



# NORTHERN YOSEMITE EAA CHAPTER 1337

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## From The Left Seat

*Chapter 1337 President's Message: By Alan Wallace*

**New Airports Director:** Jim Thomas has been appointed Tuolumne County Airports Director for Columbia and Pine Mountain Lake Airports. It's great to have Jim as our Airports Director, stop by his office at Columbia Airport and say hello. Congratulations Jim !

**The Harris Ranch Fly-Out:** Twelve of us had a great time at Harris Ranch on Sept 20th. The food was fantastic and the service was excellent, we even had a dedicated waiter just for our table.

**Joint EAA Chapter 1337 and Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association (PMLAA) Fly-Out to Castle Air Museum:** We have been invited to join the PMLAA on a Fly-Out and lunch at the Castle Air Museum on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. This will include a private tour of the museum which will certainly be a real treat. For more information contact Rich McGlashan at 962-7928. See the separate article for more information.

**Fly-Out to Van's Aircraft Anyone?** Just wondering if anyone would be interested in flying to Oregon to visit Van's Aircraft and take a look at the new RV-10 as well as the other RV's. We could stop at Willows-Glenn Airport for breakfast on the way up. If any of you are interested let me know when you would like to go. I will give Van's a call to see if we can visit them on a Saturday, if not I know we can plan a visit on a Friday.

**Pancake Breakfast October 11th:** Our last Pancake Breakfast of the year will be held at the TCAA Clubhouse. Those of you who would like to help out, plan on arriving at 7:00 to set up. Everyone else is encouraged to join us anytime from 8:00 - 11:00 AM for some great food and fantastic company.

**Next Board Meeting:** Everyone is encouraged to join us on Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Wallace Hangar.

## Next Chapter Meeting *Pancake Breakfast*

Our next chapter meeting will be a pancake breakfast held at the TCAA Clubhouse. This will be another opportunity to enjoy the company of other pilots and friends while generating some income for our Chapter. Our two previous pancake breakfasts were great successes and we are expecting this one to be the same.

The breakfast will be from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM and we encourage you to invite your friends to come join us. Anyone can come...it is not just for pilots or aviation enthusiasts. It is an opportunity to learn more about our airport, our aviation community, our EAA Chapter, and about how good pancakes can really taste!

Pilots flying in to Columbia, be aware that the turf runway adjacent to the campground is closed while the new grass takes hold. Please don't walk, taxi or drive across the turf. You can taxi over to the campground by taking the taxiway that crosses mid field (17-34) at the windsock. If you roll out to the end of 17 and turn off to the west you will be on the wrong side of the closed turf runway. Instead, turnoff to the east and taxi back up the eastern taxiway and cross 17-34 at the windsock.

See you there.



Recheck Your Weight & Balance After This Meal!  
Chapter 1337 Members Dining at Harris Ranch

## Young Eagles

*Chapter 1337 Young Eagles Coordinator: Elwin Smith*

Preparations for our next Young Eagles Rally, on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>, are underway. I want to thank those who have stepped forward to help get the message out to Young Eagles, those who have volunteered to help in the preparations before the event and on the day, and volunteer pilots.

However, that doesn't mean that we are fully staffed for the event, so I would ask that if you are able to help in any way, please let me know - your help would be greatly appreciated. I know that some of our helpers are going to be away at that time - including one of our stalwart helpers who is going to be trotting the globe in the Mediterranean (right, Cindy??) ☺

If any of you need Young Eagles promotional brochures or Registration Forms to hand out to young people that you know or come into contact with, please contact myself or a Board member.

While perusing the Young Eagles Web site ([www.young eagles.org](http://www.young eagles.org)) I came across the following interesting facts regarding Young Eagles Flights. Quite an achievement!!

### Young Eagles Flight Facts

The Young Eagles Program was launched on July 30, 1992. Since then:

- More than 960,000 young people have received an airplane ride through the Young Eagles Program
- 960,000 Young Eagles represents approximately 192 young people flown for each public use airport in the country
- 960,000 Young Eagles represents 9.6 young people flown for each school in the United States
- More than 35,000 EAA members have volunteered their time and aircraft to participate as Young Eagle Flight Leaders (pilots)
- The average number of Young Eagles flown per pilot is 28. Individual numbers range from 1 to more than 2,800!
- On average, 356 Young Eagles are added to the World's Largest Logbook every day of the year.
- Flight Leader experience levels range from private pilots to Airline Transport Pilots (ATP).
- Young Eagle flights have taken place in nearly every type of aircraft including standard factory-built, amateur-built, antiques, classics, warbirds, aerobatic, jets, helicopters, balloons and gliders.
- Children from more than 90 different countries have become Young Eagles

- Airports utilized for the Young Eagles Program range from private grass strips to major metropolitan airports
- An estimated 417,391 Young Eagle Flights have taken place
- On average there are 2.3 Young Eagles per flight
- 834,782 take offs and landings have occurred
- 139,130 flight hours (or 8,347,820 minutes) have been logged by General Aviation aircraft in the Young Eagles Program (20 minute average flight)
- More than 1,530,430 gallons of aviation fuel has been donated by EAA members, participating FBOs and associated program participants (based on 11 gallons per hour average)
- Fuel sales have generated an estimated \$3,596,510 (based on an average price of \$2.35 per gallon). This does not include the other costs (oil, brakes or tires) directly involved in flying

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## Aviation News Briefs

*AvWeb - August 14, 2003*

### Rutan's SpaceShipOne Flies

If you've read our recent coverage on Burt Rutan's White Knight/SpaceShipOne combo, you'll know that the fertile minds at Scaled Composites were working overtime on this dynamic duo. Now, the top contender for the X-prize competition has taken flight and moved one step closer to winning the \$10 million prize money. Last Thursday, the first free flight of SpaceShipOne took place over the desert testing area near Mojave, Calif. The space ship was carried to its release altitude of 47,000 feet via the White Knightcarrier craft, then allowed to glide under a pilot's control to a smooth landing. The post-flight report states "an initial handling qualities evaluation was very positive" with the flight providing data for "60 percent of the expected subsonic flight envelope from stall to 150 knots." Before Thursday's flight, Scaled Composites, Burt Rutan's laboratory of much that's unusual and innovative in aviation, performed a series of captured carry flights of SpaceShipOne on the launch aircraft. Next up will be a series of powered flights to a landing. After that, well, it appears the sky might not be the limit.



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Private space flight has taken one small step closer to reality thanks to a rocket engine propulsion system that burns a combination of rubber and laughing gas. Burt Rutan's Scaled Composites recently awarded a contract to SpaceDev for propulsion support. The San Diego firm has completed test firings of its hybrid rocket in Mojave, California that uses a combination of relatively inexpensive nitrous oxide and HTPB (rubber) propellants. The Scaled Composites craft will be called SpaceShipOne and will be carried aloft for launch by an aircraft.

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### Mariposa Yosemite Airport Open House October 11, 2003 7 AM to 4 PM

This event is the same day as our Pancake Breakfast but wouldn't it be great to support two local aviation events in a single day. Think of the extra fun you will have.

The Mariposa Yosemite Airport Open House has free admission, discounted AV GAS, a classic car display, aircraft displays, prizes, RC model activities, food, and much more. Please support our airport neighbor to the south.

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### Wayne Handley Ground School Seminar This Weekend

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association is sponsoring Wayne Handley's highly acclaimed Ground School Seminar on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM to 12:30 AM at Pine Mountain Lake Airport. There is still room in the ground school, but I've heard the one-on-one flights are all filled up. If you want to attend the ground school please contact me and I'll make arrangements to get you into the class.

*JT*

## Joint Fly-Out to Castle Air Museum

The Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association (PMLAA) has invited our Chapter to participate in a Joint Fly-Out to Castle Air Museum on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Castle Airport at 11:00 AM. This event will consist of a luncheon that will include an overview of the museum presented by the museum's Executive Director Al Osborn and a private tour of the museum. To provide support for the museum, a modest fee of \$15 will be charged for each person attending the event.

Castle Air Museum stands as a tribute to the men and women who risked their lives for our freedom. It is a history lesson for all to share. If you have been to the Museum before, you will certainly enjoy this personalized tour. For those of you who have never been there, this is a great opportunity to visit a nearby aviation museum that contains a wonderful variety of military aircraft including the rare B-36 Peacemaker.

Keith Zenobia, PMLAA's president will be paring up airplane rides with those that don't have a plane. If you have available seats or are looking for a ride, please contact Keith at 962-4010. For those who choose to drive to Atwater, plan on being at the Castle Air Museum's banquet room by 11:30 AM. PMLAA is collecting the \$15 in advance, so if you plan to attend, please send a check for your group payable to PMLAA, PO Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321.

This is a great opportunity to share in other aviation groups events. PMLAA members have been great supporters of our Pancake Breakfasts, so let's return the favor and have some fun together.

*JT*

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## Fly-In Schedule

- Oct. 4 Wayne Handley Ground School Seminar and flight training, Pine Mountain Lake Airport
- Oct. 9-12 Copperstate EAA Regional Fly-In, Phoenix Regional Airport
- Oct. 11 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hollister Air Fair, Hollister, CA
- Oct. 11 Mariposa Yosemite Airport Open House
- Oct. 17-19 California International Airshow, Salinas, CA
- Oct. 25-26 Edwards Air Force Base Open House



## Fly Mart

Want Ads in our newsletter are for aviation related items and are free to all our Chapter members. Commercial Ads must be in business card format and cost \$25 for 6 months and \$50 for one year. Contact Jim Thomas to place an ad at [mypa12@yahoo.com](mailto:mypa12@yahoo.com) or 962-0910.

FOR SALE: '59 Cessna 150 project. Flap gap seals, new upholstery, and partial new paint. Lycoming O-320-E2A, 160 hp, 3100 hrs on first run, good condition, compression in the 70's, all accessories. \$6,000 for the plane, \$5,500 for the engine. Rich McGlashan 962-7928.

FOR SALE: King KX170B Radio, (14volt) working great when removed from my 1977 Cherokee 140 two years ago. \$500 Firm. 209 586-5860 Alan Wallace

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FOR SALE: Flightcom head set with push to talk switch. Never used. \$70.00 (that's less than half price) 209 532 3597 or [retlaw@bigvalley.net](mailto:retlaw@bigvalley.net).

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## Chapter Meeting and Events Schedule

Oct 11	8:00 am	Pancake Breakfast, TCAA Clubhouse, Columbia Apt.
Oct 18	10:00 am	Chapter 1337/PMLAA Fly-Out to Castle Air Museum
Nov 8	10:00 am	Young Eagle's Rides, Columbia Apt.
Dec 13		Chapter Christmas Party, TBA
Dec 17	9:00 am	Celebration of 100 years of powered flight, Columbia Airport

TBA = To Be Announced

Our Chapter Activities Schedule is now available online courtesy of Kirk Wallace at  
<http://www.wallacecompany.com/Q68/index.html>

## 2003 Annual Chapter Dues

2003 dues are \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership. Make checks payable to EAA Chapter 1337 and mail to: EAA Chapter 1337, 22180 Knox Rd. Twain Harte, Ca 95383.

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