

# *Spirit of Flight*

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**Saturday September 18 – Paul Hanson and Loren Schrieber, Oshkosh Recap**

**Holiday Party/Awards Banquet scheduled for Friday, December 3**

**Monday Night Football (in the hangar) call Joe Russo**

**Mark your calendars now!**

Cover: Another group of Young Eagles, this time from from Outdoor Outreach, a San Diego organization for disadvantaged youth.

## Presidents message

By Richard Kalling

If you came to the last general meeting you saw quite a show. We started off with an invitation to all Vans RV pilots to gather for breakfast. Even though the weather was not that good I believe there were eight RVs on the line. Our guest speaker for the month was to be Chuck Kerber with his L-39 but we then had the opportunity to have Mayoral candidate Ron Roberts come and talk about what his thoughts on aviation in San Diego and Brown Field were. We were not sure at exactly what time Ron would be able to make it and how we could work both into the program with out a good time line, so it was decided to have Chuck come at a later date. The bottom line for me about what Mr. Roberts had to say is that he thinks that Brown Field is an asset to the city and does not want it to fold up and go away. He also said that organizations such as EAA are an asset to the city and should remain on the field. We had a good turn out for his visit. I counted 85 in the audience at the start. After Ron got through answering questions we all had a free lunch put on by the dynamic duo Gene Hubbard and Lista Duren. This month we will be having Paul Hanson and Loren Schreiber give a report on their visit to Oshkosh. It should be a great show. Paul can tell us all about the modifications to his plane to improve its comfort on long trips. On the lease front, well, we are not moving, at least not for several years. Jack Thompson did a study on how much it would cost to just prepare the land the city wanted us to move to and it was close to \$200,000. When he showed this to the folks at the city they understood we just cannot afford that kind of outlay. The bottom line is we are staying where we are for several more years and can lease more property around us if we need to.

The annual awards banquet is coming up sooner than you think. The date and place have been set. The place will be the same as last year, The Courtyard by Marriott near Montgomery Field. The Date is Friday December 3, 2004. We had a great time there last year and it should be another great show. Lets pack the place.

Richard

## The Flying Report

By Bob Osborn

**August 7** - The first Saturday fly in luncheon at EAA Chapter 14 in August and great things are happening. First and foremost all the Oshkosh attendees have returned safely. Paul Hanson and Loren Schreiber arrived weary but intact after replacing a tailwheel somewhere along the way. Paul promptly took Offshoot apart to work on enhancing the comfort for long trips. Perhaps Loren will give us a write up of their adventure. John Watts and Talky Muraoka also attended and surely have much to pass along.

Earl Hickman in his Bucker and King Schultz in his Cessna Centurion were two of the first arrivals in real soupy weather. As King was cook along with Chris Puntis we were glad to see him show up. We all enjoyed the "Big Mack's" they turned out. It is reported that Richard Kalling put on his baked potato extravaganza last week. There was nothing



Ron Roberts addresses chapter meeting in Hangar 3, picture by Manny Ramirez

published of this event which only occurs once in a blue moon.

A notable improvement in hanger clean up is underway sparked by Hanger Czar Ryan. Former Hanger Czar Cullum has been promoted to Chapter Treasurer. Former Treasurer Thomson is working on the long term lease with the city for Chapter 14 facilities. Great things, always happening at Chapter 14!

**August 14** - Second Saturday of August and 25 Young Eagles were expected. The day started with overcast weather and morning fog. Only Dennis and his Tomahawk were on hand to handle the flights. Soon Stan Bell taxied down in the Stinson to add 3 more seats each flight, to the lift capacity when the field opened. Which eventually it did and they were joined by Joe Andrade in his Cessan 172, Tim Briggs in his Ercoupe, Dick March in his Stinson and Armond Brattland in his Maule. Some 20 Young Eagles and a few "Old Eagles" (adults) were given rides. Dayton Smith and Lista Duren handled the briefings and certificate making. By lunch time all the Young Eagles were flown and they were ready for the free lunch provided by Gene Hubbard and Lista Duren. The lunch of hot dogs, potato salad, water melon, and ice-cream was a hit with young and old. Another fine day with EAA Chapter 14 at Brown Field.

**August 21** - Gazpacho! A summer "salad" soup. Cool and thick with chopped vegetables. That is what we had for lunch, and describes Saturdays fly in at EAA Chapter 14, Brown Field also. But first the fly in. It was open house and a free pancake breakfast to all RV fly in aircraft pilots and copilots. There were nearly 20 fly in's with RV-3, RV-4, RV-6 and 6A, RV-7, and an RV-8 on the ramp. The RV-7 N710VE, flown in by Dorothy Wood with her husband A.C. Wood as copilot from Montgomery Field is powered with the Lycoming O-360 from the Christen Eagle which is suspended on display in hanger 3. "A.C." reported the engine was clean as a whistle when unpreserved and he

is flying with the original plugs.

The pancake breakfast served up by Ty Tovall, Bill Clark, and John Watts included coffee, eggs and sausages also. John reports running out of eggs after 10 dozen were served to over 60 customers.

It was the Third Saturday and monthly meeting event featuring Ron Roberts, candidate for Mayor of San Diego in the next election. The Chapter asked him to address his plans for Brown Field and consequently the fate of EAA Chapter 14 if elected. Ron discussed his views of the airport situation in San Diego and answered questions much to the satisfaction of the 80 attendees, receiving an enthusiastic round of applause.

Gene Hubbard and Lista Duren invited everyone to a free lunch special in hanger 1 following the meeting. Long tables of cold cuts, all the condiments for sandwich making, potato salad, and ice cream were greeted as enthusiastically as Ron's address. Gene and Lista always serve a healthful lunch and this one included the delicious appetizer of gazpacho soup prepared by Lista. Some members put in long hours and much effort to make "Gazpacho" day a huge success. Foremost is Ryan who almost single handedly cleaned up hanger 3 and opened it up to the overflow crowd. Dennis Cullum, Paul Hanson, Gaylen Shirley, John Watts, Bill Clark, and Ty Tyvoll and several others contributed. Pres Richard and Pres of Vice



RVs line the taxiway, picture by Manny Ramirez



Dayton Smith has just completed teaching a ground school class at the SDUA clubhouse at Nichols Field. Graduates include Chapter 14's Manny Ramirez and Kerry Powell.

Larry ran a fine show. The Chapter is fortunate to have these hard working leaders.

**August 28** - "In like a lion, out like a lamb." March? No August. Our August Saturday fly-in's started out with Oshkosh and the return home of Chapter 14 members. Things were a-poppin! Young Eagle flights, hanger clean up, the RV fly-in, and (San Diego Mayoral candidate) Ron Roberts. So how went the Saturday before September? Ryan woke us up with a flight in his VW powered Tri-Quickie followed by Laverne Edwards appearing in the Starduster. Al Hodges soon arrived in his Long-eze, King Schultz in the Cessna 210, Joe Pribilo in the Bonanza, and eventually Steve Maher in a "new" Cessna 175. Steve says his Geo powered kitfox is for sale. Guess he needed more lift capacity. And that was it. Except for another fine lunch prepared by Gene Hubbard and Lista Duren. Lista and Gene have done a great job all month long setting a new standard for us ordinary cooks.

New member Clark Afriedgen has bought the RV-6A kit, jigs, and tools, donated to the chapter by Jim Knotter and plans to finish construction of it in a hanger rented from Art Wolgast on the west end of the field. The Nieuport 11 constructors were showing progress turning out parts. And that's all for August.

## Nieuport Drivers Shift Gears

By Gene Hubbard

The Siesta Patrol wasn't napping this month, but visible progress on the fuselages slowed as the group re-tooled from building right sides to building left sides, as well as having to re-interpret the plans more in line with designer Graham Lee's thoughts. Last weekend however, the team turned out in force to get the first of seven left sides alodined, jigged, and ready to assemble, as well as fabricating the majority of parts for the remaining six structures. Once a left side is complete, it is only a matter of time before the group assembles a fuselage and starts making airplane noises.

Watch this space for further developments.

## September Birthdays

We wish a very Happy Birthday to Chapter 14 members born in the month of September.

- 1 George L. McBride
- 4 Galen M. Shirley
- 7 Eli W. Mansour
- 7 Clive P. Shilbach
- 9 Dayton L. Smith
- 10 Donald P. Hamm
- 11 James S. Aronovsky
- 13 Homer C. Ogles
- 16 Timothy J. Briggs
- 18 Thomas G. Geantil
- 18 Russell Hashman
- 18 Terry W. Lee
- 18 Dr. Robert G. McAllister
- 18 J.C. Thorpe
- 21 David J. Pelkey
- 21 Patrick W. Ryan
- 23 Trung P. Nguyen
- 24 Howard F. Hawkins
- 24 Kenneth R. Wallace
- 26 John C. Alley
- 26 George C. Wolken
- 28 Stephen R. Opgenorth
- 29 Todd R. Guynes
- 29 Evan R. Stover

## Hangar Manager's Report

Just like realtors talk about "curb appeal," we want FAA Chapter 14 to present ~ appeal" in order to attract new members and encourage current members to take an active role in the Chapter. How can you help? By maintaining your aircraft and workspace in a clean and neat manner and by actively using the space to build or maintain your aircraft. In getting ready for Ron Robert's visit, the Clean Team had to dust a lot of planes. Why? Because the aircraft just weren't being used or actively worked on. Let's try to present our best hangar face to show that we are a dynamic Chapter not just a storage facility.

Special thanks to Dennis, Paul, Galen and Dan for helping to spruce up the hangar space for Mr. Robert's visit. And a special thanks to Dennis and Larry for setting up the space on the day of the visit. Hangar 3 looked great!

Remember--rents are due on the first of the month for the upcoming month--not the middle of the month or a month late. We depend on these rents to keep our Chapter running smoothly so do your part!

If you have any issues regarding hangar upkeep or security or if you have any suggestions for how we can improve the hangars, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with each of you.

Ryan

## MINUTES - Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 14 Board of Directors Meeting, 22 July 2004

**Present:** Dennis Cullum, Lista Duren, Gale Hess, Gene Hubbard, Richard Kalling, Kerry Powell, R. S. Ryan, Joe Russo, Dayton Smith, Jack Thomson

**Absent:** John Alley, Mike Fisher, Pete Grootendorst, Roger Magee, Bill Moore, Larry

Rothrock, Loren Schreiber

**Call to Order-**President Richard Kalling called the meeting to order at 7:09. Minutes for the June meeting were read and corrected.

### Reports-

**Financial:** Dennis Cullum. The financial report for June was presented and approved.

**Facilities:** Dennis Cullum. Tony Gittes sold his Longeze and Gene Hubbard took over his space. We haven't written to the delinquent tenants yet. Ryan becomes the hangar manager at the end of July. Dennis reported that an owner whose plane was damaged in hangar 3 requested that we change the lock on one hangar door. The board discussed the request and confirmed the chapter policy of maintaining hangar space in common. The lock will not be changed.

**Safety:** Jack Thomson. All fire extinguishers have been re-charged. In response to questions and complaints by members, the board clarified the smoking policy. The designated smoking area is in the parking lot. Smoking is not allowed within 25' of any building. Kerry agreed to publish the policy in the newsletter.

**Lease and Planning:** Jack Thomson. Jack contacted a paving contractor for an estimate on a pad. By next month, we will have an estimate. The board discussed the need for



Dayton subjects the first victim to the vertigo chair.

long-range planning for possible move or expansion projects.

**Newsletter:** Kerry Powell. Kerry solved the newsletter distribution problem by using his IT professional discount at Kinko's. Members received the July newsletter on Friday, July 9. Kerry also updated the e-mail database for electronic newsletter distribution. Kerry will print some extra copies to keep at the hangar.

**Young Eagles:** Dayton Smith. The board congratulated Dayton on the success of the Reach for Tomorrow Young Eagles group, which was the largest group we've ever flown.

**Program:** Larry Rothrock. The programs for the next few months are:

- August - Chuck Kerber (L-39) and possibly Ron Roberts (Roberts spoke and Kerber plans to reschedule)
- September - Loren Schreiber talking about his Oshkosh trip
- October - Weyman Dunlop, Pacific Flyer editor

The club will host an RV fly-in the third Saturday in August. Dennis will send invitations to local RV owners.

Lista and Gene will provide a make-your-own-sandwich lunch on the third Saturday in August. (This is the day we have been providing a late breakfast, but no lunch.)

**Bylaw Committee:** Lista Duren. The bylaw committee has not held its second meeting. The goal is to draft a revised set of bylaws so members can vote on them at the general meeting in the fall.

**Nominating Committee:** Larry, Chris, Loren and Dennis. Nominees will be listed in the September newsletter.

**Awards Banquet.** We need a date and a chairperson. Joe Russo will check with Bill and Jan Moore.

**New Business:**

Poker Run - Kerry Powell suggested that we organize a poker run. He's in charge.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

## In Memoriam

**John G. Osburn** (EAA 51080) of Henderson, Nevada is listed in the "gone west" section of the September Sport Aviation. The date of his death is listed as February 10, 2004. John was an involved member and very capable member of our chapter for several years. I believe he was editor of the newsletter for a period of time and also contributed tools to the Chapter and a large truck which he used to move to San Diego from Ohio, when he first came west. He was a fan of Corvair autos and engines and I believe was converting one for aircraft use. He "escaped" to Henderson a few years ago when the pace of life in southern California got to him.

**Ralph Duce**, long time Chapter 14 member was killed last week. Duce, 77, was driving southbound on Lilac Road in Valley Center when an oncoming Saturn Ion crossed into his lane near Anthony Road and hit his Toyota Prius about 11:45 a.m. yesterday, according to the California Highway Patrol and coroner's officials.

Duce died at the scene of the crash, the county Medical Examiner's Office reported.



Gene Hubbard's Pietyenpol continues the transformation into an airplane! Picture by Manny Ramirez

## Way more than a ramp check

By Ryan Lunde

*[Editor's note: Ryan posted this on the fearless Aeronca Aviators' email list.]*

Well, two days ago I flew the Champ from Wharton here southwest of Houston to Port Mansfield on the Laguna Madre in extreme south Texas for some long awaited Texas saltwater fishing. They really don't have any real fish in Wyoming. I flew and met my father and uncle who drove. After a somewhat dismal morning of fishing yesterday, I loaded up the Champ and took advantage of the nice tailwind and scooted on home. I cruised at 5500 feet to overfly the Corpus Christi Class C squaking VFR the whole time, and my route took me a few miles out over the Gulf for about half an hour. It was a nice flight and there was lots to see, including a T-34 formation that flew under me from NAS Corpus Christi, and an additional solo T-34 that passed over me well north of Corpus. As I approached Wharton, I descended rather quickly, entered the pattern and landed uneventfully. No other aircraft were in the pattern or on the ramp.

I parked in front of the t-hangar and shut down. As I got out to push the plane back, I heard an aircraft taxiing, which was strange considering the apparent lack of traffic, and presently a US Customs Cessna 210 rounded the corner and shut down in front of the hangar. Simultaneously, a government sedan pulled up. Local police showed up as well. Two customs agents came to me from the airplane and the fella from the car, who I assume was a DEA agent, approached talking into his radio about the "Suspect's plane is November 85523..." Why was I now a suspect? The customs agents were as friendly as they could be given the circumstance. They said they were doing a routine security and immigration check. They asked me for my license and my medical certifiacate. The DEA agent looked over my

documents and called them in on his little radio thing. One of the 210 pilots tried to make light and asked me about my fishing trip and then he asked to see inside of my bag. I complied, but had they asked to look in the aircraft, I was prepared to stand my ground unless they showed me a warrant. They soon gave me back my documents and prepared to depart. I asked the 210 crew how long they had been following me, and they were reluctant to answer. All they said was that they had just picked me up at the airport. They left as quick as they had arrived, leaving me to explain myself to the on-lookers from the other hangars.

I suppose they tracked me coming up from the border and were interested because I was not on a flight plan and did not talk to ATC. I've seen Customs at work on TV and how they follow behind and below the target aircraft in a 210 or a Blackhawk. This must have been what they were doing because I had no idea at all that I was being followed. I had called up the weather briefer and stated my route, so perhaps that's how they knew where to send their man on the ground. It sounds like they were after somebody else, or they were seriously mistaken in the intentions of their target. Having a man on the ground and a 210 chasing me as well as alerting local police sounds like much more than a routine check to me. Was the lone T-34 to the north of Corpus simply on a training flight, or had it been sent to get a closer look? Had I known they were pursuing, I would have landed at Orchard Intergalactic and seen how well they could land a 210 at Carl's place. The lesson here is that you are being watched and even though Aeronca pilots do not pose much of a threat to national security, we are still pilots and aircraft operators who have the ability to conduct illegal activity just as well as a smuggler with a heavier aircraft. The government does not care that we are just folks looking for fun flying and a good fly-in every now and then.

-Ryan

*[One of our members later obtained the official report of the incident:]*

An aircraft on code 1200 was detected departing Port Mansfield, Texas.

Unable to identify the aircraft, Houston Air and Marine Branch was launched to intercept and identify the aircraft. The aircraft was intercepted and followed to a landing at Wharton, Texas (K5R5) where the ICE C-210 landed behind the aircraft and the Wharton police responded to assist. ICE and the Wharton PD interviewed the pilot. It was determined that there was nothing suspicious on this aircraft and the interview was terminated. The aircraft was identified as N85523, an Aeronca 7DC.

AMOC detected this target depart port Mansfield, TX. (KT05) squawking mode 3/1200. AMOC was unable to identify the target through tower and approach at Navy Corpus Christi and valley approach. Houston AMB launched a US ICE C550 and a US ICE C210. US ICE C550 intercepted target but was unable to identify the target due to speed difference. Target began a descent into Wharton regional airport (k5r5) and US ICE C550 identified the target as N85523.

Houston AMB contacted the Wharton, TX. Police department who responded to the airport to assist. US ICE C210 landed at K5R5 behind N85523 as Wharton P.D. arrived on scene. Pilot of N85523 was interviewed by US ICE and Wharton PD with negative results. US ICE aircraft and Wharton PD mission cancelled.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 4 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

September 11 – Young Eagles, 9AM, Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

September 18 – Pancake breakfast 8:30, Chapter meeting – 11 AM, Open house, coffee at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

September 23 – Board Meeting – Montgomery Field administration building 7PM

September 25 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.

## Unclassified Ads

Unclassified ads are free to Chapter 14 members - \$5 to non-members for 2 months. To submit an ad (or other newsletter input) send to Kerry Powell, Newsletter editor, either by email (preferred) at [kgpowell@aol.com](mailto:kgpowell@aol.com), or by phone at 760-602-0662

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Email questions: [planeagle@netzero.net](mailto:planeagle@netzero.net)

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**RV-6A kit**. \$7000, can deliver almost anywhere in S Calif. 858-442-8818 cell, or 858-277-8818 home [ewatson1@pacbell.net](mailto:ewatson1@pacbell.net)

**NEEDED; Crankshaft Lycoming O-320**. Call ASAP, Gerry Curtis, 909-446-1423, Cell: 909-333-3002. Will Also buy a low time engine, if tests out OK & price is right.

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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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