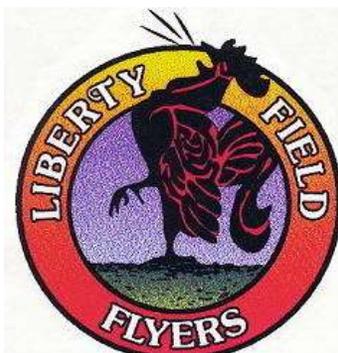


Liberty Field Flyers July 2007 Newsletter



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This is our first attempt at using Yahoo Groups to send our Newsletter. We don't know how well the formatting will transfer and apologize in advance if there are problems or the two pictures that are included in this newsletter do not appear. All the rest of the Newsletter pictures can be viewed on the Yahoo web site at <http://ph.groups.yahoo.com/group/LibertyFlyers/photos/browse/907f?c=>. You can also look pictures that have been posted by other members (see *Posting pictures on the Liberty Field Flyers Yahoo Web group*, below).

July 14th Meeting, BBQ, and Fly-in Announcement

Our next meeting will be held Saturday July 14th at Harvey's field. We plan a full day of flying, contests, flight instructions, and a barbeque, so everyone should have something interesting to do. Bring wives, girlfriends, kids, and anyone who may be interested in joining our club. Members with last names starting with an A through H please try to bring a desert or fruit (e.g., watermelon or cookies). Others can bring a salad or "starter" (e.g., green leaf salad, tomatoes, potato salad).

Some of us plan to fly to Harvey's field at 9:00-AM and then fly around for about an hour. At 11:00-AM Chris Rampoldt, our resident CFI, will instruct our new Sport Pilots in procedures to fly and land in controlled class C & D airspace and will tell us how to get a log-book sign-off to do so. At 12:30-PM, Vic will host his famous BBQ, followed by a short meeting and landing and flour bombing contests.

Minutes of June Meeting

The June 9th meeting consisted of asking each member to describe their flying interests and provide an update on what they have been doing. 17 members attended. Unfortunately, the discussion was so interesting that no one took detailed minutes.

We discussed upcoming events and Les showed some of the DVD of his recent 1600 mile trip to Page AZ in his Challenger II LSA.

We lost the name and phone number of the A&P mechanic who came to the meeting. If anyone knows it, please tell Les.

[Posting Pictures on the Liberty Field Flyers Yahoo group](#)

Now that 22 of our 30 members have signed-on to our web group, Yahoo will be our main form of written club communications.

In addition to broadcasting emails to everyone, Harvey Goldberg, Jim Grimes, Bim Lipp and Chris Rampoldt have discovered that you can post and look at pictures on our Yahoo group Web page. Simply go to <http://ph.groups.yahoo.com/group/LibertyFlyers/photos> or go to our Yahoo home page, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LibertyFlyers/> and click on “photos” in the menu at the left side. When posting pictures, please only select the best so we don't fill up our allotted space (this means you Jim). Now Bim finally has a place to post those great pics for all of us to view.

If you post photos, and want your name rather than email address to be displayed, just enter your name in your Yahoo groups profile.

Remember, if you want to send messages to the group, just email them to LibertyFlyers@yahoogroups.com, or send them from the group web page shown above.

[Club Participation in EAA Golden West](#)

The Marysville Air show and fly-in was eye opening for several reasons.

On the positive side, our club responded well to the call for volunteers to take-on responsibility to coordinate the UL smaller LSA activity at the show. We had a total of 9 volunteers and 12 of us showed up at Marysville during the 3-day event. Since coming to Marysville involved a 2-hour drive or 1-1/2 hour flight, and since most of us were there for more than 1-day, this turn-out was exceptional. Thanks to all those who volunteered.

Also on the positive side was the air show (although smaller than in past years) including a practice Reno type race, the forums (e.g., classes about Rotax engines, aircraft construction, etc.), and vendors, who were ready to provide answers about their equipment and planes. We also enjoyed hearing from the pilot who flew Spaceship 1. He gave a talk on Saturday evening. It's nice to hear a “regular guy” describe how he piloted a space ship.

On the negative side was a small UL/LSA turn-out (probably due to prior year's indifference to ULs) and the outright lies told about the support we were to receive from show management. Because of these lies this club probably will probably not volunteer at future GW events.

You can look at GW pictures taken by several of us on the Yahoo site. (e.g., Chris Rampoldt took a shot of Les's runway 27 numbers painting expertise (see <http://ph.groups.yahoo.com/group/LibertyFlyers/photos/browse/8c1b>.) Other GW pics are in the July 07 Newsletter group, <http://ph.groups.yahoo.com/group/LibertyFlyers/photos/browse/907f?c=>.

[Going to Oshkosh?](#)

Several club members plan to go to the EAA's Airventure at Oshkosh including Vic, Les, Gordon, & Chris R). The show runs from July 23 to 29th. If you plan to go please let the group know (use the Liberty Flyers Yahoo Web group to communicate) so we can meet up in Oshkosh.

[LSA Aircraft for Sale](#)

Since Les's wife says he can't have two planes, it is with regret he plans to sell the Challenger II long wing airplane, N116MG. The plane was completed Oct. 2005 & has been continuously hangered. The airframe & Rotax 503 engine has 215-total hours and meticulous maintenance records.

Extras include: Grand Rapids Electronic EIS (Engine Instrument System), 1150# BRS chute, fiberglass main gear with tundra tires, hydraulic breaks, hinged easy-access nose cone, upholstered seat, Hacman mixture control altitude compensation (tested at 11,000+-feet), auxiliary fuel pump, full cover (never used), spring dampened nose gear, belly bag in-flight storage, Superflite paint, and more.



A great plane to own (note camera mounted left side of cockpit).

[N. Bay Hanger Space Needed](#)

We got the following request from a potential member, David Mikesell, who said:

"I have been flying for quite a number of years and have been building and flying at the Lodi airport the past 7 years. I am looking to move to the Bay area... I am looking for a small out of the way airport where I can pretty much hang out a couple of days a week in my RV and just relax, rent a hangar, build ultralights, and fly. Ideally I would luv a small grass strip type airport with hangar and a really nice private owner who would not mind a RV there and me coming and going as my work allows to build and fly out of. Any information you can give me would be deeply appreciated.

"[I have a] Mitchell wing under construction, Ultracruiser under construction, [as] well [as] 4 projects that are in restoration or construction so I need a decent size hangar for projects and machinery. I don't mind 40 miles or so north of Cloverdale, prefer that area actually and someplace with a nice owner."

If anyone knows of a place, please pass it along to Les.

[Club Events Planned for 2007](#)

Events planned as of this date are shown chronologically below:

This is our special events calendar. We can fly or drive to most of the events and those who have an extra seat can take club member passengers.

Note that club members meet most Saturdays at about 9:30-AM when there are no special events for pilot's choice fly-outs.

July 14th BBQ's at Harvey's air strip

Again this year we will plan a BBQ for members and their guests. Please see information about this fly-in at the beginning of this newsletter.

Aug 18 Wings over Wine Country Fly-in and air show at Sonoma Co. Airport

Jeff Singleton has just volunteered to host a BBQ at this annual Sonoma Co. Airport air show in Santa Rosa. He said his hanger is in the midst of the air show activity and we can probably get in without incurring the admission fee. Some of the new Sport Pilots may be signed off to fly in and others may be able to fly behind another club member who is already certified to fly-in. Others can drive up.

August 25-26 Lake Pillsbury Camp-out

Note that this event was moved from August 18-19 because it conflicted with the Sonoma Co. Air show (see above). Pillsbury's Gravelly Valley "airport", a big wide unimproved 2000' high gravel strip, surrounded by a lake and State parks, provides good camping under the wing of your plane or at nearby campsites. The lake is about 90 miles north of Petaluma. Several of our UL and GA members participated and had a good time in the past; this is a good opportunity to get up-close and personal with the local elk.

Harry Torgovitsky plans to drive up to Lake Pillsbury to camp. He can carry some of our gear in order to free up room for passengers, to lighten airplane loads, or to enable single seaters to join the event. Thank you Harry.

One negative if you plan to fly up is the need to top 4500' over a mountainous area as you approach the 1900' high lake.

Other Activities (provided by Jim Grimes)

- Columbia Airport Fathers Day Fly-In
- Colusa Airport, 10th Annual Old Time Fly-In July 22nd see <http://www.airnav.com/airport/O08>
- Salinas Airport, International Air Show September 29th & 30th see <http://www.salinasairshow.com/>

Light Sport Plane Progress

Four club members (Don, Mark, Gordon, and Charlie) were able to get their LSA airworthiness certificates for their heavy ULs in a single day in Petaluma on June 11th. Thanks to Denny Pollard, FAA inspector from the Oakland FSDO office (who performed the inspections at taxpayer cost). Congratulations guys!

Notable Snaps

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