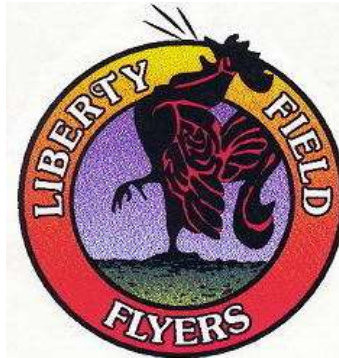


Liberty Field Flyers October 2008 Newsletter



USUA Club #3 EAA Chapter #106

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President: Les Goldner
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Secretary: Mark Johnson
Treasurer: Vic Bologna

October 11th Fly-In Announcement

This month our regular meeting will be replaced by a fly-in to Quality Sport Planes' open house and BBQ in Cloverdale. Quality Sport Planes (QSP) has an open house twice a year. We usually run their BBQ and they give us a donation to bolster our treasurer in return. We usually enjoy the open house, meet interesting people, eat free, and learn how to build airplanes. (See the bottom pics at http://www.qualitysportplanes.com/qsp-2006_068.htm).

We need volunteers to help with the BBQ. Please call me at 510-549-1622. If you volunteer you will get to eat free. Yes, as your incentive for helping you can have as many burgers and sodas as you can stuff down, so please call.

We will leave Petaluma at 9:30-AM and returning about 2:30-PM. Our club will meet near the BBQ at 11-AM for a short discussion to decide upon a XMAS party location and discuss upcoming events (see articles below).

Looking forward to seeing you all Saturday.

Unapproved Minutes of Sept. 13th Meeting

By Mark Johnson, Secretary

Old Business

The minutes of the August 9th meeting were unanimously accepted.

It was announced by Les Goldner, our club President, that Doug Green won the competition to identify the "Mystery Aircraft." He won a club Polo Shirt for identifying the aircraft. Les said that you can see many unusual planes, including the contest winner at <http://rareaircraf1.greyfalcon.us/UNITED%20STATES.htm>.

New Business

The new members introduced themselves:

- Reese Clarke flew sailplanes in Calistoga in the 60's and 70's. He now has a 701 with floats.

- Ali Behravish is the president of the Napa, GA club. He started his flying career with gliders. He is now interested in ultralights.
- Mike Wychoff started his flying career with a Quicksilver. He then went on to a Rans S-5, a Challenger 2, a Pelican S-12 (?) an eagle XL, and now flies a Mitchell B-10 tail dragger (?) (I cant read my writing)
- David Micksell is an A&P at Gnos. He flew helicopters in the services.

News:

- Harry Torgovitsky just bought a 2-seater Challenger that he will keep on the tarmac at Petaluma AP.
- Jeff Singleton has a bare bones hanger in Santa Rosa to rent for only \$160 a month. No amenities such as lights.

Upcoming events:

- We will be flying and driving to the "Splash In" at Clearlake on September the 20-22nd. Vic has offered to make a BBQ and he has offered his spare house for any of us who want or need to stay over.
- On October 11th, Quality Sport is having another bi-annual BBQ in Cloverdale.
- A flight to Boonville via Cloverdale is set for October 25th.
- Our Christmas party is tentatively set for December the 13th at Les's house.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Happenings to Members:

Mark flew Harry's new Challenger from Lodi to Petaluma with Charlie and Ken Robbers flying close by. A few days later, while landing, they did some damage to the gear (easily repaired).

Jim is getting a new "rear end" for his Ercoupe and hopes to see it flying again soon. It currently looks very sad sitting without wings or tail at Petaluma.

Club Flights in August

Splash-in (Sept. 20th, written by Chris R)

The trip to Clearlake on Saturday was excellent. Gordon, Mark, and Mike departed about 10:15 from Petaluma followed by Les and myself about 10 minutes later. Most pilots decided to climb through large holes in the clouds and cruise at about 5,000 feet except me who stayed down lower until east of Santa Rosa. We decided to set a direct course to Lakeport via GPS and made the trip in about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Gordon must have had his cloaking device on because we never saw him until in the landing pattern at Lakeport.

Victor Bologna greeted us upon landing and after Les and Mark did a fly-by for the crowds at the splash-in, we departed for the show. About 15 various amphibians and such were there with a couple of wings like Don Anderson's on floats. Pretty nice! Vic took us to his wonderful house on the shore of the lake and we sat in the shade and had lunch. Thank you Vic and Judy. Next was a boat ride in this plush cruiser right off the front of Vic's property. It must of had about 200 horsepower and boy was it smoooooth. Les suggested it was time to think about flying back cause sometimes the clouds from the coast come into Petaluma sooner than later and that made sense.

The trip back was calm, gorgeous and relaxing. I'll post three pictures with this message or make a folder in the Photo files on this site. Thanks again Vic. *(See pics attached)*

Bud Stordahl and a flight to Santa Rosa (Oct 4th)

We had the opportunity to visit with Bud Stordahl, who came down from McMinnville, OR for a few days last week. Bud was a past president of our group and an automotive engineer who specialized in transmissions. Chris R., Gordon, and Mark met him at Petaluma and then all of us except Mark flew up to Santa Rosa for lunch. Since mark wasn't with us we spent our lunch talking about him and everyone had a story to tell. *(See attached pic of Bud, Gordon, and Les at the Santa Rosa Air Museum)*

Lincoln Airshow (Oct. 4th)

The weather was better than expected on Saturday at the Lincoln Airshow Saturday. *(See the attached pics from Jim).*

Club Polo Shirts

Note that we still have a few club shirts available for \$20.

Harvey's Field Update

Mark told us that the dirt piles on Harvey's field have been spread out. So, now landing there should be less challenging.

Calendar and Upcoming Events for This Year

Oct. 11th, Cloverdale Fly-in and BBQ.

Quality Sport Planes (QSP) has an open house twice a year. We usually run their BBQ and are given a donation from QSP for our services, so you can enjoy the open house, eat free if you help out, improve our club bank account, meet interesting people, and learn how to build an airplane. (See the bottom pics at http://www.qualitysportplanes.com/qsp-2006_068.htm). We need volunteers to man the BBQ from 10:30-AM until 2:30-PM. There will be an informal meeting at the BBQ at 11:00-AM but no formal meeting in October due to this event.

Oct. 25th, Flight to Boonville.

We plan to fly to Boonville, leaving Petaluma at 9:30-AM. From the Boonville airport, we will walk to town, where we have been told great hamburgers can be had.

Nov. 8th, Harvey's Field BBQ.

If the weather holds, and the field is not under water, we will have our meeting at noon at Harvey's field. The event will include flying contests and our monthly meeting.

Dec. 13th, XMAS Party.

The past two years our party has been at Les's place in Berkeley. Prior to that, we held the party in Lynn's hanger (in his yard) and at restaurants. Les is once again willing to do the party but since his wife is recovering from surgery, we need help in addition to Bim to prepare and cleaning up.

We can discuss our options and decide where to have the party Saturday.

Oct	(4)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(11) Cloverdale. BBQ Open hse. 11-AM informal meeting	(18)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(25) Flight to Boonville for lunch	
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Nov	(1)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(8)Meeting Noon BBQ & meeting at Harvey's field	(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 3:00-PM	(20)	(27)	