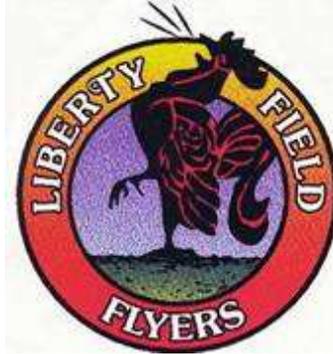


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June 11th 2016 MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT **(Notice new starting time this month)**

At 12:30-PM on Saturday, our new club President, Christine Carey, will call the meeting to order and ask the membership to discuss activities, flyouts and speaker plans for 2016. Chris Rampoldt will orchestrate the flyouts discussion, including the Lake Pillsbury camp-out and prepare our club activity lists.

Due to the earlier start of the meeting, we plan to have either pizza or a BBQ burger lunch at **NOON** before the meeting and fly out if weather cooperates earlier at about 10-AM.

May 14th MEETING MINUTES

By Chris Rampoldt

The meeting was called to order at 1 PM by our President Christine Cary. Eleven members were present.

OLD BUSINESS

We discussed the many possibilities as to why there were only 6 members present at last month's meeting. Our attendance had never been that low in our club's history. The consensus was unanimous - it was the cold, rainy weather!

NEW BUSINESS

Les mentioned he was going to Oshkosh this year and wanted to know if anyone else is planning to go on the C182 he will be flying in for a share of fuel costs (about \$800 round trip. There were no immediate sign ups.

We then discussed the logistics of going to Ukiah for lunch the following week...

On June 11th we will plan the Pillsbury trip. That trip will be on the 18th & 19 of June... weather permitting.

Christine suggested everyone in the future shares at least one flying experience with the members in order that we can learn from each other.

Tony then shared his experience with any engine out in his Challenger.

Rod described how to do a successful go-around at Petaluma airport.

Les closed the discussions with the story of how "flyin Bryan" cashed his plane.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20.

NOW FOR ANOTHER ROMP INTO OUR FASCINATING PAST...

As I wait for a present member in our club who flies frequently to come forward and announce themselves as a candidate for "Ace of the Month" I will feature one of our more memorable members from the past. Since you all met Tony Toni, last month at our last meeting, I would like you all to learn a little something about him.

In addition to the fascinating stuff below, I want you to know he is one of the nicest - toughest guys you will ever meet. He makes his living as a body guard for famous people! A typical day at the airport with Tony went like this once... he brought a homemade machine gun to his hanger that shot pellets at 300 or was it 3,000 rounds per minute! So we all took turns shooting it at a target. That was just a typical day for him but it was an experience I will never forget! Now enjoy his wild flying stories...

LFUF
INTERVIEWS

“ace”
of the month

Tony Toni



Tony buying his latest Rans and verifying that it comes with a propeller!



Tony in front of his Phantom just before he chopped off the front of it with the propeller. (see below)

LFUF: How did you get into ultralights?

In 1980 I saw a Quicksilver in a county fair and thought that looked pretty slick. so I started taking lessons and after 4,500+ hours in the air, I am still learning. Since then I have flown over 30 types, and models of aircraft including experimentals and general aviation.

LFUF: What is one of your more memorable flights?

We once flew a 500 mile roundtrip from Paris, CA to Bullhead City, AZ. Getting there was routine but coming back, one of the coils was not firing so often I was only firing on one cylinder. All this was over barren desert without anywhere to land. However, we managed to make it to a private field near 29 Palms and got permission to land but the Air Force base there saw fit to send out an F-16 to check us out. It passed less than a quarter mile in front of us going about 125 mph. You dont see that everyday! I had to leave my plane there and continue on with my flying buddies to home base. I put a new coil in the car and drove back and fixed my plane there and flew it home.



Tony with his Rans S-9. “That plane was capable of great aerobatics.”

What was your most harrowing flight?

I have had several. One time, while flying with two pilots from Disney World, the bearings burned out on my Phantom and the propeller came off and chopped off the front of my plane... just missing my feet by inches. I was still able to land it and requested a trailer to carry it back to home base.

On a 200 mile return trip from the Colorado River at about 6,000' descending from a mountain range, I noticed the temperature was rising and I smelled radiator fluid. At 500' the engine seized and I was forced to land in a small area 300' by 300' with telephone poles on one side and a barb wire fence on the other with a 20 mph crosswind! My friends who were flying with me said there was no way they were going to land in that place so they continued on to Paris, CA. They brought the trailer back and with the help of local fireman, we moved the plane out of there and disassembled it and put it in the trailer.

LFUF: What was one of your most fun flights?

As a BFI instructor, they are all fun because I really enjoy helping people learn to fly. And remember, those few harrowing flights are the only bad experiences I have had in over 4,500 hours of flying.

Next month we interview whoever volunteers

OK - enough about everybody but me, me ,me.

I just got back from 3 weeks in China/Tibet and I had another marvelous solo flying experience there so enjoy, enjoy. It is similar to last year's solo flight but I can't imagine anyone not wanting to see it again.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEDmZi9Vau8>

PHOTOS OF THE MONTH...

These came from Bill Sherlock. Thanks Bill.



Local flight Saturday



Bill fostering funny ideas



Flight Saturday, Mark looks serious here (could be because his prop is not turning)