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There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."

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Meeting And Program

NOTICE: Our August meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the 6th of August. The meeting will be at the FBO/Main Terminal Building on the grounds at KLVK.

Calendar:

Month	Date	Speaker	Topic
July	2 nd	John Youngblood & Dave Dent	Pic's and anecdotes to/from Sun N Fun '15
August	6 th	Barry Weber	Annual pic's and discussing Airventure
September	3rd	JR Precision Static	Testing and care of Pitot/Static systems

For Our August Program: Our August speaker is Barry Weber showing pictures and anecdotes of his annual trip to Airventure. Barry always takes a lot of pictures of interesting airplanes and always seems to have something to say about each. I wonder what his memory will be like when he get's old? So far, it's been pretty excellent.

See you at the meeting,

Mailbag: White knuckle flier – Thanks to Ralph Cloud.

Below is the story, told by a friend of mine, that had to take a trip to LA on Southwest. She is not a flier, more of the white knuckle type of traveler. This is the story she told of her tuffing it out to make the trip. She had to go to LA to take a dog training seminar for her business.

Warning....it's long, and if you're offended by some F bombs....don't read! (These have been edited somewhat– TC)

I hate to fly. It terrifies me. Last flight I took was 7 years ago (I think?) when David graduated at Lackland. I won't even go into the sweating, slightly tearful anxiety attack I had all by myself at the airport.....Art's text message back to me as I'm getting more worked up says "call me". Omg I can't call him. I'll break down and really cause a scene. No, not a good idea. I will either call you when I land, or when I'm in a car driving back home because I can't go through with it, but not from outside the airport pre-check in.

I make it through security.....although, why did NO ONE tell me to wear socks??? Ewwwwwww. I am texting several friends, you know who you are, saying I don't think I can get on the plane, I'm freaking out. But I wait. I can't let this get best of me. Oh, what, is this a f*#@!&%^ contest? Who CARES if it gets the best of me??!! They call my flight number to board. Buck the f*#@! up buttercup and get your ass on the plane. I got in line. The lady next to me spilled her full cup of soda on the carpet....it's awful to say, but it created a nice distraction.

As I come down the rectangle entry thingy of death to board the plane, I realize he took my paper! Omg, I don't know what seat I'm in!! "Um, excuse me, (trying to breathe and sound fairly normal as I approach the smiling lady in charge of the door) the guy took my paper and I don't know what my seat number was?" (The look of panic and desperation must have shown, regardless of my attempt to hide it) "oh, you can pick any seat you like" she says, with a pained looked on her face. I shuffle on into the isle that I can barely fit my carry on through....I'm freaking out. No, seriously I'm FREAKING OUT. I'm driving home. I've already decided. I should get off....it's like chickening out at the roller coaster, right? Don't make eye contact with anyone....they might see your panic...worse, you might see THEIR panic.

I take the first available seat in an empty row. Oh crap....window or no window.....I go with window. I can always close the window if I notice the engine on fire. (or a colonial woman on the wing) Why the hell did I sit over the wing?? Okay, now, I'm not body shaming here, but holy crap, this seat belt is so tight, if we crash, I will be cut in two. The poor survivors do not need to see that. And seriously, this seat is really narrow. I started looking at average people. My lord, they looked squished. I pay VERY close attention to the safety talk. Bitch, I will manually inflate that floatation device even if it's NOT a water landing.

Did we cover the face mask?? Omg. I missed it. It's okay, I think I remember from movies. Can't be too hard, and I'll already have my floatation device on.

We're taking off. F*****#####@@@@@@@@@!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

My catholic upbringing (sorry Mom and Father Emanuel) is now in full effect.....praying like the plane is going down instead of up. Zzzzzzzxxwwwwwwaaaaaaa - WTF is that!!?? OMG. I might scream the question out loud. Okay, no one else looks alarmed, we must be okay. Breathing. Just in case you wanted to know...There are 80 bolts holding this small section of wing together... 80 bolts. It can't possibly break off. I'm trying to count the rest but it makes me nauseous, and barfing on the plane would be bad.

Drink service announcement. F*#@! YES. I'm looking at the drink card. Wait. I have to be able to get my floatation device on fast.....I'm sticking with Dr. Pepper. They come by with a picnic basket looking thing....."Would you like snacks"? I start comparing myself to a fearful dog. Pretzels....I could eat a pretzel....I MUST NOT BE THAT AFRAID!!! I get my plastic cup of Dr. Pepper. I think I might actually be breathing fairly normally. Bongbong....bong....bong.....and the women in blue go scattering. Omg. Why?? Pretzel eating plan aborted. BOOOOOP. One of the fearless blonde ladies gets on the speaker. Our drink service will be suspended due to some turbulence up ahead. We will resume when the captain determines it's safe for us to do so.

Where is the floaty thing. I want mine ready. Don't panic.....don't panic. Would have been better if they didn't tell me. Damn it, I should have gone for the rum. Stupid. Bumpy, not too horrible, but those dips, that is BULL CRAP. Zzzzzzzxxwwwwwwaaaaaaa - seriously....WTF is that!!?? I decide to be brave and actually look.....the wing flap things are moving downward. Okay, that seems logical to me since drink service was never resumed (those poor thirsty people in the back), but we did have an approaching announcement.

I'm writing this to keep my mind off things and Holy Crap BALLS.....Screeech, we landed. I gasped so loud that the two men to my left both looked at me. I can't even get up. I'm pretty sure my knees are frozen from being so tense for 7 hours. Okay, it was only 1 hour, but it seemed like 7. I don't want to fall in front of everyone so I wait. Then, I realize I've managed to get my shirt caught in the zipper of my back pack.....I can't get it undone! I decide to rip it out. I'm the last one. I limp off. Is it inappropriate to fall and kiss the ground? Probably a bad idea considering the state of my knees. I might not get up.

Bathroom - please God, let there be one VERY close. All that stress is about to make a girl pee her pants. Found it. Hmmmmm, back pack, carry on, and little bitty stall. I'm pretty sure the rest of the women thought I was wrestling an alligator in there trying to get the back pack off and back on again. The good news, no accidents.

Car rental - waiting in line and seeing this woman with her luggage SARAN WRAPPED, made me think of one of the text messages to Art during above mentioned anxiety attack. "Omg, I didn't bring a lock for my luggage!!!" Art: "ummmm, you're carrying it on." Glad no one was there to witness the DUH on my face. Omg. Where is the Hertz bus??? I'm sweating again. He's here. Oh air conditioning on full blast. How I am thankful for you. The very friendly driver says, "how was

your flight?" I say "great! thanks" Seriously.....I'm sure he didn't have the time to hear the truth. I'm finally settled and now need to go make my way to a store.....and maybe the bar. Then.....5 days of puppies. They better be cute. Not one ugly puppy allowed!!

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING EAA CHAPTER 663, 8/6/2015, 7:31 PM, TERMINAL BUILDING KLVK.

Chapter president John Goldsmith called the meeting to order.

Guest Chris Koonos (sp) introduced himself.

The minutes of the July chapter meetings were accepted by all present.

Treasurer Mark Palajac had "gone fishing"; no really he did. No chapter funds were used, but we won't know until the board meeting for sure.

Young Eagles coordinator Trina Anderson is trying for a rally at Tracy Airport on Saturday 8/29, but the condition of the runway resurfacing will be the determining factor.

Business: Chapter tools: Tool man Bob Farnam reported that the list of tools is on the website. Try: <http://eaa663.org/Tools/Tools.htm>

Website: Brad Olsen requested that members contact him for new user ID's and passwords because of a problem with the website reported last month.

Newsletter: Jeffry Larson introduced the new editor of "The Grapevine". Trystyn Clark will be the new editor. Jeffry will be helping him the next couple months. Jeffry received a well deserved round of applause for his many years of outstanding service.

Announcements: The board of directors will meet on 8/23 at John's place. Sept. meeting will be on the 3rd.

January 23rd '16 is the date of the Holiday Dinner. Although the speaker Andy Weir author of the book "The Martian" could draw a large crowd John and the board of directors have decided to limit attendance to members and their friends. The caterer has yet to be determined.

Election of chapter officers will take place at the October meeting. President John has gotten the current officers too offer to be reelected, but he did make a call for new blood. John Goldsmith has offered to become a director. Directors are also up for new terms.

There is a chapter barbecue this Saturday!!

Chapter member Tom Irion won a Grand Champion Award at Oshkosh for his beautiful Velocity. Unfortunately Tom was not present to receive his well deserved congratulations.

Member's forum: Ralph Cloud has reserved a row for displaying our chapter airplanes at the Airport Open House. Aircraft may be parked on the line the night before.

John mentioned that the Airline Pilots Association has come out AGAINST modifications of the 3rd Class Medical certificate!?!?!?! He recommended contacting our representative and senators. You can do it here: <http://govt.eaa.org/17422/support-pilots-bill-rights-2/>

It only takes a minute.

Break and then Program: Barry Weber came through AGAIN. He presented a "slide" show of points of interest at Oshkosh 2015. Many pictures, much discussion, it was great. Thanks Barry.

Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 8/20/2015, 7:46 PM, JOHN'S PLACE.

John Goldsmith, Mark Palajac (after traffic delay), Trystyn Clark, Dave Anderson, Ralph Cloud, Chuck Ray and Bruce Cruikshank were present.

Young Eagles: Dave reported that the next rally will be at Turlock on 9/19; the last one there was big and well done. Over 100 Young Eagles were given rides. There may be a rally at Byron on 10/17 in conjunction with the Patriots Jet Center.

Newsletter: Trystyn Clark said he got a couple training sessions from Jeffry Larson and is ready to go. His email address is: trystyn1271@gmail.com He would like any suggestions and/or links to material sent to this address. Help him out; he has big shoes to fill.

Program: Chuck Ray is having Dave Teeters talk about building and restoring war birds specializing in the P-51. The business is Airmotive Specialties, Inc; this is the website: <http://airmotives.com/> Should be interesting.

About this time Mark arrived to report that we have 92 members, and \$5,224.25 in chapter funds.

The chapter election is coming in October. If you want to get involved with the running of the chapter here's your chance. Pretty much self nomination, current officers have consented to continued but new voices are welcome. September would be a great time to make it heard.

October 3rd is Airport Open House, and Ralph has lobbied the airport for the chapter to have its very own exhibition row. Ralph suggested getting your airplane there early or the night before.

John mentioned the Golden West Flyin a one day event on October 17th at Marysville Airport. There will be a chapter airplane judging completion. John is leaving to others if they want to get involved with this activity.

Holiday Dinner: On 1/23/2016 we'll have Andy Weir, author of the book "The Martian". The movie comes out in October; here's the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej3ioOneTy8>

Does any body know Matt Damon?

The local restaurant Strings will cater.

The next chapter meeting will be on 9/3. Due to schedule conflicts, treasurer Mark will preside.

News: Just this day Chuck and Darryl Ray glassed the fairing of the canopy of their original design LSA!!!! A long day but they did it.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Cruikshank, Secretary.

Feedback/Questions/Suggestions

Any and all feedback is welcome. Please take a few minutes to send suggestions, tips, corrections or any other feedback to: Trystyn1271@gmail.com

Cool videos found on the internet.

DC-3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-F-cBF5ZbQ>

DC-3 Flight <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8vgqT5FnZo>

Lancaster UK Tour <https://www.youtube.com/v/5O12rem6d3g&autoplay=1&rel=0>

PBY-5A Flight <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fifvp38DDGo>

First Women To Fly The Pacific

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home3/56236179-200/miller-flight-woman-fly.html.csp>



Don't linger on the runway unless you forget to lower your landing gear, in which case you have an excuse, albeit a poor one.



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