



# Chapter Seven

Long Beach, CA

## President's Message

by John Mahany, CFI

Our month got off to a busy start with the arrival of Aluminum Overcast, the B-17 that we have hosted on this year's EAA B-17 'Keep It Flying' 2006 National Spring Tour Schedule. In case you missed it, it arrived on April 5<sup>th</sup>. While the final numbers are not yet in, we were in competition with the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, which was scheduled the same weekend. The Grand Prix Race weekend was moved up earlier this year. The EAA did not know that when they scheduled this. When I told EAA planners in Oshkosh about this, I was told that with the B-17 schedule already in place... there was nothing they could do to change the schedule. Well, you can always see a race. But how often can you get up close to an aircraft like this, or have the opportunity to ride in a vintage WWII aircraft? Thanks again to everyone who put in time and effort to help make this a success!! Hopefully we have also gained a few more members as well!

I recently received the form for chapter award nominations for 2006 to submit to EAA. Please give some thought to this. The categories are Web Editor, Newsletter, and Major Achievement Award. Thanks to Mike Stearns and Mike Sawicki for all their work on the website and the newsletter! Last year we unanimously nominated Birch Parker, for the Major Achievement Award; for all that he has done and contributed to Chapter 7 over the years! Please give some thought to who you would like to nominate this year. I have to tell you, having attended the award ceremony at last summer's AirVenture when the chapter awards were announced, at the Chapter Leadership Breakfast, it was very impressive! There were several runner's up in each category. The award plaques are very nice, also. Let's see what we can do this year!

We also need to select someone for the EAA's Air Academy for this summer. This

## VP's Chat Room

by **Connie Anderson**

### Happy Easter to all of you who Celebrate Easter

Our April meeting will consist of a few things. First Kathleen O'Brien has been able to supply us with a flight safety DVD that we will watch. Secondly, we will watch highlights of our B-17 outing. Although we did not have the turnout we expected we still had a nice size group. I was really taken back by the number of small children that wanted to see the B-17.

### Program - Apr 13, 2006

I was speaking on Friday with one of our members about the lack of young adults in EAA and Chapters. Mike and I made a questionnaire that we asked visitors to fill out. We had 55 visitors fill them out. What I learned was that some were EAA members yet they did not know any thing about EAA chapters. We also had nine families interested in our Young Eagles program; they did not know such a thing existed. We as EAA chapter members need to more open about EAA chapters and our Young Eagles programs. We did have one visitor who is a EAA member state he wants to join our chapter.

With the summer months nearly at our door, I have been in contact with Kathleen O'Brien of FAA and hopefully next month we will have someone from FAA come out and do a class on charting. A review of chart procedures is a good backup in the event of a power failure to your GPS system.

*Connie*

### Quotable Quotes

"Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits." -- *Unknown*

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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.

### Aircraft of the Month



An Mi-24 Russian helicopter emblazoned with the artwork of an eagle. This would be quite an aircraft to have around to give rides to Young Eagles. They would be talking about their ride for months after the event.

## 2006 Membership Dues

Payment of dues for **FY 2006** are now **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 newsletter via e-mail, please send a request to [always1@verizon.net](mailto:always1@verizon.net) and I will be sure to send you a copy of the membership list. It will be supplied in Adobe format.

**Chapter 7** continues to have 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 available from the Chapter Membership Chairman, Tom Griffith. Please mail or bring to the meeting on Thursday. If unable to attend, mail your check payable to "EAA Chapter 7" with \$0.39 postage to: Don Thompson, EAA Chapter 7 Treasurer, 2259 Roswell Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815-2512.

### *President's Message* (Cont'd from page 1)

is a wonderful opportunity for a young man or woman, having a serious interest in aviation, to get some great 'hands on experience', meet others with similar interests, and get a taste of what the future holds! I only wish this program had been in place when I was younger... make that *much* younger! Please let either Don Thompson or myself know if you have anyone to nominate for this.

With the official start of spring on March 21, that means that summer and the flying season is just around the corner. Longer days, more daylight, more time (hopefully) to either work on your project or to fly!

Would there be any interest in either a project visit(s) or a fly-in somewhere, locally? Some kind of a chapter group activity? If so, please let me know.

Also, does anyone have, in their video or CD or DVD collection any good aviation videos that we all might enjoy watching at a meeting?

See you at the meeting!

*John*



by John Mahany  
2005 CFI-ASC  
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Jon Thornburgh wrote an interesting article for ANN of an alternate way of achieving your LSA pilot's certificate but also leads into obtaining your full-fledged FAA Private Pilot's License.

### Quicksilver Steps Up to Training

### World's Largest Aircraft Manufacturer First to Provide Full-License Training in Customer-Built Craft

ANN Sponsor Quicksilver Manufacturing, Inc. has announced the creation of a special flight training opportunity available to all who purchase a Quicksilver aircraft. For a set fee, a buyer is guaranteed training--not only for his ultralight pilot's license--but also for his fully-certified FAA pilot's license.

This special program includes professional assistance for the construction of the Quicksilver homebuilt aircraft and the placement of the airplane into the FAA Experimental category. The buyer will receive training toward an FAA Recreational Pilot certificate. If the student desires, he can simultaneously achieve an Ultralight Flight Instructor's license.

This program is possible because of the special rapport that Quicksilver has developed with an FAA designated aircraft inspector and pilot examiner. The student will take his FAA flight check in his own airplane, even though the airplane is an open-cockpit, "tube and fabric" Experimental aircraft. Very few pilot examiners are willing to give a flight check in an ultralight-type airplane.

The pilot examiner who will administer the flight check was specially trained to fly Quicksilver aircraft. Although located in Southern California, the examiner is willing to travel anywhere in the United States to administer the Recreational Pilot flight exam.

#### Why not just ultralight?

An ultralight is limited by the FAA to specified weight, speed, and fuel restrictions. In addition, and ultralight must be flown in isolated "rural" areas, and even in those areas many airport managers will not allow ultralight operations at their facility. Liability and hull insurances are difficult to obtain for ultralights.

Once the Quicksilver buyer places his airplane into the Experimental category and obtains his FAA pilot's license, he can fly without the restrictions imposed on ultralight pilots. The FAA-licensed pilot can fly into any airport that is open to general aviation aircraft.

He can obtain the same insurance that is available for Cessnas and Pipers.

He can carry a passenger, fly cross-country, attend airshows, and equip his airplane with long-range fuel tanks and other options.

He may also fly overhead a city, and into congested airports.

#### Who ARE those guys?

Quicksilver has an association with professional FAA Certified Flight Instructors who specialize in training students in their own Quicksilver Experimental ultralight-type aircraft, and preparing the students for their FAA flight checks. The flight instructors are also certified ultralight instructors. The instructors are also able to offer instructional assistance in the construction of the kit aircraft.

The construction of the aircraft, complete flight training and the FAA flight check can be accomplished in three to four weeks at the Quicksilver Flight Academy in Southern California. Lodging is available.

## **EAA Flight Advisor** ( Cont'd from page 2 )

If the student is unable to travel to California, special arrangements can be made for the instruction to be given at the student's hometown.

The average time and cost to obtain an FAA pilot's license today in the United States is six months and eight to ten thousand dollars. The Quicksilver Flight Academy participant can obtain his license for the same cost and in much less time. At the conclusion of training, the student will have his own airplane to fly, and he will not have to rent an airplane at \$60 to \$80 per hour.

The Quicksilver program includes the following for a guaranteed package price of **\$9,550**:

1. Aircraft construction assistance and flight testing.
2. Assistance in placing the airplane into the Experimental category.
3. Flight instruction for the FAA Recreational Pilot license and an ultralight instructor's license.
4. All necessary flight instruction books and materials.
5. Services of the Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR) who examines the completed homebuilt airplane and issues the Airworthiness Certificate for the Experimental category.
6. Examination by the Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) who administers the flight exam and issues the FAA pilot license.
7. Examination by the ultralight examiner for the issuance of the ultralight instructor's license to the applicant.
8. The prepaid fee for the pilot flight physical.
9. The prepaid cost for the pilot written exam.
10. Experimental aircraft registration fee.
11. Cost of transporting the airplane to the DAR examination site and the flight test site.

## **\* Calendar of Events \***

**Apr 1:** Riverside, CA. 14th Annual Riverside airshow, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Municipal airport, admission free, lots of old cars on display.

**Apr 7-9:** Ocotillo, CA. EAA Chapter 14 (San Diego) Fly-Out / Cam-Outiverside, CA. 14th Annual Riverside airshow, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Municipal airport, admission free, lots of old cars on display.

**Apr 29-30: Riverside, CA. March ARB AirFest 2006.** USAF Thunderbirds, VietNam Moving Wall, one mile wall or fire. EAA Ch 845 (Redlands) will have booth display & is looking for homebuilt aircraft to be on display. Ctc: Larry Purcell 949 / 488-2893 [cpurcell1@cox.net](mailto:cpurcell1@cox.net)

**May 6:** Redlands, CA. 3rd Annual Spring Fly-In, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. EAA Ch 845 pancake breakfast, aircraft display. Ctc: 909 / 798-7668. [www.redlandsairport.org](http://www.redlandsairport.org)

**May 18-21:** El Cajon, CA. Gillespie Field. Stearman Fly-In, Allen Airways. Ctc: Bill Allen 619 / 596-2020 [allenairwy@aol.com](mailto:allenairwy@aol.com)

**May 20-21:** Chino, CA. Planes of Fame Annual Airshow. More details in May issue.

**Jun 2-3:** Merced, CA. 49th Merced West Coast Antique Fly-In. Info call Merced Visitors Bureau 209 / 384-2791.

**Jun 24-25:** Ramona, CA. Ramona Airshow & Fly-In. Ramona Airport. Ctc: Bob 760 / 789-0959.

The season is only starting so if you hear of an event, don't just assume I will post it here. Send me an e-mail and I will be sure that it does get on the list for ALL the members to be aware. Let's see if we can get some fly-outs going this year and let the wind blow the dust off those wings.

## **Classified Section**

### **Nuts, Bolts, Engines, Planes & T'ings**



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**Price Reduced. True showman quality.**

**\$29,000. Contact Dwight at: 714 / 828-7027**

## **AirVenture 2006**

Already plans are being made for Oshkosh AirVenture 2006. Plans for the route to and fro are in the works. Reservations are already starting to fill with our first three members. Joining us this year will be Jack Kenton from Chapter 96. The equipment list is being checked and repacked to conserve space and weight. Tire pressures and condition have been inspected and are a "GO". The new poker table is loaded along with 500 professional chips. The added serving trays will allow for more variety of foods. Lists are being compiled so supplies are ready upon our arrival. Sam's Club handles our orders via fax and the local Hostess shop stocks our bread supplies. Join us July 24-30 at the world's largest aviation event.

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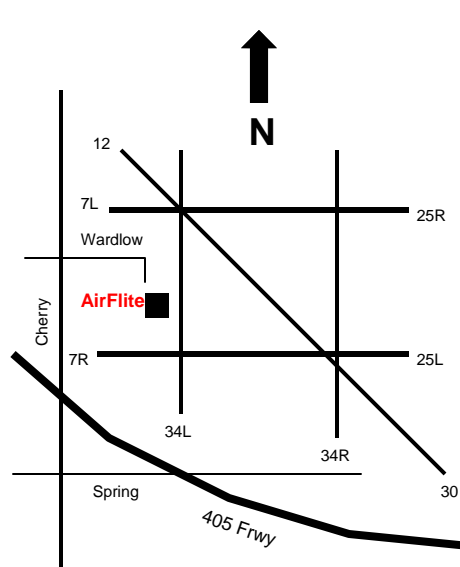
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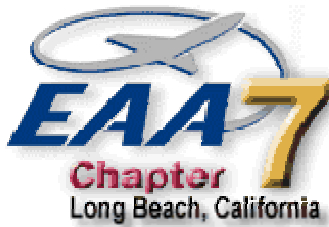
We meet at the **AirFlite** facility on the Long Beach Airport. **AirFlite** is located on the west side of the airport near the C-17 building. Go east on Wardlow Road from Cherry Avenue to the **AirFlite** sign. Turn right, go to the large parking lot at the end and park. Go upstairs to the third floor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