



# NORTHERN YOSEMITE EAA CHAPTER 1337

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## Chapter Update – Board of Directors Meeting

*By: Jim Thomas*

### Chapter Activity Slow

Most of you are aware that the activity level in our Chapter has dropped recently. This is due to many factors, however the most obvious is that many of our members have either moved out of the area or don't have time in their busy schedules to put the needed energy into keeping the Chapter active. This said, it is still important to some of us to keep things moving, although it will be at a much slower pace until such time that our members take a more active part in our Chapters operation.

### Nominating Committee

We held a Board of Directors meeting to discuss several Chapter issues and to take care of some required Chapter business. The primary issue was the establishment of a Nominating Committee for our 2006 officers. Our president Dick Collier appointed me, John Hessler and Buck Buchanan as the nominating committee for this year. We are now actively looking for candidates for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three Class II Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact me. Being a Chapter officer is not a lot of work and can be a lot of fun.

### New Treasurer

Shane Wallace has started the next stage in his professional education by being a full time student at Cal Poly in the Aeronautical Engineering program. Go Shane Go! With his move to San Luis Obispo comes a vacancy in the treasurer's position. The Chapter Board elected me to be the Chapter Treasurer for the remainder of the year which is only two more months. All the financial records have been turned over to me and I will be keeping the books through the end of the year.

### Weed Control at PML

A worthwhile program the Board adopted was to work with the local PML residents and PMLAA to collect private donations to assist in the weed control efforts at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport. Those of you that

frequent the PML Airport know that the thistle is thick and has taken over several areas of the airport. To assist in this effort, the Chapter is accepting donations that will be tracked separately and then donated to the PML Airport Enterprise Fund for the specific purpose of weed control. If you would like more information on this effort, please contact me.

### No December Potluck

In the past our December meeting has been a potluck meal at Bald Eagle Aviation. Our Board has decided that this year, there may not be enough members that would participate, thus not justifying a potluck. Therefore, at this time there is no December meeting scheduled. Our election will be by mail. When you receive your ballot, make sure you send it in because you will not be able to vote it at our December meeting.

### Next Board Meeting

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held at my house on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM. Any and all Chapter members are encouraged to attend. Come early and have lunch at the Corsair Restaurant.

Fly Safe

## Lack of Issues

*By Jim Thomas*

Have you noticed that there have not been any Newsletters sent out for three months? Well this is mostly due to the fact that none of our members have sent me any contributions. Writing a newsletter that is of interest to our members requires that I have something to write about. Drop me an email of something you think ought to be included in our newsletter. This could be a picture, the experience of a recent flight, or an aviation joke. Don't be a lurker...be a participant.

## Treasurer's Report

By: Jim Thomas, New Chapter Treasurer

As was mentioned in the previous column, Shane Wallace has gone off to Cal Poly and has relinquished the Treasurer's position. I have been elected by the Board of Directors to perform this responsibility for the last two months of the year. The following is the status of our bank accounts as of the end of September.

General Checking Account	\$5,734.20
Hangar Account	\$1,465.75

## Ralph Phillips' RV-6

Chapter member Ralph Phillips has been working on his RV-8 for several years and a couple months ago moved it to Columbia Airport for final assembly. Now after the FAA airworthiness inspection and lot of testing and tweaking, Ralph's RV-8 took to the air with Chris Miller of Springfield Flying Service at the controls. Rumors have it that it flew hands off on the first flight. Congratulations Ralph for your great workmanship.

Ralph flew his RV8 for the first time today and I have not had time to talk to him about the experience. Hopefully, he will provide us with more details of his first flight and his building experience.



Ralph Phillips and His Recently Completed RV-8

## Where Have All Our Members Gone?

No one could have guessed that so many of our members would relocate out of Tuolumne County in the same short time period. The following is a brief summary of where our members have gone.

Patty Haley – Moved to Auburn, Ca  
 Walter Leineke – Spends winters in Elko, NV  
 Amber Murray – Off to college  
 Jim, Debbie, & Stephan Murray – Moved to Oregon  
 Tim Rickard – Focusing on family & his business  
 Guy & Nancy Russell – Moving to Laughlin, NV  
 Ron Sawyer – Focusing on his other passion!  
 James Skilling – Moved to Tehachapi  
 Elwin & Myrna Smith – Moving to North Carolina  
 Hugh Smith – Passed away  
 Alan Wallace – Focusing on building his business  
 Shane Wallace – Attending college at Cal Poly

As you can see we have lost some very active members. This will result in a low activity level for the next year until we can build our roster back up. If you have friends or acquaintances that may be interested in joining our Chapter, please get them in touch with me or any other Chapter officer.

*JT*

