

Liberty Field Flyers June 2008 Newsletter



USUA Club #3 EAA Chapter #106

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June 14th Meeting Announcement

We do not have a speaker for our June meeting but the meeting should be of considerable interest. A lot of things have happened to our members since our last meeting that should evoke lively discussions, including:

- The demise of, and plans to rebuild, Jim Grimes' Ercoupe.
- New planes (kits) acquired by Ted Miller and by Gordin & Vic.
- Les's trip with his new Zenith to Utah's Monument Valley.
- Mark's overcoming of his latest engine problems at the Golden West fly-in.
- Don Anderson's convoluted engine's repairs (finally completed).
- How Vic solved his MX engine over-revving problem and rebuilt his MX.
- Last months Fly-ins to Cloverdale (Quality Sport), Skypark, and the Golden West (a busy month)

We also need to talk about plans to fly and camp out at Lake Pillsbury on June 28th (see *Upcoming Events* below).

In addition, if the winds are light, some of us are planning a sunset fly-around after the meeting (5:30 to 6:30-PM).

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Unapproved Minutes of May 10th Meeting

Written by Mark Johnson

Les Goldner opened the meeting at 4:30. The April minutes were approved.

Forest Baskett, our guest speaker, talked about his Stemme German glider; then we all went outside to see it.

The glider was built in 1995 with the engine behind his seat and a prop that retracts into the nose cone. He said he has soared 4.5 hours with no engine assist and Mendocino ridge is the best place to catch the thermals in this area.

The Stemme is a two seater (side by side); 27' long with a 75' wingspan! The wings fold back in order to fit the plane in a hanger. It is a serious (\$300k) machine with a Rotax 914 120-HP turbo-charged engine that climbs at 800 fpm. The plane weighs 1,400 lbs, it's never exceed speed is 168; cruises at 154 mph, and stalls at 48 mph. It has a 30,000' ceiling (yes, it has oxygen) and boasts a 50-1 glide ratio. A real marvel of German engineering!

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We plan to fly to Lake Pillsbury on the 4th weekend in June. Harry Torgovitsky again agreed to drive to the campsite and take overnight packs for the flyers. He also said that his wife, Charlotte, would once again prepare dinner for the group, which was greatly appreciated last year.

Don Anderson said that when he was removing his prop to send his engine out for repair, he found that most of the prop bolts were broken off just inside the flange that they were screwed into. He could not detect this by just re-torquing the bolts and suggests that when we re-torque we need to extract the bolts one turn before tightening to find out if bolts have broken off.

Les plans to fly to Page and Monument Valley Utah and to Bryce Canyon from the 13th to the 19th. He promises to have pictures for us at the June meeting.

The meeting adjourned 5:30. 12 people, plus the speaker, were present.

Upcoming Events

June 28th Lake Pillsbury Fly-in/Camping trip

As discussed in the Minutes, a trip is planned for Saturday June 28th to Upper Gravelly Valley AP on Lake Pillsbury. This is an 83-crow-fly-miles flight from Petaluma. The airport is on the lake. Both airport and lake are part of the state park/forest service system and is great for overnight camping, either near the planes or at a nearby camping site. We plan to leave Petaluma at 8:30-AM.

We have several options for routing the flight. We can either fly direct (83-miles), fly up Rt. 101 and cut through the mountains near Ukiah (safest way) or fly to Clearlake or Ukiah to gas up (adding about 15-miles to the trip) Fueling is a consideration, which we can discuss at the meeting.

Harry Torgovitsky has once again agreed to drive up and will take our camping gear with him. Harry's wife, Charlotte, will cook dinner at the campsite (thank you Harry and Charlotte). Les has extra camping gear, which he will loan on a first come basis.

This trip is a highlight of our annual fly-ins.

July 12th Harvey's Field Fly-in and BBQ

Harvey's field-by-the-river BBQs are family oriented. Wives, kids, and friends are welcome. Usually we can count on Vic doing most of the BBQing. We also have contests (flour drops, spot landings, etc). Once again, Vic usually also handles most of contest judging (except when we disagree with him). There are prizes for the contest winners.

Possible camping at trip end-of July?

Some of us are thinking about another multi-day campout or fly-in at the end of July into the first week in August, possibly up to Lake Shasta or along the coast. Ideas would be welcome at our June meeting.

Harvey's Field get a Manicure

Mike Ferrero, (a fearless GA pilot who will fly his single seat Flightstar in stronger winds than most of us would go out in) took his mower to Harvey's field this week and single-handedly cut the "grass" on Harvey's runway. Mike's a busy guy considering he is rebuilding a bathroom in his house and taking care of many animals on his mini-farm. Mike, we really appreciate your effort!

Club Calendar of Activities

Month	Week1	2	3	4	5
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)	