



Chapter Seven *Long Beach*

President's Message

by **John Mahany, CFI**

Happy New Year! This is my first newsletter column as President. I am looking forward to serving EAA Chapter 7 in this capacity! I do appreciate this opportunity! I would like to thank our outgoing President, George McDaniel, and the other officers, for the fine job that he and they have done these past few years. George's enthusiasm is infectious! Following George will be a tough act to follow, but I will give it at least 100%. I look forward to working together with both the other Officers as well as all of you as members, to make this the best Chapter possible, as well as a model for other chapters to follow!

While you know me as a pilot, CFI, and Flight Advisor, I have had a 'passion' for flying, for as long as I can remember. I have been involved in aviation throughout most of my career, except for the few times when I have been out of work, which also seems to be part of a career in aviation. However, interestingly, there has been no one else in my immediate family with any interest or involvement in aviation, to guide me. But, my family has always been very supportive of my aviation pursuits. I built my first model when I was about 4 years old. In fact, I was a 'builder' before I became a 'flyer', building many model airplanes, when I was much younger! Way back in about 1960, when I was 5, my dad would occasionally drive me down to Lunken Airport in Cincinnati, and I would watch airplanes takeoff and land, while he would read a magazine. So, I guess I have been an 'airport bum' for a long time!

Fast forward a few years. My first interest was in becoming an airline pilot, simply because I was not really aware of 'general aviation' as a career possibility. It is when I learned to fly, after college, that I really discovered general aviation, and all that it encompassed! While I have worked for several airlines over the years, GA is really where my heart is! There are many exciting things happening here in general aviation, from new developments in avionics to the new Sport Pilot Certificate!

I have also been fortunate, through my work as both pilot and CFI, to have had the opportunity to fly a wide variety of aircraft over the years, including gliders.

I am open to ideas...and hope that we as a chapter will have events and activities that can encourage all who are able to, to participate.

Finally, this is YOUR Chapter! I encourage each of you to participate!

I am looking forward to the New Year...

John

VP's Chat Room

By **Connie Anderson**

Program -- January 13, 2005

First, I would like to thank the membership of Chapter 7 for electing me to the position of Vice President. Secondly, I would like to wish you all a Very Happy New Year.

I will work hard to bring you some great programs. At our January meeting we are having as Major Fredric Arnold phrase it "Unusual Speaker". Major Arnold completed fifty combat missions as a P-38 fighter Pilot in North Africa during World War II. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters. There are many firsts for Major Arnold but you will have to come to the January meeting to find out what other accomplishments he has to his name.

I am in the process of setting up other programs, In March Scott Walton has scheduled for us to have the Air Support from the L A P D, and I know this will be a great program. If there is program you feel the member might enjoy please feel free to tell me about it. You can contact me by phone at 951/940-8091 or e-mail CA_4RE1@verizon.net. I know later in the year we are going to have a Master Composite instructor show us some things about composite building.

I am looking forward to the New Year and what it will bring to the chapter. See Mike's list of Fly-ins so you can mark your calendars for Marysville, Oshkosh and Copperstate Fly-Ins.

2005 Membership List

Payment of dues for FY 2005 are being accepted. Please see the Chapter Treasurer, Woody Fowler or Don Thompson, Treasurer for 2005 at the meeting to renew your membership for the coming year. 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. Please specify MS-Excel or Adobe Acrobat format.

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

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.**

Your EAA Membership Benefits What They Are and How They've Changed

We're often asked "what are the benefits of belonging to EAA?" The answer can be a long one depending on what that individual's interests are as EAA has a vast offering of benefits and services. And they are evolving and improving all the time. But let's just start with the basics and explore what's new in a \$40 EAA membership.

Every member receives his/her choice of a monthly magazine. EAA SPORT AVIATION is the flagship monthly publication for members interested in the broad scope of recreational aviation with editorial geared to the flying, buying, building, restoring and maintaining of all types of aircraft. We are currently in the process of expanding our coverage of production aircraft news and hands-on topics. EAA SPORT PILOT & LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT magazine is new just this year and its editorial is aimed at those who'll fly the newest special light-sport aircraft, including fixed wings, trikes, powered parachutes, gyrocopters, gliders, and Part 103 ultralights. Your membership includes a choice of either membership or you can add on the additional magazine.

EAA member benefits at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh each year have also increased. Now members not only have greatly reduced admission fees, but you'll receive discounts on specially priced meals from several food vendors, have access to the members-only internet café, and enjoy member events in the new EAA Member Village near AeroShell Square. And the list will be sure to evolve over the next few months as we set plans for the 2005 event happening July 25-31. Watch this space for more details on "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration."

EAA's Insurance Program has expanded with the addition of insurance for students and renters. This non-owner insurance plan is Sport Pilot-ready. In addition EAA, and Falcon Insurance have developed an outstanding insurance plan for all types of aircraft including expanded coverage, service and great pricing

for members. Call today for a free quote at 866-647-4322 or visit www.eaa.org. EAA membership also includes preferred rates on other lines of personal insurance.

With the new Sport Pilot movement, EAA's technical team is the leader in helping all aviators understand what the new ruling means and how it helps reduce the traditional time and cost barriers associated with training and aircraft ownership. We have a special brochure series that answers many of the questions members have on this topic. If you'd like to receive this information or have a question on Sport Pilot, please don't hesitate to give us a call or visit the website at www.sportpilot.org.

Another new benefit of EAA membership this year is unlimited admission to the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. That's right all members can visit the museum as often as they like-- at no additional charge.

The EAA membership umbrella includes the wonderful ability to join a local chapter and participate in all of its activities. Plus, EAA members also have the opportunity to join one or all of EAA's affiliate organizations: EAA Warbirds of America, EAA's Vintage Aircraft Association, and the International Aerobatic Club division of EAA. Plus, an affiliate of EAA is the National Association of Flight Instructors. The EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council reaffirms EAA's commitment to its homebuilding roots. There's something for everyone!

With the EAA Flight Planner, EAA members can easily plan a VFR flight, view a route on current maps (including Sectional, WACs and other) check NOTAMs and weather, file with DUATs and many other functions. This \$50 value is free for EAA members, just check out the website at www.eaa.org for more information.

For individual services, EAA provides a wealth of educational and technical benefits. Access to pilot programs such as EAA Technical Counselors, Flight Advisors, Aeromedical Advisors, and Aviation Information Services representatives are ready to answer your aviation questions at 888/322-4636. EAA's education opportunities include SportAir workshops held around the country – the perfect place to learn about aircraft building and restoration. Call 800/967-5746 for all the details.

Working with kids via the EAA Young Eagles program gives the next generation of aviation enthusiasts the chance to take to the sky. EAA members provide an introductory flight experience for kids aged 8-17 – members have flown more than 1,100,000 Young Eagles since the program's inception. Call 877/806-8902 for more information. EAA's Air Academy aviation camps provide a resident camp at Oshkosh headquarters for youth who are aged 12-18 interested in aviation. Reach the Air Academy at 888/322-3229.

Finally, the discounts! Great deals and discounts for EAA members abound: you can save on everything from member discounts on Ford vehicles, John Deere

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For more information on any of your EAA membership benefits we're at your assistance on-line at www.eaa.org or in person at 800/JOIN EAA (800/564-6322.)



John Mahany
Chapter 7 Member
Master CFI

It's the New Year, a time when some make resolutions. A few keep them. Did you make any resolutions regarding your flying? That might be something to think about. Depending on what kind of flying you do, or where you are with your flying and your flying skills, whether you are hoping to learn to fly someday or you are already licensed. Is it time to consider upgrading either your certificate or adding a rating? Or, perhaps you have been away from flying for some time, for any number of reasons. What about contacting a CFI and scheduling a Flight Review for sometime this spring? That should motivate you to get back into the books!

With all of the changes coming along, it would also be a good time to take inventory of your 'aviation library', or whatever collection of flying and training books and manuals you might have. Some may be old and out dated, and in need of being updated. What about your charts? They are on different revision cycles. A new LAX Terminal Chart was recently issued, on December 24, 2004.

What have you been putting off, that it is time to do? How about attending a Safety Seminar. There are many that are offered in the area, covering a wide variety of topics. You should be able to find one that interests you.

Do you set any goals for the year? How about a cross-country that you have been thinking about doing, that you have not been able to schedule. Is there an interesting destination that you have not been able to get to? Now may be the time to work it into your schedule.

Consider also quarterly goals. They might be easier to attain, rather than one big goal.

These are just a few ideas. I always have a few in mind. Now, with my job at Flight Safety keeping me really busy, I have a goal to fly 50 hours a year. It is not a lot, but I hope to be able to at least make this!

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.

★ **Jan 8 - 9:** Upland, CA. Cable Airport, Pomona Valley Pilots Assn with participation of EAA Chapter 448. Ctc:

First Flight - Pulsar Takes Wing by Bob Hartunian

During the 4 years of building on weekends in my garage and then another 2+ years in the hangar, the Pulsar XP plane finally was ready for first flight in November. All the recommendations from knowledgeable folks say to keep a low profile from observers at this time so as not to have pressure to fly if all isn't ready. With that in mind, a small crowd of about 20 locals at the airport hung around that Friday waiting for something to happen; I didn't know half of them.

Russ Cronk is a very skilled pilot and has performed many first flights for guys here in Big Bear and graciously volunteered to do mine. I warmed up the plane around late morning on that clear, calm day, checked over everything to be sure she was in safe condition. Russ and I spoke a little about what to do and I familiarized him with the details of the electronic instrumentation for the engine. He climbed in and started the engine with everything looking good. Then as he taxied toward the runup area, the rudder jammed. A quick look by Mr. Builder, me, disclosed a couple of washers missing from the linkage which were omitted during reassembly after painting in Oct. Fixed that in an hour and Russ again took control. He started the engine and verified the rudder was functioning. Then on to the runup area for an ignition test and she was ready. He did a runway lift and then back down to feel the controls and took off heading west with me on the handheld radio listening for anything he said.

Out over the lake, Russ called indicating a problem. The engine was running very rough and shaking everything. He turned back and made a great downwind landing, taxied over to my hangar and we started searching for the problem. Thinking I had found a subtle vent problem with the carburetors, I modified them and Russ tried again. Once more, out over the lake, the same situation occurred and back he came to land. This time I wanted to completely diagnose the fuel system and we called it quits.

During the next week, I discovered that the fuel volume coming from the right tank was low and that was the tank supplying fuel during his flights. I simplified the lines and found a quick-disconnect may not have been fully engaged. Took it out and ran fuel flow tests right at each carb to verify all was now flowing sufficiently.

Russ is a persistent guy and once more secured himself in the cockpit a week later. This time the flight went as planned with the engine running smoothly and he did a pass over the field before landing smoothly. He had flown at 135mph indicated and had more throttle to use. There were some trim issues that need adjusting on future flights but at least she flew as intended. My thanks to Russ for his patience and flying skills. Now it's my turn to fly out of our airport and land in one piece.

Bob

So-Cal Corner

My sincere thanks to the chapters that are participating in the newsletter exchange between the southern California chapters. It is a source of news of other chapters in the immediate area. The classifieds in the newsletter are a good source of parts without having to buy sight unseen or have shipped cross-country. I urge you to support these other chapters and you may want to attend some of their events. Newsletter editors: please direct your snail-mail exchange newsletter to: **22380 Rios Ave., Perris, CA 92570-9265** or e-mail to: always1@verizon.net

EAA Chapter One. Flabob Airport, Rubidoux, CA. Elections are over and Jim Pyle is still at the helm. Looking to members to assist in re-energizing the chapter. Chapter working to refresh their Young Eagle and Air Academy plans. Applying for 501(c)(3) tax status.

EAA Chapter 11: Santa Monica, CA Newsletter bi-monthly. Miss receiving their newsletter. Maybe again soon.

EAA Chapter 14. Brown Field, San Diego, CA. Moving into the e-mail distribution of their newsletter. Weekly open house with donuts & coffee. Next meeting Jan 15. Open house every Saturday. Thanks Kerry. Web site: <http://www.eaa14.org>

EAA Chapter 40. Van Nuys, CA. Meet at Whiteman A/P 3rd Sat. 9 a.m. Great turn out for their YE event in Dec at VNY. Forming chapter hangar at Whiteman. Working on their 501-c-3 status. New website: <http://www.eaa40.org>.

EAA Chapter 49. Lancaster, CA. These guys are "active" with many plans for the new year. Mike Melville to be guest speaker at dinner meeting. See their newsletter for details. Change of editor, wish him luck.

EAA Chapter 92: Orange County, CA. Moved to Coco's at Lake & Barranca. Excellent turnout. Hope they have room to expand. Would like to exchange newsletters if possible. Web site: <http://www.eaa92.org>

EAA Chapter 96. Torrance, CA. Jack Kenton keeping me informed of CPA activity. Lots of new projects and some completions recently. Looking for active new year. Two have moved planes to Chino for test flight and time to fly off.

Hangar space avail. Lots of info and items for sale. Web site: <http://www.eaa96.org>

EAA Chapter 71. Bakersfield, CA. They're back! Well, they were for a while. Hope to hear from them again soon. Home of Harmon Rockets.

EAA Chapter 224, Alhambra, CA. Meets third Tuesday at El Monte airport admin bldg. 8 p.m. Several projects underway. Active, just need more members. Only 10 at last meeting.

EAA Chapter 494, Corona, CA. Chapter hanger, lots of projects moving right along.

EAA Chapter 527, Santa Barbara, CA. Haven't hear from them in a while. Hope to exchange newsletters again.

EAA Chapter 768, Apple Valley, CA. Discussions of who will control airport area, the county or the city. Web site: <http://www.eaa-768.org>

EAA Chapter 1000: Edwards AFB, CA. New members adding to roles. Lots of visits to projects. The Project Police keep them on their toes. Web site: <http://www.eaa1000.av.org>

EAA Chapter 1116: Bermuda Dunes, CA. Change of meeting place due to schedule of museum. Good cross-country story. Program on availability of aircraft fuels.

EAA Chapter 1279: Murrieta-Temecula, CA. French Valley Airport. Last Sunday of month, 2 p.m. Lots of projects in the pot, including an RV-10. **New** designed web site: <http://www.eaa1279.org>

At this time I want to thank all the participating chapters. We look forward to other chapters joining the exchange. I wish I could publish all the interesting articles I read in the various newsletters.



**The
Eagles Nest**
by *Sam White*

Darwyn and I both agreed that a Young Eagles Day in January would catch everyone off balance in that the holidays are just ending.

We looked at the Saturday, 12th of February at Long Beach. This day will give Darwyn and I time to orient ourselves. I've got lots to learn. This will also give us time to notify the pilots and ground crew.

Winter weather being what it may, the next rally will most likely take place in February or March. We can always use additional ground personnel. If you haven't experienced seeing the smiles on these kids, you are missing out on where it all really begins. Volunteer and get that warm feeling that comes when giving service.

Thanks much, Sam.

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Secretary's Notepad

Submitted by
Merv Meyer
Chapter Secretary



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting of Dec 9, 2004

The regular board meeting was pre-empted by the Annual Chapter Christmas Party held at AirFlite.

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

MEETING MINUTES General Meeting -- Dec 9, 2004

ATTENDANCE: 53.

Don Thompson, Chapter Vice-President, led members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OLD BUSINESS

Old business was dispensed since the entire evening was taken with the activities of the Chapter Christmas Party.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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George McDaniel, Chapter President, arrived late due to work commitments. Everyone present was glad to see him and his family arrive.

George presented awards to chapter members who contributed much to the workings of the chapter and the service they provided in their respective offices.

PROGRAM

Due to the scheduling of the Annual Christmas Party, the normal program was dispensed. 53 persons attended the Christmas party held at AirFlite, among which we had 17 spouses and female guests. The pot-luck provided plenty of food for all attendees. Thanks to Don Thompson for cooking a couple turkeys and making "four" different types of dressing. Crockpots kept many of the hot dishes warm. Mike Sawicki's portable buffet kitchen had all six sterno cans going as the steam trays kept the entrees warm.

There was no lack of desserts with pies, cakes, cookies and candy. Refreshments were handled by George McDaniel with the assistance of several members that came to his aid.

The highlight of the evening came as the gift exchange began and the "stealing" between members increased. Scott Walton brought a package of home-made beer which was won by a member definitely older than 21. All in all everyone had a great time as the party rolled to a close at 9:45 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS

January Connie Anderson

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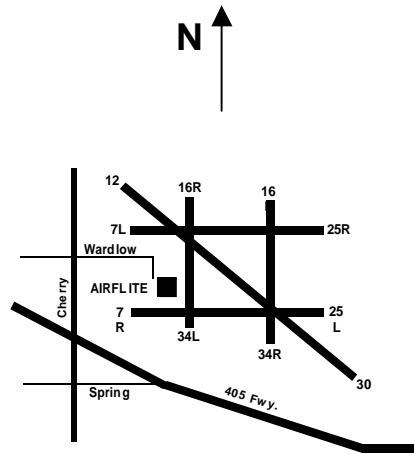
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EAA Chapter 7 meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

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: www.eaa7.org

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EAA Chapter Seven exists as a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to promote the interests of its members. EAA Chapter Officers, Directors and Leaders serve without compensation and have sworn to carry out the will of the membership by means of Democratic processes and rules of order set forth in the Chapter's by-laws. No claim is made and no liability is assumed, expressed or implied as to the accuracy or safety of material presented in this publication. Viewpoints of those who contribute to this newsletter are not necessarily those of EAA Chapter 7, the EAA, or their board members. You must be of good character, adhere to the chapter's by-laws, and respect the chapter's Mission and Value Statement to become a member of the chapter. Dues are \$12.00 per year payable to Chapter Treasurer. Chapter dues are payable at the first meeting of the calendar year. New members joining after the first month are prorated at \$1.00 per month through December of the calendar year. Member correspondence and newsletter contributions are encouraged which can be submitted by mail to the address appearing on this page or my e-mail.



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