
- Shoot Paintballs at R/C Aircraft
- Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides
- Food Stalls & Flabob Café (or bring your own picnic)
- Parade, Bands,

Check out the website at www.flabob.org

The chapter will charter a bus for this trip – a large, comfortable, air-conditioned coach with a bathroom. We will meet at Montgomery Field Terminal (Casa Machado) parking lot at 7:00 a.m; departure will be as soon as we board. Games, displays and vendors open 9:00AM at Flabob. The bus will wait for us at Flabob, so you can leave your day pack on board while you wander around. Bring your folding chair, hat, sunscreen, etc. We will depart for Montgomery Field around 4:30. The trip is \$20 per person, including non-alcoholic drinks on the bus. All Chapter members and their guests are invited. This is a fun activity for your kids, grandkids and Young Eagles, too. It's a great way to celebrate Veterans Day!

Advance registration is required; seats will go

fast. Sign up and pay any Director at a Saturday meeting. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in hangar one. Movie on the bus? Stay tuned.

Hangar Manager's Report – September 2005

By R.S. Ryan

Thanks to a great bunch of volunteers -- we did it. Chapter 14 put its best foot forward for two important visits: one on Tuesday, September 13th and one on Saturday, September 17th. You'll read about those visits in other articles in the newsletter, but I'd like to share a little about those who labored behind the scenes to make us look so good.

On September 10th, several hardy volunteers started proceedings in Hangar 3. Under the direction of Paul Hanson, lucky Richard Adams was able to use the personal lift to wash down the planes hanging from the ceiling (he got a free bath in the process). Next the planes on the floor were washed or dusted. Meanwhile, Gene Hubbard, on hand and knees, scrapped out all the dirt and rust in the tracks of the doors, with Dean Beddoes manning the vacuum to keep the area clean as Gene worked (and worked, to the point of getting blisters on his hands). This is one of



There was 'standing room only' to hear Jerry Sanders despite 125 chairs set up.

those tasks that all of us appreciate every time we open the doors. Galen Shirley swept and vacuumed the apron outside the hangar. Meanwhile in Hangar 1, Dennis Cullum, Jack Thomson and Bob Osborne were busy scrubbing the kitchen cabinets and the refrigerator. The inside and outside of the refrigerator haven't looked this good in a long time. And Dennis played a key role in the clean-up at the same time he was putting on a lunch for the Chapter. We need sunglasses to go into the kitchen now – it just gleams! I know I may have missed someone who helped out—I was on Young Eagles duty that day, and I didn't see everyone who lent a hand. But I sure appreciate everyone who took the time out of their schedule to help the Chapter.

On September 11th and 12th, Jack Thomson pitched in again, and helped put up the lattice skirting all around the office trailer. Since the office trailer is the first thing visitors see as they drive up, we needed some way to hide all of the “treasures” that have found their way underneath the trailer. The lattice fit the bill. We all appreciate your help, Jack—you will be sorely missed here as you move on to Florida. You could always be counted on to give a 150% on any project that needed to be done around here—day in and day out. I know I sure will miss your suggestions and hard work and friendship.

Tuesday morning, Sept 13th, the day of our first important visit, found Pete Grootendorst down on his hands and knees scrubbing the months of breakfast and lunches and snacks off the kitchen floor. Just at a crucial time, Lloyd Gray showed up offering to help and help he did, valiantly manning the mop bucket. Pete next turned to scrubbing the fan and blades over the serving area – (years of cleaning propeller blades made him a past master at that dirty but important task). A large crew of volunteers helped with the final arrangements. Dennis Cullum, Bob Osborne, Paul Hanson, Larry Rothrock, Joe

Russo, and Galen Shirley set up the sound system, chairs and tables. By 3 o'clock, coffee was made, cookies were on the table, chairs were set up—and the visitors were welcomed in style.

On Saturday, September 17th, lots of people pitched in to make the visit of mayoral candidate Jerry Sanders a success. I was in Hangar 1 most of the time, so I can't properly thank the volunteers who set up Hangar 3. Hopefully someone got some pictures or names. My daughter Tania Ryan and her friend Allan Miranda helped my wife with all the lunch preparations and cleanup. Lots of folks pitched in to clean up after themselves, but Bob Johnson, Earl Makela and Don Hamm took extra time to clean up the tables and generally pick up to get the Hangar back into A-1 condition. Bob even took up the “good tablecloths” and put them away for use next month. He obviously has had good training—they were meticulously folded into precisely sized packages. Bob Osborne, Dennis Cullum and Bill Moore quietly took charge of removing the trash and doing the final clean-up. Then Bob “sold” the extra donuts, gathering even more donations to the Chapter kitty. With everyone's help, the place looked as good by the end of the



Anjuli Nunn showed up for the September meeting with a damaged landing gear. ;-) Tyson came by to pick her up in the L-39. Hope the foot is better!

afternoon as it did when we first welcomed guests in the morning.

Once again—thanks to everyone who made these first two visits a success. I hope that you'll show this same enthusiasm and volunteer spirit for the visit of our next mayoral candidate, Donna Frye, on October 16th. We couldn't do it without all of your efforts and support.

R. S. Ryan- Hangar Manager

Quality Sport Planes, regional distributor for Zenith Aircraft kits, has recently moved to new airport facilities in northern California. EAAers are all invited to the Grand Opening Celebration and first Open House set for Saturday, October 15, 2005!

Quality Sport Planes is now located on the Cloverdale Municipal Airport (85 miles north of San Francisco) and offers kits, rudder workshops and builder-assist programs for Sport-Pilot-Ready aircraft by Zenith. For more details on the Open House, kits or company's services, please visit www.qualitysportplanes.com

or call 707-546-6272.

Rechargeable Battery Replacement

Anyone that has ever owned electronic equipment that has a rechargeable battery will, at some time, find that it won't hold a charge for very long. The price for a new battery is usually outrageous. I have had a couple of different batteries rebuilt by a company called Primecell and found them to be reliable and reasonable. They will rebuild

almost any battery. Nickel-cadmium batteries eventually go bad. These type batteries are famous for having short term memory, that is if they are recharged before they run down completely, when they are recharged they will "remember" that recharge level and will need a recharge when they get to that level again. In some cases this company will rebuild the battery using a different type of battery known as Nickel-metal-hydride. This type of battery does not have a "memory" and can be recharged at any time. Check out their website. I think they do a great service for us battery oriented folks. The web site name is

WWW.Primecell.com

George Conway



We had to move Chris Puntis' Sonex for the Jerry Sanders event, and I got to looking at Chris' taildragger dragger. I'm thinking I've got to have one of these!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 1 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- October 8 – Young Eagles, 9AM, Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- October 15 – Pancake breakfast 7:30, Chapter membership meeting—10AM, Open house, coffee at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field. Lunch – 11:30
- October 22 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- October 27 (Thursday) – Board of Directors meeting, 7PM, Montgomery Field administration building.
- October 29 – Open house, coffee, lunch, AERO JUNK SALE (SWAP MEET) 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.

Tape Library

Our tape library contains over 700 tapes of many interesting and informative subjects. These tapes may be checked out by members for a period of one week. If you can't return the video in person, please return it by mail.