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 7:30 p.m.



President's Message

by John Mahany, CFI

Greetings Chapter 7 members!

I hope you are enjoying summer and the summer flying season! I missed the July meeting, and I will also miss the August meeting. I hope to see some of you at AirVenture.

Thank you Connie for running the meetings in my absence.

I trust that the home-builders night was a success...thanks to all who participated.

I would like to thank the chapter for contributing \$200 from the Young Eagles Fund towards Alex Culp who will also be attending the Air Academy this year.

Our next Young Eagles Rally will be on August 11. Mark your calendars.

Enjoy the summer!
 See you in September!

John



by John Mahany
 EAA Ch 7 Pres — 2007 Mstr CFI

See the recent issue of 'over the airwaves' for more thought provoking and insightful ideas on general aviation safety, and how we can improve!

<http://overtheairwaves.com/>

Due to my teaching schedule I will be able to return to the general meeting in September. Look forward to seeing all of you again.

John

VP's Chat Room

by **Connie Anderson, Ch 7 VP**

August meeting

We did not make the usual trek to Oshkosh this year but did follow much of the events through some of the news services available. EAA publishes a daily announcement as well as AvWeb and ANN (Aero-News.net).

You may want to check out the new television coverage provided by ANN. I recommend that you place these sites in our "Favorites" on your computer and check them regularly.

Program — August 9, 2007

Oshkosh 2007 night is the theme of our August meeting. If you happened to be one of the lucky ones to attend, please bring your photos on a CD-rom or USB memory stick for viewing.

We will have a presentation by Alex Culp of her experience at the EAA Air Academy.

Happy and safe flying.

Connie

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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. **See Page 7**

Aircraft of the Month



The Eagles' Nest

by
Holly Richards
EAA Chapter 7
Young Eagles Coordinator

Okay Chapter 7 members,

Here is your big chance to participate in a very awesome experience of volunteering with our chapter's Young Eagles Rally. I don't want to hear that you think you have nothing to offer as a volunteer, because we all do! There are so many things to attend to, making the program run smoothly. If you can walk, sit, smile or breathe, we have a job for you!

Ground crew will be meeting at 7:50 am on Saturday **August 11**, for a briefing before flights and ground school begins. This is the next to the last Young Eagles at Signature for our Chapter, so lets make it a memorable one!

Remember it is more blessed to give than receive, but I promise you, you will receive blessings back for your dedicated love and service! Any questions, please feel free to call me 714 397 3430.

I love you all, and I'll see you there!

Holly :)

EAA Academy Experience

By Alex Culp

The world's largest airshow was getting ready to take place and EAA's Advanced Air Academy was right in the midst of it all. --Who else would've seen the new Cessna LSA before the press?

About 60 campers and staff lodged together July 16th – 25th in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the EAA Lodge is who.

We met top aerobatic performers, had fun, fun, fun at the Beach Boys concert, and learned and saw more about aviation than we could've ever imagined.

As part of the Academy we had the unique opportunity to visit the performers tent late one afternoon. While there, I met Steve Oliver, an aerobatic pilot who had performed earlier that day. Prior to meeting him I had met several other top names in aviation but did not have the opportunity to really sit down and have a conversation. Oliver on the other hand went out of his way to answer my questions and offer feedback and suggestions on flight training, aircraft, purchasing aircraft, financing, working up to handling more "g's", etc.

It was a really cool feeling knowing that at any moment you could be standing next to someone special at Air Venture and not even know it. It was like a massive scavenger hunt, only instead of "where's Waldo?" it was

where's Dick Rutan, Patty Wagstaff, and the Aero Shell pilots? As part of the Academy we also had the unique experience of sharing our dining area at lunch with the Goodyear Blimp crew and other VIP's from the aviation industry.

As a California girl I've grown up listening to the Beach Boys. So when I found out we were actually going to be able to see them in concert I could hardly contain my excitement. We had so much fun once things kicked off. Not only did we start "the wave" but we had fun together creating memories and having a good time with some great music.

Speaking of memories, I finally received my first helicopter ride! A pilot took each of us up in pairs and circled Air Venture the day before it opened. Each of us also took a Young Eagles flight in a Cessna 172 out of Oshkosh where we had the opportunity to fly ourselves.

Each of the days leading up to Air Venture my comrades and I participated in ground school and workshops preparing us for our future as pilots and EAA members. My two favorite workshops included making a composite clipboard out of fiberglass and resin, and building a wooden wing rib. I had never understood why anyone would want to build their own airplane and then, even stranger, --fly it. But after learning about the processes and skills used, and viewing the aircraft on display, I finally understood. For each person it's different, but it's more than just building an airplane, it's a way of life. The skill and the craftsmanship that goes into some of the aircraft is just extraordinary.

Now for the bad part. -I can't complain about the weather, the people, or the food, --well maybe the food, but really, everything was great! Even saying goodbye to friends wasn't really "goodbye" because we're bound to see each other again if we stay in aviation. So here it comes, --the worst part of the whole experience was knowing that no southern California airshow will ever quite do it for me again, and that I'll just have to go back to Air Venture. (Glad I got that off my chest.)

It was like every airshow I've ever been to had been combined, --only this one also had a sea plane base. I would thoroughly recommend both the Air Academy and Air Venture to anyone with an interest in aviation. Both the Academy and Air Venture combined have been a life changing experience for me, and one which I'll always remember.

Alex Culp

Classified Section

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2007 Membership Dues

EAA Chapter 7 continues to have one of the lowest rates for membership, just **\$12.00** annually. Please see the Chapter Treasurer, Don Thompson, at the meeting to complete your membership.

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 and I will be sure to send you a copy of the membership list. It will be supplied in Adobe format.

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.

We ask that you complete the new form in this newsletter so we can update your information for our files.

★ Calendar of Events ★

We are in the airshow season 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. **Due to limited space in this column, I strongly urge anyone planning to attend one of these events to go to the website for more complete details such as times, schedules, NOTAMS, frequencies, accommodations, pricing, etc.**

Aug 18-19: Camarillo, CA. 27th EAA Chapter 723 Open House & Fly-In with CAF. Exhibits, displays, military, warbirds, homebuilts, antiques, & classics, R/C demo. Check website for info. www.camarilloairshow.com

Aug 24-25: Santa Maria, CA. Thunder Over the Valley. Warbirds, homebuilts, dinner. Ctc 805 / 922-8758.

Aug 31 – Sep 1: Chico, CA. Airfest 2007, airshow, isplays, more. Call 800 / 852-8570 or 530 / 891-5556 or see www.chicochamber.com

Aug 25: Big Bear, CA. 14th Big Bear City Airport Air Fair. Spot landing on arrival. Watch DENSITY ALTITUDE. Vendors, crafts, R/C demo, food, skydivers, DC-3 "Rose". Nice for a weekend get-a-way, plan early. Fuel on first-come, first-served. Plan accordingly. Ctc: Nancy Jones 909 / 585-3219. Check website for info. www.bigbearcityairport.com

Sep 12-16: Reno, NV. Stead Field, Reno, NV. 44th Annual Reno National Championship Air Races & Air Show. Fly Low – Go Fast – Turn Left. Six classes of competition aircraft. Pit passes. Bring plenty of ointment for the neck. Anything can happen at anytime and it usually does. Canadian Snowbirds return for 2007. Book lodging early. Check website for info. www.airrace.org

Sep 15: Hesperia, CA. Hesperia Airport. Displays, FREE, R/C demo, exhibits, vendors. Victor Valley Air Show Assn www.vvasa.org

Sep 20-23: Murietta, CA. Annual West Coast Falco (F.8L) Gathering, French Valley Airport (F70). Ctc Ray Hecker, EAA Ch 92, 949 / 951-6784.

Sep 22: Riverside, CA. Flabob Airport 54th Annual Fly-In and Open House.

Sep 29-30: Salinas, CA. Cal International Airshow. Blue Angels, Snowbirds.

Chapter Name Badges

Badges for new members can be picked up at the July meeting.

**LINDA ABRAMS
TOM KROSLOSKY
WILLIAM MOYLE
ROGER NAHAS**

**ROBERT OHLY
BRIAN RINGLE
ANTHONY TREJO**

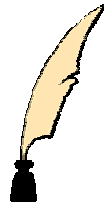
Also, I still have unclaimed badges for:

**DOUG ALLEN
BOB HARTFIELD**

**GARY REEVES
JOHN REVILL**

Secretary's Notepad

by Merv Meyer, Chapter 7 Secretary



BOARD MEETING — July 12, 2007

Present were Connie Anderson, Chapter Vice President, Don Thompson, Treasurer, Merv Meyer, Secretary, Mike Sawicki, Newsletter Editor, Holly Richards, Young Eagles Coordinator, Tom Griffith, Membership Coordinator, George McDaniel and Don Myhra.

Mike Sawicki has 17 orders for Chapter 7 polo shirts. He will order a color change to make the chapter logo more readable. He has a cap sample, available in one color; he has received no cap orders. Mike anticipates at most 50% of chapter members or 30 orders. The polo shirts with logo cost \$21.50. Tom Griffith moved that members be charged a flat \$20 per shirt (the chapter treasury covering the tax). George McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion carried. Connie asked Don Thompson if the Torrance Air Fair Association (TAFA) had been paid their share of the proceeds of the EAA B17 visit to Torrance Airport. Don has not sent the check because the TAFA has not responded to his request, with attached information, to review paperwork. There is a 77 hour discrepancy between the chapter's record of hours worked and TAFA's record, TAFA's hours being higher. After Nancy of TAFA told him that she had not received his letter he sent a second letter with information. Connie suggested that TAFA be given a deadline to respond, otherwise TAFA accepts the Chapter 7 numbers. Tom Griffith moved that the Chapter Treasurer send a check in the amount of the chapter numbers to TAFA. If the amount is unacceptable, TAFA can inform the chapter by letter. George McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Don Thompson has drafted a letter to be sent to Tom Poberezny, President of EAA, regarding TAFA. He turned the letter over to John Mahany, Chapter President, for review. He has not yet received an answer from John.

Tom Griffith, Chapter Membership Coordinator, said that many new badges for new members have been left unclaimed. This is a waste of money. Don Thompson suggested that if a new member wants a badge, the new member should pay \$5. George McDaniel moved that if a new member wants a badge, that member be charged \$5. This amount will be refunded if the new member takes possession of the badge. Tom Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Don Thompson said that although the annual membership fee of \$12 is small, the fee from all members is a contribution toward the annual Christmas party, and helps Mike Sawicki with his newsletter expenses.

Mike Sawicki, Newsletter Editor, sends 15 newsletters to local FBO's and flight schools. He plans to design an 11"x14" poster, laminated copies of which he will post at local FBO's and flight schools.

Merv Meyer, Chapter Secretary, brought up the matter of Alex Culp's application over the internet to go to the Air Academy. He was unsure if the bylaws permitted Board members to act over the internet. He understands that other chapters have made contributions to Alex Culp. If there is more money needed to send her to the Air Academy, he will pay the difference. Don Myhra, who is also a member of Chapter 92, said that Chapter 92 made a contribution. Don Thompson said that the contributions of Chapter 92 and Chapter 723 based at Camarillo Airport covered the cost of sending Alex to the Air Academy.

Don Myhra said that he brought the matter forward to Connie Anderson, Chapter Vice President, and Connie replied that no way was Chapter 7 going to get involved; it was against the bylaws. Holly Richards, Young Eagles Coordinator, said that Alex Culp is a Young Eagles person. There is enough money in the Young Eagles fund to send Alex to the Air Academy. Holly said because of illness, she does not frequently read her e-mail. However, she could have been contacted by telephone. She knows Alex Culp more than anyone in the chapter; she feels that she let Alex down. She challenged Connie's description of Alex as begging. Don Myhra asked Connie if she found out more about Alex before refusing to help. Connie also sent e-mails refusing to help Alex to Woody Fowler of Chapter 7 and Rich Newell of Chapter 92.

Don Thompson asked Connie Anderson not to speak for Chapter 7. Don sent information on Alex Culp by e-mail to other Board members. Other Board members knew Alex Culp and had read her letter of application. Don Myhra said that Connie did not have the authority to reject Alex's application. Holly said that Alex should have been shown compassion. Don Thompson said that at other EAA chapters board members make and pass motions on the internet. Don Thompson said that five Board members voted yes, two voted no and one Board member abstained. Holly Richards said that if the chapter bylaws do not expressly prohibit e-mail voting then voting by e-mail is permitted. Don said that he discussed Alex's letter of application with John Mahany, Chapter President. John did not believe that the bylaws prohibited acting on Alex's application outside of a scheduled board meeting; he did not act on the application but wanted discussion to proceed.

Don Thompson said that never in all his active years in the chapter has he seen anyone use the bylaws the way Connie did. Don said that candidate Alex Culp was not notified of an opening at the Air Academy until June 14, when a late opening occurred. The deadline for applications to the Air Academy is June 16. On June 15 she made her application to the Air Academy. She needed financial help; she appealed to Chapter 7. He said that Alex did the proper thing. She is actively involved in aviation.

Holly Richards, as Young Eagles Coordinators, wants to be informed in the future about Air Academy applications. Don Thompson said that Alex Culp owes us nothing for sponsoring her to the Air Academy.

Tom Griffith said that a by-law amendment could clarify the role of the Board so that this situation does not happen in the future. Connie Anderson moved that the Board authorize the Treasurer to give Alex Culp \$100 for spending money. Tom Griffith seconded the motion. A new motion was presented after discussion. Tom Griffith moved that Alex be given \$200 for spending money. George McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mike Hanson, chapter member, asked to speak to the Board. He and his wife Kendle, who is also a chapter member, were moved by Alex Culp's letter on the internet. They were disturbed that Chapter 7 did not help her. They were prepared to pay her way to the Air Academy. He said that Alex doesn't have to earn her acceptance to the Air Academy. Mike was disappointed by one previous candidate whom the chapter sent to the Air Academy and whom he personally helped afterwards. But he said that even one hundred disappointments do not justify the chapter in refusing one applicant.

George McDaniel moved that the Board meeting adjourn immediately. Tom Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GENERAL MEETING — July 12, 2007

Attendance: 24

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

OLD BUSINESS

Don Thompson, Chapter Treasurer, gave his report. He is sending a check to TAFE (Torrance Air Fare Association) for their share of revenue from the EAA B17 visit to Torrance Airport. Tom Griffith moved that the report be accepted. Darwyn Wolff seconded the motion carried.

Tom Griffith moved that the minutes, as printed in the newsletter be accepted. Arnold Frerking seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Videotapes and DVD's are available for check-out on the table next to the officers' table. Louis Bigelow has provided chapter members with data CD's of the 4313 manual. Some are still available at this table. There is a new DVD on the kit-built Zenith STOL.

NEW BUSINESS

Holly Richards, Young Eagles Coordinator, has two schools targeted for Young Eagles flights. There will possibly be 40 Young Eagles for the event on Saturday, August 11. She said that the celebrity Young Eagles event at Hawthorne Airport scheduled for August has been postponed for one year.

Mike Sawicki, Chapter Newsletter Editor, circulated an order sheet for polo shirts with the Chapter 7 logo. A cap with the logo is also available, one color and one type only. He asked members to check out the July newsletter, which shows the different colors available in the polo shirts. For years Mike Sawicki and Connie Anderson have set up a food tent and served food at the annual Air Ventures in Oshkosh. This year Mike said that they will be unable to go to Oshkosh because of financial limits.

Connie Anderson gave lifetime membership certificates to Birch Parker, Tom Griffith, George McDaniel, Don Thompson, Mike Sawicki and Merv Meyer.

Don Thompson told members that if any members are planning on going to Air Venture 2007, his partnership with Don Myhra, Scott Walton and George McDaniel has three airplanes available. The member using an airplane must have at least 350 hours total, including 35 hours in type.

Connie told members that Aircraft Spruce has provided raffle tickets for gift certificates. The raffle will be held after intermission.

Woody Fowler told members that Aircraft Spruce is now offering discounts up to 25% to members with the EAA credit card. Woody wants to share cell phone numbers with members going to Air Venture 2007.

Member Scott Walton said that his son Nick is cadet commander of Civil Air Patrol Squadron 153 at Los Alamitos. Scott is flying his son up to Camp Roberts for a three-day encampment ground school. Later, about a week after they return from Air Venture 2007, Scott will fly his son back up to Camp Roberts for the California Wing Summer Encampment. Scott and Nick spent about a month in Europe recently. There appear to be no private airplanes in the skies over Europe. General aviation appears to be dead because of user fees. Scott rented a wet Cessna 182 in Ireland, for a flight to and from the same airport, for the equivalent of \$180 American, plus a \$70 instructor fee, plus a \$50 user fee, cost for about a one hour flight totaling \$300. Connie asked him about in-flight user fees. Scott said that a typical user fee for a round trip flight is \$45. Aviation fuel in Ireland is about \$6.50 American per gallon. Many foreign students come to America to learn to fly.

Woody Fowler suggested contributing to the AOPA Political Action Committee which is fighting user fees being imposed in this country. Tom Griffith said that EAA also has a fund to fight user fees. George McDaniel moved that the chapter instruct Don Thompson to check into organizations fighting user fees at Air Venture 2007 and to report back to the chapter. Roger Nahal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Don Thompson said that general aviation here is at low ebb because of rising fuel and insurance costs. There are bargains to be had in the sale of used aircraft. There is a Cessna 310 for sale at Torrance Airport for \$50,000. Don said that if user fees can be defeated in Congress this year the issue may not return for eight years.

Woody Fowler has an unfinished Zenith "Challenger" kit. He is co-owner of this tandem two-seater airplane. The kit must be finished and airworthiness certified by January 30, 2008. If not certified it cannot be flown as a new kit-built experimental ultralight. He said equipped with a transponder the Challenger can fly into Long Beach Airport. Woody said that Elsinore Airport will eventually close.

Mike Sawicki told members that Cessna management has decided to build their LSA model.

Connie told members that Rob Machado has indicated an interest in being a program presenter at a future Chapter 7 meeting.

PROGRAM

Mike Sawicki showed a film of Rob Machado about being a flight instructor.

REFRESHMENTS

August OPEN



2007 Chapter Membership Application

Please complete and return this with your payment so we can update our files

Chapter membership dues are \$12.00 / yr. Please help us to verify your personal information. Members with e-mail will receive the chapter newsletter and membership list via e-mail for their review. Members without e-mail can request copies of the chapter membership at the meetings. Return the completed form to the Membership Chairman, Chapter Treasurer, or any Chapter Officer.

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

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FAA Ratings: Student Private Pilot Commercial CFI CFII
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 SEL (Sgl Eng Land) Seaplane / Amphib. Other (Specify) _____

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Kit / Plans _____ Status (%) _____

Experience / Equipment / Advise / Help / Use / Loan, etc. _____

Interests / Favorite Meeting Topics _____

Suggestions _____

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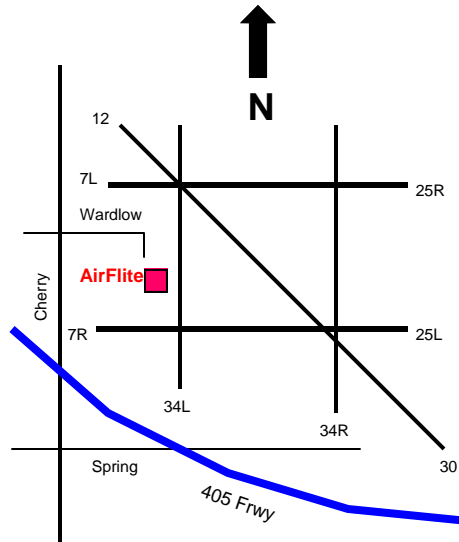
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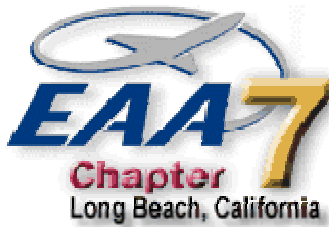
We meet at the **AirFlite** facility on the Long Beach Airport. **AirFlite** is located on the west side of the airport near the C-17 building. Go east on Wardlow Road from Cherry Avenue to the **AirFlite** sign. Turn right, go to the large parking lot at the end and park. Go upstairs to the third floor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