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**Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 14: San Diego, CA**

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Space X launch from Vandenberg AFB. Photo by Jim MacKinnon. 4/6

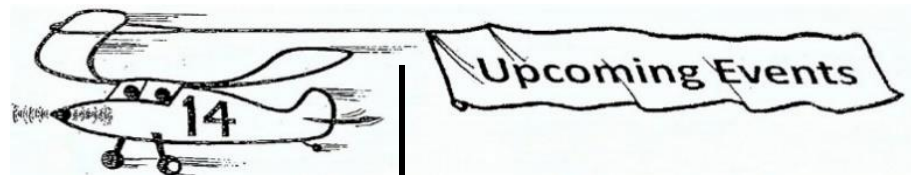


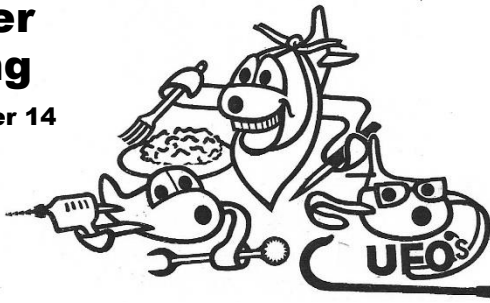
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- May 11th**—Young Eagles Rally
- May 18th**—Pancake Breakfast and Membership Meeting. Program TBD.
- May 25th**—Flyout to Corona and visit to Aircraft Spruce. Contact Chris Constantinides for details
- June 8th**—Young Eagles International Day. Flights and Workshop
- June 15th**—Pancake Breakfast and Membership Meeting. Program TBD.
- June 22nd**—Special Luncheon celebrating EAA Gold chapter award for 2023

Chapter Briefing

EAA Chapter 14 Members



Chapter Activities: Information provided by Chapter members.

Week ending April 6: During renewals, several of our members very nicely write a short note telling us how things are going. The prize letter is this one from member G. Harris Hartman who now lives in Texas. “Yes, we love Texas. The people are warm and friendly and the cost of living is significantly cheaper. Less taxes and less intrusion into your life. We have a very nice airport right in Mineral Wells. They are going to start an EAA Chapter here and it’s just 3 miles from our small ranch (just under 8 acres). And I am happy to continue supporting Chapter 14. In fact, I have contacted a CFI locally to get myself current and maybe build or buy an RV12. We’ll see. After all, I won’t turn 90 years old for another 4 months. Blue skies.” Some more good news. According to Young Eagles mentor (and proud grandfather Bob Hitchcock), Samantha Leibold, our Ray Scholar for 2023 “passed her FAA Knowledge test and is working on her long cross country and finishing up a couple of hours of night and instrument time. She is working well with her new flight instructor from First Flight and is on track for her check ride with a DPE.” Nigel Worrall on Tuesday and Bob Soderquist on Thursday assisted Ryan with the engine wiring on the E-Racer. After a very rainy Friday, Saturday dawned sunny with blue skies. A number of members made it down for a lunch of build your own sandwiches, potato salad, chips and ice cream courtesy of Dion Dyer and Ryan.

Week ending April 13: On Sunday, new member Jonathan Spurgeon and Ryan took to beautiful blue and balmy skies



Chapter members in Don Reys Airport Café at Hesperia International Airport (L26) on April 8.

in Ryan’s Diamond. Jonathan is a very experienced pilot, with Grumman experience and so had no trouble at all with the Diamond’s differential braking. On Monday, April 8, Director (and CFI) Rich Allison, flew with new members Michelle Ackerman and Christian Alcantera to L26 Hesperia International. In the photo they are sitting with airport ambassadors Paul Sielski and Jim Daughtery at Don Reyes Airport Café. Tuesday was Bob Soderquist’s last day helping at the Chapter as he is heading back to Colorado. He and Nigel Worrall worked together on tracing and troubleshooting almost all of the wires on the E-Racer engine. Wiring is certainly easier when two people are involved. Jimmy Kennedy’s Nieuport is now painted and Jim MacKinnon, Bob Soderquist, and Nigel Worrall all took an appreciative look. Both Jimmy and Jim MacKinnon have been setting an example for all on how setting a work schedule and sticking to it pays big dividends. Both planes are looking really fine. Due to uncertain weather, Saturday’s Young Eagle Rally was cancelled by new Young Eagles Coordinator Shon Alexander. Gene Hubbard and Grant Rotunda ensured everyone got the word and helped make plans for the next event. Our Build-a-Box project is always really popular when we hold our Young Eagles



After Rob Reddig’s presentation at the third Saturday membership meeting, Chapter members and visitors stay around to talk with each other and to talk with Rob.



San Diego MetroPark construction finally under way. Big equipment and security fencing are affecting access to the Chapter leasehold. Old Charlie is permanently closed, but access past the Tower remains as normal. 4/23

workshops and Jim MacKinnon very helpfully set up a work table complete with all the Build-a-Box tools and materials ready for Gene Hubbard to give some last minute training before he takes off for Michigan. While the rain didn't materialize, it was a cold blustery day – not great flying weather. But several hearty members were down working on their planes, including Jimmy Kennedy, Jim MacKinnon, Jonathan Robbins, and Ryan. Dan McCarthy worked on the simulator – he's making good progress towards getting instrument rated. Big news for the week was that grading has started on the new San Diego MetroPark which is right next to the EAA Chapter 14 leasehold. Temporary fencing has been put up as a safety measure while the grading and then construction takes place. This affects entrance to EAA Chapter 14, so watch for signs and directions when you stop by. Currently, you can enter just like always through the road by the Tower.



Passers-by admire Jimmy Kennedy's Nieuport 11 project, now covered and painted. 4/9

Week ending April 20: Before Grant Rotunda had to go out of town again, he met with Shon Alexander and soon-to-be-another Young Eagles Coordinator, Noah Cortezano, and went over some last minute Young Eagles reminders. During the week, there were clouds in the morning and bright clear skies in the afternoon which meant great flying weather. Several members, including Trevor Pearson, took advantage of it. Other members continued work on their projects. On Saturday there was a great turnout for breakfast and the Monthly Chapter Gathering, including a number of visitors. President Trinidad Lopez went over the upcoming schedule, including a fund-raising ice cream social put on by

the Young Eagles in May. He also asked for volunteers to help with the ongoing updates to the trailer as it transforms more into a workshop. We're also planning on cleaning up a portion of Hangar #2 for use as a workshop. To provide a much-enjoyed additional activity at the Chapter, we put out a plea for a/or multiple flyout coordinators. Can you help?



Lunch at the Chapter on a First Saturday. 4/6

Week ending April 27: Gene Hubbard and Lista Duren are off again to Michigan for the summer and fall. Gene has lots of projects to do back there, including work on his Mini-Max. Looking forward to hearing about its progress. He also helps out at Chapter 865 in Niles, Michigan when he is back there. Our loss is their gain. We certainly miss him when he is gone. On a sunny, breezy day, several volunteers showed up to help start cleaning up Hangar #2, including Zack Klessner, Ray Scholar Bekk LeBlanc, Gary List, Sharon and Trinidad Lopez, and Jonathan Robbins. As part of the cleanup, Gene Hubbard's Nieuport was going to be moved to Hangar 3, but when it came time to move it, it had a flat tire. No problem. Sharon Lopez drove to Walmart and purchased a tire tube. Jonathan Robbins made the fix and solved that problem. He solved another problem too. The Chapter's electric golf cart wouldn't start. Jonathan had brought one of his batteries to see if it would help. He also replaced most of the old battery cable. Those two actions did the trick. A new battery will be ordered to keep the cart running. Dan McCarthy's work schedule finally permitted him to get some simulator time in as he works towards



Jonathan Robbins fixes a tire on the donated Nieuport 11 replica while Joe Russo supervises. 4/27



Rob Reddig goes over the SoCal TRACON traffic count at the April membership meeting.

getting his IFR rating. At lunch time, Sharon Lopez made a run to Costco and brought back pizza for the hungry group.

General Meeting: Trinidad Lopez opened the meeting and welcomed Chapter members and guests. He went over the upcoming schedule, including a fund-raising ice cream social put on by the Young Eagles in May. He also asked for volunteers to help with the ongoing updates to the trailer as it transforms more into a workshop.

Kerry Powell, our Program Director, then introduced the speaker for the month, Rod Reddeg from SoCal TRACON (SCT). See article on page 5.



Audience pays rapt attention to Rob Reddig's meeting presentation in Hangar 1. 4/20

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the aircraft takes off against the wind, not with it.

– Henry Ford



President's Message

Hello everyone,

Our spring/summer calendar is filling up. Here's what we have scheduled so far.

- The 2nd Saturday, May 11th, we will be hosting our monthly Young Eagles day.
- The 3d Saturday, May 18th, we will be serving a pancake breakfast followed by a Chapter presentation.
- The 4th Saturday, May 25th, Chapter member Chris Constantinides will be hosting a Chapter fly out to Corona. The plan is to have brunch at the local airport café, as well as a visit to Aircraft Spruce for those who are interested. Wheels up is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. Please contact Chris directly if you are able to participate in this event.

In June we have a couple of special activities planned.

- The 2nd Saturday, June 8th, we will be hosting a special Young Eagles event to celebrate Young Eagles international Day. This event will include a Young Eagles workshop.
- The 4th Saturday, June 22nd, we will be hosting a special luncheon to celebrate our Chapter being awarded the EAA gold chapter award for 2023.
- Other Chapter activities include our project to cleanup and refurbish the library trailer for use as a classroom and conference room, and hangar 2 for use as the Chapter builders workshop.

I want to thank all the volunteers that have helped us with these projects. We couldn't do it without your help. When the projects are completed they will improve and benefit our Chapter members.

One of our Chapter 2024 Ray scholars, Annie Whitney has now been approved by EAA national. She will be starting her flight training immediately, as she plans to attend University this fall.

Later this summer we are planning a much-needed project to repave the asphalt in the area in front of hangers 1-3 and covering the entire area south to the old Charlie taxiway. This is a huge project, both large and expensive. To help us cover the \$100,00+ cost we are asking for donations specifically earmarked for the paving project. If you can help please consider donating as it will significantly improve our Chapter and help us to serve our members and the community at large. Any checks should be made payable to EAA Chapter 14. Contact EAA 14 Chapter Secretary Donna Ryan or myself for more information. We also hope to set up a GoFundMe page to help with the expense as we definitely are an asset to our local community. Anyone with expertise in this, please contact me.

Clear skies,

Trinidad Lopez
President

SoCal TRACON Update

Short Summary By Donna Ryan

The following information is based on a talk given by Rob Reddeg of SoCal TRACON.

Rob Reddeg, NATCA (National Air Traffic Controllers Association) Safety Lead at SoCal TRACON (SCT), has spoken at EAA Chapter 14 before, and as usual, his presentation was fast paced and informative. It also provided WINGS credit. This article is just a very short overview; the actual presentation contained much additional information. If you see Rob's name as an upcoming speaker, make sure you are down at the Chapter to hear the program in person.

Rob began his talk with an update of the SCT Control Area activities and statistics:

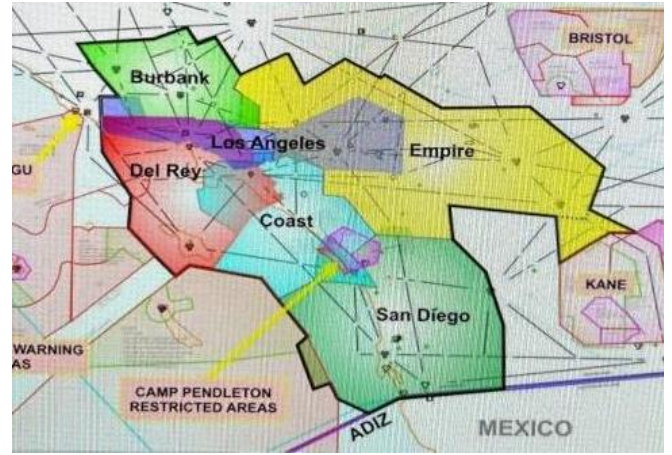
- Busiest Terminal ATC facility in the world. 2.1 million for FY 2023 and there has been a 4.21% increase in FY24
- Over 18,000 square miles of airspace
- Ground Elevation ranges from -226 to 11,499"
- Airspace spans altitudes from Surface to 17,000 feet
- 46 Public Airports
- 16 FAA Control Towers
- 6 Federal Contract Towers and 6 Military Control Towers
- 2 Class B Airspace
- 4 Class C Airspace
- 1 TRSA (Terminal Radar Service Area)
- Military Restricted Area Complex
- ADIZ (Air Defense Identification Zone) & Warning Areas
- International Border
- Busiest drop zone in the world, 120,000 – 150,000 jumpers a year – all in constant contact during drops.

He pointed out that there was a lot of difference in altitudes in our SCT and mentioned in passing that the military does not have any speed restrictions below 10,000 feet.

Rob described the six areas making up the SCT and gave a brief overview for each of the six areas, e.g. the sole purpose of Del Rey and Los Angeles is to push planes in and out of LAX.

Each of the colored SCT areas are staffed differently, so keep trying to get flight following if you are unable to get one in one area. Maybe that one can't help because of staffing issues, but the next one can.

SCT's primary goal: Partnership in our air space – make sure it works out for all. He stated that it is a myth that TRACON gives preference to air carriers over GA aircraft. It normally is first come, first served. In fact, TRACON frequently gives priority to GA aircraft over the airlines, as



SoCal TRACON Areas. Each of the six brightly colored areas making up the SoCal TRACON is staffed for a different mission. For example, Los Angeles and Del Rey are dedicated to moving aircraft in and out of LAX.

they want us to move safely out the way and then they can deal with the larger aircraft, which are basically the same size and same speed. GA aircraft are ACT's best friend below 10,000 feet because they are much more nimble and can move quickly. It is a constant balancing act between air carrier traffic with recreation. TRACON's goal – make sure everyone gets from Point A to Point B safely. Pilots and ATC need to be a team.

Rob described the airspace classes making up the National Airspace system (NAS).

Class A 18,000 ft MSL-60,000 ft MSL

Class B Busiest airports. Surface – 10,000 ft AGL. Irregular shape with tiered structure

Class C Moderately busy airports. Surface-4,000 ft AGL. 10 nautical mile radius at the top to 5 nautical mile radius at the bottom.

Class D Small airports. Surface – 2,500ft AGL with 4 nautical mile radius

Class E All airspace between Class A and Class G

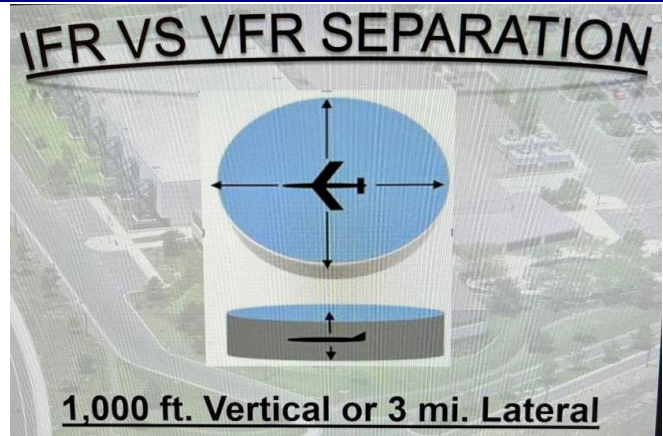
Class G Uncontrolled. Upper-limit varies

Rob provided a variety of pointers for pilots that will make flying safer in Southern California.



Airspace Classes in the National Airspace System. Each airspace class is geared to a specific type of traffic and has specific requirements for operation.

- Use your transponder. If your transponder isn't turned on, they can see you, but have to stop planes from landing at Lindbergh and block other flights from 15,000 feet down. With your ADS-B on, ATC can contact you to try and prevent accidents.
- Filing an IFR TEC route online is great, but the whole system won't change in the near future because all aircraft are not yet equipped with that functionality.
- Fly VFR rather than IFR whenever possible. VFR makes it easier on TRACON and tower personnel because there are so many rules for IFR and it seriously impacts the ability for everyone to fly.
- Use flight following. It is very helpful in emergencies. Rob gave an example of where talking to the tower during an emergency was very helpful. They knew where the aircraft was in the emergency and were able to send another GA aircraft over to the area to monitor the aircraft going down and get emergency help to the area quickly.
- If you are getting VFR flight following, TRACON usually gives you a 02XX code, but if you get a 03XX code that means that they have used all the 02 codes available and needed to go to the 03 codes. In this situation the air space is obviously incredibly busy.
- Avoid IFR out of Whitman. This basically shuts down Van Nuys and Burbank airports until you climb out. Please use VFR up there so everyone can get out quickly with no waits.
- If you as a pilot want to share weather information with ATC, that is good; it may help other pilots.
- You can cancel IFR, but stay with VFR and flight following.
- Just because you are above Class B or C airspace doesn't mean you are out of harm. Do flight following, because you are right where the big planes are coming in to land.
- Be aware if you are barely skirting Class B or C. Rob stated: "You are not violating the Class B or C but it puts you very close to the aircraft inside the Class B or C, requiring us to move them away if we are not talking to you. Our Mode C readout could possibly show you inside the airspace if we have not confirmed your altitude from direct pilot communication. We consider Mode C accurate as long as it shows you 200 ft or less than what you tell us."
- He discussed the amount of space that is required for IFR versus VFR separation. VFR only requires 500 feet of vertical separation. However, IFR requires 1,000 feet vertical and 3 miles lateral. This is why SCT coordinates with the Tijuana airport approach since their airport is less than three miles away from Brown Field and 3 miles is the required IFR separation. There is less than three miles separation between Montgomery and Miramar as well so SCT also monitors both.
- To further explain the difference between VFR and IFR requirements, Rob used the comparison of a puffer fish.



More aircraft when flying VFR. IFR rules generally require more separation between aircraft than that required for VFR. When pilots use VFR as much as possible, TRACON can handle more aircraft and reduce flight delays.

A puffer fish is a small little fish that doesn't take up much room. As soon as you touch it, it puffs up and takes more space – that is what happens if you are flying IFR. You take up more space and so TRACON can't have as many aircraft in the sky. Rob encouraged pilots to use VFR as much as possible, even if you can fly IFR. This decreases delays for everyone.

- 7 am to 9 am is the best time to fly if you want three back to back IFR approaches. Unless you want to wait, don't do it between 10 am to 4 pm or at 12 pm on Saturday. Airspace is really stacked during those times.
- He discussed Palomar final. If you are flying up the 15 freeway you are legal at 3,500 feet, but this puts you in direct conflict with an aircraft doing approaches at CRQ. The FAF for CRQ is 3,300 feet right over the freeway.
- Advise Clearance Delivery or Ground control that you want to use flight following while you are still on the ground. This enables them to give you a transponder code and put you on the right frequency immediately.

His main take-away point: The more you communicate with TRACON, and the more you use flight following, the easier it is for them to do their main job: help all aircraft to move from one point to another safely and efficiently.

Rob ended by saying 200 SoCal approach personnel are honored to work with GA pilots. The session ended with a lengthy question and answer period.



Grading underway for San Diego MetroPark near Old Charlie. 4/23

A Welcome Donation

Donna Ryan

San Diego Lodge #35 recently donated \$1,500 to EAA Chapter 14 to help with the purchase of new equipment for our FAA-rated flight simulators. Director Rich Allison spearheaded the grant application and we very much appreciate his assistance. The grant application reads in part: "San Diego Chapter 14 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA 14) has operated continuously in the San Diego aviation community since 1954. An all-volunteer (unpaid) operation, we actively reach out to a variety of age groups in the community to introduce them to the benefits of aviation, both as a career and as a family-oriented recreational activity. We promote aviation safety and education and one of the best means to do this is via Flight Simulators. These provide two advantages: 1) initiate young people ("Young Eagles") to the operation of aircraft controls and enhance their aviation experience while not actually flying an aircraft, and 2) provide a way for experienced pilots to efficiently and affordably maintain pilot proficiency and qualify for advanced ratings. The simulators provide a critical opportunity to introduce community members to flight training by providing scenario-based training and learning flight procedures. . . We are in need of a new modern screen and a refresh of the cockpit environment to give a more realistic look and feel for students using simulators." Our simulator committee, consisting of Rich Allison, Gary List, and Jonathan Robbins, is actively looking for the best equipment to purchase to put the donation to good use. Once installed, we'll have a picture in the newsletter to share with our members.

EAA 14 is actively involved in offering increased support to airplane enthusiasts, as well as additional programs to enhance community support for flying. We host events and activities at our facility weekly; reaching out to youth, young adults, and even military members transitioning to new careers. We help address the national shortage of pilots, air traffic controllers, and mechanics through our mission. This donation will help enable EAA Chapter 14 to fulfill this mission even further. None of this is possible without the generosity of our members, friends, and an organization like San Diego Lodge #35.

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.

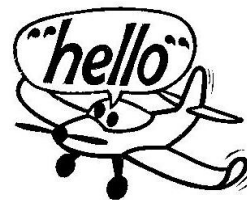
Look for them at the next meeting, introduce yourself and get to know them better. We very much appreciate their support.

Christian Alcantara is instrument and commercial rated. He wants to help with aviation education and out reach – valuable skills and interests that will certainly benefit the Chapter.

Adolfo Delgado attended our April Monthly Gathering. He wants to become a private pilot; he's come to the right place to get motivated and find assistance in pursuing his goal.

Scotlyn is a student and Young Eagle who is interested in naval aviation, engineering, and robotics. And most welcome, Scotlyn stated this under the heading special skills you can contribute to the Chapter: "Student volunteer eager to learn and contribute to the needs of the Chapter." That's the volunteer spirit we need and appreciate!

Shad Tucker is a private pilot with a Cessna 182B. He is working on his A&P, which should go smoothly as he has lots of experience with aircraft mechanics. He also can help with general maintenance. He is interested in flying, skydiving, and aircraft maintenance – perfect fit for Brown Field.



**Remember, you fly an
airplane with your head, not
your hands and feet.**

- Bevo Howard



Chapter entrance from Old Charlie. Last chance we'll get to see this view. 4/13.

Flying Start Week and Webinars – May 13-18

Donna Ryan

EAA National's Flying Start week runs May 13 through May 18 this year. Not only is it a great resource for people wanting to get involved in flying and get their license, but even experienced pilots can pick up some information.

One of the highlights of the week is the multitude of webinars to watch. Here's a list. Remember, the times given on the website are Wisconsin time. The webinars in San Diego will actually start two hours earlier.

To sign up or learn more, go to [EAA Learn to Fly Week | May 13-18, 2024 | Experimental Aircraft Association](#)

Mon. May 13

- Stop Dreaming and Start Flying – Flight Training First Steps
- Flight Simulators 101 – Leveraging a Home Simulator for Flight Training
- Conquer the Checkride – Strategies for a Successful Practical Test
- Becoming a Career Aviator

Tues. May 14

- How to Pass the Private Pilot FAA Knowledge Exam in Less Time
- Maximizing your Flight Training with FAA Approved Simulators
- How to Save Time and Money in Flight Training

Wed. May 15

- Getting Started in Ultralights
- Getting Started in Soaring
- Quality Flight Training; Expect More from your CFI and School
- Pass Your Checkride (Part 1 of 2) – the Oral

Thurs. May 16

- Aircraft Options for Flight Training and Beyond
- Getting Started in Helicopters
- Pass Your Checkride (part 2 of 2) – The Practical Exam

Fri. May 17

- FAA Medical Certification and You

Aviation was neither an industry nor a science. It was a miracle.

– Igor Sikorsky

Flyout Coordinator(s) Needed

Donna Ryan

We are looking for a Flyout Coordinator or Coordinators who will schedule monthly Flyouts to different destinations. No matter what – it's more fun to go with several other aircraft heading to the same place.

Here is how it works:

- Decide on a destination within approximately 50-150 miles or within a 30-60 minute flight one way. People seem to be open to longer or shorter trips if the destination is enticing enough.
- See if food is available at the airport (or if there is shuttle service to a nearby location)
- Identify any specific airport requirements.
- Choose a wheels up time and date.
- Notify the EAA Chapter 14 Secretary of the event and ask for an email blast to go out to Chapter members.
- Notify any other flying Clubs or friends that might enjoy the trip
- When replies come in, note the attendees and keep them posted of any changes and try to pair pilots with other members if space is available on their aircraft.
- Show up on the designated date and time and go flying!

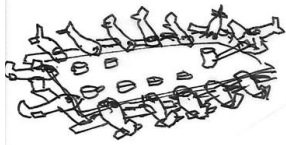
The first or fourth Saturday of the month will be ideal as that does not interfere with Young Eagles activities on the second Saturday and our Chapter program on the third Saturday.

You don't need to do this alone. Find a couple of other pilots that want to fly as much as you do and commit to a few months a year. We really appreciate those members who have stepped up to the plate and organized a couple of recent flyouts. They were so well attended and so much enjoyed, that we really want to make flyouts a consistent, regular activity.

Please, get involved and volunteer to be a Flyout Coordinator. If you are interested, please contact Donna Ryan at rryan@san.rr.com



Jimmy Kennedy works on the lower wings of his Nieuport 11 replica in Hangar 2. 4/20



April 20, 2024 Board Meeting

**Donna Ryan, Chapter 14
Secretary**

Provisional Minutes – Pending Board Approval

The Board meeting was held on Saturday, April 20 beginning at 11:38 a.m.

Directors and officers present were: Rich Allison, Jimmy Kennedy, Trinidad Lopez, Kerry Powell, Jonathan Robbins, Kevin Roche, Larry Rothrock, Donna Ryan, Ron Shipley, Alan Sparkes, Stu Streb, and Nigel Worrall. Directors and officers absent were: Gene Hubbard (excused) and Grant Rotunda (excused). A quorum was present for the meeting.

Board Decisions

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

- March 2024 Minutes were reviewed and approved. Stu Streb/Kerry Powell: passed.
- Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Stu Streb/Jonathan Robbins : passed.
- Amend Article VII, Section 1 of the EAA Chapter 14 Bylaws to add the phrase: Directors shall be natural persons of the age of eighteen (18) or older. Stu Streb/Alan Sparkes: passed.
- Identified a specific Chapter member to be recognized as a Life Member. Stu Streb/Nigel Worrall: passed.
- Sell donated Mustang kit and set aside any funds received for use in a Builder's Workshop. Stu Streb/Kerry Powell: passed.
- Spend \$1,000 to repair the Chapter's golf cart. Stu Streb/Ron Shipley: passed.
- Motion to adjourn. Stu Streb/Kerry Powell: passed.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report: The Board expressed appreciation to Treasurer **Ron Shipley** for taking advantage of rising CD interest rates and locking down an excellent rate; the interest earned has been most welcome because of rising prices and Chapter expenses.

Lease Option: **Trinidad Lopez** discussed the lease option status. The appraisal has been completed and the Real Estate Department will be setting up a meeting soon.

Asphalt Repair: **Kerry Powell** will get some dates in June where the paving company could perform the anticipated paving work. Chapter funds will become available in June. **Trinidad Lopez** stated we need to start fund-raising efforts for this very costly project. Many people have used our pavement over the years and it has been a definite asset to the community.

Library/Remodel: **Trinidad Lopez** noted that our second work party for the Library remodel will be on Saturday, April 27. **Nigel Worrall** mentioned he may a source for

some chairs for the workshop. **Trinidad** would like to have the library ready for International Young Eagles Day.

Foundation and Anchor Parameters for Hangars: **Larry Rothrock** shared information he had obtained in discussion with members of the aviation community concerning hangar foundations and anchors.

Job Corps: **Rich Allison** discussed some of the steps needed on possibly working with the Job Corps on upcoming projects. Steps include a safety check and an MOU.

New Business

Chapter Store: Program Director **Kerry Powell** mentioned that we need to replenish the small tokens of appreciation we give to our speakers. **Trinidad Lopez** stated that prices for all of our merchandise has risen and he will discuss this at the next meeting. He and **Kerry** will discuss possible honorarium options and what to put on the web site for the Chapter store.

Construction Commencement: The Board discussed the construction activities taking place next door to EAA Chapter 14.

Simulator Grant: San Diego Lodge 35 donated \$1,500 towards the enhancement of our certified simulators. We are very grateful for the donation. **Rich Allison, Gary List,** and **Jonathan Robbins** will identify appropriate equipment.

Simulator Policies: The Board identified a need to have written policy/procedures for our certified simulator. Topics include, but are not limited to: qualifications, training, possible on-line scheduling, security, and maintenance. The Board reaffirmed that only Chapter members can use the simulator, e.g., if a CFI is an EAA 14 member and the CFI is helping a student on the simulator, the student must also be an EAA 14 member.

International Young Eagles Day: **Trinidad** and **Rich Allison** will work on a flyer for the upcoming International Young Eagles Day event.

Life Membership: The Board identified an EAA Chapter 14 member who should be recognized as a Life Member and a motion was passed to do so. **Donna Ryan** will obtain the appropriate items.

Hangar #2 Usage: **Trinidad Lopez** stressed that building was one of the pillars of EAA and he recommended designating half of hangar #2 for that purpose. This led to a discussion of exactly what the Chapter should be involved in building. Due to finances and resources it may be more practical to sponsor building workshops that involve only a small portion of a total aircraft build, e.g. building a wing. With this type of building project we could involve both Young Eagles and adults. The Board felt that at this point it made sense to sell the donated Mustang project and use any proceeds to fund the purchase of a project for the build workshop. A motion was made to that effect.

Flyout Coordinator: The Board discussed the need for one or a group of flyout coordinators to set up a series of flyouts

during the year. An email and an article in the newsletter will mention the need for a flyout coordinator.

Golf Cart: **Jonathan Robbins** had taken a look at the golf cart which currently needs a battery. The Board agreed that the cart is useful and is in otherwise good shape. **Jonathan** outlined the advantages/disadvantages of both a regular and a lithium battery. One disadvantage of a regular battery is that if one forgets to take it off a charge, it will not last as long. The Board passed a motion to authorize the repair of the golf cart up to \$1,000.

Items Identified During the Meeting to be discussed next month

- Lease option
- appraisal report feedback (if applicable)
- Chapter Store prices
- simulator enhancement
- International Young Eagles Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Submitted by **Donna Ryan**

PHISHING / FRAUD

Donna Ryan

Like many of us today, you probably get tons of unsolicited emails and phone calls. While some of this may be legitimate and for a service you might want, too often they are attempts by some very unscrupulous and malicious people trying to steal your identity or your money.

As you know, our chapter was recently a victim of a phishing attempt. Phishing is defined as “the fraudulent practice of sending emails or other messages purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.” It can also ask you to remit payment to a vendor or to pick up gift cards and forward them etc. as shown in the italicized phishing example below:

I need you to send a vendor payment today. Please let me know all of our payment methods (ACH, check, Zelle, etc.) Also, what is our available balance? Please respond as soon as you can.

How can you help identify possible phishing attempts?

- Immediate request for payment such as that shown above.
- Payment is to be made to an unfamiliar recipient or vendor
- Incorrect “From” email address

In the phishing attempts we received, the email appeared to be from President Trinidad Lopez, a known member. But notice in the examples below, that the actual email address after Trinidad’s name did not belong to Trinidad.

From: *Trinidad Lopez* <president@misdmail.pro>

From: *Trinidad Lopez* <p8941000@virginmedia.com>

This became even more obvious when in the emails we received, Trinidad’s actual email address, which you can readily find on the back of our newsletter, was typed as part of the email. The spammers made it really easy for us not to fall for the attempt that it was from Trinidad.

Incorrect words or poor English grammar

In the phishing attempt we received, notice the words underlined in yellow.

Sorry to bother you. Would it be possible for you to make to disburse a payment to a vendor using Zelle or Venmo; David is not well versed with either platform.

If you own either of the platform, and can help make the payment. I will promptly forward the details and requite you instantly. Respond when it's convenient

Incorrect words and non-standard grammar and sentence structure were used.

Another scam that we see coming in on our specific Chapter email account is something like the image below, advertising all sorts of wonderful aircraft parts and tools. It sounds like it is from a fellow EAA Chapter member, but when you check directly with the Chapter you find they have no such member and have already verified that it is a scam. If something like this comes in, do your research, be skeptical, and remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it likely is.



Holmes west <holmeswest1960@gmail.com>

to bcc: EAA252 ▾

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Tools

C Frame

Long back rivet set (will work with C frame)

Back Rivet Plate

Rivet Gun 3X

Sets - #30, #40, Mushroom, Back Set

Bucking Bars, 3

Hand Squeezer ATS

Clecos - 25@#40, 90@#30

Flaring tool

If EAA 14 ever asks for monetary donations, it will be part of a Chapter initiative clearly outlined in a previous Chapter newsletter. And the article will clearly outline that payments should be made to EAA Chapter 14 and not to some unknown entity.

Remember: EAA 14 will **NEVER** send out an email requesting account numbers, passwords, PIN numbers, gift cards, personal or financial information of any kind. If you receive such a request, it is a fake and don’t respond to it or click on it.

Marketplace



For Sale: Partially completed Mustang II kit. Donated project to EAA Chapter 14. Project includes center section with electric flap installed. He spent \$18,642 for the parts and drawings that are included in the sale. As of March 2023, the parts he bought would cost \$27,330. Best offer over \$5,000.

He purchased the flap starter kit, Mustang II drawing set, center section kit, rivet kit, folding wing kit, fuel tanks, Hi/Low gauge, fuselage kit, empennage kit, wing kit, wet wing capacitance probe set, wheel kit, main gear assembly, flap nose ribs, nose ribs, bulkhead sides, engine mount, fiberglass (wing tips and tail group). Started project back in 2004 and worked on it through 2009.

Here is a link to see more about the aircraft. [Mustang II \(mustangaero.com\)](http://mustangaero.com)

Link to part costs: [Mustang II Costs \(mustangaero.com\)](http://mustangaero.com)

Link to kit costs as of March 2023: [Sample Mustang II Costs \(mustangaero.com\)](http://mustangaero.com)

Text Ryan at 858-273-4051 for more information.



Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/EAA-Chapter-14-San-Diego-CA/134162329986593>

Chapter Website

<http://www.eaa14.org>

EAA Chapter 14 Memberships

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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

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