

# Spirit of Flight

# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 14: San Diego, CA

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Bob M's arrives back in San Diego with his Arion LS-1 after repairs in Marana, AZ. .9/14

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October 5<sup>th</sup>—Bratwurst, Burgers, and Beer Celebration (Rescheduled from September 7<sup>th</sup>)

October 12th—Young Eagles Rally

October 19<sup>th</sup>—Pancake Breakfast and Membership Meeting. Chase Franzen on "San Diego to Alaska's Arctic Circle to Oshkosh and Back: Lessons From Flying a Vintage Airplane 12,000 Miles



<u>Chapter Activities:</u> Information provided by Chapter members.

Week ending Sept 7: It was really hot, miserable weather this week. Unfortunately, we had to move up the Gold Chapter Recognition lunch to October 5 because the weather was scheduled to be so hot on Saturday. But some hardy souls still went flying: Jonathan, Gert, and Trevor all took to the skies. Jonathan reported there was a temperature inversion: it was hotter in the air than on the ground. . To start the month off like an EAA chapter should, Ryan gave an Eagle Flight to a gentleman considering a career in aviation. He definitely enjoyed it and said he may change his career track. Adam and Ryan kept busy making updates to one of the small covered tiedowns so that the Titan's wing tip would fit inside of it. Treasurer Ron left for Kentucky for an extended visit to family. He will be back briefly at the end of September and early October to display his beautiful Aircoupe at the Miramar Airshow. During the week, Trinidad attended a Runway Safety meeting hosted by Brown Field Tower Chief, Mark D. Mark stated he was pleased with the ground operations during our Young Eagles Rallies. Great shout-out of praise to Shon, Noah, and Scott and all of our dedicated volunteer ground crew for this good report.

Week ending Sept 14: The Tower reported that the paint for the Hold Short box on our tarmac was getting faint, so Ryan got out the Chapter striper and painted the box. The lines are a bit rough because of the pavement. Once we repave, we'll repaint. The weather changed in time for our YE rally and we had a great turnout. See the Young Eagles writeup on the September rally elsewhere in the newsletter. Sharon and Trinidad L., with help from our ground volunteers, served their usual hamburger and hot dog lunch to 60 hungry visitors.



Victor Caymaris, the Otay Mesa East Community Representative for Councilmember Vivian Moreno helps out in the kitchen for our September 21 Pancake Breakfast.

Bob M's Arion has been over in Marana, Arizona undergoing some repairs, at the same company where Nigel W. is building his Arion. With the repairs finished, Bob's schedule finally permitted him to pick it up. Bob and his friend flew it home that day, arriving on Young Eagles Day. He reported it was a great trip and he is very happy to have it back home at Brown Field.

Week ending Sept 21: Beautiful weather for our pancake breakfast and program talk. A special helper attended the events. Victor Caymaris, the Otay Mesa East Community Representative for Councilmember Vivian Moreno, had seen our newsletter request to help out with Pancake Breakfast and offered to stop by and help out. And he did! He helped with breakfast and also had a chance to talk to some of our members – a really great example of reaching out to the community. We certainly appreciate his stopping by. As for Pancake Breakfast itself, directors Stu, Larry, and Trinidad all did the honors (took 3 people to cover what



View from Hangar 1 during our September 14 Young Eagles rally. Six pilots flew 27 Young Eagles on a total of 13 flights and we served lunch for 60 visitors. More details on page xx.

long-time volunteer Kevin used to do by himself). They did a great job, but many of our regulars made a special point of commending Kevin for over 16 years of volunteering and giving his time to one of our favorite activities at the Chapter. Thanks, Kevin. Among those enjoying the good weather (and breakfast) was Allan Osborn, son of longtime member Bob Osborn. He was out visiting family for a couple of weeks and enjoyed stopping by several times at the Chapter to get caught up on what had been going on. Fall cleanup of the Chapter continued.

Week ending Sept 28: During the week, Chapter members got a start cleaning up the Chapter for the October celebration of our 68<sup>th</sup> year of being a Chapter. The week before, one of our members notified us of a bolt that found its way into his tire (a plug fortunately took care of the matter). But the event led Ryan to get two magnetic sweepers to help pick up FOD like that around our area. He used one during the week with good result, and on Saturday he and Bob M took used both sweepers to make more sweeps around our parking area. The result, they picked up nine pounds of stuff that definitely should not have been there. Next time you are out at the Chapter, take the time to use the sweepers on our apron or in the parking – help keep this FOD off our property. On Saturday, Trinidad made breakfast for volunteers who were coming in to help clean up that day. Joe R, Jimmy K, Young Eagle Charlotte R, Tania A, and Larry R were among those sweeping. vacuuming, dusting, and generally sprucing things up. Others, including renters, cleaned up their areas and planes to get ready.

Nine pounds of Foreign Object Debris (FOD) from our leasehold. Help us keep it off the ramp and out of our tires. 9/28



General Meeting: Trinidad Lopez opened the meeting and welcomed Chapter members and guests. He invited all present to our special Oktoberfest BBQ coming up on October 5<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate our 68<sup>th</sup> year as a Chapter, as well as being recognized as a Gold Chapter by EAA national. Kerry Powell, our Program Director, then introduced our speaker for the month, Mike Reyes. See a short overview of his presentation, "FSDO Update" later in the newsletter.



# President's Message

Hello Everyone,

On the first Saturday of October we held a Chapter barbecue, the first in many

years. We celebrated our Chapter's 68th anniversary as well as our designation by EAA National as a Gold Chapter. The event had an Oktoberfest theme and included bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels and beer. We had a nice turnout for the event. We are look forward to doing this again next year. One of Brown Field neighbors, Tom Davies, loaned us his barbecue trailer for the event. Thank you, Tom.

The second Saturday of October we will be hosting our monthly Young Eagles day. I want to acknowledge and thank all our ground support volunteers and Young Eagle parents who help make these events possible.

Coming up, the Young Eagles will be hosting our annual movie night. This event will include dinner, movie and stargazing. This is a great family event. It will soon be available on the Young Eagles registration page.

The third Saturday of October events will include our monthly pancake breakfast and presentation. So far, we will not be having a Chapter flyout this month, but if this changes, we will let you know.

I now want to discuss the question that is most asked about at our Chapter: the waiting list and availability of rental hangars.

The waiting list and selection of who receives rental hangars at the Chapter is made by the Board of Directors. Among other criteria, the hangar rentals are awarded from a waiting list to the Chapter members who are most active in volunteering in support of Chapter activities. A newly revised rental contract will now require the renter to continue volunteering a minimum of 40 hours per year. Our Chapter is an all-volunteer organization. This requirement is intended to help the Chapter in maintaining the Chapter facilities, as well as allowing us to host the events and activities we provide to our members.

We are currently working on expanding our parcel of land and building additional hangars. I encourage members who are interested in a rental hangar to apply for the waiting list. If you are interested, please send an email to our Chapter email account at <a href="mailto:eaa14contact@gmail.com">eaa14contact@gmail.com</a>

Clear skies,

Trinidad Lopez
President

# September 14<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles Report

By: Noah C.

After taking a break for the summer, the Young Eagles program returned for September with great success. Six pilots flew 27 Young Eagles on a total of 13 flights. The coordinators would like to extend a big thank you to the pilots—Chase F, Chris L, Don R, Fred L, James S, and Martin J—for volunteering both their time and aircraft to make this event possible!



Young Eagles volunteers Noah and Kiley confer on the ramp. 9/14

Coordinators Scott T and Noah C started the day with event preparations, ensuring everything was in place. After the Young Eagles were checked in, Noah led the newly revamped Young Eagles orientation and safety briefing. With the briefing completed, flights began to depart, supported by our incredible ground volunteers: Nick C, Kiley E, Scotlyn P, Mia B, Jordan R, Charlotte R, Josie F,



Young Eagles volunteers Mia and Jordan help Trinidad and Sharon prepare lunch for 60 rally attendees. 9/14



Activity in the Eagles' Nest. Shon A checks in participants for the day. 9/14

and Aiden. We deeply appreciate their efforts in ensuring smooth and safe operations throughout the event. Thank you for your continued dedication!

A special shoutout to our chapter president, Trinidad L, his wife Sharon, and volunteers Mia and Jordan, who prepared and served lunch for our Young Eagles and their families. The meal was delicious and provided a fantastic close to the day's activities. After lunch, Coordinator Noah C arranged an exclusive tour of the control tower for our wonderful volunteers, a fitting end to a successful day.

Meanwhile, Coordinator Shon A represented our program at the Palomar Youth Aviation Day, engaging with many interested families and pilots. Shon hopes to recruit more volunteers for future events, which will hopefully help us expand our pilot roster and fly even more Young Eagles.

We'd also like to thank Nick C for his fantastic support and photography, which will be featured on our social media channels. Nick has been a dedicated volunteer at our Chapter for over five years, and his contributions, particularly his photos, have significantly boosted our social media presence on Instagram.

Mark your calendars—our next Young Eagles event is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th! We look forward to seeing you there!

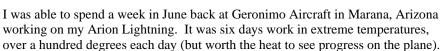
Noah C.

YE Coordinator 619-363-2021

Fly it until the last piece stops moving.

### Building the Arion Lightning Classic – Phase 8





Here are some steps and pictures that share what I accomplished on this visit. It doesn't look like a lot, but it took time.







■ This first shot shows the brake lines fitted and stood off from the landing gear strut with tie wraps. All of this will be covered up by the gear leg fairing in the next photo. The orange color in the background is carpeting on the hangar floor.

Next I refitted and trimmed the gear leg fairing. I fitted a piano hinge inside the trailing edge of the to close it off but allow removal to access the strut and brake line. The aircraft is pointing to the left in this photo and the wheel pant is visible at the bottom.



The NACA ducts finally arrived and I got them installed. This photo shows the inside of the cockpit with the duct taped to the side while the resin attaching it hardens.  $\blacksquare$ 



I also made the final fitting of all the wheel fairing parts. In this photo, the wheel pants are lying upside down on the floor with the parts clecoed together.  $\blacksquare$ 



Finally, I installed the nut plates to replace the Clecos and was relieved that everything looked good. This photo shows the split line looking up on the inside of the wheel pant. there's still a Cleco visible at the top of the photo.  $\blacksquare$ 



It was definitely a long, hot, tiring week, but one evening we were rewarded with a wonderful sunset, complete with silhouettes of cacti.



▲ Everything is now ready for painting. Next up will be the installation of large items, assembly, and then wiring. So lots left to do, but getting closer!



# **Lunch at the Chapter**



Trinidad tends the grill for a long line of diners at the September Young Eagles rally. 9/14



Stu tends the grill for our third Saturday pancake breakfast.

Thanks for stepping in to continue our breakfast tradition! 9/21



### **FSDO Update**

### **Short Summary by Donna Ryan**

The following information is based on a talk given by Mike Reyes of the San Diego FSDO

Mike Reyes, FAASTeam Program

Manager (FPM) from the San Diego FSDO (Flight Standards District Office) provided an informative look at some of the current accidents, incidents, deviations, and inflight issues occurring within the last year in San Diego. He also discussed the Human Factors that could have been instrumental in these events. The talk provided WINGS credit. This is just a short overview; the presentation contained additional information.

Mike began the talk by sharing the FAASTeam Mission Statement: "Lower the Nation's aviation accident rate by conveying safety principles and practices through training, outreach, and education, while establishing partnerships and encouraging the continual growth of a positive safety culture within the aviation community."

He stressed that safety is everybody's responsibility. He shared a picture of a FOD walkdown being done on a Navy ship. You can see a large bunch of people out doing the job. Many are wearing different colored shirts, indicating that different work assignments are all out looking for FOD. This was a graphic representation that safety is indeed everyone's responsibility.

He then shared new contact information on the San Diego FSDO. It is now located at: 9665 Granite Ridge Drive Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92123. The new office phone number is 858-810-2626.

Next he discussed some of the recent safety issues.

### **Accidents**

- Near MYF, a Cessna P210N ran out of fuel after failing to land at F70 and CRQ, the planned alternative, due to bad weather. 1 fatality
- Near SEE, a Bellanca 17-31-31ATC landed in a residential neighborhood after loss of engine oil pressure. Minor injuries noted.
- At MYF, a Beech 35 had a hard landing causing nose gear to detach; there was also damage to the propeller and left wing.

### **Incidents**

- At KSEE, a Hummel H5, Ama/Expr, experienced a hard landing, causing all of the landing gear to collapse as well as a propeller strike. No injuries.
- An Experimental Avid Flyer lost control on takeoff roll: aircraft veered off the runway into the grass.

### **Pilot Deviations:**

Surface Incursions: 15 Airspace Deviations: 11

Why did these all occur? Mike shared a slide listing the "Dirty Dozen" - the primary causes of accidents, incidents, and deviations.

Communication

Complacency

Lack of Knowledge

Distraction

Teamwork **Fatigue** 

Pressure

**Assertiveness** 

Stress

**Lack of Awareness** 

**Lack of Resources** 

Norms

Mike then went into detail about some of the pilot deviations – all preventable and most caused by one of the above. Deviations can be reported by other pilots, a Tower, or the FSDO. A lot of runway incursions are not reported to the FSDO.

- Aircraft was cleared for the RNAV (Area Navigation) RWY28R approach, deviated well north of the RNAV RWY28R approach course. Saw SEE airport and mistook it for MYF Airport.
- Aircraft landed and was told to expedite exiting the runway at TWY B8. Aircraft exited the runway between TWYS B8 and B7 and stopped in the RSA (Runway Safety Area).
- The pilot was instructed to hold short of B5 but taxied
- Pilot deviation reported by MOR (Mandatory Reporting Occurrence) at MYF when aircraft crossed RWY28L without authorization.
- Near Mid-air collision. Traffic was issued for the parallel; however, aircraft was aligned for the wrong
- Separation was lost when aircraft taxied on to runway 24 without air traffic clearance, resulting in a second aircraft being forced to go around.
- Aircraft made a left downwind departure after being issued a right downwind departure twice.
- Aircraft entered runway without clearance.
- Aircraft did not comply with ATC instructions, resulting in a loss of separation.
- Aircraft was at the RWY27L run-up area and pulled up over the Hold bars for the runway.
- Aircraft crossed runway without clearance.
- Aircraft dropped parachute jumpers after specifically being told not to due to traffic.
- Aircraft didn't completely clear the runway prior to stopping.
- Aircraft readback was correct but aircraft passed the Hold bars for RWY27.

- Aircraft did not follow ATC assigned departure instructions.
- Aircraft deviated from the published altitudes on the procedure.
- After landing, aircraft crossed RWY28L without clearance.
- Aircraft did not acknowledge the landing clearance.
- Aircraft continued on TWY Foxtrot crossing RWY 5/23 before calling for taxi instructions
- Aircraft deviated from assigned route. Brasher also issued.
- Aircraft violated BRAVO airspace.

Mike drew attention to the FAA Online Course Catalog called "Human Factors for Pilots" and drew attention to the modules in this valuable resource. Modules include: Safety Culture, human Performance; Communication, Teamwork, Situational Awareness, Decision Making, Threat and Error Management, Human Information Processing, Design and Automation. He stated that each module taken would receive Wings credit. He stressed that this was an excellent program and urged all in attendance to take the course. Scan the OR code below for more information.



Mike then reviewed some in-flight issues, all resulted in landings without incident.

Avionics issues (8) Brake issue on landing (5) Cracked windshield (1) Electrical issues (11) Flight control issues (6)

Bleed air (1) Cabin climate system (1) Engine issues (27) Flat tire on landing (12) Fuel/oil leak (2)

Hydraulic system (2) Icing (1) Indication (3) Landing gear issues (11)

Loss of control (5) Low fuel (1)

Open door (2) Pressurization issues (2) Rotor struck object (2) Smoke from aircraft (1) Smoke in cockpit (2) Unknown issue (4)

After any in-flight issue, he urged pilots to talk to a mechanic to see what happened and then correct it. He noted that 90% of these issues are from GA aircraft – not charter flights.

Mike spent some time discussing laser strikes (106), drones in restricted airspace (11), and bird strikes (28). Drones are a big problem because the users don't know about airspace restrictions. People need to know where they can use them. He gave an example of someone playing with one just outside of the FSDO – and they are right on the approach to MYF. The person just didn't know this was an issue. If you see a drone, report it to the controller.

He also mentioned that there are problems with low flying aircraft. These days, trackers are available and residents are using them to identify aircraft that are flying too low. The residents are then reporting them. He discussed several programs now available for flight tracking.



Mike provided a QR code which can give more information on the upcoming changing of the special airworthiness certification.

He encouraged the group to contact him if they had any questions. Michael.A.Reyes@FAA.gov or 1-858-353-6015



## **Chapter Information**

Facebook Chapter- CA/134	http://www.facebook.com/pages/EAA- Chapter-14-San-Diego- CA/134162329986593	<u>Events</u>	Open House at the Brown Field hangars: every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.  Pancake Breakfast: 7:30-9:30 am, third Saturday of each month  General Meeting: 10:00 am, third Saturday of each month
	http://www.eaa14.org		
Hangar Phone	619-661-6520		
General Information	eaa14contact@gmail.com		
Membership	Applications available at our Brown Field hangars and on our website		

# Chris C. Wins Lightspeed Headset

On September 3, 2024, Chris C., one of our faithful Young Eagles pilots, received the following great news:

"Congratulations! You have been selected as one of the winners of the EAA Young Eagles quarterly Lightspeed Zulu 3 drawing. You have won a free Lightspeed Zulu 3 headset. Your name was automatically entered for flying Young Eagles this year.

These quarterly drawing are just one small way we can thank for the tremendous support you provide the Young Eagles program. Without your commitment, the program would not be possible."

The winners were also mentioned in the September Young Eagles Volunteer Briefing

### **Lightspeed Headsets for Young Eagles Pilots**

Three lucky Young Eagles volunteers each received a Lightspeed Zulu headset as part of EAA's 2023 fourth-quarter drawing.

Marcus Henderson, EAA 1018212: 165 lifetime Young Eagles flown flown

Chris Constantinides, EAA 1221394: 303 lifetime Young Eagles flown



LIGHTSPEE

Bob Trober, EAA 1412685: 56 lifetime Young Eagles flown

Lightspeed Zulu 3 headsets are provided by Lightspeed Aviation in support of the Young Eagles program. Pilots are automatically entered into the drawing when their Young Eagles registration forms are received. Thanks again to Lightspeed for its continued support of the Young Eagles program.

Our Young Eagles program is one of the most important activities our Chapter is involved in. Seeing the joy on our Young Eagles faces after their first flight brings our pilots a lot of satisfaction – and every so often, some unexpected benefits too, such as this headset.

It is a very worthwhile and rewarding program. Not only will you share the thrill of aviation with others, you'll benefit yourself. If you are interested, stop by one of our Young Eagle events on the second Saturday of the month and see what all is involved. And reach out to one of the following Young Eagles Coordinators who can guide you through the process of becoming a Young Eagles pilot.

Shon A: 619-929-4644 Noah C. 619-363-2021 Scott T: 619-796-5758

# Believe your instruments.

### **New Members**

### **Donna Ryan**

Welcome to our new members.

The information below comes from their membership application. Some people just include the essentials; others expand a bit on their

experience and we always appreciate that.

Look for them at the next meeting, introduce yourself and

Look for them at the next meeting, introduce yourself and get to know them better. We very much appreciate their support.

**Anthony A.** is rated as a PRA, AGI, and IGI. He was referred by member and CFI Patrick T and is interested in the simulator as well as attending IMC meetings (one of the upcoming projects for EAA 14 – joining with an IMC in the area or setting up our own. Any volunteers?). He enjoys camping and also plans on bringing his kids down for pancake breakfast.

**Scott D.** is a sport pilot who just got back from EAA Sport Pilot Academy at Oshkosh. He flew RV-12iS's every day for 3 ½ weeks. He didn't think he would see another RV12iS for awhile, but it is the first thing he saw when he came to the Chapter to become a member. He was very happy to talk with Gert, proud builder of an RV12iS. I imagine some more flights are in order.

**Theresa J.** joined after her son had a Young Eagles Flight. Offered to volunteer. She enjoys taking pictures and video.

We had a number of visitors, parents and Young Eagles join the Chapter on our September Young Eagles rally. Here's a list and some highlights provided on their applications.

Miguel C.: interested in travel and home projects

**Yarem C.:** Young Eagle. Interested in Boy Scouts, Lego, willing to volunteer and help out

**Kiley E.:** Young Eagle. Has been volunteering on Young Eagles Day for several years. We really appreciate her help

Edgar H.

André H.: Young Eagle

Edgar Fernando H.: Young Eagle

**Aidan K:** Young Eagle. Interested in flying, WWII, Model and mini building/painting

Arianna M.: Young Eagle

Benita M.

Elisa M.

Nancy C-K: Proud parent of future aviator



# September 21, 2024 Board Meeting

### **Donna Ryan, Chapter 14 Secretary**

Provisional Minutes - Pending Board Approval

The Board meeting was held on Saturday, September 21 beginning at 11:48 a.m.

Directors and officers present were: Jimmy, Trinidad, Kerry, Larry, Donna, Ron, Stu, and Nigel. Directors and officers absent were: Rich (excused), Gene (excused), Jonathan (excused), Kevin (excused), Grant (excused), Alan. A quorum was present for the meeting. Craig T was a guest.

### **Board Decisions**

(Subject, moved by, seconded by, pass/fail)

- July 2024 Minutes were reviewed and approved. Stu/Jimmy: passed.
- > Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Stu/Kerry: passed.
- Raise the price for breakfast to \$5. Stu/Jimmy: passed
- Change the wording in the Month to Month Rental Agreement to the following: "The tenant shall also assist with Chapter activities, routine maintenance, or projects at least forty hours per calendar year." Stu/Jimmy: passed
- ➤ Motion to adjourn. Stu/Jimmy: passed.

### **Old Business**

<u>Lease Option/Lease Renewal</u>: Trinidad Lopez discussed the progress being made in renewing our lease.

<u>Business Cards</u>: Guest Craig T. shared a business card he uses to pass out information about the ultralight club. Kerry will proceed with his previous plan on printing business cards.

<u>Breakfast /Lunch Prices</u>. Because of rising food prices, food costs have increased. After discussion, the Board decided to raise the suggested donation amount for breakfast to \$5. The lunch price will remain the same.

<u>WWI Hangars</u>: We will take down the WWI hangars after the Oktoberfest in preparation for winter weather. Once they have been taken down we will clean them and make any necessary repairs.

#### **New Business**

Oktoberfest/Chapter Birthday/Gold Chapter Recognition:
Due to the heat we had to cancel September's Chapter
Recognition BBQ. It was decided to hold the event on
Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, a date which also marked our 68<sup>th</sup>
year as a Chapter. We will hold a potluck BBQ with
bratwurst, Angus beef burgers, and cake. Beer will be
available. To prepare, we need to have our hangars and
aircraft clean and open. We hope that members building
projects will be available to talk about them. A Chapter
email blast has been requested. The Board discussed other
avenues we could use to advise people of the event.

<u>Pancake Breakfast Volunteers</u>: **Stu S** volunteered to help for the remainder of the year as long as he gets some help. **Larry** volunteered to help. We need to solicit other members to help with setup and cleanup.

<u>Volunteers</u>: The Chapter is in need of volunteers to keep the Chapter functioning well. This includes assistance with existing programs, community outreach, maintenance, cleaning. Trinidad stressed the need for a dedicated volunteer coordinator who could establish a core of volunteers who would be available. The Board discussed the qualifications of such a coordinator. Members who rent hangar or tie-down space should serve as our frontline of volunteers as they are able to rent space for their aircraft or project at below market rate. As discussed in the Month to Month Rent Agreement, all renters should be active members of the Chapter, not only to obtain a space but to keep the space. The Board discussed a variety of ways



Attendees at Fred Leider's party for Brown Field tenants.

renters could display they were active members. Some suggestions: Helping with Young Eagles program, preparing lunches or pancake breakfast, acting as supply monitor, helping with publicity, weeding, painting, kitchen and bathroom cleaning etc. As always, being able to retain the right to rent a hangar or tiedown space is dependant on the renter being an active member. A motion was passed to change the wording in the month-to-month agreement to "The tenant shall also assist with Chapter activities, routine maintenance, or projects at least forty hours per calendar year."

<u>Food Bank</u>: We would like to have a donation barrel set up again this year for the Food Bank. This will be a Young Eagles project.

<u>Chapter BBQ</u>: **Trinidad** and **Larry** attended the Hangar Party put on by **Fred L.** for Brown Field tenants. They were very impressed by the unique BBQ that one of the attendees had and feel that our Chapter would benefit by having one like it.

Hangar Prices: The Board noted that the primary source of income for the Chapter was hangar rent. Because our lease price keeps increasing, we will need to have a general price increase of our hangars and tie-down spaces. We have not had an increase in prices for a number of the hangars and our tie-down spaces since 2001. We are a non-profit organization, not a commercial enterprise, and we do not expect to make money from our rents. However, we need to be able to cover costs and set aside money for needed maintenance. The Board discussed some high level approaches to lease pricing, including charging by the square foot for the hangar space. The October Directors Meeting will discuss this topic in more detail.

<u>Chapter Activities</u>: While the Chapter is proud of its Young Eagles program, we want to ensure we have other types of activities as well. Suggestions included a ground school, or one of the EAA programs for fabric covering, metal work, or avionics and electrical.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.

#### Submitted by Donna Rvan



Evening at Fred Leider's party. The grill that Trinidad and Larry saw is mounted on the trailer to the right in the photo.



### **Kerry Powell, Chapter 14 Program Director**

Chase Franzen: San Diego to Alaska's Arctic Circle to Oshkosh and Back: Lessons From Flying a Vintage Airplane 12,000 Miles. October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Chase has been obsessed with flying in Alaska since a childhood trip there with his uncle 25 years ago. In June, he finally made this dream come true - flying his 1959 Piper Pacer to Alaska with two other friends. They spent three weeks flying in Alaska, on to Oshkosh EAA AirVenture, and then back to San Diego. The trip totaled 12,000 miles, 120 flight hours, and 38 days. In this presentation, he'll cover flight and route planning in Alaska and Canada, Canadian customs, mountain/bush flying, interesting weather phenomenon in Alaska, field repairs and maintenance, airplane camping, working remotely out of an airplane, and tips on how you can plan your own epic airplane adventure!

Chase Franzen is a Gold Seal CFI, CFII, MEI, flying and teaching out of Montgomery Field in San Diego. He's an avid backcountry pilot and vintage airplane owner with 3000 hours flown, 2000 of which have been dual given instruction. He serves on San Diego's Airport Advisory Committee, is on the Board of Plus One Flyers (the world's largest flying club), and is passionate about volunteering in EAA's Young Eagles program at Brown Field. Additionally, he is in A&P school at Miramar College. Professionally, he serves as VP and Chief Information Security Officer at Sharp Healthcare - San Diego's largest private employer. In his non-flying spare time, Chase is a sailor, scuba diver, and endurance sports junkie – having completed several long distance triathlons and ultramarathons.



Volunteers help move Chase Franzen's Tailwheel TriPacer onto the ramp for a YE flight in 2023.

