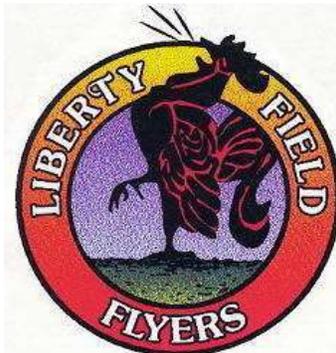


Liberty Field Flyers February 2008 Newsletter



USUA Club #3 EAA Chapter #106

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President: Les Goldner
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March 8th Fly-in and Meeting Notice

Our Monthly meeting will be held at its normal date and time (Saturday at 4:30-PM) at the Petaluma Airport manager's office or in Hanger E16. We have not planned anything special for this meeting but hope that you can attend just to say hello to the guys.

Earlier on Saturday, at 9:30-AM, we plan to fly to Lodi, where we expect to see Ken Robbers and some others who keep their LSA there. Ken says he is looking forward to seeing us and would be interested in flying with us by Folsom Lake up to Arburn (about 50 min from Lodi) for lunch there is a nice restrant there. Whether or not we take him up on this will depend upon time, weather, and inclination.

Jim Grimes reminds us not to fly close to a series of 2000+' towers on the way to Lodi, since the guy wires from these towers extend all the way to the far side of the Sacramento River.

Please Pay your 2008 Dues

Vic Bologna, our Treasurer, reminds us that we need to paid our \$45 annual dues to the club. If you have not done so, please pay Vic at the meeting. If you can't come to the meeting, please mail him a check. See the roster at the end of this Newsletter for Vic's address.

Minutes of February 16th Meeting

Our meeting and BBQ that was attended by 16 members and wives. After the business portion and before the steak BBQ, Les spent 20 minutes describing a flight in his LSA to Page Az, the Grand Canyon, and Monument Valley. He said that he hopes to make a fimilar flight this spring.

Old Business:

Shirt Order

The group decided to order dark (gray or black) shirts with our enhanced logo on the front and the following words on the back:

Line 1: Liberty Field Flyers

Line 2: Fly low slow and safe

Andre Mirek will order club shirts. We have 18 firm requests for a shirt, but will order a few extras. The shirts cost the club \$18 ea and will sell for \$20. Andre wanted to order polo type shirts but Les thought we were going to order T-shirts. We will canvas those who have signed up for a shirt to make certain that polo shirts are OK. If you have not ordered a shirt, but want one, please contact Mark or Les before March 10th.

Event Callander

The event callander was reviewed. A copy of the planned events is presented at the end of this Newsletter.

New Business:

Proposed Petaluma UL Traffic Pattern

When-and-if a new sports complex is built, the Airport Commission plans to revise our UL flight pattern at Petaluma.

The sports complex is planned to be built just to the NW of the field (inside Washinton and Adobe roads) along side of the approach to runway 11. To avoid overflying the complex, the downwind UL pattern will need to be a little further from the runway. Since we are concerned about safety in a power-out situation, several club members simulated dead stick landings from the proposed downwind leg. We found that we could still reach the runway from without power and reported this to the Airport Manager.

Complaints About Low-Flying Aircraft.

There have been several complaints about low flying LSA.UL North and West of Petaluma. Complaints include alleged low passes over homes and flying low enough to scare cattle. The rules for Low flying aircraft are presented in the following article.

New LSA Canyon Flying DVD

Christopher Desmond gave us two copies of his new DVD featuring his STOL plane expertly bush flying into exciting country. The DVD was prepared by Christopher with him and Michael Heintz doing the flying.

This DVD is really great! The photography and the STOL flying are better than anything I have ever seen; Hollywood or Don Anderson can't compete (sorry Don)! Christopher mounted cameras on the wing, inside the cockpit, and looking up from the ground. Shots were taken going into canyons, land on river banks, and fly from small gravel and grass strips.

This video is truly spectacular. You can preview it on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbBb_luT1_o, contact Les to borrow the DVD, or order your own copy from Christopher at <http://www.stol-adventures.com/>.

Minimal Altitudes for Low Flying Aircraft!

Rules regarding flying low, from the Code of Federal Regulations, 14CFR 91 Part 91

Sec.91.119 Minimum safe altitudes: General.

Except when necessary for takeoff or landing, no person may operate an **aircraft** below the following altitudes:

(a) Anywhere. An altitude allowing, if a power unit fails, an emergency landing without undue hazard to persons or property on the surface.

(b) Over congested areas. Over any congested area of a city, town, or settlement, or over any open air assembly of persons, an altitude of 1,000 feet **above** the highest obstacle within a horizontal radius of 2,000 feet of the **aircraft**.

(c) Over other than congested areas. An altitude of 500 feet **above** the surface, except over open water or sparsely populated areas. In those cases, the **aircraft** may not be operated closer than 500 feet to any person, vessel, vehicle, or structure.

In addition to this general FAA rule, there other federal and state restrictions we need to know about. E.G., restricting flight to over 1000' at Stinson Beach / Bollinas Lagoon, within about two miles of Tomalas point (at the entrance to the bay), and near Pt Reys.

[Zenith CH701 Epidemic](#)

Andre Mirek completed his Zenith CH701, got his Airworthiness Certificate, and has been reported flying out of Cloverdale. A pictue follows (if you can view it, don't worry...New pics will be put on our Yahoo site soon).



[Other Things of Interest](#)

Bim says we should look at http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=ddb_1204404185 to learn how to make cross-wind landings.

Charlie suggests looking at a UL on EBAY (hurry, the bid time is almost over) http://cgi.ebay.com/ebaymotors/NOVA-1-SN-105_W0QQitemZ140211713564QQcmdZViewItem?hash=item140211713564

Chris Rampoldt has some interesting play-by-play pics of a collision during landing at Sonoma Valley AP. (email him if interested).

Club Calendar of Activities

Month	Week1	2	3	4	5
Mar	(1)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(8)Fly to Lodi Meeting 4:30P, Petaluma AP	(15)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(22)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(29)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*
Apr	(5)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(12)Meeting 4:30P Petaluma AP	(19)Fly to Little River	(26)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	
May	(3)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(10) Cloverdale QSP Flyin/BBQ. Fly Rusn.River	(17)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(24)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(31)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*
Jun	(7)Golden West fly-in Marysville	(14)Sunset flight & Meeting Petaluma AP	(21)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(28-29) Lake Pillsbury Gravelly Vly fly-in & camp-out	
Jul	(5)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(12)Harvey's field fly-in, BBQ, & Meeting	(19)Clearlake Fly-in to Vic's BBQ	(26)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	
Aug	(2)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(9)Fly to Half-Moon Bay, 4:30P Meeting Petaluma AP	(16)Sonoma C. Airport fly-in Wine Country Airshow	(23)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(30)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*
Sep	(6)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(13)Meeting 4:30P Petaluma AP	(20)Petaluma Airport fly-in (Big this year)	(27)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	
Oct	(4)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(11)Fly to beautiful Chico Meeting 4:30P Petaluma AP	(18)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(25)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	
Nov	(1)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	8-Meeting 4:30P Petaluma AP	(15)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(22)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(29)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*
Dec	(6)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	13-XMAS Party & Meeting	(20)	(27)	