

# Liberty Field Ultralight Flyers December 2006 Newsletter

USUA Club #3 EAA Chapter #106



## Newsletter

### Officers:

President: Les Goldner

Vice Pres.: Bim Lipp

Secretary: Mark Johnson

Treasurer: Vic Bologna

### January 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notice

### Unapproved Minutes of the December 16<sup>th</sup> XMAS Party & Meeting

Twenty-seven members and wives attended our XMAS party this year at Les & Elaine's place on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>. During the party we had a gift exchange and saw Don's hi-def flight videos. The party will followed by a trip to the Chabot Planetarium where 17 of us were able to get a group discount for Planetarium and IMAX shows. The group enjoyed both the party and the show.

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business discussed during the short meeting, which started at 5:15 PM and ended about 5:30

#### **New Business**

- Election of officers.  
By unanimous vote, the membership elected the officers listed above. Gordon, who had been President for 10 years and declined to run for another year, discussed the history of the club with graphic details about life at Liberty Field. The group expressed their gratitude to Gordon for leading the club through some very trying times during the transition from Liberty field to Petaluma.
- Picture contest.  
This years winners were Les and Jim. However, we forgot to get prizes, so both will receive gift certificates at the next meeting.
- Awards.  
Gordon gave EAA awards to the following people:

He also gave Les the Carl Wilby award for outstanding contributions to the club. Carl was a very well liked and giving member of the group who passed away several years ago when his UL broke-up in flight at Petaluma.

### XMAS Party Thoughts

(include pic contest, and Jims poem)

### **Charlie Looses a Few Things**

**(Marks Corning stuff)**

### **Open Cockpit trip to Castle AFB Museum**

**Noteable Snaps**

### **2007 Club Calender**

### **Sport Pilot Prep Work**

Eight members of or group are working toward their Sport Pilot certification. Gordon, Mark, Charlie, Dave, and Harry are prepping for their Knowledge tests while Tony and Paul have passed their Knowledge test and are preparing for the Practical exam.

Les held a two-hour workshop on November 18<sup>th</sup> and Chris R. held another one on the 25<sup>th</sup> to prep our group for the Practical exam. UL pilots are generally deficient in some of the areas covered in the Practical test. These sessions were to help raise awareness of the issues and start filling in the knowledge gaps.

There is a good momentum going here. The group consensus was that all the members feel that there is some value to knowing the FAA mandated stuff and most of us, with appropriate effort, feel we will pass the exams. We can discuss this further at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

One potential hang-up is that Lou Fields says he does not know how to conduct a Practical Test in a single seater. We have contacted the FAA in Oklahoma City for advice.

FYI, Mark thinks that LS aircraft and Sport Pilots (as opposed to ULs) could possibly once-again use Liberty Field. He will check into this.

### **Need for Members**

Our active membership has dropped off in the past few years. It would be nice to have more members. Anyone with ideas about increasing our membership, please let us know. Either bring it up at the next meeting or send an email.

### **Holiday Note from Harvey**

*(Owner of LUF Field)*

“A HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL THE ULTRALITE FLYERS  
AND FAMILYS.

HARVEY GOLDBERG”

### **Miller throws in Sport Pilot Towel!**

*Ted Miller wrote the following)*

I have decided not to do the Sport pilot thing for a couple or reasons and have decided to stay part 103. Consequently, I think the days of my "fat ultralight" are fleeting so I'm going to sell it. If you have a chance let the club members know it is for sale. Specifics are:

RANS S5 350 TT with 40 hrs on a new 503 DC w silver ceramic coated exhaust, 3 blade Ivo prop, AS, ALT, VVI, Stratomaster 503 EIS, Greensky HACman, strobe and electric fuel pump. Will put it on Barnstormers for \$8650 if someone in the club wants it for \$8200 have them give me a call.

### **Jokes**

*From Jim and Mark. Military wisdom & wit that came from Bud Stordahl*

"You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal."

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."

"Cluster bombing from B-52s are very, very accurate. The bombs are guaranteed to always hit the ground." - USAF Ammo Troop

"If you see a bomb technician running, follow him." - USAF Ammo Troop

"You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3." - Paul F. Crickmore (test pilot).

"Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky." - From an old carrier sailor.

"If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter -- and therefore, unsafe."

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash."

"Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another expensive flying club."

"What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; If ATC screws up, .... the pilot dies."

"Never trade luck for skill."

"Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers."

Airspeed, altitude and brains. Two of which are always needed to successfully complete the flight."

"A smooth landing is mostly luck; two in a row is all luck; three in a row is prevarication."

"Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left one up there!"

"Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries."

"Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding or doing anything about it."

"When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten."

Advice given to RAF pilots during WWII: "When a prang (crash) seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity as slow and gently as possible."

"The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you." - Attributed to Max Stanley (Northrop test pilot)

"Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you."

"There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime." - Sign over squadron ops desk at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1970

Basic Flying Rules: "Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there."

As the test pilot climbs out of the experimental aircraft, having torn off the wings and tail in the crash landing, the crash truck arrives, the rescuer sees a bloodied pilot and asks "What happened?" The pilot's reply: "I don't know, I just got here myself!" - Attributed to Ray Crandell (Lockheed test pilot)

### [Notable Snaps](#)

*(We need more pics... please send them for the next Newsletter)*



Bim's pic of Sonoma vineyards

The rest of the pics come from Les's resent flights



Mark over the GG-Bridge two weeks ago



Vic in Gordon's plane heading toward the Ocean



Sunset near LUF Field





Charlie at Pt. Bonita (West of the GG) on flight with Les and Mark



Paul Swooshes past Vic (Gordon's plane)



Looking South from Tamales Pt. toward Pt Reyes last week



Mark trawling for crabs N. of Pt. Reyes