



# NORTHERN YOSEMITE EAA CHAPTER 1337

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## Young Eagles Rally April 18<sup>th</sup> Columbia Airport

Our Chapter is pulling our Young Eagles program out of the hangar and getting it ready to fly once again. Alan Wallace has been promoting the program and his wife Cindy has been talking to the area school kids about our April 18<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles Rally at Columbia Airport. If all goes as planned we should have several kids receive their first ever introduction to aviation and we want to make sure we make it a good one.

This Rally is to expose kids from ages eight to eighteen to aviation. If you know of kids that would enjoy participating in our Young Eagles Rally, please invite them to attend. Keep in mind that all kids must have written approval from their parent or guardian to fly in our airplanes. The Young Eagles Rally forms are available from Alan Wallace, Ed Sunday, or at the Columbia Airport Administration office.

We will need as many of our Chapter members to help out as possible, either with flying the kids or with ground support. Pilots must have a current medical and BFR. Their aircraft must have a current annual inspection. We are requesting that you bring proof of these if you are going to fly the kids. There will be a pilot's briefing at 8 AM at Alan Wallace's hangar which will explain the loading and unloading procedure along with a description of the suggested route of flight. We are planning the flights to be about 10 to 15 minutes in length.

Ground crew are needed to sign the kids up and keep them in order prior to and after their flight. Safety is our number one concern and keeping kids that are not familiar with aircraft away from taxiing aircraft and spinning propellers will be our highest priority. Those helping as ground crew should also plan on being at the Wallace Hangar at 8 AM Saturday morning.

This event will be a great opportunity to share your passion of aviation with kids that may be the future aviation generation or that will hopefully be aviation friendly. Please do your part to help make this Young Eagles Rally a great success.

## New Chapter Officers

We have a couple of new Chapter officers this year. Although these positions are not voting members of our Board of Directors, the jobs are important to the success of our Chapter.

### Technical Advisor

Greg Thompson with Aero Resources is our new Tech Advisor which means Greg will be available to our Chapter members that are constructing their own aircraft. He can help answer questions related to accepted aviation practices and, upon request, look over your project to help assure the quality of your construction. Ultimately, the goal is to help you construct a good quality aircraft that can easily pass the FAA airworthiness inspection.

### Young Eagles Advisor

Our Chapter has been without a Young Eagles Advisor ever since Elwin Smith and his wife Mirna moved back East. Well now we have a new Young Eagles Coordinator. Ed Sunday has taken on the job of organizing our Young Eagles events and with the support of his wife Diana, I'm sure these events will be well run and successful. Since Ed is new to the Young Eagles Program, he will be assisting Alan Wallace during our first Young Eagles Rally, April 18<sup>th</sup>. A second Young Eagles Rally is planned for the Pine Mountain Lake Airport Day organized by the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association and which will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Flight Advisor

We are still looking for a person to be our Flight Advisor. This person will help our Chapter members determine what kind of flight training they will require prior to flying a newly purchased aircraft or a newly constructed homebuilt. The Flight Advisor will also help develop a flight test program that will assist our builders in establishing a logical and safe series of flight tests that will result in verifying that the newly built aircraft meets the criteria set by the designer. The goal is to provide the pilot/builder with unbiased advice that will lead to safe and successful flying of his aircraft.

## BC-12D Battery Installation

Paul Girard, a long time member of our Chapter, has been working with the Fresno FSDO to obtain a field approval for the installation of an Odyssey SBS J-16 (PC680) battery in his Taylorcraft BC-12D, N95318. Paul is happy to report that he has received FAA Field Approval of his installation of the battery. Now he needs to obtain their approval of the installation of a Becker Comm radio and a Becker transponder that the battery will be powering. Because these modifications will "enhance safety", Paul should not have any problem receiving this approval also. Paul is an A&P/IA and does excellent work. Anyone interested in looking at his installation should contact Paul. He would love to show you his super complicated electrical system!

## 2009 Dues is Due

Our Chapter membership is concurrent with the calendar year. Membership renewal was due in January. Renewal forms were sent out with the election ballots via email. Many people have returned their renewal form, however there are still several Chapter members that have not. If you need a renewal or new membership application please contact Jim Thomas at [mypa12@yahoo.com](mailto:mypa12@yahoo.com) and he will email you the form. Our annual dues is \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family.

All our Chapter members must also be a member of the National EAA. As most of you know our Chapter is insured through the National EAA organization. Therefore, for you to be covered by our insurance policy, you must also be a current member in the National EAA. Make sure you are current with your National dues.



## Bay Tour & Fresh Crab

*By Jim Thomas*

A couple of weeks ago a friend of mine called me up and wanted to fly somewhere fun for lunch. We both built Lancair Legacys and enjoy flying formation. It is good practice and a great challenge. Our flight started off with a formation take off out of Livermore and proceeded north to the Berkeley Hills. We crossed the hills and descended over the dilapidated Berkeley Pier flying out over the San Francisco Bay towards the Golden Gate Bridge. The view was spectacular. We crossed just south of the Golden Gate Bridge and headed out over the Pacific Ocean turning south following the coastline down to Half Moon Bay where we landed for lunch. From the airport it is a very short walk to the shore, restaurants, and the wharf. We ate a great lunch and the crab and shrimp

sandwich I had was fantastic. To walk off our lunch we went down to the fisherman's dock where I purchased a live Dungeness crab. After it was weighed and paid for, it was triple bagged to keep the crab juice from spilling in my plane. That night my neighbors and I cooked the crab that could not have been out of the water for more than 12 hours! Now that is what I consider a good flight followed by a great meal. I love aviation!

## Dates to Remember

Here are the dates of some important Chapter or aviation events that you might want to put on your calendar.

April 18	Young Eagles Rally Columbia Airport
May 23	Poker Run
June 12-14	Golden West Fly-In
June 20-21	Father's Day Fly-In
July 27 – August 2	EAA AirVenture
September 12	CALFIRE Base Tour
October 3	PML Airport Day Young Eagles Rally
November 14	Wilderness Survival
December 5	Christmas Potluck Luncheon

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