

# Liberty Field Ultralight Flyers January 2006 Newsletter

USUA Club #3 EAA Chapter #106



## Newsletter

### Officers:

President: Gordon Dupries

Vice Pres.: Les Goldner

Secretary: Mark Johnson

Treasurer: Vic Bologna

### January 14th, 2006 Meeting and Meal Notice

We will hold our monthly meeting at Gordon's hanger at the regular time (4:30PM) on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> this month.

We need to be thinking about planning activities for 2006 at this meeting. Your ideas are important since we exist to service our membership. Some of the questions we need to answer are:

- Where and when fly-out to. Should we continue going Saturday's to the coast and rivers? Should we look for other places to land (to replace Brian's place)? Note that we need to do organize fly-out activities in advance because the EAA requires pre-flight advanced info, for insurance purposes.
- Which fly-ins and air shows should we participate in?
- Should we organize a youth program this year?
- How should we utilize our LUF field resource?
- Should we organize some longer distance (multi-day) fly-outs to interesting places?
- Would we prefer to continue BBQ lunches, or should we have late morning pancake brunches that tie-in more closely to our morning fly-outs?
- What other activities and programs do we want to support this year?

We need your input, so please come to this meeting.

### Unapproved Minutes of the December Meeting

*December 11th 2005*

Our President, Gordon Dupries, called the short meeting to order at about 4:30-PM prior to our XMAS party dinner

Since the minutes of this meeting was not written down, so this report will be very short.

### **Old Business**

We discussed a requirement that anyone wishing to fly into LUF field needs to sign the field owner, Harvey Goldberg's liability waiver. (A number of these waivers were signed and given to Mark Johnson to deliver to Harvey.)

### **New Business**

The officers listed on the letterhead of this newsletter were nominated and elected unanimously by the membership.

Gordon made a point of thanking Harry Plevney for leveling the LUF Field runway. Harry has a heavy construction firm and had the expertise to really do a great job. Gordon said that our club was giving Harry a token of our appreciation, a gift certificate at the flight shop.

Don Anderson prepared a new video of his flying and he offered copies, at his cost, to our group.

The meeting adjourned at about 4:40-PM.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### ***LUF Field BBQ Lunch Cancelled due to field conditions***

Mark Johnson reports that LUF Field is partially under water and is not landable at this time. Due to this, we have cancelled the LUF Field Barbeque this month. Our January 14<sup>th</sup>, meeting will be held at Gordon's hanger at 4:30-PM. (See the meeting notice at the top of this Newsletter.)

### **About the XMAS Party**

We had another great party this year. About 28 members and their families came to the party. Don Anderson and Les Goldner presented videos of their flights. Don's was very professionally done and those who saw this video at the party said that it was his best yet! Thank you Don. Awards were given for the best pictures, and gift were exchanged on a random basis with those choosing last having the option of opening a new gift or stealing one that had already been chosen (some XMAS spirit!)

Special recognition needs to go to Bim Lipp for his excellent meal and home brewed wines and to Lynn Deedler for hosting the party. The following pictures tell the story.



Bim at his best!



Don explaining his new video



Gordon conducting our very short meeting around a warm fire (where is everyone?)





Enjoying the meal



Top Left, Lynn trying to get away from the party. Right, Lynn again, here explaining his, almost completed, pendulum clock. Bottom Left, the Officers in conference

### [Weather Information](#)

With all the “great” weather we have been having, it’s good to know how to get the best forecast before flying out. At the XMAS party someone suggested looking at <http://www.rvproject.com/wx/> for good reports. If you scroll down this web page you get the following information. Then clicking your mouse on the airport code it takes you to the AirNav.com page describing the airport.

#### Bay Area




















Loc.	Time (PST)	Cat.	Vis.	Wx.	Sky Cover	Wind	Temp.	Dew Pt.	W. Chill	Altim.	Humid.
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<a href="#">KAPC</a>	1/5 8:54 PM	VFR	10 sm		Clear	050 (NE) at 4 kt	51.0°F	48.0°F		30.26"	89%
<a href="#">KCCR</a>	1/5 8:53 PM	VFR	6 sm	Mist	Clear	Calm	50.0°F	46.9°F		30.27"	89%
<a href="#">KHWD</a>	1/5 8:54 PM	VFR	9 sm		Clear	050 (NE) at 4 kt	55.9°F	46.0°F		30.24"	69%
<a href="#">KLVK</a>	1/5 8:53 PM	MVFR	4 sm	Mist	Clear	Calm	48.9°F	46.0°F		30.27"	90%
<a href="#">KNUQ</a>	1/5 8:56 PM	VFR	10 sm		Clear	Calm	51.0°F	48.0°F		30.25"	89%
<a href="#">KOAK</a>	1/5 8:53 PM	VFR	10 sm		Broken <b>22000'</b>	110 (ESE) at 5 kt	55.0°F	48.0°F	54.4°F	30.26"	77%
<a href="#">KPAO</a>	1/5 8:47 PM	VFR	10 sm		Overcast <b>20000'</b>	Calm	53.6°F	50.0°F		30.25"	88%
<a href="#">KRHV</a>	1/5 8:50 PM	VFR	10 sm		Scattered 15000'	Calm	51.8°F	48.2°F		30.26"	87%
<a href="#">KSTS</a>	1/5 9:35 PM	LIFR	1/2 sm	Fog	Clear	Calm	46.4°F	46.4°F		30.25"	100%

However, if you want forecast information designed specifically for UL and Light Sport aircraft, go to:

<http://www.usairnet.com/cgi-bin/launch/code.cgi?state=CA&Submit=Get+Locations>

Here you get a great graphical representation of low-level flying conditions for every 3-hours going out 3-days. A sample of the type of the information available at this site is shown below:

DATE	1/1/06			
HOUR	10:00 PM	1:00 AM	4:00 AM	7:00 AM
SKY	Partly Cloudy 	Mostly Cloudy 	Cloudy 	Cloudy 
TEMP (F)	46 	44 	43 	42 
WIND DIRECTION	320 	210 	CALM	260 
WIND (MPH)	1 	1 	0 	2 
HOUR	10:00 PM	1:00 AM	4:00 AM	7:00 AM
CLOUD BASE	 1200 FT TO UNLIMITED	 1000 THAN 200 FT	 1000 THAN 200 FT	 1000 THAN 200 FT
VISIBILITY	3 MILES TO 5 MILES	LESS THAN 1/2 MILE	LESS THAN 1/2 MILE	1 MILE TO 2 MILES
	Mist	Fog	Fog	Mist
PRECIP		0%		3%
Lightning		1%		1%
REL HUM	100%	96%		100%
DEW POINT	46	43		47

### [Hanger Space for the Club at Petaluma?](#)

We sent an email to members to find out if there was an interest in renting part of a large hanger that is to be built late this year at Petaluma AP. Several members were very interested, so we will continue to follow up.

There is only a remote possibility that the space would actually become available. If it does, we would need to decide how to structure the rental arrangement.

### [EAA and USUA Memberships](#)

Since LFUF is affiliated with both the EAA and USUA, we encourage everyone to join these organizations. We do not know how many of our members are USUA

members. Sixteen of our members now belong to the EAA. The EAA requires us to have a Flight Advisor, Technical Counselor, Young Eagles (youth program) Coordinator, and an Insurance coordinator. These positions are currently assigned to Jeff Singleton, Chris Rampoldt, Mark Johnson, and Les Goldner, respectively.

### **Quicksilver MXL 2 Sport for Sale**

For sale by owner; 175 hours TT. 14-Gal. fuel tank, tundra tires, electric starter, high back tandem seats, and intake & exhaust silencers. Panel includes Dual EGT, Water temp, Alt, Tach., Icom A-5, & VSI. Asking \$13,500. 707-477-3688



### **Lighter Stuff**

#### ***Blind Pilots (sent in by Gordon Dupries)***

Two men dressed in pilot's uniforms walk up the aisle of the airplane. Both are wearing dark glasses, one is using a guide dog, and the other is tapping his way along the aisle with a cane.

Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin, but the men enter the cockpit, the door closes, and the engines start up. The passengers begin glancing nervously around, searching for some sign that this is just a little practical joke. None is forthcoming.

The plane moves faster and faster down the runway, and the people sitting in the window seats realize they're headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport territory. As it begins to look as though the plane will plough into the water, panicked screams fill the cabin.

At that moment, the plane lifts smoothly into the air. The passengers relax and laugh a little sheepishly, and soon all retreat into their magazines, secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands.

In the cockpit, one of the blind pilots turns to the other and says,



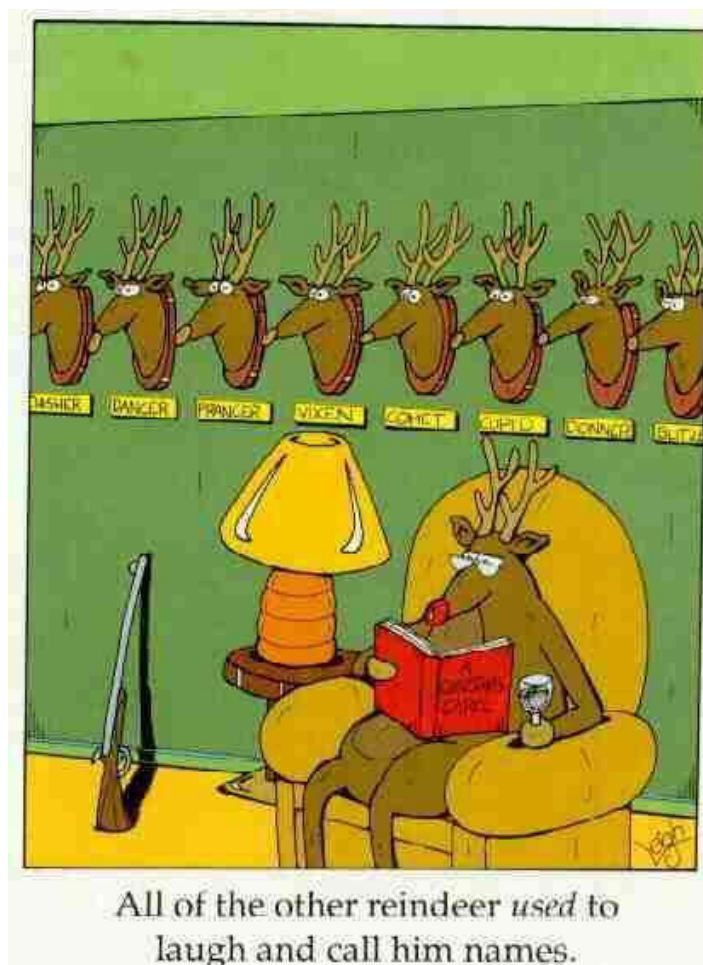
"You know, Bob, one of these days, they're gonna scream too late and we're all gonna die.

(Note: this isn't as far from reality as it sounds. I knew a guy who was totally blind and ran a concession taking people around Alcatraz Is. in his sailboat until the Coast Guard shut him down! He told me that he used the same technique of listening to what his passengers talk to know where to go).

***Different Takes on XMAS (sent Bim Lipp and Don Anderson)***







### [Notable Snaps](#)

The following 3-pics come courtesy of Chris Rampoldt



Chris, our resident CFI, while on his job at Delta AL, was actually allowed to sit in the pilot's chair and fly this Boeing 767 ! Chris said he would have had more fun if this perc was not provided as a replacement for his pension!  
(...and I thought that a 767 flies itself!)



This is what Jim Grimes plane looks like through Chris's windshield



MiG 35, from the MAKS 2005 Russian airshow (from Don Anderson)



F18 Super Hornet breaking the sound barrier

### UFUF Calendar (tentative)

January		March	April
7-Surprise destination fly-in	4-Fly to Ocean	4-Aircraft Check-out at and BBQ, Petaluma	1-TBD
<b>14-LFUF Meeting Gordon's hanger</b>	<b>11-LFUF Meeting Gordon's hanger</b>	<b>11-LFUF Meeting Gordon's hanger</b>	<b>8-LFUF Meeting Gordon's hanger</b>
21-Fly to LUF Field, (if it dries out)	18-Fly to LUF Field, then Pilot's choice fly-around	18-TBD	15-TBD
28-Liberty Field landing contest & on to Two-Rock	25-Fly to Cloverdale	25-TBD	22-TBD 29-TBD

Note that the main purpose of the Meeting Saturday is to set this calendar.