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## Contact your U.S. legislators now!!

Bipartisan "Pilot's Bill of Rights II" legislation has been introduced in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives that would put EAA-supported aeromedical reform into effect along with a number of other protections for pilots and other airmen.

The Senate bill (S. 571) is co-sponsored by Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), Sen. John Boozman (R-AR), Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV), Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA), Sen. Steven Daines (R-MT), Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS), Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS), Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY), Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT), Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS), Sen. Angus King (I-ME), and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH).



*Construction crews busy erecting new hangars at the west end of Flabob.*

Parallel legislation in the House (H.R. 1062) is co-sponsored by Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL), Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN), and Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN). The bill is an expansion of the original Pilot's Bill of Rights that was passed by Congress in 2012 and signed by

President Obama, as well as an effort to further advance the aeromedical reforms first proposed in the General Aviation Pilot Protection Act of 2014 introduced by Sen. Boozman and Rep. Rokita.

EAA and AOPA are urging all pilots to contact their senators and representatives to urge them to cosponsor these bills. For those of us in the SoCal area, that means calling, writing, or emailing U.S. Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and House Representatives Ken Calvert (42nd District) and Mark Takano (41st District).

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A new president,  
New board directors  
A new year,  
A new era for Chapter 1!

# Calendar



### March 2015

- 6th – First Friday Flicks**  
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 14th – Young Eagles**  
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 14th – Chapter Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
- 14th – Board Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 2 p.m.
- 21th – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**  
Flabob Airport
- 26th – Riverside Air Show**  
Riverside Airport

### April 2015

- 3rd – First Friday Flicks**  
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 11th – Young Eagles**  
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 11th – Chapter Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - noon
- 11th – Board Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 2 p.m.
- 18th – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**  
Flabob Airport

### May 2015

- 1st – First Friday Flicks**  
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 1st-3rd – SW Baby Cessna Roundup**  
Flabob Airport
- 9th – Young Eagles**  
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 9th – Chapter Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
- 9th – Board Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 2 p.m.
- 16th – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**  
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- 15th-17th – SW Low & Slow Fly-In**  
Flabob Airport



# The Prez Says...

I'm very happy to report that things are moving and shaking at Chapter 1!!

Beginning in January, with a revitalized board and invaluable help from capable chapter members, each board member has taken on additional responsibilities by choosing and heading an appropriate committee. We now have an Events/Programs, official Young Eagles/Eagles, Membership, Finance and Donor/Grant, along with Volunteer committees. We realized that we needed to HAVE something for you to volunteer for in the first place. Yes... we are and will continue to be a strong Young Eagles flying chapter, but we want to expand by having more events to boost new membership, and to revitalize current membership involvement. So... PLEASE think about what you can contribute to the chapter, and come to the membership meeting(s)... held the 2nd Saturday of each month and let us know how we can accommodate you! Phone calls and emails welcome.

Speaking of monthly meetings,... we will be showing a video each month, produced and supplied by EAA chapter folks. It's several short segments of interest, and is well done and very informative. We still serve lunch, and the meetings will start promptly at noon, and not depend on the completion of Young Eagles. I feel a definitive start time is only respectful of every one else's time too.

We are in the planning stage for setting a date for the re-emergence of the EAA Chapter 1 Fly In! We are working with other local chapters for their support and participation, along with the promise of OUR support of their events, as they come up on the calendar. Soon to start as well, probably in April, a monthly 'fly out'... to a local airport to visit a museum, or other point of interest... or maybe even for a good breakfast. Keep an eye out on the chapter website for updated info.

I made a trip back to EAA headquarters early February, to meet with each of the department heads that are directly related to chapters and Young Eagles. I was met with the 'red carpet' and was lucky enough to spend about 1/2 hour with Jack Pelton, EAA President. The quality of the people involved to me made itself very apparent. Each section head, so to speak, was extremely interested and excited in what our plan of action is to revitalize the chapter, each volunteering to help in any way they can. I was impressed with their dedication and professionalism, and have a much more clear understanding of the job they have, and the job we need to do as well. Time and effort well spent.

Chino Chapter 92 is hosting the EAA Ford Tri-Motor on the last weekend of March. They came to us FIRST... but we don't have the required-sized hangar at this time. We tried to work with the folks at Riverside to help us host, but that effort was unsuccessful. They have asked us to help them man this four-day event, and I think it would be a great way to show them what the Chapter 1 membership is all about. The shifts are four-hour segments, and we are asking specifically for volunteers to help them out. You can either contact me or Ron Headlee at ardee001@verizon.net to inquire or schedule.

I hope you've all read or heard about the recent push from our Congress and Senate on the 'Pilot's Bill of Rights II.' Both the House and Senate have introduced bills that will address the 3rd Class Medical issues that are our hot button, along with other long overdue reforms needed from the FAA. Please write your local representatives, encouraging their support to insure our future. We MUST be heard... as legislation is promised this year. There are several websites where you can easily find the email address and/or phone number for your particular representatives. Don't delay.

Come to the chapter meeting March 14th, and see for yourself the changes... at the chapter... AND the airport. We miss you!!

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*Flabob Airport Bum Andy Andersen with Doug Edwards of the Clark County (Washington) Skills Center.*

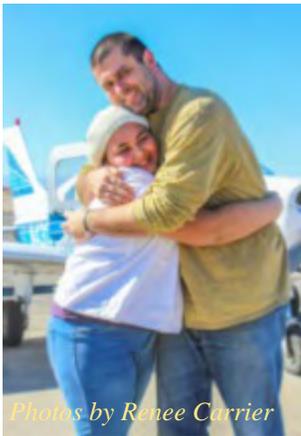
# Andy's 150 leaves Flabob for good

**By Jon Goldenbaum**

Andy Andersen has been around Flabob as long as anyone can remember; he is one of our best known and most loved Flabobians. Now in his 90's Andy had a great career as a railroad man while filling his leisure time with motorcycles, airplanes and photography. Andy has always been the "official" photographer of Flabob, almost any picture of consequence over the past four decades was taken by Andy. In addition, he is one of our most active volunteers, tirelessly working on fly-ins and all manner of youth programs. For many years Andy was inseparable from his beautiful straight-tail Cessna 150, distinctly painted on the side of the cowl "Andy Andersen, Flabob Airport Bum". He kept the airplane in immaculate condition, highly polished, perfectly maintained, and housed in a shade hangar right outside our Café. For many visitors, Andy's airplane was the signature airplane of the airport, glossy, looking like brand new, inviting people to fly. Over the years he gave countless Young Eagle rides in his beauty, he has hundreds of photos of excited first-time young flyers with him in his ship.

When Andy had to give up flying for medical reasons, he donated his beautiful airplane to the Tom Wathen Center specifically to be used for aviation youth education. For the past few years the airplane was flown by our Flabob Aero Club, but without Andy's loving care, it began to lose its luster and personality.

Recently we were approached by ex-Flabobian Doug Edwards who serves on the Board of the Clark County Skills Center in Vancouver, Washington. The Skills Center introduces trades to high school students from 9 different school systems in Southern Washington. Last year they decided to add an Aviation program, Doug immediately thought of Andy's airplane as a perfect fit for his young people. Doug contacted us, we made a deal, and now the airplane is off to a career doing exactly what Andy wanted: bringing young people into aviation. On Feb. 4th, Doug traveled to Flabob to accept the airplane in a formal transfer ceremony that honored Andy. Flabobians turned out in great numbers to recognize the "Flabob Airport Bum" for his friendship, generosity and profound impact on our airport, community, and aviation in general. For more information on Flabob see [www.flabobairport.org](http://www.flabobairport.org)



Photos by Renee Carrier

# Imperial Valley YE event brings smiles, inspiration to many

By Renee Carrier

Local children in the Imperial County area came out to the airport and took part in "Aviation Day." It proved to be a tremendous success. Many smiling and eager faces came out for an exciting experience in the air. Volunteers from a variety of EAA Chapters swarmed the tarmac of Imperial County Airport to provide youngsters ages 8 to 17 the experience of a life time. The hope is to plant the seed of aviation in their growing minds and answer any questions they may have. Some kids came with the expectation that flying is a scary ideal, while others are thrilled to the core at the chance to defy gravity.

While speaking with some of the excited attendees and possible future pilots, I learned what this experience has afforded them. "It was so fun and nothing like I thought it would be! I can't wait to do it again..." said one little boy. Children were jumping up and down in anticipation for their chance at becoming a Young Eagle.

I had the opportunity to speak one on one with Karla Suarez, one of the mothers who was lit up at the sight of her 13-year-old daughter, Lailani Anguaino, boarding one of the planes. I asked if aviation is something Lailani looked forward to in her future. "Lailani is *very* interested," her mother said. She wanted as many pictures of her near and in the plane as possible. It is always good to see young woman so eager to enter the industry.

There was a record breaking number of volunteer pilots, a total of 15 that attended, which allowed for 150 lucky children to take part in this once in a lifetime event. In the years leading up to this year, there have been over 450 kids that have taken flight in the Young Eagles Program. The volunteers all worked together with great precision which helped the event run smoothly. We were lucky enough to have had the Blue Angels Ground Support Team assist in marshalling our team of pilots in and out of parking spots.

This event was a great memory builder for many families and the surrounding communities of Imperial County and El Centro. We look forward to next year's event!



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The Clay Lacy Scholarship Program is funded by Mr. Clay Lacy and administered by the Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California to encourage students to pursue careers in aviation. Clay Lacy is an aviation legend – one of the nation's most highly accomplished and respected aviators. His professional piloting abilities include: United Airlines Captain, military aviator, experimental test pilot, air race champion, aviation record setter, aerial cinematographer, entrepreneur, founder and president of Clay Lacy Aviation, and the unchallenged holder of the highest number of flight hours of any active pilot.

A \$5,000 scholarship will be presented to the most qualified applicant. The award may be used for payment of tuition, books, fees, pilot ground and flight training and other additional expenses. The scholarship may be renewable. Selection will be based on the applicant's Scholarship Entry Form and essay, interest in becoming a professional pilot and/or pursuing a career in aviation; extra-curricular activities; recommendations of high school/college/university/technical school faculty; and academic record. Financial need will also be considered. The top five candidates may be called for an interview.

To request an application, contact: Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 90234, Los Angeles, CA 90009. 424-646-7284. <http://flightpathmuseum.com>. Deadline is May 23, 2015.

The Charles "Pete" Conrad, Jr., Scholarship Program is also sponsored by the Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California to encourage students to enter the field of aviation, aerospace or aeronautics. The scholarship is named in honor of Pete Conrad, NASA astronaut, commander of Apollo 12, and the third man to walk on the moon.

Selection will be based on the applicant's Scholarship Entry Form and Essay; interest in the field of aviation, aerospace, aeronautics, or robotics and/or science as related to aviation; extracurricular activities; recommendations of high school/college faculty; and academic record. Financial need will also be considered. The top five candidates may be called for an interview. To request an application, contact: Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 90234, Los Angeles, CA 90009. <http://flightpathmuseum.com>. The deadline is May 23, 2015.

The third scholarship available is from the Aero Club of Southern California. The Aero Club is offering grants to high school students who plan to pursue classroom studies in aviation or aerospace (\$2,500 grants), and to students currently pursuing aviation/aerospace classroom studies in a college, university, or nationally accredited technical school (\$5,000 grants).

Applicants must demonstrate intent to pursue a career in aviation or aerospace, must have now and maintain a 3.0 GPA and must be full time student now and when the scholarship will be used. To apply, students should submit a typewritten statement that includes all of the following in separate paragraphs: 1. Aviation/Aerospace career goals. 2. Current and future Aviation/Aerospace educational plans. 3. Work experience in aviation/aerospace. 4. Achievements related to Aviation/Aerospace fields. 5. Details of initiative and leadership skills. 6. Other interests and accomplishments. 7. Two letters of recommendation, typed, (non-family members). 8. Sealed transcript of school records. Send your application to ASCS, c/o John Durant 1573 West Fir Ave., Fresno, CA 93711 no later than July 15. Please include your residence mailing address, phone number and email address.



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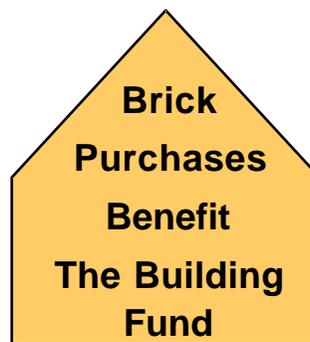


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