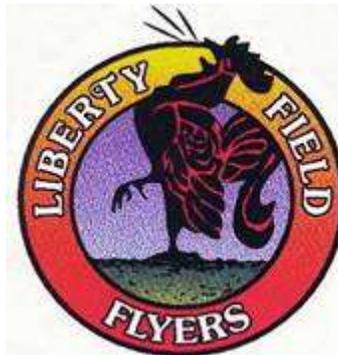


# **LIBERTY FIELD FLYERS**

## **March 2012 Newsletter**



*EAA Chapter 1534*

### **Officers:**

President: Les Goldner  
Vice Pres.: Luke Wings  
Secretary: Mark Johnson  
Treasurer: Vic Bologna

### **MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

At this month our meeting, at 1-PM, should be a short one. We will discuss our fly-out schedule and everyone will have an opportunity to discuss their flying, aircraft, and flight related questions and concerns.

As usual, we will have free food for members attending the meeting. The food (pizza or burgers) will be available at 1230 hours and the meeting starts at 1300 hours.

At 10:30-AM, before the meeting, if conditions are right we will fly to the Golden Gate.

### **FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

*by Mark Johnson, Secretary*

The meeting was brought to order by our President, Les Goldner, at 1-PM. There were 15 people present. The minutes of our last meeting were approved.

We first voted in the new officers of the club. The list of the new officers is:

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In addition, Bill Marcoux accepted the post of Young Eagles coordinator, Marlin Jones became Flight Advisor, Chris Rampoldt is our Safety Coordinator, and Bill Sherlock, our Maintenance Advisor.

Rod Rennie our newest member announced himself by telling us he is retired and just bought a Challenger. He expects to fly as soon as he gets a new BRS chute.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Our new By-laws were approved as printed in the last newsletter. They will be submitted to the State in a few days. Our new chapter number is #1534.

Steve Smith was appointed web editor in absentia. (Time will tell if he actually decides to accept the post).

The members then discussed their projects and issues, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15-PM

## MEMORIES OF PAST ACES

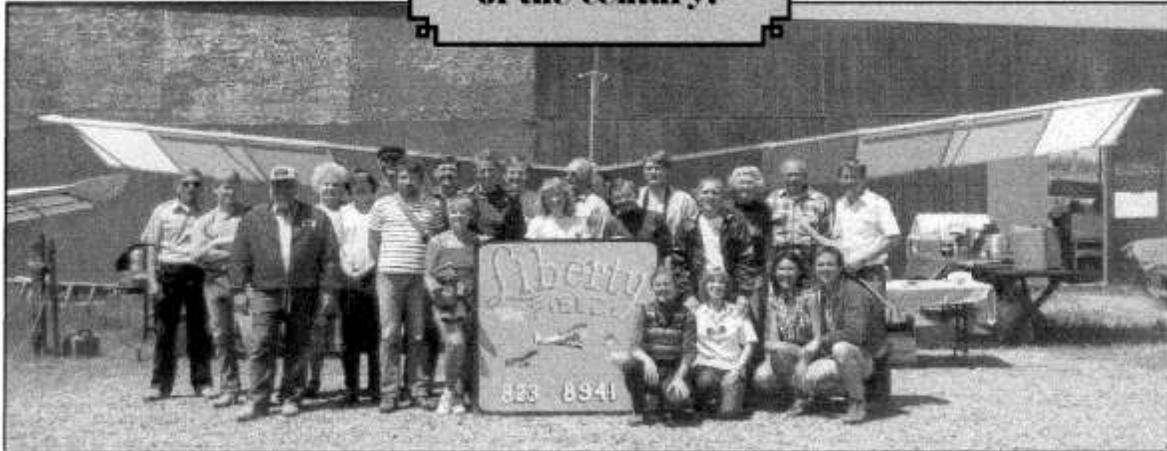
By Mark Johnson

In my never ending attempt to humanize this club – and believe me, this is no small task, I will be featuring some of our elder aces each month. And no one is more elderly than Jean Chapman. I have ready featured several of her lengthy notes of different flying expeditions, so now it is time to feature the lady herself. Enjoy, enjoy..,

LFUF  
INTERVIEWS

“ace”  
of the century!

JEAN CHAPMAN



The gang at Liberty Field in the Summer of 1985. Jean and Jack are in the back row second and third from the right



Jean taking off in her MX

### How long have you and your husband been flying?

We began flying in 1945! We flew Piper Cubs and Taylor Crafts out of Denver in those days.

### LFUF: When did you get into ultralights?

In 1981 we had a friend who flew Perydactiles and we were very impressed with him and it was then we decided we wanted to fly ultralights. A little later, we arranged our first demonstration of an MX, but since he was trying to take off in a field of tall grass, he couldn't take off! That didn't discourage us, we bought a plane anyway and I still have it today.

### LFUF: What are some of your more memorable flights?

Nine of us often flew out to Illia's near Bodega Bay and just the image of all those planes in the air and landing together is still one of my fondest memories. Another one involved my husband Jack. He was flying with Marvin over the rolling hills when Marvin decided to check out a new landing strip but the ground was uneven and worked his nose wheel off. Jack landed to help Marvin chase his wheel as it rolled down the hill, but on his landing, he went into a ditch trying to avoid a pig and bent his landing gear. He called me around 11 PM to come find him in the dark and like a good, dutiful wife, I said "hell no" I will find you in the morning. Meanwhile, Marvin puts his wheel back on and flies home! Jack camped over night and in the morning, Marvin and I found him.

### What was your most harrowing flight?

One day over Sonoma, DeeDe, who was flying with me, pointed to my MX and I noticed one of the compression struts was hanging straight down. So I got altitude and took off my glasses and used the string holding them around my neck to tie the strut back into place. I landed on my maines and held the nose up and there was no problem. As they say, "necessity is the mother of invention!"

## NEW WEB SITE FOR OUR CHAPTER?

Steve Smith agreed to look into a new website to replace our old-style Yahoo site. The EAA has provided us (and all other chapters) with sites Ours is designated <http://1534.eaachapter.org>.

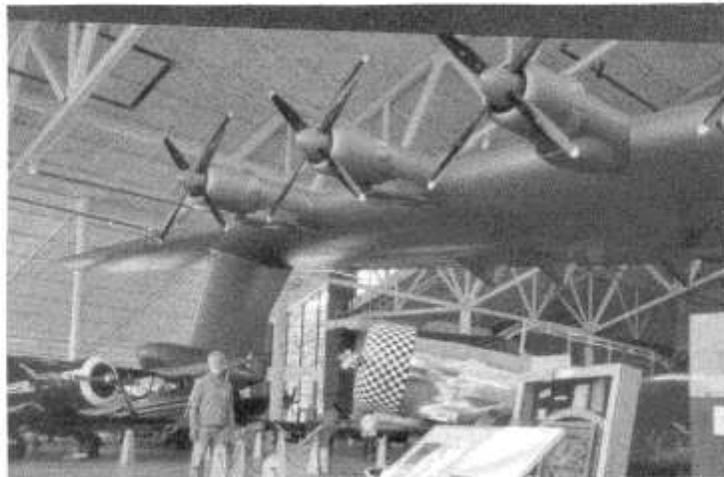
## GREAT ARTICLES FROM THE PAST...

# BUD MEETS THE "SPRUCE GOOSE"!



**The "Goose" only got 70' in the air and only flew one and one half mile...but it flew!**

Last month in McMinnville, OR, Bud came face to face with the famous "Spruce Goose" and he was humbled. (and it takes a lot to humble Bud) He said it was awesome. The plane was designed by Howard Hughes to fly the Atlantic to avoid German U-boats but it couldn't use any precious metals that were needed for the war effort so he made it out of wood! At a cost of 18 million of our government's dollars and 7 million of his own, Howard completed the plane too late to see war duty. It only flew once.



**Dwarfed by the wing that is half a football field in length, Bud could only stare in amazement.**

## FEBRUARY PHOTOS



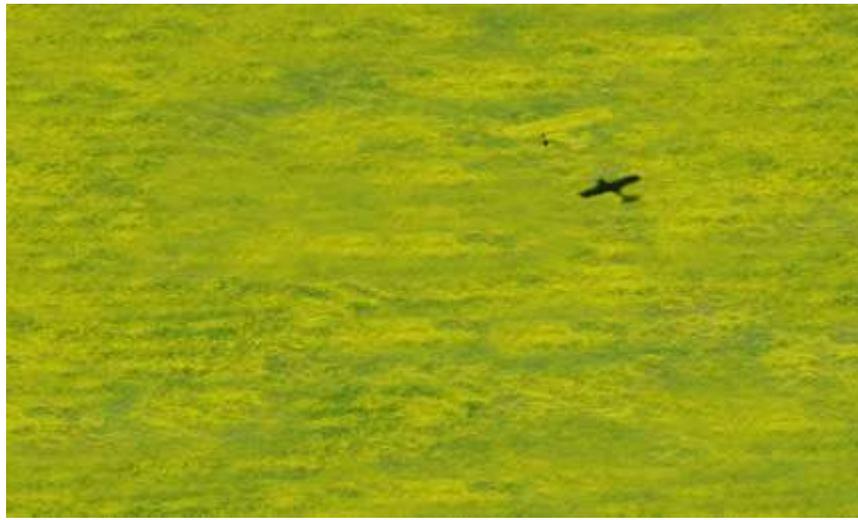
Luke, taken by Yarik from Les's Zenith 701 (Luke had trouble staying at the Zenith's speed)



The guys who flew to Nut Tree last week included Steve Smith, Chris R., Ted Miller and Peggy, Ken Robbers (Lodi), Luke, Les, Walton, and Yarik (photo by)



Who said mark can't cut the mustard anymore??!!



FIND WALDO! (hint – the shadow knows!). Better camouflage than Andre!

## **2012 FLYOUT SCHEDULE**

*By Chris Rampoldt*

The longer flights in the list on the next page are **highlighted**. The short flights are not highlighted and will be revised or eliminated by the guys who fly these flights. We will add to or change this list at our February meeting.

DATE	FLIGHT ACTIVITY	DESTINATION
2/18	Flight to Coast and Jenner	Local
2/25	Flight to Nutree and meet LODI guys	Nutree Airport
3/10	Flight to Golden Gate, Pizza, Club Meeting	Club Hangar, Petaluma
3/17	Flight to Angwin then \$4 Hamburger	Sonoma Sky Park Airport
3/24	Poker Run \$10, and Lunch	Four Local Airports
4/14	Local Flight, Photo Contest, Club Meeting	Club Hangar, Petaluma
4/27 4/29	Dream Machines Airshow, Half Moon Bay	Half Moon Bay Airport
5/12	Local Flight, Club Meeting	Club Hangar, Petaluma
5/19	Flight to Columbia Airport and Ghost Town	Columbia CA. Airport
5/26 5/27	Open Cockpit day, Castle AFB Museum	Castle AP, Atwater
6/8 6/10	Golden West Airshow	Marysville CA. Airport, central valley.
6/9	Local Flight, BarBQ, Club Meeting	Club Hangar, Petaluma
6/23	Fly to Nutree Airport, Meet LODI guys	Nutree Airport
7/7 7/8	Lake Pillsbury Campout 2 Days	Lake Pillsbury, Not to be missed!
7/14	Local Flying, Club Meeting	Club Hangar, Petaluma
7/12 7/15	Flight to Arlington Flyin, near Seattle Wa.	Arlington Airport
7/28	Flight to Cloverdale - Lunch at Ukiah Arpt.	Ukiah Airport
8/11	Coast flight, Pizza Lunch, Club Meeting	Club Hangar, Petaluma
8/18 8/19	Wings Over Wine Country Airshow	Sonoma County Arpt. Santa Rosa
8/25	G.G. Bridge Photo flight and Half Moon Bay Lunch	Half Moon Bay Airport
9/1	Fly the Russian River to the Coast and Jenner.	Lunch on SandBar
9/8	Local Flyout, BarBQ, and Club Meeting	Petaluma Club Hangar
9/14 9/16	Mendocino County Fair in Booneville Fly via Cloverdale to Booneville	Booneville Airport.
8 9/30	ClearLake to Vic's place for lunch	Lampson Field, Lakeport
10/13	Local Flight, Club Meeting, Pizza	Club Hangar, Petaluma
10/20	Flight to Cloverdale	Cloverdale Airport.
11/3	Photo Flight and Lunch at Half Moon Bay	Half Moon Bay Airport
11/10	Local Flight, Lunch and Club Meeting	Club Hangar, Petaluma
11/24	Local Flight and \$4 Hamburger Lunch	Sonoma Sky Park

12/8	Club Meeting, Coast Flight and Lunch	Petaluma Club Hangar
12/15	Snow Flight, in memory of former LFF pilots	Home Base