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From The Left Seat

Chapter 1337 President's Message: By Jim Thomas

Timing is Everything

We all know that scheduling events is critical to success. We found this out last month with our Pancake Breakfast. Seems we held it the same day as a marathon run through Columbia which forced the closure of Parrotts Ferry Road in front of the airport. Those that wanted to attend our breakfast couldn't. The Sheriff was requiring everyone to turn around and go elsewhere. On top of the road closure we had some pretty nasty weather. Well you can't win them all, but we hope for much more success on October 2nd with our fall Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Sway Meet.

Light Sport Aircraft Seminar

Guy Russell has arranged a FAA Wing's seminar on the Light Sport Aircraft and Pilot Certification for May 8th at Pine Mountain Lake Airport. The Light Sport Aircraft category will be a major breakthrough in general aviation. Not only will it bring down the cost of aviation, it allows for relaxed medical requirements so that more pilots can get a license. The seminar begins at 1 PM at the Buchner Hangar. Contact Guy at 962-6257 for more information or directions.

Young Eagles

Elwin has organized our first YE Rally of the year on May 22nd at 8 AM at Columbia Airport. We will need pilots, ground crew and kids. Read the YE article in this issue for more information on the event, but make sure you participate. One of our Chapter's purposes is to promote the YE program. Invite some kids to come have an experience of a lifetime. Help make it a great success. Our YE rally is the same day as the Gathering of the Luscombes so the skies at Columbia will be filled with aircraft and people having fun. Come join us.

Father's Day Fly-in

Our Chapter should consider the Columbia Airport Father's Day Fly-In as "our" fly-in. Alan Wallace is doing a great job organizing this year's event and every Chapter member should contribute at their time to make the Fly-In a success. Our Chapter will have its booth which needs

volunteers to staff it. Also, there are many other areas that you can contribute your expertise and time. Contact Alan and get involved. Check out the Father's Day Fly-In web page at www.fathersdayflyin.com.

Take Care and Fly Safe.



Next Chapter Meeting *Young Eagles Rally*

Our next meeting will be a Young Eagles Rally at Columbia Airport from 8 AM until noon. Please get the word out to the kids. Also, we need pilots to fly the kids. Please contribute your pilot skills and aircraft to this event. We will have a pilots briefing at 7:45 AM. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Elwin Smith, our Young Eagles Coordinator.

Young Eagles

Chapter 1337 Young Eagles Coordinator: Elwin Smith

The first Young Eagles Rally for the year is just a few weeks away, scheduled for Saturday May 22nd at Columbia Airport. Again we have decided to start the Rally at 8 a.m. in order to capitalize on cooler, calmer morning air in case the day becomes very warm – and warm, summer temperatures are certainly already with us!! The Rally is planned to run from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, with a pilot briefing at 7.45 a.m.

A PILOT BRIEFING!!!

.....AT WHAT TIME!?!?!?!?



Yes pilots, I know that's quite early – but think of the positive aspects.....

- how well your airplanes perform in that cooler, denser air
- the happy, excited young passengers waiting for you to thrill them, and of course
- the coffee and doughnuts that will be waiting for you at the briefing



The focus of Young Eagles is to encourage young persons ages 8 through 17 to develop an interest in flying or in an aviation related field, and the Young Eagles Rallies offer a free airplane ride as an introduction. So, I would encourage everyone to get the word out to as many young people as you can. If you need any promotional material, please let myself or any of the Board members know and we can give you flyers to display, and copies of the EAA "Let the dream begin..." brochure and Registration forms to hand out.

Pilots who are available on that day, please let me know if you can help out flying the young people. If anyone is prepared to help out with Ground Support, such as ground control to organize arriving, departing, and transient aircraft, please also let me know.

We had a great turnout at the Rally we held in November last year, even though the weather was not the best! I believe that we will again have a good turnout at this Rally. I feel sure that there were quite a number of people who did not come in November, believing that the weather on that day was not good for flying.

Letting us know in advance that you are available to help will assist us with organizing the Rally. However, even if you don't contact us beforehand, volunteering your help on the day would be much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 22nd for an exciting day!



Builders Corner

By: Guy Russell

Sun'n Fun comes at just the right time to make you want to take a long trip. This year Nancy and I decided it was time to join the exodus. Not wanting to waste the \$1800 of fuel it would take to get our 310 there and back, we also decided to spend two weeks vacationing in Florida. So on the morning of April 14th, we launched eastward. With a fuel stop in Winslow, AZ, we stopped for the first night in Corsicana, TX, south of Fort Worth. Corsicana has a beautiful 5000 foot runway with lush mowed grass, large hangars, a nice airport office, and a doctors office, but no outside phone. Because we landed late, the office was closed. While I attended to unloading the 310, Nancy tried to solve our hotel and transportation problem. Fortunately, she had her cell phone and she was able to contact some local motels. None would pick us up so a taxi was in order. As it turns out, the only taxi service was Joe, a very nice older gentleman who only has a pickup truck. We had an uneventful evening and Joe picked us up right on time the following morning. From Corsicana, we headed towards Bogalusa, Louisiana for another fuel stop then on to Crystal River, Florida.

Our plan was to rent a car, attend Sun'n Fun and then travel Florida until we were ready to come home. Sun'n Fun was great. I liked their workshop format. We went into the workshop demonstrating the English wheel and it was a continuous program. There were young children starting with a flat pie shaped piece of aluminum working through several stations and finishing with an aluminum wok shaped bowl. The starting station had the kids pounding their aluminum with pointed shaped mallets on a leather shot bag. They really liked that a lot. Then on to the English wheel to complete their project. There were several types of English wheels available and several instructors to help. It was fun to watch the kids have a good time. Sun'n Fun is different from Oshkosh in that there is booze available and you can't find a hot dog to save your life. But for the first big show of the year, it is very well attended by vendors and spectators. We had a great time and recommend it highly.

After leaving Lakeland, we traveled down the western coast of Florida, through the Everglades, to Key West, up to Daytona, across to Panama City and back to Crystal River. The highlights of our Florida travels were finding a secluded tiny inn on the beach north of Marathon in the Keys, staying in a very nice 1930's hotel on Miami Beach, touring Kennedy Space Center, staying on St. George Island, and motor boating around Crystal River watching the Manatees.

Our return trip started on the 28th with a fuel stop in Center, TX. We were treated to our lowest fuel prices of \$2.24, our highest being in Crystal River at \$3.10. Then it was on to Santa Rosa, NM. Santa Rosa is unattended and

you have to call for someone to come out and provide fuel. Also, there is no phone, so again, Nancy's cell phone saved the day. As a point of interest, one of Santa Rosa's runways was part of the original Route 66. We spent the night in Santa Rosa and left the next morning for Laughlin, NV for some more fun before returning home. Winds were very high along our route of flight with Flagstaff reporting surface gusts to 38 knots. We were bouncing along at 12,500 feet passing over Sedona when Mother Nature decided to get even angrier so we elected to land at Prescott, AZ. We stayed downtown at the historic St. Michael Hotel on Whiskey Row and had a great time. We highly recommend a stopover if it is on your route. We were going to stay another day but every hotel room for miles was booked for the Whiskey Marathon which attracts runners from all over the country. So the next morning it was on to PML. We were landing as we heard on the radio the ribbon cutting for the grass runway at Columbia. It is good to be home.

Our trip was great, the airplane performed flawlessly with a total of 25.3 hours round trip, and we have lots of wonderful memories. We did learn something new, when in unfamiliar territory, carry a cell phone, and watch where you step.



Don't Have Enough To Do?

Have you ever got yourself over committed? Well I have reached a point where I have taken on too many commitments and need to shed some responsibility. My job as Tuolumne County Airports Director is not going away, nor is my commitment to build my Lancair Legacy. As President of our Chapter, I want to put my time and energy into making our Chapter grow and become more successful. Being our newsletter editor certainly helps me achieve this goal, but it also takes time and energy which is sometimes hard for me to find. Consequently, I am looking for someone to take over as our newsletter editor. It is actually a fun job and quite rewarding. If you are interested in finding out more about the Newsletter Editor job, please give me a call.

JT

Rouge River Jet Boat Trip August 14th & 15th

I have inquired about the trip and need input from those wishing to attend ASAP because reservations for that weekend are filling up fast. Our choices are: the 4 hour Saturday or Sunday Brunch trip that starts at 9:15 AM (cost is \$40 ea); or the 2 hour Scenic Excursion that starts at 8:45 AM or 1:45 PM (cost is \$28 ea). You can find out more about the trip at www.hellgate.com. The Saturday dinner Excursion is already sold out.

One option we could choose is to fly up Saturday AM, do the 1:45 PM Scenic Excursion and then return home Sunday AM. Cindy and I did this trip about 10 years ago...it was a blast. My Cessna 205 can make the trip to Grant's Pass in about 2.75 hours. Let me know if you plan to attend this Chapter fly-out

Alan Wallace

Father's Day Fly-In June 18, 19 & 20 Call for Volunteers

Plans for the 38th Annual Father's Day Fly-In are well underway. It is expected that this year's event will be bigger and better than last year's Fly-in which could not have been accomplished without the fantastic help and support of the members of EAA Chapter 1337.

Fly-In Activities start out Friday night at 5:30 PM with the Early Bird Burger Burn located on the main ramp. This meal will be hosted by the Fly-In Committee and is for the Fly-In volunteers and the pilots who arrive on Friday. Several warbirds are expected to arrive Friday and their pilots will attend the Burger Burn.

TCAA serves their Pancake Breakfast at 7 AM both Saturday and Sunday (they usually have food ready early for the Volunteer's) which costs \$6.00. Fly-In hours are 8-5 on Saturday and 8-4 on Sunday. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers both days and drinks are available whenever volunteers are working. Be sure to have your T-shirt size turned in by June 3rd for the special Volunteer Fly-In Shirt. These are provided to the volunteers at cost (around \$6.00). TCAA will be putting on a Tri-Tip dinner Saturday at 5:30 PM at the Mountain Aire Hangar. Award presentations will be at 6:30 PM, the band starts playing at 7 PM. The Saturday evening party costs \$15.00 for advance tickets and \$17.00 at the door.

Runway 17/35 will close from 12 to 3 PM both days for fly-bys, and other aerial events. The Spot Landing event starts at 10 AM Sunday with registration at 9 AM. Temporary tower hours and frequencies will be posted in next month's newsletter.

All Chapter members are encouraged to help with this year's event in one or more of the following areas: Fly-In set-up and tear-down, Fly-In operations including aircraft

and auto parking, pedestrian and crowd control, aircraft judging and the EAA booth. Volunteers should attend our first general Fly-In meeting on Thursday June 3rd 5:30 PM at the Wallace Hangar. It would be great if you could email or phone me to let me know how you would like to be involved in the Fly-In and the days you are available.

Alan Wallace
Fly-In Chairman
209-586-5860
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EAA Father's Day Fly-In Booth

Debbie Murray and I are heading up the EAA Booth this year. Our plans are to have Hotdogs, Soft Drinks, Water, Ice Cream, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones and Chips available. Elwin Smith will have a Young Eagles Information area set up next to the Booth. Our new member, Cynthia Owens of "Funny Faces" will be on hand for Face Painting and temporary Tattoos of aircraft and other images. The booth setup begins Wednesday at 9 AM. Our Father's Day Fly-In Booth is one of our biggest fund raisers and is great exposure for our Chapter and Young Eagles program. We will need help running the booth both days.

Cindy Wallace
EAA Booth Leader

Fly-In Schedule

May 28-30 Watsonville Fly-In
May 31 Westover Field Airport Appreciation Day
June 4-6 Merced West Coast Antique Fly-In
June 18-20 Golden West EAA Fly-In, Marysville, CA
June 18-20 Columbia Airport's 37th Annual Father's Day Fly-In
July 7- 11 Northwest EAA Fly-In, Arlington, WA
Jul 27- Aug 3 EAA AirVenture

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 or 962-0910.

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2004 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.

Chapter Meeting and Events Schedule

May 22	10:00 AM	Young Eagles Rally, Columbia Airport
Jun 19-20		Father's Day Fly-In, Columbia Airport
Jul 17-18	10:00 AM	Chapter Fly-In & Campout, Columbia Airport
Aug 14-15		Fly-Out to Rogue River Oregon and Raft Trip
Aug 28	10:00 AM	Fly-Out to ATC Facility
Sep 11	9:00 AM	Young Eagles Rally, Pine Mountain Lake Airport
Sep 25	10:00 AM	Fly-Out to Air Museum
Oct 2	8:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Swap Meet
Oct 9	9:00 AM	Young Eagles Rally, Columbia Airport
Oct 16	10:00 AM	Fly-Out to Harris Ranch for Lunch
Nov 13	10:00 AM	Builder's Workshop, Columbia Airport
Dec 11	11:00 AM	Holiday Potluck, TBD

TBA = To Be Announced

Our Chapter Activities Schedule is soon to be available online at <http://www.eaa1337.org>

EAA CHAPTER 1337 2004 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

And New Membership Application Form

Date _____ Single Membership \$20 _____ Family Membership \$25

Name _____ EAA# _____ Exp. Date _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____ hm _____ wk

Aircraft Owned _____

Tail Number(s) _____ Pilot Ratings _____

Total Time _____ Date of Last Medical _____ Date of Last BFR _____

Areas of Interest _____

Total time, date of last medical, and date of last BFR are required for all Young Eagles pilots. All EAA Chapter 1337 members must also be members of the EAA National Organization. If you are not currently a National member, we can provide you with an application to join. Please send your completed form and check to:

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