

LIBERTY FIELD FLYERS

JULY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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EAA Chapter #1534

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JULY MEETING CANCELATION AND FLY-OUT ANNOUNCEMENT

Since we will be at our annual lake Pillsbury fly/camp-out on the regular meeting date (July 13th) we won't have any meeting at our clubhouse this month. However, if you plan to fly or drive with us to Lake Pillsbury, we will have a short meeting there during diner.

If you're going to Pillsbury be sure to bring a bathing suit, suntan lotion, and bug spray. Here is what Chris R. has to say about the flyout.

"Takeoff from Petaluma is scheduled for about 10am; probably a short fuel stop in Ukiah and then on to Lake Pillsbury strip. We usually go the last 8 miles or so from the southwest up the canyon at 4,000 feet. Please bring your own snacks for lunch and beverages but Dinner at about 5:30 will be supplied by the club. Andre has bought the steaks, fixings and beverages but if you want something special for yourself please feel free...that includes beverages. We are going to eat a bit early so guys like Bill and Steve can eat and fly back Sat. evening.

In the morning we will just have coffee and sweet rolls so we can depart and fly over to Ukiah for a place we have picked out for a great restaurant breakfast. Thanks again to Mike and Yarik for driving the supplies up to the Lake. Camping there this time of year is spectacular in the valley, and the swim in the lake by the Marina is always good so bring your suits. See you Saturday morning."

If we don't wish to walk to the Ukiah restraint, there are free wieners at Ukiah airport complements of Willits EAA chapter. Their second annual International Wings and Wieners Fly-in will be serving food to all pilots and guests who fly in from 11-AM to 3-PM Sunday. There will also be a "Historic Aircraft Display" at Ukiah.

We land from the lake side uphill after passing the road that crosses the runway and then taxi back to the right side of the runway near the lake.

Special thanks to Mike and Yarik, who will drive up with the supplies for dinner and breakfast. If you want to have your camping gear brought up in Mike's truck (instead of flying it in) contact him well in advance.

JUNE 8TH 2013 MEETING MINUTES

By Mark Johnson and mostly by Chris Rampoldt

The meeting was brought to order by President C. Rampoldt. Meeting minutes were recorded by the honorable Mark Johnson over the usual Pizza also brought by Mark.

Our new president Chris Rampoldt opened the meeting at 12:45. There were 9 members in attendance. We welcomed our new member Erik Jensen. Eric lives in Sonoma valley and has training in powered chutes. He is now looking for a 2-seater LSA.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our Treasurer Victor was asked how many members have still not paid their yearly dues which were due in February. The answer was six. All present members agreed that once again those members must be reminded to pay their fair share for our club benefits.

Chris said this year's calendar was in its final stages of being finished, and he apologized for not having it done. We then brain stormed about this year's fly-outs. Our summer schedule consists of a June 22nd trip to the Nut Tree – a July 13 & 14 trip to Pillsbury lake. Later a trip on September 14 trip to Booneville.

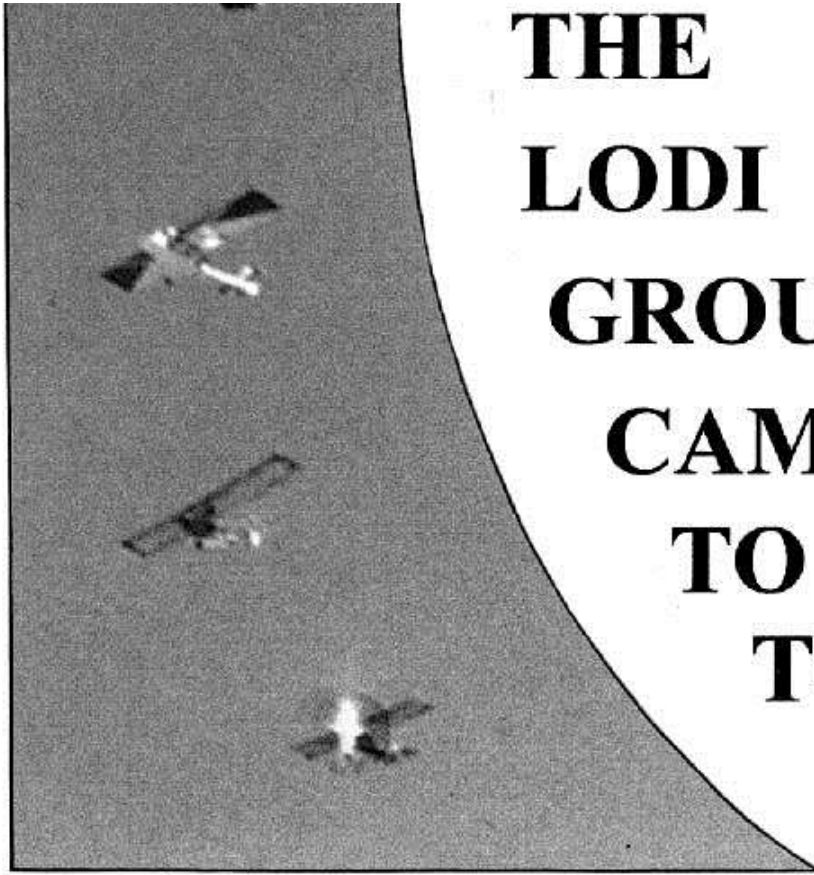
NEW BUSINESS:

A fifteen minute discussion of how some of the slower lite sport airplanes blend in with the faster general aviation planes began. Again pretty much every member present agreed that flying a closer in pattern at a lower altitude than general aviation had been working for our slower craft. Gordon Dupries noted that although this is about the fiftieth time we have discussed this, every time new information is brought forth and the experiences in the pattern are shared, we become safer pilots.

Our next overnight flyout to Lake Pillsbury was discussed and we thanked Harry Torgovitsky for his past help in running all supplies and Charlotte for laying out a great dinner at our campsite. This year Mike Ferraro has volunteered to drive supplies, and we thank him for that.

Andrea suggested we learn to fly in formation instead of all over the place. It is much safer. We are also planning to investigate "Mystery Valley" - a private strip to see if we can land there.

Meeting was adjourned 2 PM



THE LODI GROUP CAME TO TOWN...

By Hank Dasse

Our Lodi group is not a formal UL club but a group of UL pilots that really love to fly. We make fairly frequent cross country flights, especially during the summer. Our favorite place to visit are the many airshow's or fly-ins that are around during the summer. We recently came back from the Airfest at Grass Valley where we were asked to do a Fly-By for the crowd, which we gladly did. Above is a picture of the Fly-By. There are only 2 planes in this photo that went to Petaluma, my Challenger which is in the lead and Dave Normans MX which is number 3 in this echelon right formation. The others that made the historic flight to your area were: Keith Kent in his Yellow Kolb, Alan Aaby in his X Air, Dave Norman has the Rotax 912 powered MX, Tim Styles has a 582 powered Rans Coyote II. and Bill Cypher's 503 powered Flightstar was there.

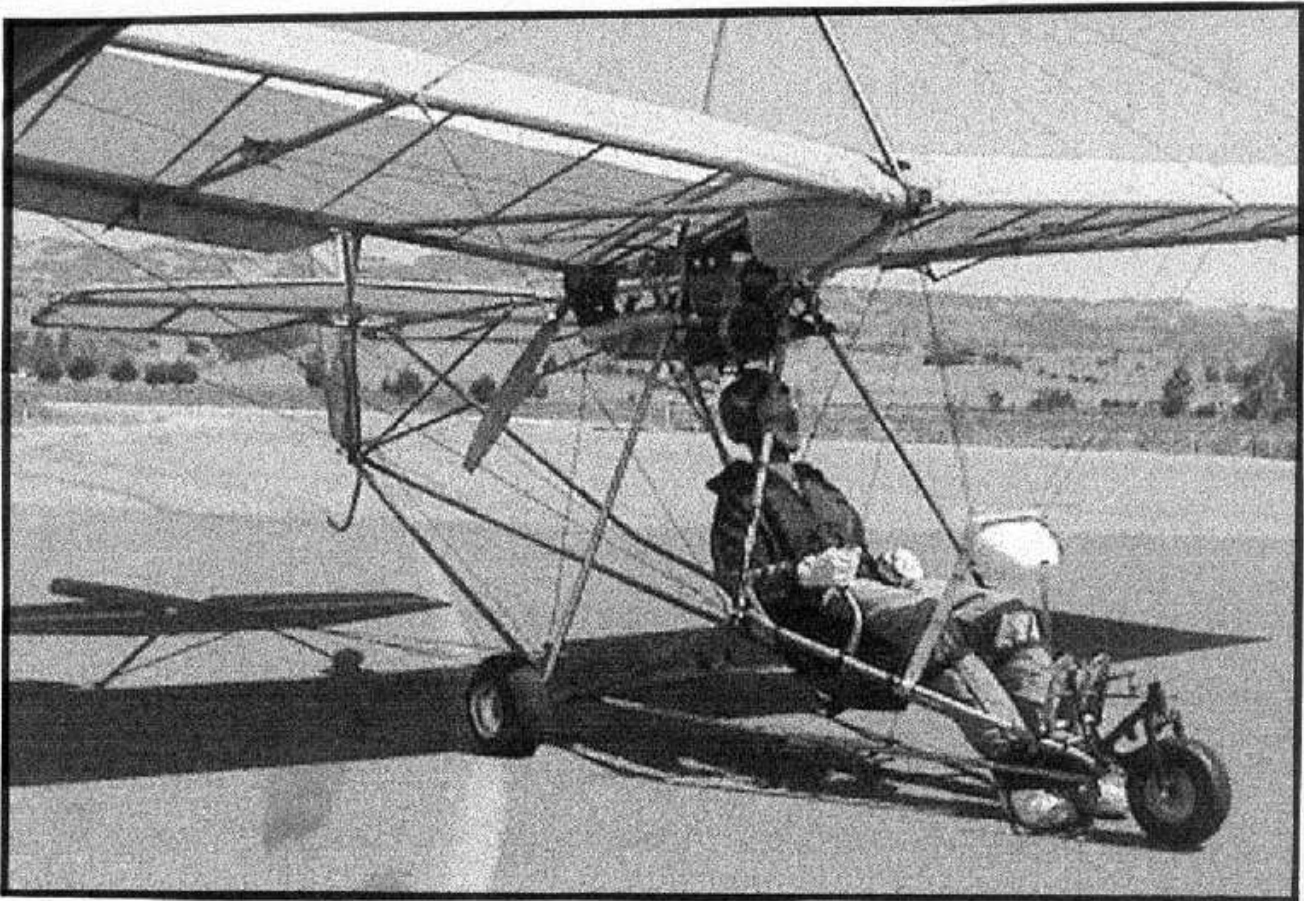
Anyway, getting back to Petaluma, we had been planning this trip for quite a while. We were encouraged by Keith (Yellow Kolb) who had made this trip by himself a couple of times and came back with great enthusiasm for a group to give it a try. This had been fueled by the wonderful treatment some of your folks had shown Keith on his solo trip. We set out Saturday morning fairly early. We headed west but had to skirt to the North to avoid Travis air space. We discussed flying above 2500 over the Travis air space which was legal on Saturday, but caution was our decision so we headed north to just below Davis, and stopped at Nut tree. We fueled up and took a short break for some coffee. We took off again and headed west to Petaluma. The morning flight was fantastic, beautiful sky along with breath taking scenery. We passed over just south of Sonoma and shortly thereafter, passed over the (foothills) east of your field. The rest was up to you folks and you all provided a wonderful day for us.

MEMORIES OF GREAT FLY-INS

(Note the Flying Pizza Box!)

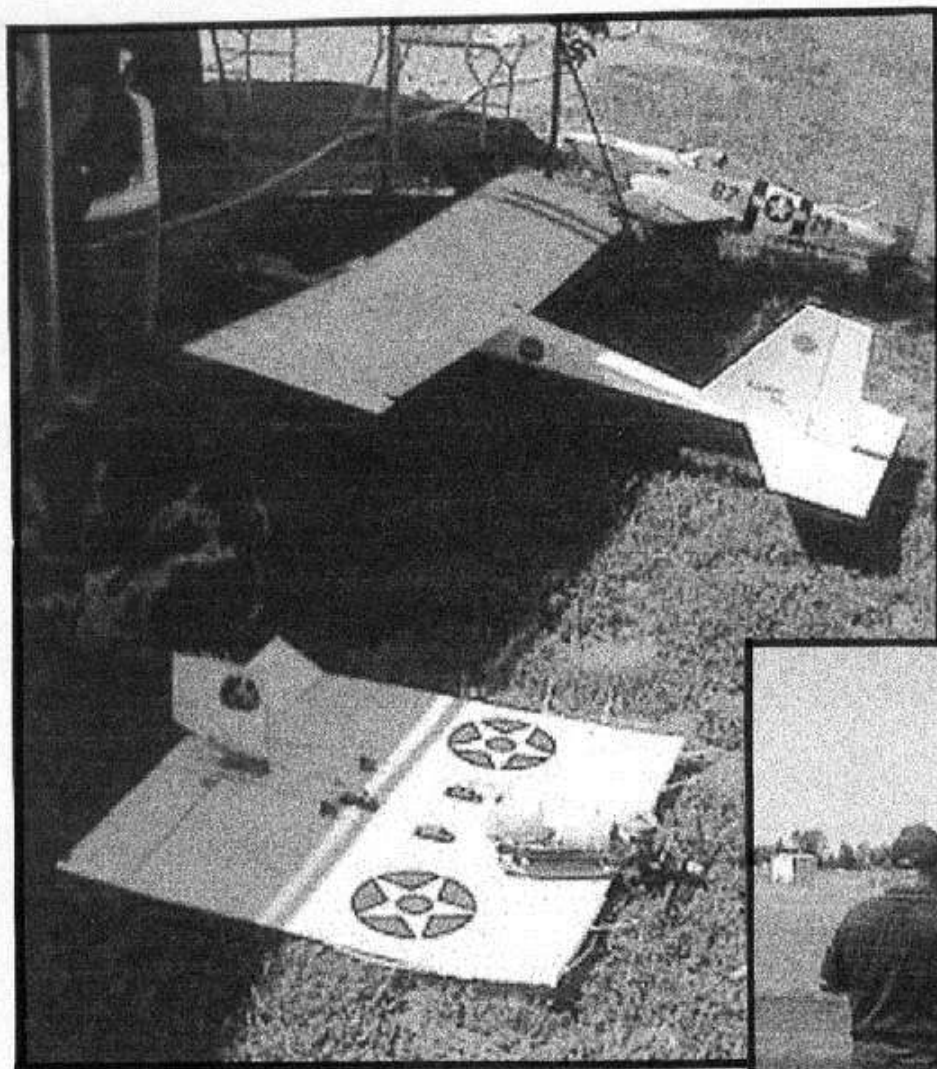
THE FLY-IN AND BBQ AT BRIANS

Well, we did it all... bomb runs, spot landings, watched a dazzling display of radio controlled models and ate so much we could hardly walk. Three ultralights flew in: Lynn in his spiffy blue Quicksilver, Mark in his orange Hawk, and Jeff in his red Beaver. Criss stopped in briefly in his Cessna and even Brian got into the act by flying around in his 90 mph Avid Flyer . The RC operators put on quite a show for us... we even witnessed a flying pizza box! (see page 3) The music and food was also great. Brian was the perfect host and although the weather was hot, we had plenty of shade and a cool air moisterizer! Everyone had a wonderful time.

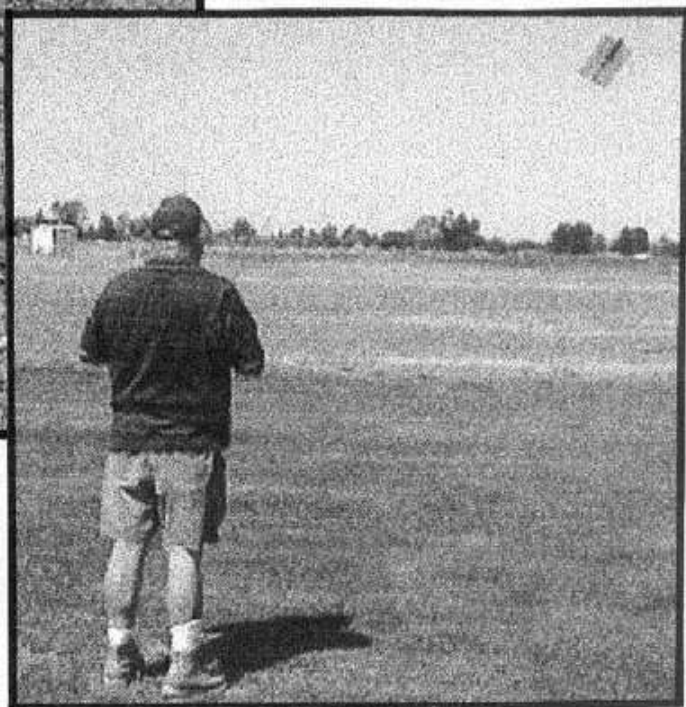


Lynn taking off for a bombing run . He came in first place. He was only 3 ' away from the target!

Below is the now famous "flying Pizza box". It was incredible what that operator could do with it. It was capable of vertical take offs, hovering above a spot, barrell rolls, inside and outside loops... all at the same time. (I am exaggerating slightly) I asked him how he was able to have so much control over it and he said it came after hundreds of hours and thousands of crashes!



Notice that all there is to the "flying box" is a 049 engine clamped on the front. The back edge is the elevator with rudder and the rest is control rods. It is simply amazing.



THIS MONTH'S PICS

(Guys, submit pictures or this section will remain very small!)



Charlie at 2-Rock



Mark & Charlie with George's very dirty plane in view

A few of Bim's great aerial photos follow:





(Landing spot near Bodega Bay)