

***EAA CHAPTER  
175  
Mar 2011  
NEWSLETTER***

*Next meeting  
Saturday;  
Mar 17th @ 2 PM  
**YES, that's THIS**  
**Sat!!!**  
Burgers at 1230 PM*



**EAA Chapter 175  
Meeting Minutes,  
Saturday, February 25,  
2012**

Present for breakfast were 21 people, meeting 16 people

(Note: 5 members departed to attend Sun 'n Fun Volunteer Meeting #2)

Guests John Coleman and Edward Vandenberghe

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**PROGRAM for Saturday,  
Mar 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

None - The grill will be up and running with burgers around 12:30 and Rich Denton will arrive about 1 or 1:30 directly from attending the final Volunteer Chairmen's Meeting at Sun 'n Fun with our credentials.

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**Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Bud Yerly at 9:00 AM Thanks to Earl Groff and Allen Chester for preparing our morning breakfast.

The board of directors met at 8:00 AM this morning to discuss a variety of issues. Bud summarized discussions regarding upcoming Sun 'n Fun activities.

- Rich Denton is directing the Volunteer Kitchen operations which has have been moved to the Pavilion, next to the Air Museum. Parking will be across the street in a special area of the vendor parking lot. Camping will be adjacent to the ultralight runway with much better electrical hookups than our previous camping location. Note that this pavilion kitchen location is temporary for this year, with plans for a new facility to be available next year.
- The next chapter meeting will be on the third Saturday, March 17th, at 2 PM with lunch served between 12:30 to 2 PM. At the 2 PM meeting volunteer credentials will be issued.

- Again this year our chapter will present Eagle flights and an open house on invitation only basis to adult prospects similar to last year's Fall event. Three groups of people are targets including pilots wanting to get back into aviation, people considering becoming pilots, and those just interested in various aspects of aviation. We will include local vendors such as Reliable, Leading Edge, the paint shop in the morning seminars and information for new pilots after lunch. Ginger Adelstone has accepted responsibility to coordinate the event. She will form a steering committee to help-finalize details of that event.

- The disposition of the garage was discussed in the board meeting. Bud will review the implications to the chapter of terminating the lease and possible impact on our use of the chapter house before we move forward on ending that lease. We need to offload the Mini-Max

and NAA still is interested in taking it off our hands.

- Don Miller and Steve Reisser reviewed the treasurer's books and found them to be in order as a required audit process annually by EAA during the board meeting.

Bud continued the meeting with other old business including acceptance of last month's meeting minutes as emailed and posted on the website. Motion to accept was made, seconded, and accepted without objection. The same process of acceptance was made on a verbal treasurer's report by Tom McLinskey.

With no new business or comments from the membership, a motion to close the meeting was made, seconded and accepted without objection.

## **Program**

Mr. John Coleman was our guest speaker and presented a multitude of fascinating historical pictures and documents on the development and evolution of Vandenberg Airport (VDF). Mr. Ed Vandenberghe was also present and provided personal comments and observations on the period between the 1950's to the 1980s. Ed was the son of George and Ruth Vandenberghe who spearheaded the development of our airport. Jewel and Marie Vandenberghe homesteaded the VDF property in the 1930's.

John Denton shared some personal memories of his flying experiences when he started flying in the 1970's at Brandon Airport where EAA Chapter 175 originated, eventually moving his Cessna 170 to VDF. As a side note, his chapter was a part of the very first Sun 'n Fun Fly-In and members parked airplanes as their primary volunteer activity. John said aircraft rental then was only \$8 per hour and you could step up to a C-172 for \$13/hour. He

passed around sectionals and other flying documents and paraphernalia from that period. Things were so much simpler then!

By 1954, Vandenberg Airport was the busiest private airport in Florida. George always had the best airplane on the field. He loved Bonanzas. He also sold airplanes, including about 100 Cessna aircraft.

Since it was such a popular airport expansion was inevitable.

Runway 18-36 was added and the sod 09-27 was closed. The north-south creek was eventually replaced by the bypass canal in 1971 and required moving runway 18-36 to the east about 300 feet.

George and Ruth built our current chapter house in 1980 as their family home.

About 1984 the residents around the airport became concerned about possible ground water contamination and raised a furor in

the local media. Objections were overcome, but in 1985 the airport was sold to the airport authority for 4.8 million dollars which was a gigantic amount of money in those days.

George and Ruth had secured over 20 additional parcels which were used to create runway 05-23. That was not without issue in that there was a hump in the runway which would cause an airplane to become airborne again after landing. The runway had to be leveled and paved again to take the hump out.

It was great fun seeing pictures, hearing historical tidbits of the development of VDF. Steve will post the PowerPoint presentation on our [www.eaa75.org](http://www.eaa75.org) website before the next chapter meeting on March 17, 2012, 2 PM.

The program ended at 10:30.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Acting Secretary,  
Steve Reisser

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## MUST READS

1. Check out how safe Lakeland Linder is – impressive! <http://www.theledger.com/article/20120310/NEWS/120319949/1001/BUSINESS?Title=Lakeland-Wins-Top-Award-For-Safe-Airport-Runway>

2. **SUN 'n FUN is Proud to Present Aaron Tippin and his Red White & Loud Concert**  
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to present country music star, passionate pilot and patriot, Aaron Tippin and the Commemorative Air Force's (CAF's) Red, White & Loud musical tribute to America's heroes! This one-of-a-kind performance will honor those who have sacrificed to protect our freedom. The concert is scheduled during the SUN 'n FUN International Fly-In & Expo on Thursday, March 29, at 8:00 PM on the SUN 'n FUN Florida Air Museum's AOPA sponsored Pavilion stage.

Tippin is a platinum-selling recording artists and songwriter with 13 albums and more than 30 charted singles, including "Where the Stars and Stripes and the Eagles Fly," "You've Got to Stand for Something" and "Kiss This." His live performances have wowed audiences across the country due to his skills as a showman and love for his country.

The evening's concert pairs Tippin with the CAF's most famous Warbird, their Boeing B-29 Superfortress, FiFi, which will arrive at SUN 'n FUN earlier in the week and offer tours and "dream flights" plus thundering fly-bys in SUN 'n FUN's daily Airshow throughout the entire week. Tippin's multi-media show will evoke the drama and power of FiFi, the icon of U.S. Military Aviation History, proudly restored and flown by the Commemorative Air Force, Midland, Texas.

A highly experienced airman himself, Aaron soloed on his 16th birthday. He became a commercial multi-engine instrument-rated pilot by the age of 18 and his also helicopter-qualified. A certified aircraft and power plant mechanic, he owns a 1941 Stearman, a 1946 J3 Cub and 1959 Helio Curior – all in

flying condition. Over the past two decades, platinum recording artist Aaron Tippin has become one of the most recognizable and influential voices in country music. With 13 recorded CD's to his name and more than 30 charted singles, he performs nearly 200 dates each year.

Aaron Tippin's Red, White & Loud concert will begin at 8:00 PM Thursday evening, March 29 as part of our evening program line-up. Seating is available to all SUN 'n FUN weekly or Thursday ticket (wristband) wearers on a first come, first serve basis. A special \$10 after 5:00 PM admission rate to the show site has been announced for those interested in attending the concert that cannot join the SUN 'n FUN festivities during the day. Parking will be in SUN 'n FUN's Main Parking Lot off West Pipkin Road. Dinner and beverages will be available prior to

the concert in the SUNSET Grill on the SUN 'n FUN campus.

3. Beautiful expose on that "low to the ground" flying:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoCMbJSEsJc&>

4. Half boat – half plane!

<http://edition.cnn.com/2012/01/05/tech/sailrocket/index.html>

5. Start learning about drones... they'll be all around us SOON!

<http://www.popsoci.com/technology/article/2012-02/under-newly-authorized-airspace-rules-drones-will-fly-alongside-piloted-planes-2015>

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***EDITOR'S CORNER***

Lots going on....I'll have my kids  
at Sun-n-Fun, March 30<sup>th</sup> all day.  
Hope to see you all there!

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