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Sport Pilot Tour lands at Flabob Dec. 2



The Sport Pilot Tour sponsored by EAA will be held at Flabob Airport on Dec. 2, hosted by Chapter One. According to the EAA:

“The EAA Sport Pilot Tour brings nationally known expertise and Sport Pilot Eligible Aircraft to a location near you. The Sport Pilot Tour is literally a traveling road show that brings forums, aircraft and everything you want to know about Sport Pilot to airports from coast to coast. EAA sends a team of experts to conduct forums on nearly every aspect of the Sport Pilot initiative. There are forums for people who are just getting in to aviation as well as discussions for flight instructors and people

who are interested in purchasing a sport pilot eligible aircraft. The Sport Pilot Tour Stops are hosted by a local EAA Chapter and are held on the airport.

Manufacturers and distributors of Sport Pilot eligible aircraft are invited to exhibit. While these are primarily aircraft certificated as Special Light Sport Aircraft, which are available for purchase ready-to-fly, and can be used as trainers and rental aircraft, there are occasionally experimental amateur builds on display as well.

Many of the exhibitors of the Special Light Sport Aircraft, or SLSA, are willing to give demo flights to qualified buyers.

At most Sport Pilot Tour Stops the FAA gives credit to attendees for having attended an FAA “Wings” safety program. If you’re an EAA member, get your free student sport pilot certificate. EAA will have an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) on hand to issue Sport Pilot Student Pilot Certificates at no charge to EAA members. This typically would cost about \$50.00 when done independently.”

As with all chapter events, we are looking for volunteers. Jerry Cortez is the contact person. You can phone him at 951-485-9125, or email him at jerrywcl@roadrunner.com.



Board appoints two to fill vacancies

The Chapter One Board of Directors last month appointed Lloyd Dunn and Gino Barabani to fill vacancies that existed on the board. One vacancy had existed for quite some time and the other was created recently with the passing of board member Doug Maxwell.

Lloyd Dunn, a long-time chapter member, is a commercial and instrument rated pilot, with an A&P rating. He and his wife, Joy, live in Corona, where Lloyd owns his own business, Evans Leak Detection. A licensed plumber,

Lloyd specializes in finding and repairing leaks in copper water pipe under concrete floors.

Gino Barabani, who is running for the position of vice president on our current ballot, earned his pilot’s license while still in high school back in 1975. A computer expert who works on networking solutions Gino is currently working on his tailwheel endorsement and looking at LSA designs with plans to begin building one next year. Gino is also newsletter editor for the Design Goup.

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Calendar



November

- 4th -- Young Eagles Rally**
 Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 5th -- Chapter Meeting**
 Chapter One Hangar - noon
- 5th -- Board Meeting**
 Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
- 11th -- Friday Night Flicks**
 Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 12th -- Veteran Day Celebration**
 Sponsored by Wathen Foundation
- 18th -- Design Group Meeting**
 Chapter One Hangar - 10 a.m.

December

- No Young Eagles--
- 1st -- First Friday Flicks**
 Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 9th -- The Chapter One Christmas Dinner**
- New officers presented
 - Awards and other Recognitions
 - Prizes
- 16th -- Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**
 -- Design Group Meeting
 Chapter One Hangar - 10 a.m.
- 25th -- Christmas!**
 Ready, or not!



Join us for our annual
 Christmas Dinner
 On the 9th of December
 At the Chapter One
 Hangar

The Prez Sez...

Activities are coming in bunches for the rest of the year. Our November Membership meeting is rescheduled a week early so it does not coincide with the Veteran's Day program on our regular Second Sunday meeting time. This also allows us to do better planning for our Chapter participation in that event. That meeting will be the time we announce the results of the voting for the next generation of leadership for Chapter One.

More on this subject a little later in this writing, which incidentally is being written in San Juan, Texas. Yes, this is another trip. And the V.P. Jerry Cortez is having to stand in for me, again. Thanks to all the leadership who carry the Chapter when I am away.

The Chapter's participation in the Veteran's Day activities Nov. 12, will largely be operating our Snack Bar and Merchandise Booth, as well as being the Host Chapter with the Chapter One Hangar being used for a number of activities.

The December 2nd Light Sport Aircraft event is sure to be a REALLY BIG SHOW. The event is being conducted by EAA leaders who are performing at selected locations around the country. Jerry Cortez has volunteered to be the Contact Person for this event. Chapter obligations include having the facility available as well as having sufficient volunteers to control aircraft parking, set up tables and chairs, and audio/visual equipment. In addition, we will provide our Snack Bar and Merchandise support. Likely, there will be considerable membership recruiting opportunities. The aircraft parking volunteers will be busy finding spaces to display the many S-LSA aircraft that manufacturers will be bringing to Flabob for exhibit.

Right after the S-LSA Show, we will be getting ready for our Christmas Party that is scheduled for Dec. 9. Tickets for the dinner and party will be available from any Chapter Officer. The caterer we used for the Open House event in September

since most feed-back was positive from those who enjoyed the Open House dinner. This is the major event of the year for our Chapter, since this is the time of "The Passing of the Baton to the New Leaders" as a result of the election. All plans for the other features of that evening will be formulated by the usual skilled party planners, since that is a gender specific talent, and let no male dare enter into these secret proceedings.

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The Hangar is scheduled for a Christmas Party for the next day, Dec. 10, when the Southern California Balloon Club will hold their party, then the following Sunday, Dec. 17, the "99's" will hold their Christmas party in the Hangar. For those of us that like to go to parties in the Hangar, here is a splendid opportunity to go many times in December---just buy a ticket each time.

Now, back to the discussion of the election topics. Lloyd Dunn was traveling in Europe while the rest of the candidates placed their Candidate Statement in the WingNut so some of you do not know much about Lloyd, and it is unfortunate that timing prevented getting his qualifications to the members before the ballots were sent out. All candidates were invited to the recent board meeting, and Lloyd and Gino attended. This was important as an introduction to the workings of the board. Unfortunately Tiffany was not in attendance, so she was not considered for the board vacancies. Since we were short two positions on the board, we used that opportunity to place Lloyd and Gino on the board in order to have a full staff during these important events listed above. After the election, Gino will assume the Vice President position, since he is unopposed, and if Lloyd is elected, he will continue on the board. In the meantime, we will work these new board members, just like the incumbent board members, because this is where we get the day-to-day functions of the Chapter covered. The board members WORK at their various functions. As do the officers. In our current set-up, each officer and board member has an important function to perform. We overlap in these duties and help each other as needed, but make no mistake, your Chapter Leaders take their responsibility seriously and I am so very proud of this group of dedicated Leaders for our Chapter, and you members should thank them, as I do.

- Jim Pyle, L.D. President

Three Flabob youths receive scholarships

The Southern California Aeronautics Association, also known as the Aero Club, has announced its scholarship winners for 2006. Applicants are either high school students intent on studying aviation in college, or current college students studying aviation. Among the winners are three of our own Flabob youngsters:

Andrew Blaize – A 2006 Olive Tree Christian School graduate, Andrew plans to get his A&P license and to achieve a bachelors of science in Aeronautical Engineering. He was part of the group of teens at Flabob Airport that restored a 1941 Aeronca Chief that made its first flight in July and participated at Oshkosh this summer. Andrew and another student were selected to go to Oshkosh with the aircraft. For the past two years, he has been helping with the Young Eagles program at Flabob and has been assisting with teaching Air Academy students about rockets there.

Travis Kingsley – Plans to combine his mathematics skills and logic with his passion for flight to study aerospace engineering. He is currently attends Riverside Community College and hopes to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona in the Fall of 2007. During the 2001-02 school year, Travis took a class studying different aspects of flying at Flabob Airport. Since then, he has obtained his private pilots license and has volunteered in Flabob's Young Eagles program, through which he became part of the teen group that restored an Aeronca Super Chief, which took its maiden flight on July 4, 2006.

Andrew Wanamaker – Andrew has completed his A&P training at San Bernardino Valley College and plans to go for a degree in mechanical engineering. He is a volunteer at Chino Airport, having done fabric work on the Planes of Fame's B-17 ailerons and is working on an L-5 restoration. He is also an Eagle Scout.

The award ceremony will take place at a meeting of the Aero Club in the Flight Path Museum at Los Angeles Interational Airport the evening of Wednesday, November 15th. Bill Withycombe, FAA's top administrator for the Western Pacific region, will be the featured speaker. Family and friends are cordially invited. Call John Durant (909) 621-4578 for details.

Each year, the Aero Club holds an Awards Banquet at the Johnathon Club in Los Angles to present the Howard Hughes Memorial Award to an aviaiton pioneer who has significantly advanced the art of aviation. Among Past recipients have been Jimmy Doolittle, Chuck Yaeger, Burt Rutan, Neil Armstrong and Kelly Johnson.

The Aero Club is happy to announce that this year's honoree, to be presented on February 1, 2007, will be Astronaut Col. Eileen Collins, who has flown four times in the space shuttle, twice as its commander. Col. Collins most recently commanded Discovery STS-414 that took off from Cape Canaveral on July 26, 2005 and then touched down at Edwards Air Force Base on August 9, 2005, capping a 5.8 million mile journey in space.

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- John Durant

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Four Flabobians fly to Copperstate Fly-In

Four Chapter One members squeezed into Marie Brock's Super Stinson and flew to the Copperstate Regional Fly-In last weekend. Roger Farnes and Robert Jordan got shoe-horned into the rear seat, while President Jim Pyle pulled rank and got to sit up front beside Mike Sheehan, who flew the beautiful red airplane.



While President Pyle was enjoying the day at the fly-in, he didn't forget his official duties. "Five or six people said they were going to download our membership form and send it in," he reports.

Jim also spoke with the EAA's man in charge of the Sport Pilot Tour, Ron Wagner, and queried him about what to expect at the Dec. 2nd event at Flabob. "Ron said they average about 500 people attending each of the Sport Pilot Tour stops," Jim said. "He expects a dozen to 18 different LSA manufacturers will show up to put their airplanes on exhibit."

Jim said the gang met Chapter One member Gary Steinke, who was back from Baghdad, where he works. Gary, who has moved his household from Irvine to Scottsdale, showed up fully dressed as a WWI aviator, complete with helmet, boots and scarf.

Veterans Day celebration to be held at Flabob November 12th

The Wathen Foundation is planning a Veterans Day Celebration on Sunday, November 12, at Flabob Airport. The free-admission event will feature a ceremony to honor our veterans, a parade, concerts, comedy, a military chow hall, an NCO Club with live music, games and displays, war birds and military vehicles, airplane rides, a vintage military film festival, an airplane simulator, vintage cars, and more. Those who have attended in the past say it's a fun and impressive event. For more information contact Kathy Rohm at 951-683-2309 ext. 104.



Good for the soul...

I was behind a Grob 115 that checked in with the tower, holding short of the active, ready for takeoff, with a Shorts Skyvan on final. This is what happened next...

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[pause]

Tower: (With laughter clearly audible in background) Oh, you know what I meant!

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Chapter One bids farewell to Doug Maxwell

Doug sure would've enjoyed it! The memorial reception for Doug was held in the Chapter One hangar on Oct. 6, following the interment of his cremated remains at Riverside National Cemetery. A large number of Chapter One members, family and friends came to our hangar to eat, socialize, and reminisce about our dear departed friend and comrade.

Around noon, the hangar doors were opened and the crowd went outside to witness our aviators' ultimate show of respect--the Missing Man Formation. The four-plane formation consisted of Ron Caraway, flying the Wathen

Ercoupe, Hal Nemer, flying the Aeronca Super Chief, Martin Britton in his Stinson, and Mike Sheehan, who pulled up and out of formation in the Super Stinson.

Various chapter members and members of Doug's family spoke to the assembled group afterward in a celebration of Doug's life. The mood of the memorial reception was light and the sadness of Doug's departure was balanced by the recollections of the joy he brought to our lives. It was an enjoyable and memorable occasion for an enjoyable and memorable man.

From the FAA

Beware restricted airspace when flying to Las Vegas

North Las Vegas Airport's neighbor is Nellis Air Force Base and the Air Force has reported 19 intrusions into its RESTRICTED AIRSPACE this year alone. Although these reports will result in pilot deviation investigations, you will face more immediate threats to your safety when you enter a restricted area.

Today, more than ever, this very busy RESTRICTED AIRSPACE is used extensively to train fighter pilots. There is the real potential for mid-air collisions. It appears airmen are failing to use basic VFR navigation and map reading skills. Instead, in most circumstances, they are using GPS devices to navigate to and from Las Vegas, NV. When pilots do not look carefully at their charts, have GPS databases that are not current, or have simply de-cluttered their GPS moving map screen so the airspace warning is not displayed, it is too easy to blunder into the RESTRICTED AIRSPACE.

Most of the aircraft that intrude into the Nellis RESTRICTED AIRSPACE are either arriving to or departing from North Las Vegas (VGT). The pilots involved are not monitoring the emergency frequency, 121.5 MHZ and therefore fail to respond to warning calls from the controlling military agency.

The military will scramble aircraft to identify and monitor that intruder. Are you current on your intercept procedures?

The FAA will continue to investigate these incidents and take appropriate enforcement action against the airmen involved. However, we believe educating and informing as many airmen as possible may help decrease the number of occurrences. This is where we need your assistance. We would like to get the word out to as many airmen as you know to keep this issue in the forefront of your flight planning when flying in/out of the Las Vegas Valley. Plan, verify, then navigate with care.

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63 Young Eagles flown in October Rally

Another Young Eagle Flight Rally went “in the can,” to use a radio broadcast term. Twelve pilots flew 63 Young Eagles under sunny Southern California skies and everyone went home with smiles on their faces. We welcome back Flabobian pilot Mike Sheehan who has not flown with us for a while. Our long time friends from Boy Scout troop 1 in Huntington Beach were again here in force. Their leader, John Gali, taught the merit badge class in the absence of Robert Barton.

Thanks to all who helped this event run so smoothly.

-Wes Blasjo

Pilots who flew:

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| Allyn Auck | C 172 | Barry Duble | Cherokee | Trish Russell | RV 6A |
| Jerry Cortez | C 150 | Tom Ham, Sr. | Cherokee | Mike Sheehan | Stinson 108-3 |
| Irvin Craig | C 182 | James Meeker | Taylorcraft | Ray Stits | C 182 |
| Dave Cudney | Cherokee | Con Nordquist | C 150 | Loreen Wynja | C 172 |

High School Air Academy in December

The Wathen Aviation Foundation will offer its Air Academy for high schoolers, grades 9-11, from Dec. 5 to Dec. 9.

The Air Academy is an academic program with hands-on activities where, among the many courses taught, students learn: Weather, presented by a former member of the Apollo Project; History, from a veteran

of the Berlin Air Lift; Engines, reciprocating, jet and rocket, including building and flying a real rocket; Theory of Flight, includes building a wing. A field trip to the March Field Museum is included. Students get a guided tour of the facilities and displays, and also receive a special Air Academy T-shirt for the visit. The field trip is capped-off with a scavenger hunt.

For more information, or to register a child, contact Kathy Rohm at 951-683-2309, extension 104.

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- John Klinensmith, Santa Maria, CA
 - James Hayes, Riverside, CA
 - John Bogacki, Bakersfield, CA
 - James Kocher, San Bernardino, CA
- Welcome aboard!

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Nov. 5, 2006

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