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Chapter Elections

It is election time again and soon we will vote to choose our Chapter officers for next year. These positions are important because they really determine the focus of our Chapter over the next year. This fall's slate of candidates brings some new individuals and some new energy to our Chapter. The following is a very brief profile of each of the candidates.

Silvano Gai has volunteered to run for president. He is a very experienced pilot and CFI. He and his wife Tony own three airplanes, a Piper Saratoga, a Lake Renegade, and a Sinus motorglider and one of these three planes can be often seen flying in or out of Pine Mountain Lake Airport. Silvano flew Young Eagles at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport Day and treated the kids to a unique splash and go on Lake Don Pedro.

Dick Collier has volunteered to run for vice president. He has served in this position for several years. Dick is also a CFI. He and his wife Judy own a C-150 which Judy flies to Columbia for work several days a week. In addition to the C-150 Dick has a project Cherokee 6 and project Stinson 108.

Diane Sunday has volunteered to run for secretary. She is an avid pilot and flies their C-172 more than her husband Ed. Diane helps with our Young Eagles program and has been a key individual in processing the paperwork at the Young Eagles Rallies.

Dennis Smith has volunteered to run for treasurer. He previously owned a C-182 and is currently a founding member of the Pine Mountain Lake Aero Club which owns and operates a C-172. Dennis has been the hard working individual that obtained the prizes for our Chapter poker runs for the past several years.

Ralph Phillips has volunteered to run for a Class II Board of Directors position. He has served on our Board of Directors for several years as a Class II Director. Ralph flies a bright yellow RV8 out of Columbia Airport. He built the aircraft at his home and did a fantastic job on it.

Del Chase has volunteered to run for a Class II Board of Directors position. He has served on our Board of Directors for two years as a Class II Director. Del

recently finished a complete restoration of a Champ that he is now taking his Sport Pilot training in. Del can be seen flying most mornings or evenings at Columbia Airport practicing his take offs and landings.

Ed Sunday has volunteered to run for a Class II Board of Directors position. He is currently our Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator. Ed flies a C-172 that he shares with his wife Diane which is kept at Columbia Airport. Ed has been very involved with the Father's Day Fly-In serving as the Ramp Boss for the past several years.

As you can see our candidates are very qualified and active in aviation. It is important that we have good participation in our Chapter elections so every member is encouraged to vote and return their ballot as quickly as possible. All ballots must be turned in no later than December 31st. Ballots can be mailed to our Chapter PO Box which is Box 1900, Columbia, CA 95310 or given to any of the current Chapter officers who are Alan Wallace, Dick Collier, Paul Girard, and Shane Wallace.

The newly elected officers will take office in January when a transition meeting will be held and our 2010 meetings and events planned. The transition meeting time and date will be provided to our Chapter members via email. All Chapter members are encouraged to attend this meeting and provide input for planning next year's activities.

PML Airport Day Young Eagles Rally

The Pine Mountain Lake Airport Day was split into two events this year. In the morning our Chapter conducted a Young Eagles Rally and in the afternoon the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association held an historic aircraft display day, a flour bombing contest and a spot landing contest. There were also some flight demonstrations by the Beachboys flying Bonanzas and the Ravens flying RVs.

Ed and Diane Sunday did a great job of organizing the 38 kids flown that morning and our 12 volunteer pilots did a wonderful job of introducing the kids to aviation. I think it is worth noting that both Silvano Gai and Carol Simpson flew Young Eagles in their Lake amphibians providing the

kids with an exciting splash and go on Lake Don Pedro. It must also be mentioned that Klaus Heddergott from the EAA Chapter in Mariposa flew up in his RV6 to participate in our rally. He was very interested in flying his 98th, 99th and 100th Young Eagle, which he was able to accomplish.

In-flight Emergencies Safety Seminar

Our Chapter member Joe DeNunzio organized another safety seminar which was held on October 17th at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport. The topic was In-flight Emergencies and featured speakers from the California Highway Patrol, Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department, GCSD Fire Department and Pine Mountain Lake Safety. In addition to these speakers, Doug and Leigh Curry provided their first hand account about their total engine failure shortly after departing the PML Airport headed for the Bay Area. Thank you Joe for all the hard work you did organizing this successful safety seminar.

CAL FIRE Tanker Base Tour Interesting and Informative

Our last Chapter meeting was a tour of the Columbia Airport Calfire Air Attack Base. The tour was a joint gathering between EAA Chapter 1337 and the Tuolumne County Aeronautical Association. We received a very informative talk from the Calfire personnel which included a description of the Calfire Air Attack Base responsibilities and specific information about each of the three types of aircraft they fly, the Helitack Huey helicopter, the Air Attack OV-10 Bronco and the S2-T Air Tankers.



Air Attack 440 Pilot Giving Tour of His Aircraft



Tanker Pilot Explaining How They Attack a Fire



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