



Spirit of Flight

Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 14: San Diego, CA

March 2024



View of the ramp at the February Young Eagles rally.. Photo by Ryan. 2/10

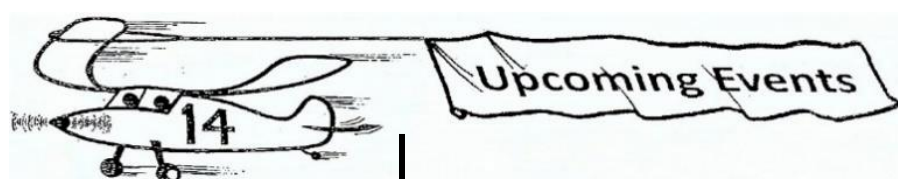


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March 9th—Young Eagles Rally

March 16th—Pancake Breakfast and
Membership Meeting: Rob Reddig from
San Diego TRACON

April 6th—Lunch at Chapter Hangars

April 13th—Young Eagles Rally

April 20th—Pancake Breakfast and
Membership Meeting: San Diego FSDO
representative Michael Reys

Chapter Briefing

EAA Chapter 14
Members



Chapter Activities: Information provided by Chapter members.

Week ending Feb 3: Good weather at the start and end of the week saw Trevor Pearson and Jim Mac Kinnon take to the skies, while other members worked on their planes. Ryan was busy doing some early Spring cleaning around the hangars. Member Devin Acklin prepared a hot meal of grilled brats, onions, and peppers, along with all the fixings on the first Saturday – much appreciated by the hungry members that stopped by.

Devin Acklin prepares brats, onions, and peppers for February's First Saturday lunch.
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Week ending Feb 10: This week saw unusually heavy rain and wind throughout the week, but our area was relatively unscathed – at least we now know where the leaks are so we



Chapter members gather for lunch on a First Saturday. 2/3

can repair them in the dry weather! But on Saturday, Young Eagles Day, the sky was bright blue and clear, and our parking lot and hangars were full of Young Eagles and their parents, eager to be out and about after the rains. Our Young Eagle pilots, including Chris Constantinides, Trevor Pearson, Jonathan Robbins, and Abraham Talerma, were busy all morning giving introductory rides, and as always, Trinidad and Sharon Lopez were busy serving up a filling hamburger/hot dog lunch – around 75 lunches this time. They brought along a Valentine's Day cake as an additional treat for lunch, and YE volunteer Charlotte Robbins helped kids make valentines for their parents. There were a lot of smiling faces.



Ron Shipley gets his Aircoupe ready for Young Eagle flights on February's Second Saturday. 2/10

Week ending Feb 17: An EAA member in the Philadelphia area contacted the Chapter about accepting a donation of some tools. His 97 year old father who lives in the San Diego area was moving and he had been an A&P for PSA and United Airlines for many years and had a lot of wrenches and other tools that needed a new home. The son had built an RV-6 and an RV-10 and already had a full set of tools, but he figured a local Chapter might need some. Hangar Manager Ryan met the gentleman down at the Chapter and gratefully added the tools and rolling tool carts to our Tool Crib. It was a very welcome addition. As part of the cleanup after the last set of rain, Nigel Worrall and Ryan installed some gutters around some of the small hangars. Then they continued with Spring cleanup and cleaning. Our indefatigable Gary List tackled a large pothole and came out a winner. He has developed an excellent method of repair and we, as always, very much

appreciate his quickness to respond to this necessary maintenance. Saturday morning saw pancake breakfast stalwarts Kevin Roche and his son David prepare and serve our excellent blueberry pancake, eggs, and sausage breakfast. Of course, they couldn't have done it without Gary List, Jim MacKinnon, and Tony Quintal who consistently provide pre-cleanup and hangar setup – great examples of volunteers who keep the Chapter functioning. Chapter directors Rich Allison, Trinidad Lopez, and Ron Shipley conducted Ray Scholarship interviews before and after the Chapter program.

Week ending Feb 24: After lots of rain over the weekend, the weather turned sunny finally – great for flying, which a number of our members were observed doing. Jimmy Kennedy, Kerry Powell, and a representative from a paving company walked our leasehold to see if a previous bid for repair was still applicable. Big news was the flyout on Saturday, organized by Chris Constantinides. Among those who made the trip were Garry Adalian, Tania Alcala, Chris Constantinides, Rich Czarniecki, Phil Langford, Stephen Larew, Gary List, Mark Long, Gert Lundgren, Tony Quintal, Jonathan Robbins, Duane and Pauline Shockey. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter.

Jimmy Kennedy, Kerry Powell, and a paving contractor inspect our ramp to determine needed repairs. 2/22



General Meeting: Trinidad Lopez opened the meeting and welcomed Chapter members and guests. He reminded members to renew their membership for 2024 and reviewed upcoming events. He also encouraged members to nominate or apply for the two Ray Scholarship positions we had been awarded. He reminded the group we would be taking applications through the end of next month.

Kerry Powell, our Program Director, then introduced the program for the month, an EAA Webinar on MOSAIC (Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification). Prior to and after showing the webinar, Kerry provided an excellent overview of this very positive FAA change, as well as updates to the process that have occurred since the webinar was first available back in September 2023. Please see the October 2023 Spirit of Flight for a summation of the webinar points.



President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I am pleased to report that we have made our two selections for the 2024 Chapter Ray Aviation Foundation Scholarships. Please join us this second Saturday, March 9th, for Young Eagles day and our formal announcement and celebration. We will be serving a hamburger lunch and dessert. You are all invited.

Next Saturday, March 16th, will be our regular schedule of a pancake breakfast, Chapter Gathering, and presentation.

On the 4th Saturday of this month, March 23rd, we will be having our first work day to refurbish the library building for use as a multi-purpose classroom, and the new home for our certificated flight simulators. We need volunteers to help. Please contact myself or Donna if you're available. The workday will begin at 9:00 a.m. and ends at noon. Lunch is included. We will be serving homemade pizza.

One last note, our Chapter membership has now reached 200. That is the highest level in about 10 years. In order to maintain that level, I urge all of our current members to make sure they have renewed their membership for 2024.

Clear skies,

Trinidad Lopez



Seen at SDM

Photos by Jim MacKinnon



Cessna 195

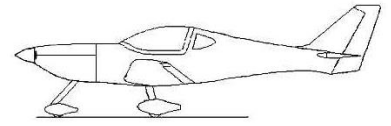


1953 DeHavilland DHC-2 Beaver



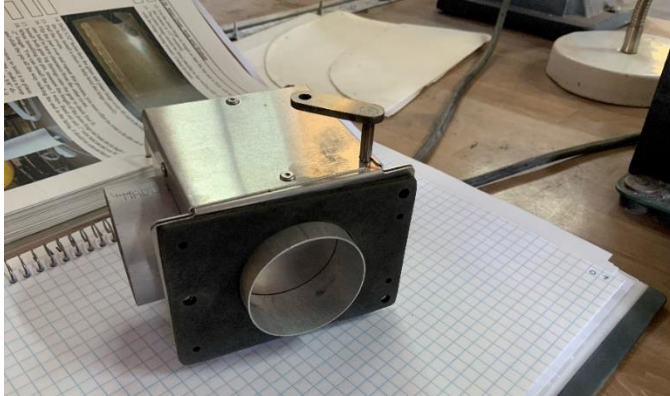
Building the Arion Lightning Classic – Phase 6

By: Nigel Worrall



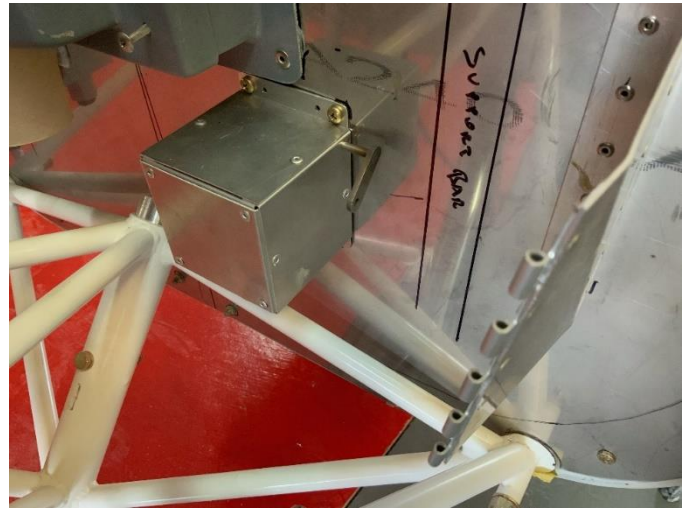
While it took a while to get back to Geronimo Aircraft in Marana, Arizona to work on my Arion Lightning, it was very satisfying to be back there and make more progress. Below are some steps and pictures that share what I accomplished on this visit.

While there wasn't anything dramatic this time, everything I did was necessary and means the project is moving forward – always a good thing! Looking forward to getting back there and making more progress soon.



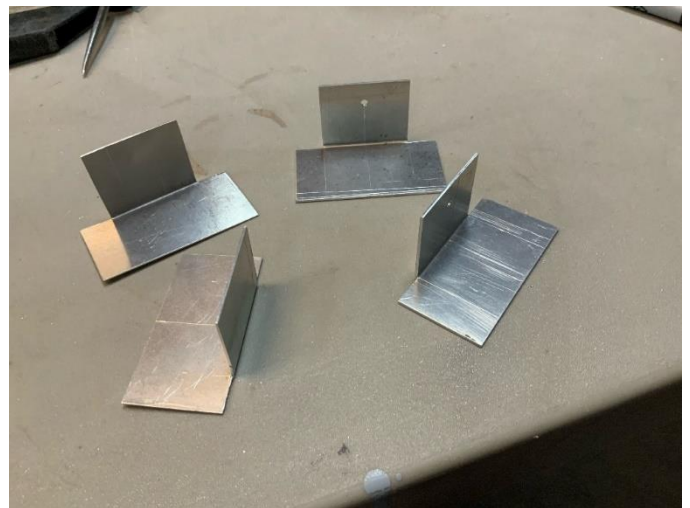
I then mounted the heater box on the firewall.

◀ I disassembled and reassembled the heater box into a different configuration.



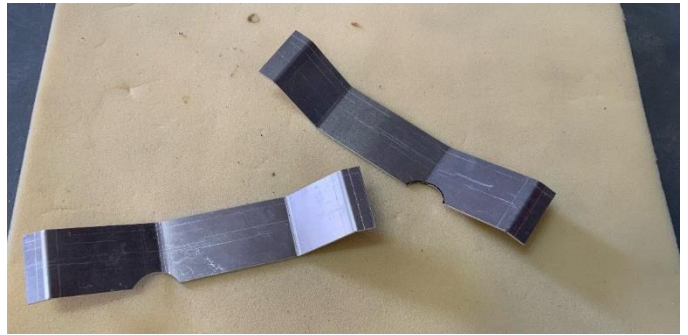
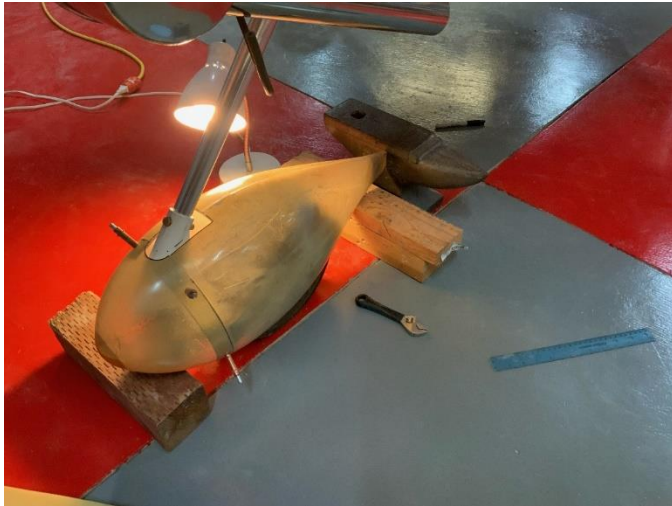
I made up landing light mounting brackets.

◀ I also finished cutting and shaping the floorboards for the baggage compartment. This is now ready for upholstery.



◀ Next I fabricated brackets for the nose gear to mount the nose gear wheel fairing.

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◀ I also mounted and shaped the openings for the nose gear wheel fairing. This was a day's work just to get it set right. ▼



◀ I discovered that the main landing gear wheel alignment was incorrect. So I unmounted and remounted the main gear using a more accurate method.



Ron Shipley prepares his Aircoupe for Young Eagles flights. ▶

February Young Eagles Rally

Photos by Ryan

◀ Charlotte describes her Valentine Card-making activity after Noah's safety briefing.



New Members

Donna Ryan

Welcome to our new members. The information below comes from their membership application. Some people just include the essentials; others expand a bit on their experience and we always appreciate that.

Look for them at the next meeting, introduce yourself and get to know them better. We very much appreciate their support.

Tania Alcalá is an ATP, CFI, CFII, MEI with 3 SIC type ratings – and she's glad to share these skills at the Chapter. She is also bilingual in English and Spanish. Among other interests she enjoys flying, traveling, and safety seminars. She has attended several of our Chapter programs.

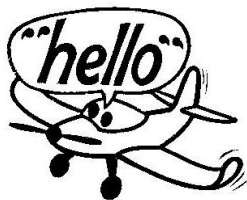
Bekk is a student who has been a volunteer with our Young Eagles program. He also helped with the Tri-Motor visit (even got a ride as a co-pilot) and states he is glad to help out with any Chapter project (we took him at his word awhile back and he helped dig out some bad asphalt after first enjoying a YE flight with Ryan). He hopes to get his pilot's license and is interested in learning more about tailwheels. He also likes baseball and cars.

Logan is also a student and Young Eagle who has a strong desire to be a pilot. He states he is a hard worker who is glad to help out. We'll certainly take him up on that.

Vicki Schwebach has a Piper J-3 Cub and has an ATP rating. She is glad to contribute information about career military/civilian flying and is interested in flying, hiking, backpacking, and travel.

Rick Van Tassell is an experienced airline pilot with B787, A320 type ratings. He heard about the Chapter from Tania Alcalá, another new member, and is willing to share his experience and instrument skills with our members.

Scott (Skye) Turner has been a big help with our Young Eagles program over the last few months. He is skilled in providing tech help and is interested in flying, STEM, and space. We really appreciate his support and expertise.



CHAPTER REE-UP 14

Last Call to Renew

Donna Ryan

Thanks to all of you who have already renewed your membership for 2024. We very much appreciate your support. But for those of you who haven't yet renewed, please take just a minute to think about what your membership means. Your membership enables us to maintain our facility at Brown Field, pay for our lease and supplies, and expand our Young Eagles and Eagles programs. In addition, your membership helps us to be a vocal and respected member of San Diego's aviation community, as we continually try to make general aviation stronger, safer and more affordable. We want to provide aspiring builders and pilots with the support they need to achieve their goals and help both young people and adults learn about the joys of flying. But we can't do it without your continued support. Please help us by renewing your membership in EAA 14.

At the end of March, we regretfully will be removing the names of members who haven't renewed from our membership roles. For those of you who haven't yet renewed, please take the time to do so. You already know of the romance, wonder, adventure and the dream of flight; you also know that there is strength in numbers in our quest to support and protect general aviation.

Use the Membership form included in this newsletter and then mail it back to us, along with your payment, to EAA Chapter 14, 1409 Continental Street, San Diego, CA 92154-5707. You can also drop the form and your payment off at the Chapter; just put your packet in the payment slot of the Membership/Hangar Rent payment lock box in front of the lunch counter in Hangar 1; you can also put them in the mailbox outside of Hangar 1.

You may prefer to renew using PayPal. To do so, follow these steps:

1. Access your personal PayPal account.
2. In the upper menu, select Tools, then at the dropdown menu, click Send Money.
3. Enter email address: Eaach14@gmail.com
4. Enter payment amount: \$25.00 (\$5 for Young Eagles)
5. At the Add a note option, enter "2024 membership for [your name]"
6. Send the payment.

If you haven't yet renewed, please take the time to do so. We look forward to having you with us once again in 2024.



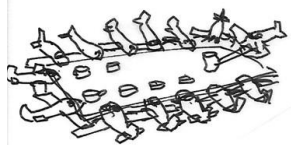
Kerry Powell, EAA-14 Program Director

March 16: Rob Reddig from San Diego TRACON

April 20: New San Diego FSDO representative Michael Reys.

Aeronautics was neither an industry nor a science. It was a miracle".

– Igor Sikorsky



February 17, 2024 Board Meeting

Donna Ryan, Chapter 14 Secretary

Provisional Minutes – Pending Board Approval

The Board meeting was held on Saturday, February 17, 2024 beginning at 12:28 p.m.

Directors and officers present were: Rich Allison, Gene Hubbard, Jimmy Kennedy, Trinidad Lopez, Kerry Powell, Jonathan Robbins, Kevin Roche, Donna Ryan, Ron Shipley, Stu Streb, Nigel Worrall. Directors and officers absent were: Ted Krohne (excused), Larry Rothrock, Grant Rotunda (excused), Alan Sparkes. A quorum was present for the meeting. Gary List, Billy Lopez, Patrick Thunder were guests.

Board Decisions

(Subject, moved by, seconded by, pass/fail)

January 2024 Minutes were reviewed and approved. Kerry Powell/Stu Streb: passed.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Stu Streb/Jonathan Robbins: passed.

Authorize Gary List to maintain an inventory of up to 30 bags of asphalt repair material and gravel for ongoing apron maintenance. Stu Streb/Kerry Powell: passed.

Motion to adjourn. Stu Streb/Kevin Roche: passed.

Old Business

Lease Option: No change.

Asphalt Repair: The Board agreed that the primary section of our leasehold that needs repair is the apron. A group of directors had walked our leasehold prior to the meeting to identify areas that needed repair and to what extent. The area around the small hangars can hopefully be kept up with minor repairs as can the area in front of Old Charlie. **Jimmy Kennedy** will contact the company that made a bid back in July to see if the bid price is still applicable. After the meeting, member **Billy Lopez** had another paving company contact us and a company representative will be making a bid as well. During the meeting, **Gary List** had made a pavement hole repair and the Board agreed that keeping up with needed repairs on our own, especially on the weekends when we can ask for volunteers to help, was beneficial. A motion was passed authorizing **Gary List** to maintain an inventory of up to 30 bags of asphalt repair material and gravel for ongoing apron maintenance. **Rich Allison** made some suggestions on possible grant opportunities for asphalt, especially since our asphalt is used for our Young Eagles program, and benefits young people and underserved communities. **Billy Lopez** shared information on having a special area reserved for engine startup that could be kept clean and clear of rocks or gravel. This led to a discussion about how best to keep our apron clear.

Ray Scholarship: Two strong candidates were interviewed for the Ray Scholarships. When they have turned in their information, their essays will be forwarded to the Board.

Library/Remodel: **Trinidad Lopez** reviewed plans for the Library remodel into a library/classroom/workshop.

New Business

Upcoming Events: **Trinidad Lopez** talked about possibly scheduling a Chapter BBQ the first weekend in April. We plan on having a Flying Start event in May and the special Young Eagle event in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.

Submitted by **Donna Ryan**



Seen at SDM

Photos by **Jim MacKinnon**



Wolff Reese's N3N-3 from 1941. 2/3



Learjet Model 60. The FAA says that it's out of Wisconsin. 2/3



1966 Alon A2 Aircoupe. 3/5

EAA Chapter 14 Membership Application/Renewal

Please Print Legibly

Current Member					
Name		E-mail		EAA National # /Exp Date	
Emergency Contacts (Name and Phone)					
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Emergency Contacts (Name and Phone)					
FAA Ratings – Licenses Held		A/C Project		Aircraft Owned/Home Field	
Special Skills You Can Contribute to the Chapter					
Special Interests					
Payment Information					
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Marketplace



For Sale: 50% Fractional Ownership in an RV-7A Quick Build located at KSEE. Total time on airframe: 1,068. Total time on engine purchased from Aerosport Power Canada: 1,067 (180 hp). Original builder with partner. VFR/IFR. Prop: Hartzell Blended Airfoil Constant Speed. Tip-up Canopy. Avionics: Dynon Skyview (ADS-B in/out), Garmin GNS 430, Garmin G5, Apollo SL30, Tru Trac 2 axis autopilot, gps nav coupled. Date last annual: 01/2024. Date last transponder check: 01/2024. All Service Bulletins/Change notices have been complied with. Maintained by Larry Pink and R. Silverman. \$75,000. Contact Larry A. Pink, (760) 212-2566. l.pink@icloud.com



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EAA Chapter 14 Memberships

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Chapter Events

Open House at the Brown Field hangars: every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Pancake Breakfast: 7:30-9:30 am, third Saturday of each month

General Meeting: 10:00 am, third Saturday of each month

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