

President's Message

by **Don Thompson**

Greetings Chapter 7 Members,

Saturday, September 27, after the fog lifted from Long Beach Airport, I flew the C-150 to Chapter 1 Open House at Flabob Airport. How I wish that airport was here, in LGB, instead of there! Pushing into a parking slot a little after 11 a.m., I was ready to walk, and talk airplanes. Lunch was item #3 on the list of To Do's.

I met up with lots of friends as the day moved on. Some Chapter 7 members appeared, joining in the festivities. Our EAA President, Tom Poberezny, addressed the whole crowd, reaffirming EAA's place in the world of aviation. Tom Walthan, Burt Rutan & Ray Stitts also attended the day's events. GREAT DAY!

Now, listen up. Our time is here to help make this year's local events a great success. First is "Wings/Wheels and Rotors" at Los Alamitos Airfield, October 26th. Holly will need your help with the booth and kids. Call her, 714-397-3430, and sign up for the day. Just one day.

Second is "Wings Over Long Beach" at our airport, November 15th and 16th. Help is needed in many areas. Sign up to help at www.wingsoverlongbeach.com or contact Leana Marshall at 714-527-6107.

You can sit on the sidelines for these events or help make them a success with a few volunteer hours. Join in. Now is the time. I will be there.

Don T.

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

— *Words of Wysdom from Larry the Cable Guy*

HANGAR Flyin'

by **Scott Walton, Ch 7 VP**

Hi Folks,

The program for the October 9th meeting will be a Presentation by one of Long Beach Fire Department's Finest. Steve Jensen will talk about Fire and Rescue operations at Long Beach Airport and hopefully bring one of the Rigs over to show us all. Steve is not only assigned to the Long Beach Airport Fire Station, but he also has a plane on the S-Cap flight line.



PROGRAM — Oct 9, 2008

This last week I received a message from EAA Oshkosh about "Strategic Planning" for 2009. Yep, it's right around the corner. To me, Strategic Planning means programs. I have been very happy with the programs this year, but that's just me. It's been said, "The cook never thinks the stew is too salty". So let me know what you think. I intend to run for Vice President of Chapter 7 again, but if I'm not elected, I will pass on whatever ideas I get to the next VP. Most of my speaker ideas this past year were from the membership at large.

Thanks to you all and keep those good ideas coming!

Fly Safe,

Scott

Life isn't like a box of chocolates. It's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today, might burn your butt tomorrow.

— *Words of Wysdom from Larry the Cable Guy*

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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.

Aircraft of the Month



by John Mahany
Chptr Flt Advisor
2007 Master CFI

Greetings Chapter 7 Members,

The FAA's Wings Program as we know it, has been undergoing a major overhaul. The previous program ceased to exist as of October 31, 2006. The new program went into effect on January 1, 2008. The participation in the Wings Program was poor, with only 1.5% of the pilot population enrolled. That's 1.5 % of about 600, 000 pilots who hold a medical, which works out to about 9,000 pilots. This is not good. I learned this from an acquaintance at the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI), which I am a member of.

Partly because of this, and in an attempt to better address safety issues, the FAA's Safety Program has been completely overhauled. But the transition to the new program, called the FAASafety, has not been smooth. I would compare it to 'trying to change a tire on a moving car'. You get the idea. It has not been easy. All of us who have been involved previously have had to re-apply to be involved again. This is like re-inventing the wheel.

I submitted an application via the FAASafety website. www.faasafety.gov, in August, 2007, and finally received notification that my application was approved in March, 2008. Now I am officially a FAASafety Rep, for Long Beach. But I have not done anything, yet. Stay tuned. I was involved before and participated as an Aviation Safety Counselor, putting on Safety Seminars for pilots on a variety of topics. I enjoyed being involved with this. Now the program will host safety programs depending on the need for a particular issue to be addressed, if I understand it correctly. This is an attempt to address timely safety issues as they arise.

Due to the many changes in the program, the word has been slow to get out on the new FAASafety, as it is now called. I can tell you that the previous programs many levels or phases of wings, which numbered 20, has been replaced with a new program consisting of 3 levels of participation, Basic, Master and Advanced. To participate now, you will need to log into the website and register, to track your progress in the program.

Stay tuned for more information next month as I learn more about this, and how it works.

John



The Eagles' Nest

by

Holly Richards

EAA Chapter 7

Young Eagles Coordinator

Hello and Happy Fall to all my friends and family at Chapter 7, Long Beach!

I would like to ask everyone to set aside two (2) important dates this month.

First, we have a YoungEagles Rally scheduled for **October 11, 2008** at Long Beach, weather permitting. We have 30 cub scouts lined up for this event, so we could use some help!

Secondly, please mark **October 26, 2008** (Sunday) open for the Wings, Wheels and Rotor Show out at Los Alamitos Joint Forces Base. We are anticipating 300 Young Eagles to fly at this event, so we need ALL HANDS ON DECK! If you are a pilot, a member of EAA, and would like to fly Young Eagles off this Base, there is still time to get your paperwork turned in to fly this event. Please feel free to call me at 714-397-3430 with any questions regarding this show. I'd like to have a serious count of Pilots and Ground Crew for these events no later than October 9, 2008. So, come one and all to have fun and help with these Young Eagles Rallies. Don't miss out on our BIGGEST event of the year! Hope to see you there!

Blessings,

Holly

Classified Section

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For Sale: Mazda 13-B mid 80's era. Was going to convert using belt drive from '87 contact magazine. I have a Lycoming.) One engine complete, one in a "basket" plus a pile of Mazda underhood and a points type distributor. See photo. (engine in the shade at the top.)



I need the space. it's moving outside to become junk soon. make friendly offer or will swap for?? You haul.

Louis Bigelow Sasquatchbhs@yahoo.com Tel: 562 / 698-6863.

★ Calendar of Events ★

We will soon be 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.**

Oct 18: Riverside, CA. Bi-plane Fly-In Starduster Homecoming, Flabob Airport. For reservation ctc Kathy Rohm 1-951-683-2309 Ext 104, or e-mail kathy@flabob.org

Oct 26: Los Alamitos, CA. 7th Annual Wings, Wheels & Rotors. Los Alamitos Army Airfield. Free admission. Vendors see www.reexpo.com

Nov 1: Thermal, CA. Jacqueline Cochran Airport, airshow, night aerobatics.

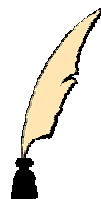
Nov 1: Riverside, CA. Flabob Veterans' Day celebration.

Nov 6-8: San Jose, CA. AOPA Annual Convention. Register at www.aopa.org/expo/register or call 1-888-462-3976.

If you are aware of any upcoming shows or chapter events not listed here, please forward information to me at always1@verizon.net

Secretary's Notepad

by Merv Meyer, Chapter 7 Secretary



BOARD MEETING — Sep 11, 2008

Present were Don Thompson, Chapter President, Mike Sawicki, Newsletter Editor, George McDaniel, Chapter Treasurer, Merv Meyer, Chapter Secretary and Don Myhra. Don told the board that the Chapter had been invited to Fullerton Airport Day, Saturday September 11. Don has the tent, the tables and chairs to set up for the event at the airport. He will contact Holly Richards, Young Eagles Coordinator, to get handouts about the Young Eagles program. Holly is not at the meeting tonight. He needs volunteers to help him to set up and to talk to visitors about the EAA and the Young Eagles program. The Young Eagles event will be at the AeroFlite ramp on Saturday, October 11. The Wings, Wheels and Rotors event will be at the military reserve air base in Los Alamitos on Sunday, October 26. The paperwork for the chapter's participation in Wings, Wheels and Rotors has been started. Holly Richards will make contact with Chapter 96. She will report back on Chapter 96's participation.

In November Chapter 7 will have two tents instead of one tent at the Wings over Long Beach event. Don is planning on spotting two home built next to the chapter tents. Volunteers will be needed for the tents.

Don will buy the turkeys for the chapter Christmas party to be held in our meeting space in the AeroFlite building. He asked Mike Sawicki to advertise the Christmas party in the newsletter. Mike Sawicki and Connie Anderson will head up the preparations for the Christmas dinner.

GENERAL MEETING — Sep 11, 2008

Attendance: **31**

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

OLD BUSINESS

George McDaniel, Chapter Treasurer, gave his report. Tom Griffith moved that the report be accepted. Don Myhra seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DVD's, videotapes and manuals are available for check-out at a table next to the officers' table. Louis Bigelow has donated data discs of the AC4313 1-B manual to the chapter. There are still two discs available. Since the last meeting a new DVD has been added to the library. This one is about the Legal Eagle ultralight. The DVD is wrapped in a spec sheet about the Legal Eagle ultralight and the Double Eagle two-seater.

NEW BUSINESS

Guests were introduced:

MELVIN and DENISE FONTE Melvin is a student pilot. He soloed in a Cessna 172 two weeks ago. He now has 37 hours flight time.

STEVE LISSMANN Steve has completed a Coot amphibian. He has not yet set a date for the test flight.

Don Thompson told members that the chapter now has 68 members.

Don said that Scott Walton, Vice President, is working a new shift as an LAPD officer and is not present tonight. He will not always be able to attend a Thursday night meeting. Scott did send refreshments.

Don asked for volunteers to help at the Fullerton Airport on Saturday, September 13. The chapter tent will be set up there about 7:30 AM. Hal Raasch, the event coordinator at Fullerton Airport told Don that classic antique airplanes will be on display. Don told members that the next Young Eagles event will be on

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

Saturday, October 11 at the AeroFlite ramp. The Wings, Wheels and Rotors event will be on Sunday, October 26 at Los Alamitos. Last year pilots from Chapters 7, 92 and 96 flew 226 Young Eagles in 27 airplanes. The weekend of November 15 and 16 Wings over Long Beach will be held at Long Beach Airport. Chapter 7 will set up two tents. Don intends to have two homebuilt projects set up by the tents.

Mike Sawicki, Newsletter Editor, has listed coming events throughout southern California, at Fullerton, Flabob and Compton.

Merv Meyer, Chapter Secretary, told members about two new DVD's added to the chapter library. One DVD is about the Challenger, a tandem two-seater LSA, and the other is about the Pazmany PL9, an STOL side-by-side two-seater. The design is based upon the Fieseler " Storch" a German airplane built in the 40's.

Don told members about the open house on October 4 at the Agua Dulce Airport in the hill country on the way to Palmdale. There is always a good party there for visitors who fly in. Because of the terrain it is a challenging place to land. Don has a contact phone number and e-mail address for anybody who is interested in visiting Agua Dulce.

Tom Griffith told members about unexpected hospitality in Oregon on a recent flight. He and his wife were headed for Michigan to celebrate their daughter's 50th birthday. On a stop at Shelter Cove, OR they found out that there was no fuel at the airport. There was only half the fuel necessary to make it to the next stop, Coos Bay. Diverting through a cloudy sky over hills and valleys and using the GPS they located the next airport near the small town called Powers. Circling the area Tom found the airport windsock. Besides the windsock there was only a hangar. After landing at the airstrip they found nobody at the airport. The AOPA guide informed them that the town of Powell was 11/4 miles from the airstrip. Walking to town they were picked up by a lady who told them that her friend owned the gasoline station in town. Tom got two five gallon cans of 87 octane automobile fuel. Standing on a pickup truck bed he was able to get most of the fuel into the airplane, and he and his wife were on their way again. Mike Sawicki told about his experience with hospitality in Oregon. He was visiting relatives in Oregon and the closest airport was a strip of grass used by fire fighting airplanes. The approach was over telephone lines, toward a hillside. Mike was flying a Cheetah which has short field landing capability. A man emerged from a house near the landing strip. He knew the people they were going to visit and drove Mike and his passengers to their destination.

George McDaniel told members that a recent survey showed that 60% of students drop out before they solo. He said that pilot instructors pay more attention to their students. He said that whether a pilot is involved the EAA or the CAP, that pilot learns something from every flight.

Recently Don Thompson made a breakfast run to Fox Field near Lancaster. He recommended visiting the air museum there. Tom Griffith recommended the large Evergreen Air Museum located at the airport in McMinnville, Oregon. The eight engine Hughes flying boat is housed inside the museum. For \$50 a visitor will be escorted by a docent inside the airplane, but not inside the cockpit.

Al Gibbs warned members planning on visiting Hawaii that air traffic over the big island is heavy.

Don Thompson said that the newsletter is a two-way street.

Information is put out in the newsletter and information from members is expected in return.

Mike Sawicki asked chapter members to provide him with photos for the newsletter of interesting places they have seen on flight trips.

PROGRAM

Gary Reeves gave an analysis of an accident following a landing which injured him and totaled his Cessna 172.

A lot of little things not done right caused the emergency which caused him to make an emergency landing. Pre-flight inspection checked out. On a flight over Texas he got an indication he was suddenly not getting fuel to the engine. He called mayday to the nearest flight control center (Longhorn Center). Longhorn Center acknowledged his emergency and referred him to the nearest airport, 7 miles away. He was almost out of fuel so he planned an immediate emergency landing. There was a highway below which would have provided a solid landing surface, but there was heavy truck traffic and the terrain was not flat but rolling. Gary thought that if he landed on the highway a truck approaching over a hill rise could not be stopped before running into his plane. He elected to land his plane on a field near the highway. He made an approach to land diagonally across the field to give himself a longer landing distance. The field was a heavily watered cow pasture. He made a safe emergency landing but at touchdown the nose-wheel jammed into the soft soil and snapped off. The airplane flipped up, tail over nose and onto its back. Gary and his two passengers got out of the airplane, but Gary was unable to stand up. He cracked three vertebrae. His two passengers had lesser injuries.

The NTSB investigators dismantled the airplane. It was concluded that an unsecured fuel input line came loose. On the check flight after production, on February 19, 2007, a loss of engine power like he experienced was reported. An installer who was an intern did not torque the fittings but finger tightened the fittings in the engine compartment. A factory inspector passed the intern's work.

Gary said that he does not fault the product; the Cessna 172 is a fine airplane. The problem was caused by short staffing and an incompetent inspector. The NTSB concluded that contributing factors were fuel starvation, terrain condition, a proper descent rate was not maintained and the landing terrain was not suitable.

Things Gary did right were:

He did a complete pre-flight

He used another pilot to read the check list.

Although he did not file a flight plan he made sure he was going to be monitored by flight following.

He wore a four point attachment safety belt. If he had not been adequately strapped in his neck would have been broken.

Things Gary did wrong were:

He assumed that a new airplane won't break.

He flew a new airplane at night over unfamiliar terrain.

Gary said that it is important, when monitored by flight-following, not to change radio frequency or transponder squawk.

REFRESHMENTS

October Alex Culp
November Steve Jensen
January Arnold Frerking

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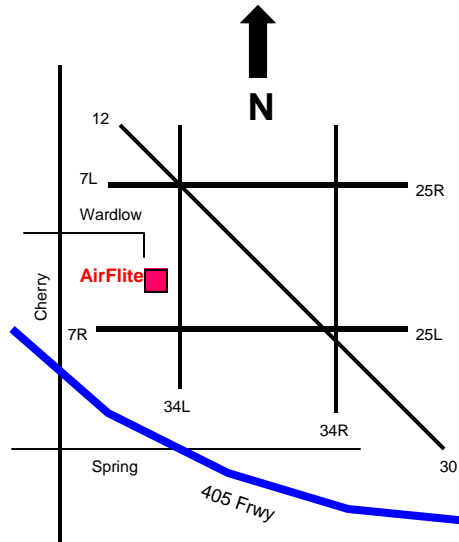
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EAA Chapter 7
meets on the second Thursday of
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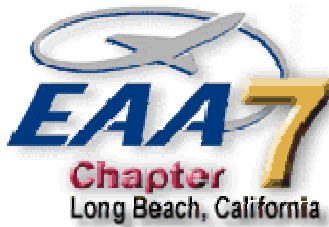
We meet at the **AirFlite** facility on the Long Beach Airport. **AirFlite** is located on the west side of the airport near the C-17 building. Go east on Wardlow Road from Cherry Avenue to the **AirFlite** sign. Turn right, go to the large parking lot at the end and park. Go upstairs to the third floor with the large open area.

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

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