



# Chapter Seven

Long Beach, CA

## President's Message

by John Mahany, CFI

Fellow EAAer's,

With the change back to Daylight Savings Time again, last week, we now have longer days, giving us more time to work on a project or get some flying in!

The B-17 is back! This B-17, 'Fuddy Duddy' will be in Torrance for three days later this month. April 15, 16 and 17. It will be hosted by Chapter 96, South Bay. The aircraft will operate out of Torrance Airport (TOA). Let's try to show our support and try to get over to Torrance. Its' first west coast stop is Gillespie Field in San Diego, as I write this. From San Diego, it is on to Torrance, and then to Lancaster, then Van Nuys and from there it will work its' way up the coast.

Are you hoping / planning to attend EAA AirVenture this year? It is not too late to start thinking about this. If you have not attended previously, you are in for a real treat! If you are new to flying, flight training, and aviation in general, AirVenture Oshkosh is the 'mecca' of aviation. Nothing else can compare! It is so much more than an air show. Whatever you have read about, or seen, you will find at AirVenture. If you have only been to AOPA Expo, that pales by comparison. If you are considering any aviation purchases (who isn't?), you can and will be able to learn more about anything, and get answers to any and all questions that you may have. There is so much to see and do in a little time. It is, quite literally, overwhelming! Plan your trip to get the most out of it. You can also check the website, [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org)

My trip to Baja, Mexico last month with Don Myhra and the Baja Bush Pilots was great! Thank you, Don! This was my first border crossing in a general aviation airplane. It was uneventful, and was so much nicer, and easier than on the airlines! The flying was great, also, and good flying weather prevailed! The BBP has done a wonderful job taking care of all of the details on a flight like this.

Thank you to BBP's Jack McCormick for that! I hope to be able to go on another BBP trip sometime soon.

John

## VP's Chat Room

by Connie Anderson

Hello Everyone,

It's spring and time to get busy on that home built project that you weren't able to work on due to the in climate weather. Our April meeting is going to be packed with information. First, we will have a speaker who will be introducing us to a new magazine. It is designed for the Kit Builder. From what I have been told it is like a Popular Mechanics and Hot Rod. There will be samples for you to look at and take with you. We also have a 9 minute video on the up coming Oshkosh AirVenture 2005.

### Program — April 14, 2005

Our main speaker, LAPD Air Task Support Unit, will tell us what they do in the sky to protect us. They will have on display one of their Air Support Units. You will be able to look inside it and see their sophisticated Instrumentation and the GPS system they use.

The Air Support Unit is due to arrive by 6:30 PM so come early so you will have time to view it. Bring a friend/Guest and get an extra ticket for the drawing. See you at the meeting.

Regards, Connie

### 2005 Membership Dues

Payment of dues for FY 2005 are now **PAST DUE**. Please see the Chapter Treasurer, Don Thompson, at the meeting to renew your membership.

Past members receive cover sheet only to remind them of the meeting and events. Printed lists of the membership will be available to members attending the meeting. If you receive your news-

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### WANTED: Roving

**reporters.** Been to a fly-in lately, taken a trip, been to another chapter meeting. Take your camera, we'll do the rest. A short telephone interview and we can compose a great feature that your fellow members will enjoy.

### Featured Airplane for April 2005

RV-6 by EAA Ch 7 member Jim Wolff. Jim has put plenty of miles on this bird since this was taken in '92 at BFL. IO-360 pulls this along at over 225 mph cruise. Pilot controls are on the right as he also enjoys flying gliders.



letter via e-mail, please send a request to [all-ways1@verizon.net](mailto:always1@verizon.net) and I will be sure to send you a copy. Please specify MS-Excel or Adobe Acrobat format.

Chapter 7 continues to be one of the lowest rates for membership, just **\$12.00** annually.

I urge you to renew so you do not miss a single issue. An application form is included again as in past months. Please mail or bring to the meeting on Thursday. If unable to attend, mail your check payable to **"EAA Chapter 7"** with \$0.37 postage to: **Don Thompson, EAA Chptr 7 Treasurer, 2259 Roswell Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815-2512.**



**John Mahany**  
Chapter 7 Member  
Master CFI

Here is an excerpt from AOPA online.

### **Work nears completion for light-sport airplanes**

A green light could come soon for aircraft manufacturers wanting to sell ready-to-fly



light-sport airplanes. A government-industry group called the ASTM Committee F37 is now considering the final hurdle, the last of the so-called consensus standards to which the industry will be adhering in order to ensure quality in designing and building ready-to-fly airplanes. A committee vote on maintenance manuals is due April 5. (AOPA is a voting member of the committee.)

Assuming there are no negative votes, the standard will then have to be accepted by the FAA. The FAA has a seat on the ASTM committee and casts one vote along with votes from industry representatives. The FAA likely won't have misgivings the second time it looks at the standard, but the sport pilot and light-sport aircraft initiative has had many past delays, so keep your fingers crossed.

Get a briefing, fly safely, and keep the blue side up!

*John*

## **Calendar of Events**

The list of air-show and aviation events shown here are limited to 3 to 4 months in advance. If there is a event with Chapter participation such as the AOPA convention, it may be carried longer. With plans to establish committees within the chapter to organize events, there is hope to

generate interest in attending most aviation events in the Southwest region, and fly-out events of our own for breakfast, brunch or local points of interest. **STAR** indicates a newly listed event.

**Apr 12-18:** Lakeland, FL. EAA Sun 'N Fun Fly-In. Ctc: 863 / 644-2531 or <http://www.sun-n-fun.org>

**Apr 23-24:** Riverside, CA. Aircraft Open Cockpit Day, March Field Air Museum. I-215 at Van Buren Blvd. exit. Ctc 951 / 697-6600.

**Apr 29– May 1:** El Cajon, CA. Wings Over Gillespie.

**May 7:** Redlands, CA. Spring Fly-In. Home base for EAA Chapter 845. Ctc: 909 / 798-7668

**May 14:** Shafter, CA. Warbirds in Action, Minter Field. Ctc: Jim Whitehead 661 / 203-9322.

**May 15:** Van Nuys, CA. Van Nuys AirFest, featuring aircraft and music that shaped our history.

**May 21:** Whiteman Airport, CA. Air Fair, food and fun for the whole family.

**May 21-22:** Chino, CA. Air Museum Planes of Fame Airshow 2005. Ctc 909 / 597-3722, <http://www.planesoffame.org>

**Jun 3-4:** Merced, CA. Merced West Coast Antique Fly-In. Ctc Leslie Lawson 209 / 384-2791.

**Jun 3-5:** Marysville, CA. **EAA GoldenWest Regional Fly-In.** Homebuilts, displays, forums, workshops. Ctc: 530 / 852-0321 or for more details <http://www.goldenwestflyin.org>

**Jul 9-10:** Upland, CA. 30th Annual Pomona Air Fair, Cable Airport. Ctc: <http://www.cableairport.com>

**Jul 25-31:** Oshkosh, WI. EAA AirVenture 2005. Homebuilts, displays, workshops, forums. Ctc: 530 / 852-0321 or <http://www.eaa.org>

If you happen to attend one of these events, I would appreciate your taking digital photos. I can also scan standard print photos. I will be more than happy to meet with you and get notes about the things you saw and did (what can be published anyway). It will help to share some of the quality planes on display or new things you saw. Contact me at 951 / 940-8091 or 714 / 343-4547 or e-mail [always1@verizon.net](mailto:always1@verizon.net)

The first of three major events is approaching with the **Goldenwest Fly-In** at Marysville, CA. We will be setting up the **EAA Chapter 7** awning and have the Mess Hall open for attendees. I urge those attending to make reservations early as we can only accommodate a maximum of 24 persons. We will be setup with dinner for Friday evening arrivals. Meals for Saturday: breakfast & dinner, Sunday: breakfast only.



## The Eagles Nest by Sam White

**April 16th** is the next scheduled date for EAA Chapter 7 to hold a Young Eagles event. It will be held at Aeroplex, 3300 Spring St., Long Beach, CA.

If you have any groups interested in participating in the Young Eagles program, contact me via e-mail at [century03@adelphia.net](mailto:century03@adelphia.net) or call directly 714-206-9700.

There will be a sign-up sheet for pilots and ground crew at the meeting.

## Classified Section Nuts, Bolts, Engines, Planes & T'ings



**1958 Tri-Champ model**, Champion Aircraft Co. White with two-tone blue trim. Always hangared. Stits cover. Tandem seating. C-90 engine 594 hrs SMOH. TTAf 2490. Cruise 100, stall 38. **Price Reduced 15 Jun 04. True showman quality. \$29,000.** Contact Dwight at **714 / 828-7027.**

**O-290-G For Sale.** Unconverted, very good shape. Asking \$800. Ctc: Dwight at **714 / 828-7027.**  
FOR SALE:

**FOR SALE:** Aircraft honeycomb and aircraft foam available in 4'x8' sheets. Large quantity in stock. Extremely low price. Ctc: Fares Anbarin, 714 / 585-0939 [faresanbari@yahoo.com](mailto:faresanbari@yahoo.com)

### RV-6A Kit for Sale

Almost complete, firewall back. Lost Medical. Installed: Wheels & brakes, wings & tail with control surfaces, landing lights, nav lights, strobe lights, electric flaps, ELT with antenna, nav antenna, transponder & comm. Antennas included. Cowling for O-360 with c/s prop (not incl) & all other parts included in crate. Includes 6 mos. Hangar space at French Valley, Unit B-9. Ctc: Bob Russell 760 / 751-4250.

**\$33,000 obo**



## Secretary's Notepad

Submitted by  
**Merv Meyer**

**Chapter Secretary**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting of March 10, 2005

Board members Connie Anderson, Don Thompson, Mike Sawicki, Merv Meyer, Tom Griffith and Sam White were present. George McDaniel and Mike Hanson were also present.

Candidates to the Air Academy were discussed... Sam White, Jr. and Scott Walton's sons are not eligible this year, because they would be in the class which they previously attended. They will be eligible next year. Mike Hanson will be bringing an air Academy candidate to the members' meeting. Don Thompson, Chapter Treasurer, told the Board that Chapter 7 has enough money to send two candidates to the Air Academy without sharing cost with Chapter 92. Don moved that the Board send one candidate to the Air Academy. Tom Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

George McDaniel has no word yet from Chapter 96, which is hosting the EAA B17 flights at Torrance Airport in April on acceptance of Chapter 7 participation. Tom Griffith has information that the Torrance City Council may attempt to prevent B17 flights out of Torrance Airport.

Sam White, Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator, has scheduled a Young Eagles event in April the Saturday after the Chapter meeting. He will work with Don Thompson to set up the event at the AeroPlex ramp. Flights will commence at 9:00AM. Sam is a member of the Long Beach Rotary Club, which will provide contacts for kids to fly. He will schedule no more than 30 kids to fly.

John Mahany, Chapter President, not present tonight, asked for an inventory of equipment which the Chapter owns.. Connie, presiding tonight, gave Don the inventory list...George McDaniel told the board that maintaining 501©(3) status with the IRS requires an annual audit and much paperwork. Sam will check into the desirability of 501©(3) status and will be back in two months with a report. The Board authorized the Chapter Secretary to buy a tape recorder.

**Voting rights in a chapter require not just chapter membership but membership in EAA National also.**

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING Meeting of March 10, 2005

Attendance: 35

Connie Anderson, Chapter Vice President, presiding, led members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### OLD BUSINESS

Merv Meyer, Chapter Secretary, read a correction to the minutes of the February 10 meeting. The correction was sent by Larry Froehlich, Air Traffic Control Supervisor at March Air Reserve Base. It reads:

....Just to clear up some stats; we have two squadrons of KC135's, one Guard and one Reserve.

Our C141's are about to go away and be replaced by brand new C17's.

In the end we should have 20-24 KC135's, 8 C17's, an F16 detachment, 2 custom Blackhawk 'copters, 25 aeroclub planes of all shapes and sizes and DHL is coming in September. By this time next year March will be a good place to avoid.

Tom Griffith moved that the corrected minutes be approved. Joe Porter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Don Thompson, Chapter Treasurer, gave his report. 47 members have renewed and there is one new member. Tom Griffith moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Billy Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Videotapes are available for check-out. They are on a table next to the officers' table. Louis Bigelow has provided this chapter with a number of data CD's on the 4313 manual. Some are still available at the video table.

## NEW BUSINESS

Guests were introduced:  
ERIC ISON national EAA member; referred to Chapter 7 to join by Don Thompson  
STEVEN WESTERDALE introduced by Mike Hanson  
MARV BALLARD just joined Chapter 7

JOHN BIEDENHARN regional distributor for Diamond Aero

John Biedenharn is the regional distributor for the Diamond Aero Star, a four-seater single engine, T-tail monoplane which was parked on the ramp in front of the AeroFlite building. He provided details on this airplane. It is based upon an Austrian design and is built in London, Ontario, Canada. It is built of composites and the wings tail and fuselage are formed by molds. Parts are glued together. There is a paint shop and an avionics shop on site. Some parts are imported from Austria. It is powered by an 180hp Lycoming IO360 fuel-injected engine. The instrument panel features two display screens which take up most of the panel. Cruising speed is 145 knots. Price is \$270,000 American.

Mike Hanson introduced Steven Westerdale, a 17year old student . Mike introduced Steven to aviation with a ride in his Grumman Tiger. Mike nominated Steven to be the Chapter 7 candidate for the Air Academy. Mike has talked to Steven's mother and father and they both approve of his going to the Air Academy. Steven told the members that he has grown up around pilots. His grandfather was a pilot in Vietnam. His flight in Mike's airplane was his best experience ever. Flight is what he wants as a career. After graduation from high school he will study for a B.A. in college. He is looking at California State University San Diego. He wants to fly C17 transports in the Air Force. Member Bill Haynes told Steven that he should work toward a Bachelor of Science degree instead of a Bachelor of Arts degree. A BSc degree would be more useful. Mike Sawicki, Chapter Newsletter editor, asked Steven to write an article for the Chapter 7 newsletter.

Tom Griffith , Chapter membership Coordinator, has membership cards for paid-up members at the officers' table.

Connie Anderson has 12 copies of an FAA booklet for active pilots, put out by Lawrence Froehlich, Air Traffic Control Supervisor at March ARB.

Sam White, Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator, gave his report. 25 Young Eagles were flown at the February event.

For the April 16 Young Eagles event at AeroPlex he needs pilots and ground crew.

His phone number is in the newsletter. He is cutting the number of young Eagles to be flown to 30. The ground crew sets up at 8:00 AM. Flights commence around 9:00AM. Four members indicated that they would be Young Eagles pilots.

Mike Sawicki, Chapter Newsletter Editor, gave his report. The EAA Chapter 845 newsletter disclosed that Redlands Airport is shut down for three weeks for maintenance. Chapter 845 bases their newsletter on the Chapter 7 newsletter. EAA Chapter 14, which has a hangar at Montgomery Field, San Diego, gave us a newsletter. Chapter 1, Flabob Airport, Riverside, reports many improvements.

Don Thompson told members that Chapter 7 now has its own slide projector. George McDaniel provided a carrying case.

Tom Griffith is in contact with Bill Newby, who now has his airplane based at Santa Paula Airport. Santa Paula Airport is now shut down. Recent flooding penetrated the single runway. Cal Trans is involved with flood repairs, to the extent that the airport can afford them. There are photos of the flood in the current Pacific Flyer.

## PROGRAM

EAA member Bob Hartfield is working on a Master of Science degree. His thesis involves making a survey of composite aircraft.

Chapter member Rick Thomas showed slides of the flood damage at Corona Airport. He also showed slides of the runway site on the farm which he is buying in western Kentucky.

Bill Haynes showed slides of the project which he is building. It is a Thunderbird side-by-side two-seater high wing pusher monoplane. Bill is a retired Air Force pilot, with 3500 hours in fighters. So far he has invested \$18,000 in his project. He is using digital photos of company blueprints, which generally are of poor quality. He installed a 64hp Rotax 582 engine. Construction is metal frame and fabric. The landing gear is fixed tricycle. The project has been towed to Chino Airport. Wing area is 190 sq.ft.; rate of climb is 800 fpm. Cruising speed is 68 mph, maximum speed is 88 mph, and stalling speed is 36 mph. He will be able to fly it out of general aviation airports.

John Marushak recommends the Crosswinds Steak House at Borrego Springs Airport. Recently one morning he and a number other pilots flew into Borrego Valley Airport. He discovered that the restaurant there was not open until 11:00AM. However, the manager, John Riley, saw the pilots outside, unlocked the restaurant and invited them in. He fed them a large breakfast, at no charge. He told them to pass the word that this was a good place to eat.

Mike Sawicki told members that the recent election in the high desert town of Agua Dulce indicates that the airport there will probably be subjected to more restrictions.

## REFRESHMENTS

April . . . . . Tom Griffith  
May . . . . . Scott Walton  
June . . . . . Rick Thomas

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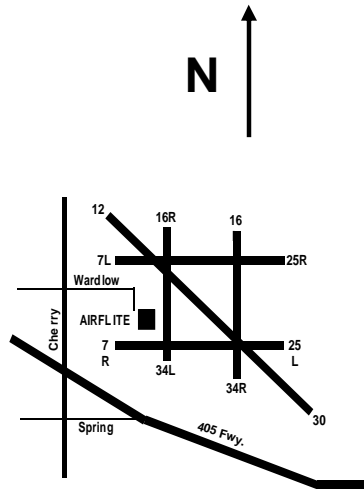
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## EAA Chapter 7

meets on the second Thursday  
of each month at 7:30 pm.

We meet at the **AirFlite** facility on the Long Beach Airport. Airflite is located on the west side of the airport near the C-17 building. Go east on Wardlow Road from Cherry Avenue to the **Airflite** sign. Turn right, go to the large parking lot at the end and park. Go upstairs to the third floor with the large open area.

Board meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Board meetings are open to all members.

Web-Site: <http://www.eaa7.org>

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