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meeting speaker: Mayoral
Candidate Jerry Sanders

October 15 meeting speaker:
Mayoral Candidate Donna
Frye

November 12 - Bus trip to
Flabob open house

Cover: The Chapter 14 RV fly-in brought many fine RVs to Brown Field, including these belonging to John Wood and Son Hoang.

President's Message

Larry Rothrock

Both Mayoral Candidates will come to Brown Field to speak and answer questions specifically about Montgomery and Brown Fields.

Jerry Sanders will speak to us at 10:00 on Saturday, September 17th.

Donna Frye will speak to us at 10:00 on Saturday, October 17th. (Well, actually she'll be there at 10:30, but get there early.)

Every one of us has complained about the City's management of its two airfields:

-We, at EAA, have been trying to get a long-term lease for years (actually!).

-All users of the fields pay into a fund that is supposed to be used only for airfield purposes. Where is all that money going?

-The developers continue to apply pressure to close fields or to shorten runways.

-Can what happened to Rialto happen to Montgomery or Brown?

-And, on and on

Ok, pal, here's your chance to hear what each candidate thinks about the airfields and what plans they might have. Ask questions. Get it on the record.

Come to EAA on September 17 and October 15!!

Hear what the candidates have to say and how they feel about our airfields. Get the facts before you vote.

If you don't actually live in the City, come anyway; they are your airfields and this is your only opportunity to affect the City's behavior.

Bring your family and friends who are interested in aviation.

The Community Airfields Association of San

Diego will bring many of their members and there will probably be a bus running to EAA from Montgomery Field. Check their website, www.sdairfields.com and our website, www.eaa14.org for late-breaking details and for transportation information.

If you only make two meetings all year-- these are the two!!!!

August's Two Big Events, the Sunday afternoon Hangar Party and The RV Fly-in were great successes. Thanks to Chefs Bob and Glo Osborn who made the Party happen and to George Conway who made the Fly-in happen!! See elsewhere in this issue of The Spirit.

September Program and Antique Fly-In

Remember, Mayoral candidate Jerry Sanders is our meeting speaker for September. Come and bring your questions!

Chapter 14 will be hosting an Antique Aircraft Fly-in on Saturday September 17, 2005. We invite all antique aircraft flyers to proudly show their planes. There will be other activities at the chapter that will attract many attendees who will appreciate seeing the beautifully restored older planes. This is a free event and all antique aircraft pilots are eligible for a complimentary breakfast and/or lunch.



Carol Young (City Real Estate) and Philip Miller (SDM Manager) help raise the new EAA sign.

If you're not familiar with the layout at Brown Field, just ask the friendly tower controller for the EAA location and he (or she) will guide you there.

The Flying Report

By Bob Osborn

August 6 - August, off to a good start with EAA Chapter 14 at Brown Field. The Oshkosh attendees returned home after a spectacular annual show, a nice lot of fly in aircraft came for the first Saturday fly in luncheon, and several hanger projects moved along well. Dennis returned from Oshkosh in his RV-3 after a few days at the Oshkosh fly in. He recommends overnighting at Rawlings, WY where the bars stay open all night long with wild carousing, singing on the bus, etc. (gunshots?). We want a report on Oshkosh, Dennis. John Watts is back after a week at Oshkosh where he was awarded "Volunteer of the Year" on the antique/vintage aircraft flight line. He reported 4" of rain on his tent one night. He was ok, sleeping on a low cot but one volunteer reported floating on his air mattress when water flooded the bottom of his tent. Wheeler North, Pete Grootendorst and Dan Patch also attended and hopefully will provide a run down on the event at our monthly Chapter meeting.

Earl Hickman and the Bucker squadron arrived in formation, breaking overhead for an approach and landing, leading the fly in's Saturday, followed by Ashley Palmer in her Beech Musketeer, Maurice Orange in his Lancair, and others. Nobody beats the dawn patrol flown by Laverne Edwards in his Starduster, or Galen Shirley flying the HIPP Motor Glider built by Gene Whigham however. Laverne followed up with a clean sweepdown of hanger 1 in preparation for a visit by the City next week. Other hanger projects underway was a repainting of the EAA sign and logo on the front of the office trailer by Donna Ryan. George Conway washed up the Chapter silver service, dishes, pots and pans. Mitch Mitchell sharpened all the knives in the kitchen assortment which

were badly in need of it and Ryan and Bob O served up the beef stew, rice, garden salad, rolls and ice cream enjoyed by all. Don't forget the hanger party next Sunday (14th) at 5:30 p.m. It is potluck, bring a dish, salad, or dessert. Burgers, dogs, and condiments will be furnished by the Chapter. Bring your husbands and your wives, girlfriends, neighbors, inlaws, outlaws, etc. etc. etc.

August 13 - It was typical June gloom weather, the second Saturday in August, and Young Eagle day at EAA Chapter 14, Brown Field. There were no Young Eagles scheduled to fly, the group that was expected having cancelled. So where did everybody come from? Luckily Pete Grootendorst with his Grumman Traveler and Armond Brattland and his Maule were available to fly so when the weather opened up the 11 Young Eagles that wandered in all received rides. Chris Alan, John Watts, Ivan Espejo, and Pete Grootendorst, helped organize, brief, and issue certificates. Ryan, Jack Thomson, Galen Shirley, Dennis Cullum, and Bob Osborn made a community effort to supply the "Dogs & Beans, Nachos, Salad, Fruit, and Ice Cream" free to the young guests and to the unexpectedly strong showing of nearly 50 fly in/drive in customers.

Chris Puntis has his Sonex home from a hot week at Ramona after the high oil temperature/low oil pressure episode that



Dennis Cullum returned from Oshkosh in his RV3

required some redesign of the air ducting to the oil cooler. Now if it passes the cold weather operating test it will be considered an all weather airplane but that will have to wait awhile. Galen Shirley has mounted VW turn signals on his HIPP motor glider. Once a VW man, always a VW man. Larry Rothrock escorted the party from the City Attorneys and Property Management Offices Tuesday on a tour of our facility and explained our new lease proposal. A photo opportunity occurred as the EAA sign and logo repainted by Donna Ryan was mounted on the office trailer. And so ends another exciting week at EAA Chapter 14, except this week includes the Chapter dinner party at the hanger at 1730. See you there....

August 20 - It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, Saturday's fly in luncheon at EAA Chapter 14, Brown Field. A beautiful day starting out with Rodger Magee and Ty Tyvoll's pancake, egg, and sausage breakfast. As it was the 3rd Saturday, the breakfast, Chapter monthly meeting, and an RV fly in were all scheduled. They came! Some 21 RV type aircraft from RV-3 to RV-8 both conventional and tri-gear types, along with other aircraft from Breezy to Comanche. The RV pilots were given free food and along with the paying customers, for the first time I recall, we ran out of breakfast supplies. In addition to the free food, a computer assisted weight and balance program was offered to those who wanted a fresh check of their aircraft, organized and ran by George Conway and assisted by Kerry Powell and others. Our ramp and "Old Charlie" taxiway were crowded with RV's and assorted aircraft, tire kickers, and photographers, admiring the variety and unique differences among the beautiful RV's displayed. Richard Kalling was baking an oven full of potatoes for the luncheon of baked potato and fixin's, chili, salad, and sliced peaches. Ed Fitzgibbons, his sons and daughter and their families were all there to see Ed awarded "Life Membership" in the Chapter for his many

contributions through the years.

We were treated to a fly by of two Varieze's in formation with Bill Ingram in the lead and Dan Patch flying wing. They completed the fly by and turned downwind for a landing on runway 26. As they turned final, Bill pulled up with Dan sliding under him at which point Bill lost sight of him. Sadly enough at some point Dan impacted the storage yard, shipping containers, trucks, etc. located in the industrial area off the end of runway 26 and was killed. Dan has been leader of the Verieze "Squadron" for many years, taught formation flying, arranged many outings and flew extensively in Mexico. He wrote many fine articles for the Chapter Newsletter. It was such a beautiful day, and such a tragic outcome, we find it still hard to believe.

Last Sunday evening the Chapter held a picnic at the hangers, the first in several years. Some 40 to 50 members and guests came with a variety of desserts, dishes, and salads. The brats and hamburgers were furnished by the Chapter for some delicious dining. A swap/flee market of aircraft related items was conducted also. Thomas Geantil flew in from Montgomery Field in his Breezy for the evening. It is well equipped for night flying, Class B operation, instrument (?), perhaps a bit cool at night and what about bird strikes? Gas at the Brown Field Lancair self service pump sold for \$3.89 a gallon last week! Be careful up there.



Bill Moore presents Life Member plaque to Ed Fitzgibbons

August 27 - A taste of summer. 80 degrees in the shade in the hanger. Perhaps that is what deterred the fly in luncheon crowd. It was 105 degrees in Lakeside and who knows how hot it got in Borrego so Brown Field was still the winner for those who flew in. Some 25 faithful diners assembled for the sloppy Joe's and ice-cream served up by Bob Osborn.

Warm weather didn't deter Gene Hubbard and the Nieuport 11 builders. They were hard at work as usual assembling fuselages. Local pilots were active and reported nice flying conditions but as warm aloft as on the ground. Chris Puntis tested the Sonex in the hot air and reported his cooling problems solved. Ryan made two demo flights in Cherokee 19F and reports some 15 trouble hours since #3 cylinder rehab. Galen Shirley reassembled the HIPP Motor Glider engine, installing a new piston and rings after discovering one badly burned from having been installed 180 degrees out. He is again ready to fly with an expected major increase in climb rate from the extra power. And so passed the last week end in August, dog days, with everyone looking for a shady spot.

Post RV Fly-in

By George Conway

The August RV Fly-in was well attended. The RV community was represented by 1 RV-3, 4 RV-4's, 8 RV-6/6A's, 2 RV-8's and 2 RV-9's. And to add to the interest there were auto engines powering two of them. Dave Leonard came in his RV-6 powered by a Mazda rotary engine. This is a 2 rotor model with a belt driven super charger and can cruise at 190 kts. The other was a Subaru 4 cylinder with a turbo super charger. Didn't get any other details as he left before lunch. A few of the paint designs were outstanding. Some attendees came from a good distance. There were 5 from Arizona, 5 from the Los Angeles area and 7 from the local San Diego area. Although none of the RV's took advantage of our offer to do a weight and balance (W&B)

on their planes, we did have 3 other type aircraft that used the service. Al Hodges brought his son's Long EZ, Tom Geantil's Breezy and Kevin Warren's Murphy Rebel each have a current W&B to verify their CG is in the correct range. The W&B was done with the able assistance of Kerry Powell who provided the computer and printer as well as performing the keyboard magic for the data entry.

I want to thank everyone that encouraged the RV community to attend the fly-in. Incidentally, I found out that the Pacific Flyer Aviation News also has an Atlantic Flyer for the East coast folks.

HANGAR PARTY

By Larry Rothrock

It was a lovely Sunday summer evening at Brown Field. The temperature was just right. Some 45 people showed up for a good, ole-fashioned pot-luck. Folks brought salads, and fruit plates, and vegetables and pasta and brownies and cookies and cakes and pies and casseroles and melon and chips and dips and salsas and all kinds of delicious dishes. Then, Bob and Gloria Osborn did their magic with bratwursts and hamburgers on the grill. We saw lots of friends who can't come to the Saturday open houses. What a great family meal!

Maybe we ought to do this more often.



Bob Osborn performs grill magic for the hangar party

Those of us who couldn't come missed a relaxed, pleasant evening with friends. Don't miss it next time.

Another Kind of Hangar Party

By Larry Rothrock

We need to clean up and spruce up the place. Company's coming.

Ryan and Donna do a terrific job of looking after the facility and it's not really their job—it's everyone's job. Have you noticed that Donna has painted the new hangar, has repainted the EAA logo sign and is painting the office trailer, as well? Ask yourself what you've done lately to do your part.

Let's all pitch in and get the area ready for all the visitors and the Mayoral Candidates. Let's show how well we look after the leasehold.

Show up a week before the first candidate's appearance. Come on Saturday, September 10 and bring your work gloves. There's plenty to do. The candidates will speak from Hangar 3 and we need to sweep out, dust off and straighten up.

If you have an airplane anywhere on the property, you should clean it up. Then you can help dust off our display planes in the Hangar. If you have a box hangar, try to make it presentable and do whatever repairs are needed. A little paint here and there might be nice, too.

We need to put our best foot forward.

You've Got the Chapter's Future in Your Hands - Literally!



Remember the old song—He's Got the Whole World in His Hands?—Well—change the

words and focus a bit and it works for EAA Chapter 14. As you can tell from other articles in the newsletter, we have lots of visitors coming in the next few weeks—and we want to look our best. We will be holding a work party on Saturday, September 10 starting at 8 in the morning and going until ??? well, hopefully going until we have Hangars 1 and 3 and the outside ready for company.

What needs to be done? First, get the dust out of Hangar 3—not just off the floors, but off the walls as well. The same needs to be done with Hangar 1. We've got a great commercial grade blower to do a lot of the work—but we'll need sweepers as well – and spider web chasers. What next? The red chairs in Hangar 3 need to be unloaded and vacuumed – and we need to pick up a lot of the tools in Hangar 3 and put them in their proper place. In Hangar 1, the kitchen needs to be scrubbed down and the tables given a good cleaning. Plus, there is lots of "stuff" that needs to be organized and put away. And outside? Weeding, sweeping, picking up—anything that catches your eye as being out of place will catch someone else's eye as well.

Even if you can just spare a half hour or so, that will really help us out. See me if you want to help—we are really counting on you—our first group of visitors comes in on Tuesday, September 13—so we won't have much time.



Bayne Just's RV9 was one of the fly-in aircraft

I wanted to say thanks again for Gene Gaidousek's donation of the personal lift. We've been using it to touch up the wings on the office trailer. Chris Puntis can tell you what a pain it was to paint them the first time using a ladder. Well—the personal lift makes it much easier and a lot safer too. We'll be using it when we paint the metal beams in Hangar 1 in the near future. We'll be doing that project during the week. If you would like to help out with that project, see me as well. We'll get you fixed up with a roller and paint brush and the personal lift in no time. Hope to see you on September 10th!

Ryan

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New Members

Help us welcome the following new members to Chapter 14. A friend of mine recently commented on the wide range of skills that our members possess. These people are special—get to know them. Meet them, talk to them. All of our members have something to contribute to the Chapter, and to everyone in it.

Bill Ingram, businessman from San Diego, has rejoined Chapter 14 after a long absence. Many of you will know Bill as an active member of the EZ squadron with a Vari EZE based at MYF. Bill has commercial and jet ratings, and is looking for ways to help out at the Chapter.

Michael Peariso is a retired San Diegan with a building project. He doesn't tell us much about it, except that it's about 75% complete.

Gregory Vinch is an airline pilot and realtor living in Coronado. He doesn't admit to a current building project, but offers flying skills as a CFI, CFII, and MEI and is looking for ways to contribute to the Chapter.

September Birthdays

Please help us wish a very happy birthday to the following Chapter 14 members born in September.

- 1 George L. McBride
- 4 Galen D. Shirley
- 7 Eli W. Mansour
- 7 Clive P. Shilbach
- 9 Michael J. Napoli
- 9 Dayton L. Smith
- 10 Donald P. Hamm
- 13 Homer C. Ogles
- 13 Michael D. Peariso
- 18 Thomas G. Geantil
- 18 Russell Hashman
- 18 Terry W. Lee
- 18 Dr. Robert G. McAllister
- 20 Tommy Matthews
- 21 David J. Pelkey
- 21 Patrick W. Ryan
- 22 David A. Buser
- 23 Trung P. Nguyen
- 24 Kenneth R. Wallace
- 26 John C. Alley
- 29 Todd R. Guynes
- 24 Howard F. Hawkins
- 29 Richard W.H. Keller
- 30 Wayne B. Tyson



Peter Krok's Subaru powered RV7 prepares to leave

AERO-JUNK SALE!

The Aero-junk garagesaleswapmeet that was held at the Hangar Party was well received and two or three pickup loads of really good aero-junk showed up. It is not known how much actually changed hands, but it was enough fun to make it a regular opportunity. So.....an Aero-junk sale will be held on every 5th Saturday of the month. Five Saturdays in a single month occurs about every three months and the next one is October 29. Bring your good stuff.

It's fun, it clears out your hangar or garage, it's profitable (you'll be RICH) and you have the opportunity to fill the space right back up with other folks' aero-junk. You can't beat that. Is this a great Chapter or what!?

IT'S BAAAAACK!

By popular demand EAA Chapter 14 is bringing back its swap meet / flea market! Bring your aviation related stuff on the fifth Saturday of any month (this is the tricky part, not every month has a fifth Saturday) to sell or swap with other members. We will provide the tables you provide the merchandise, negotiate and collect the price. Any questions? If there are come to the next general meeting (third Saturday of every month)

Nominations for Chapter Officers and Directors

The nominating committee is now accepting nominations from those interested in serving as an officer or director of the chapter. The positions involve long hours, no pay and you are subject unyielding criticism from those members who are not on the board of directors. On the plus side, those who serve derive a great deal of satisfaction knowing they have provided a service of vital importance to the chapter. Seriously, if you have a desire become more involved with the chapter this is your chance.



Gene Hubbard rib stitches a Pietyenpol wing



Peter Krok's Subaru fits neatly in the RV-7 cowl



Larry and Chris show Carol and Philip around the hangars

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 3 – Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- September 10 – Young Eagles, 9AM, Open house, coffee, lunch at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field.
- September 17 – Pancake breakfast 7:30, Chapter membership meeting—10AM, Open house, coffee at Chapter 14 hangars, Brown Field. Lunch – 11:30
- September 22 (Thursday) – Board of Directors meeting, 7PM, Montgomery Field administration building.
- September 24 – 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.

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.