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The Prez Sez...



Happy New Year!!!

2018 is shaping up to be a great year for Chapter 1. We've started work on a NEW and IMPROVED website. Along with having a new and current face, we'll have more information, related links, more detailed Young Eagle information, all the while having the capability of being updated easily. At present, we only have 1 member who can update the site, and several board members will have this capability. I've been wanting this for a couple of years, and one of the parents of a Young Eagle has stepped up to design and host our new website. We'll sure let you know when it comes live!

If you were not at the chapter Christmas Party, YOU MISSED IT! We had a BLAST! There were 90+ in attendance, and the food was delicious and plentiful. It was catered by The Flabob Airport Cafe staff... and all for \$20/person. We served turkey, ham, and prime rib. We played a great game, and had an "Ugly Christmas Hat" contest, which was won by Brian Duffield. We had lots to raffle off, and the grand prize of an Apple iPad was won by Becky Vega, fiancée of Jimmy O'Brien.

We were happy to have representatives from Aircraft Spruce with us to accept our appreciation plaque for their valuable and generous donations to Chapter 1. Andrew Buchannon and Jerame Cordeiro were on-stage to accept, and assisted in the announcing of the 3 Air Academy winners. We also presented a cool acrylic plaque in the shape of a big #1 to Gabe Baumert, who served Chapter 1 as secretary for 11+ years. Speaking of Air Academy winners, this year we are able to send 3, up from 2 last year. Congratulations to Trace Parker, Ashton Graves, and Parker Carl. These 3 fine young men will travel to Oshkosh this summer for 5 days. There, they will be with 50 or so young people their age to experience Oshkosh, the EAA way. From the reports of the 2 we sent last year, it was a life changing experience, and we're confident that Trace, Ashton and Parker will have the same to report on their return. The funds made available for these scholarships were made possible from the EAA credits we earned from flying each Young Eagle, along with the donation from Aircraft Spruce from their "Customer Appreciation Day" in October.

Last year, we had 38 Chapter events... including Young Eagles, Chapter meetings, pancake breakfasts, Spark of Love Fly In, and the 4th of July gathering. We plan on having as many this year, and maybe even more, with additional help and support from the membership in general. As always, I would like to invite you to attend and support our events. We have a big number of members, but only a small percentage of members actively supporting our events. Sad... but with your attendance and help, we can turn this around... and become the premier Southern CA chapter again.

I look forward to seeing you at as many events this year as you can possibly attend. We have a member badge ready with your name on it!!!

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EAA Chapter 1 President





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2018

February

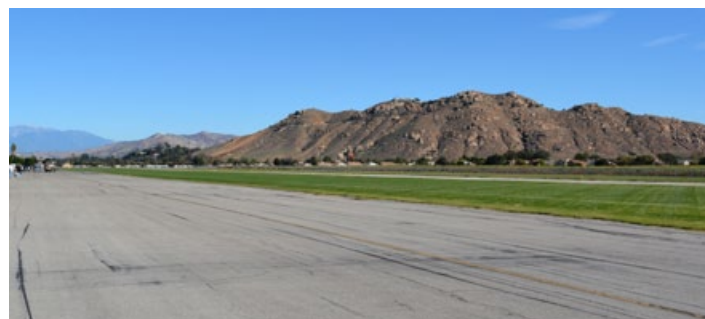
- 1st Chapter One Board Meeting
- 10th Young Eagles Rally
- 17th Aircraft Display Day
- 20th Chapter 1 Membership Meeting 6:30pm
Topic: Collision Avoidance & Dead Stick Landings

March

- 1st Chapter One Board Meeting
- 10th Young Eagles
- 17th Pancake breakfast 7am till 10am
Aircraft Display Days
- 20th Chapter 1 membership meeting 6:30pm
- 24th Riverside Air Show

April

- 5th Chapter One Board Meeting
- 14th Young Eagles
- 17th Chapter 1 membership meeting 6:30pm
- 21st Pancake breakfast 7am till 10am
Aircraft Display Days



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February 2018 Chapter Speaker Announcement

Starting in February, and continuing a Chapter 1 tradition from years past, we will have a speaker to present to the chapter each month. I don't know what happened in the recent years, but I and the rest of the board have recognized the need to have good quality presenters at our meetings... and the goal is to get you back in the habit of attending the meetings.

This month, John Miller... aka Little John, and John Roseau, aka Big John, will be presenting on "Collision Avoidance" and 'Dead Stick Landings'... something that is of interest to us all. I am currently making arrangements for those signed up to get FAA Wings credits for attending this presentation. It's going to be a very interesting presentation. Little John has been holding periodic actual dead stick landing practices on El Mirage... however the weather has to be right... as up in the high desert, there's always the wind to factor in.

Their bio's are below, and I sure hope you attend and start back supporting the chapter. Next month, get ready to hear from a rescue helicopter pilot, who personally rescued 400+ from the flood waters in Houston this past fall.

See you on February 20th!!!.... refreshments at 6:30 PM... meeting start at 7 PM.

Jim OBrien
EAA Chapter 1 President

John Rosenau AKA Big John
Commercial, instrument rated with 3,000 plus hours in many GA and experimental aircraft.
John also has an Advanced Ground Instructor Rating.
John flies a Kitfox 5.

John Miller AKA Lil' John
Commercial pilot with 8,000 hours including Cessnas, Ultralights and experimental aircraft.
John flies an Avid MK4 experimental.

The course name is "Midairs and Dead Sticks"
Midairs: Why they occur and how to avoid them.
Dead Stick Landings: How to prevent them and how to handle them safely when they occur.



Imperial County Aviation Day Young Eagles

The weather cooperated by being 'perfect' for our Young Eagles Rally at Imperial County's Aviation Day event on January 13. Each January, Chapter 1 pilots and Young Eagles support staff make the trip to Imperial to give the kids down there an airplane ride. Many of these kids might not ever have the chance to ride in an airplane of any kind... so that makes it extra special for our pilots and staff.

The Imperial Valley Lions Club are very hospitable and accommodating to those of us who go, providing the pilots who fly down Friday with a complimentary hotel room. They have plenty of good food and drinks for us on Saturday with breakfast and lunch, as well as treating us to 'Thank You' gifts at the end of the day. These are special people down there... both the organizers AND the kids.

We had 6 pilots who flew non-stop from 9AM to 3PM, with only a short break for lunch. At the end of the day, Chapter 1 flew 166 kids, which was VERY close to our record of 2 years ago at 171.

We usually have the pilots sit with the kids they flew and fill out the YE logbook with the flight entry, and to discuss the ability of them to get their FREE EAA student membership as well as the complimentary Sporty's Ground School they provide YE's at no charge,- But, because this takes time, 2 of us took over 'logbook duty' to allow the pilots to sign certificates and take more kids flying right away, without any delay.

It was a smashing success flying 166 kids with 6 pilots.

THANK YOU to the Ground Crew:

Brandon Knight
Greg Yonge
Dustin Yonge

THANK YOU to the pilots:

Jimmy OBrien - Cessna 172
Jim "Doc" Meeker - RV-6
Brian Duffield - Cessna 182
Bobby Lee Litchfield - Cherokee 140
Mike Clearman - Marquardt Charger
Mike Helley - Cessna 182, Chapter 590 Yuma AZ

Thank You to all involved... EAA Chapter 1, it's friends, and to the folks in Imperial for another wonderful and fun day of flying Young Eagles!

Jim OBrien
EAA Chapter 1 President



Aviation Day - Imperial County Airport January 13, 2018



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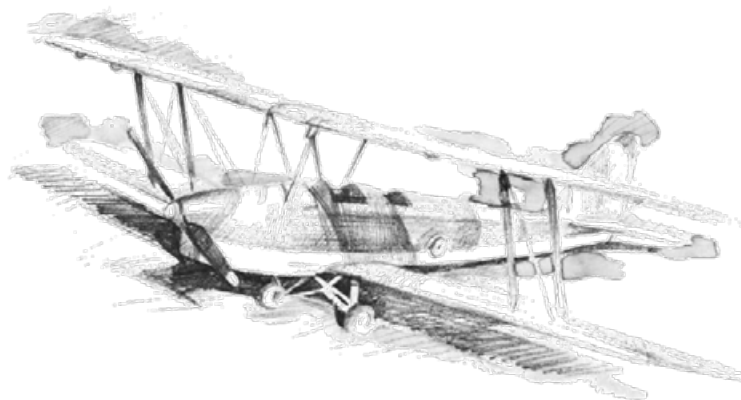


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Join us for our Chapter Meetings!

***New Meeting Day and Time in 2018!
Chapter Meetings will be held on the 3rd
Tuesday of the month.
Snacks and Drinks starting at 6:30pm.
Meeting begins at 7:00pm.
Come join us for fellowship and fun!***



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