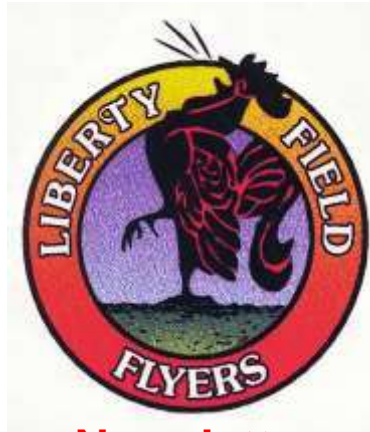


Liberty Field Flyers February 2007 Newsletter

USUA Club #3 EAA Chapter #106



Newsletter

Officers:

President: Les Goldner

Vice Pres.: Bim Lipp

Secretary: Mark Johnson

Treasurer: Vic Bologna

February 10th Meeting Notice

Our next meeting will be at Gordon's hanger on Saturday, February 10th at 4:30-PM. The Petaluma Airport Manager, Bob Paterson will attend so we will be able to discuss UL and LSA issues and airport plans with him. Petaluma is a great airport for small planes; it has quality management that has supported UL and LSA flying. We can let Bob know how much we appreciate this.

Please plan to be at the meeting and feel free to ask questions and raise issues with Bob.

Unapproved Minutes of the January 13th Meeting

(By Mark Johnson)

Our new and esteemed president, Les Goldner brought the meeting to order at 4:35. There were 16 people present.

Les welcomed the new people. Our newest member, Charlie Makiva, introduced himself by saying he has a two-seater XP Drifter and has been flying since 1992 out of old Liberty Field. He also said that the previous week his prop shaft broke after leaving the Petaluma traffic pattern. He landed safely and amazingly he found his prop, which needed new blades! He also has to replace the prop shaft and change out his gear box to accommodate the new drive. We all welcomed Charlie to the club and he promises to be a very active flyer for us. Another new member also showed up but had to leave to attend to his child. We may have not gotten his name right, but think it is Bill Goryl.

OLD BUSINESS

Vic gave the treasure's report by announcing we had approximately \$3,500 in the treasury. We discussed what should be done with the funds. The general consensus was to leave it be.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bim volunteered to contribute his trailer to the club; it could be available for emergency pick ups. Les will see if we can get permission to house it at the airport to make it easily available.
- Our next meeting will feature Bob Patterson, the new Petaluma Airport manager. Since we want to have more speakers for our meetings, Les will contact the AOPA (?) to see if they can supply any speakers.
- Chris Rampoldt agreed to be our technical coordinator to the EAA.
- Paul agreed to coordinate our "Young Eagles" events this year. We discussed working with the EAA chapter at Gness, which has a successful program.
- We paid our annual \$2-million liability EAA policy for 2007.

- We discussed planned trips for 2007. The following was decided:
 - We will participate once again at the Golden West Fly in on June 29th to July 1st in Marysville.
 - We will fly to Castle Air Force museum in Atwater on May 29th which will include an "open cockpit" view of many aircraft. 9 members signed up for this trip.
 - Jim Grimes will coordinate a trip to Columbia airport on father's Day.
 - Don Anderson will plan a trip to Half Moon Bay airport.
 - Bim will plan a March fly in to Healdsburg with wonderful refreshments (of course).
- Since our members are not solely UL pilots, we voted to take off the word "Ultralight" from our name and call ourselves Liberty Field Flyers. We will add that we are a "Light Sport & Ultralight flying Club" in any of our literature.
- We discussed ways of increasing our membership. Among the ideas were:
 - We should consider offering rides to interested prospects.
 - We need to promote UL and LS instruction at Petaluma to promote the sport.
 - We should have a banner hanging outside Gordon's hanger announcing our meeting times and some phone numbers to call.
 - We need a full color flyer to post at all nearby airports (Les agreed to provide it).
 - We need to participate more fully in Petaluma's "Penny A Pound" event with rides and our planes on display.
 - We need to construct a portable BBQ station that promotes us and is easily transported to flying functions in the area.
 - Consider placing an Ad in Craig's list to solicit members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40

Club Events Planned for 2007

Events planned as of this date are shown chronologically below:

As noted above, our tentative special events calendar (which is by no means complete) includes the following. Note that we can fly or drive and those of us with an extra seat volunteer to take club member passengers.

March 10th (Saturday) Healdsburg Brunch Fly-in. Bim will host this event. Expect bagels, cream cheese, lox and other goodies at Bim's hanger at 10:30 to Noon. Pure 103 ULs and faster Sport planes will fly together up the Russian River and enjoy the scenery. Last year we got some great pictures!

April 14th (Saturday) Pre tax-day flight to Half Moon Bay. Don will coordinate our flight over the Golden Gate and the San Francisco Beaches down past Pacifica to Lunch at Half Moon Bay. This may be a challenging flight since we have to stay between 1000' and 1500' passing east of SFO. There is an issue regarding UL and LSA aircraft flying within the 30-nm Mode C zone. The rule excludes planes with out full electrical systems but we need clarification, so Don will call the FAA.

May 26-27th (Sat-Sun) Open Cockpit Day at Castle AFB Museum. We plan to fly up on Saturday, May 26th and spend Sunday morning looking into a variety of war planes (mostly heavy bombers) before flying back at in the afternoon. Castle was a B-52 base and some of us could land perpendicular to its huge runway! There is an almost unbelievable variety of planes on display. I think they have every US bomber from the B36 to B1. You can see a rear SR-71 Blackbird and many of the British and US air force's fighters from WW-II to the present.

We want to stay at the Temporary Officers Quarters (\$30.night) but are unable to make reservations until mid May because active military personnel have priority. We can find alternate overnight accommodations if need be.

June 30-July 1st (Sat-Sun) Golden West Air Show Fly-in. We have flown and driven to Marysville for this show in prior years, and have had good turn-outs. This show is a great source of information and new ideas. Several of us have camped out to make the Fly-in a two-day event. This year we would like to consider participating, perhaps helping out or having a banner or booth. We will discuss this at upcoming meetings.

BBQ's at Harvey's strip (see *Status of LUF Field Changed* below) Dates to be announced

Again this year we will plan two fly-in BBQs for members and their guests. Vic is considering obtaining a food cart for the club. Details to be announced. One or more of these BBQs may be held at Quality Sport Plane in Cloverdale if they Michel Heintz ask us again to host their open house fly-in.

Other multi-day fly-ins may be planned to Sea Ranch and to camp out at Lake Pillsbury, depending upon their popularity.

Status of LUF Field Changed

The EAA Insurance Dept. has informed us that “

“... according to the 2007 EAA Chapter and Squadron Charter Renewal Agreement that the Chapter signed, "Ownership, lease, management, control maintenance or up-keep of an airport, airpark or restricted landing area will not be conducted by the Chapter or Squadron (with the exception of aircraft parking and/or storage, tie-downs, volunteer airport clean-up or improvement projects)."

Because our EAA affiliation prevents us from maintaining LUF field, the Officers of our Chapter decided that our EAA Chapter, the Liberty Field Flyers, will have no affiliation with LUF Field. Mark Johnson has agreed to take all responsibility for maintenance of the field and the club will not pay for or perform any of this work. We will no longer call the area “LUF Field”; it is now back to being called “Harvey’s place” (a more fitting name).

Should Mark ask for volunteers to assist him to maintain Harvey’s place, it must be understood that such activity is not a Chapter function. Since each of you has given individual wavers to Harvey to use the field, and since the Chapter never signed such a waiver, you are “on your own” should you decide henceforth to land at Harvey’s place.

Do we want a Club Trailer at Petaluma AP?

The Minutes reflect Bim’s offer to give his trailer to the Club for use in hauling our aircraft. Before we decide to accept this offer we need to evaluate the expenses associated with accepting a trailer. Petaluma Airport will charge us \$30 per month for keeping it on the airport grounds and we will need to register it and purchase liability insurance, which will cost us about \$175/ year. We do not know what, if any sales tax will be incurred for this donation.

At our next meeting the membership can decide if we want to accept Bim’s gift. A picture of the trailer follows:



Member’s Biographies

Our group is very eclectic. Members have varied and interesting occupations and backgrounds. Occupations run from eastern religion guru to model maker, engineer, architect and law enforcement officer. Because of our diversity, Mark Johnson suggested that we include the biographical highlight of one of our member each month in this Newsletter. Since Mark suggested it, we volunteered him for the task. So if you get a call from him saying that you will be highlighted in our next newsletter, please take the time to talk with him.

Hurricane 103 for Sale

When club member Ralph Savage passed away 2-years ago he left his planes to the club. We gave away his older UL and put his Hurricane in Gordon's hanger, where it remains to this day. Gordon would like to get his space back, so we need to sell the plane. An ad we placed in Craig's list follows. Please pass this information on to anyone looking for a good 103-rule UL. Any club member wanting to purchase the plane can expect to get a really good deal.

Hurricane 103 for sale, \$4000

Hi-Tek Hurricane 103 Single seat Ultralight aircraft. Approximately 6 years old but never assembled or flown. If purchased new, price would be over \$7000. Sold as-is by our flying club. Picture is not that of the actual aircraft and the plane for-sale does include an engine or chute.

Flying club members will help advise on assembly and on flying ultralights at our Petaluma airport club (if you join our club for \$40/year).

Call Vic, our club treasurer at 707-263-3318.



2007 Club Calendar

This year we will not publish the monthly a fly-around calendar. Special fly-in events will be presented in body of Newsletter (see *Club Events Planned for 2007*) but we will not announce weekly fly-arounds that we sponsor every Saturday (and sometimes on Sundays by popular demand). Instead of announcing each fly-around, just take note that on every weekend we fly locally, weather permitting. We will meet at Petaluma AP and decide upon our destination (generally within 80-miles) based upon the conditions at the time we depart. We will take off at 10:30-AM from now until April, and 9:30-AM from April through September when we will again fly at 10:30AM. See you Saturday!

Sport Pilot Progress

Since the last update, Mark, got his ticket, and Andre M. got a 98 on his knowledge exam. As of this writing, we have 10 FAA certified pilots in our group more plan to follow!

Aircraft Electric course offered at Sky-Park

On April 21 and 22, Bob Nuckolls from *AeroElectric Connection* will conduct a course in engine and aircraft electrical systems. Bob is an expert in this field, having written the definitive text used by many experimental builders and those refurbishing small aircraft. See <http://aeroelectric.com/seminars/Sonoma.html> for details.

Notable Snaps



After loosing his prop shaft, righting his engine, change transmission ratio, and add a longer prop, Charlie's almost ready to fly again.



Lynn's place from Chris R's plane. Note Lynn's hanger (right side), home of some great XMAS parties. The very short dotted runway line (upper right) requires a catapult for anyone other than Lynn.



Mark landing back in history at Liberty Field before being shooed away for lack of N-numbers.



L-R Chris D., Chris R, and Mark, after landing on a gravel bar near the mouth of the Russian River at Jenner



Vic, trying unsuccessfully to destroy Marks plane