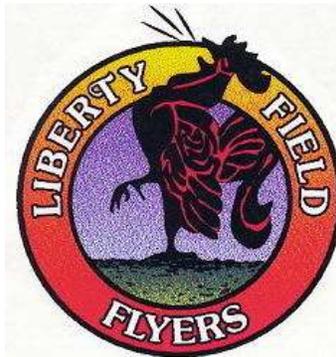


# Liberty Field Flyers June 2007 Newsletter



**USUA Club #3 EAA Chapter #106**

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## **June 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Fly-in Announcement**

Our next meeting will be held at the regular time and date, Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30-PM at either the Petaluma Airport office, in either my hanger, or Gordon's. We have a special treat this month. Don will spend about 20 minutes showing is new Hi-Def flying videos and I will show some pictures from my 1600-mile, 6-day flight, in my Challenger to Grand Canyon and Monument Valley.

Preceding this meeting, at 9-AM, we will fly-out to Mendocino's Little River airport. Information about this flight is presented in the *Club Events* section of this newsletter. This should be a spectacular flight, if the weather holds.

## **Minutes of May Meeting**

Since we did not have a meeting in May, there are no minutes to report.

## **Cloverdale Fly-in**

On May 5<sup>th</sup> we flew and drove to Quality Sport Aircraft's open house at Cloverdale airport.

The flight to Cloverdale was smooth but the flight back was a little rough. Our club made about \$350 from the food concession donations thanks to Chris Desmond, who purchased the food, Vic Bologna, and the members who assisted him in preparing the BBQ. Both our club and Quality Sport had very good turnouts. Three planes from the Lodi UL/LSA group bucked strong headwinds to join us in Cloverdale.

Pictures below tell the story.



Andre P. caught Paul singing to himself while taking off at Cloverdale



The crew hard ant work (Vic worked the hardest but Bim was right behind



Say Cheese!



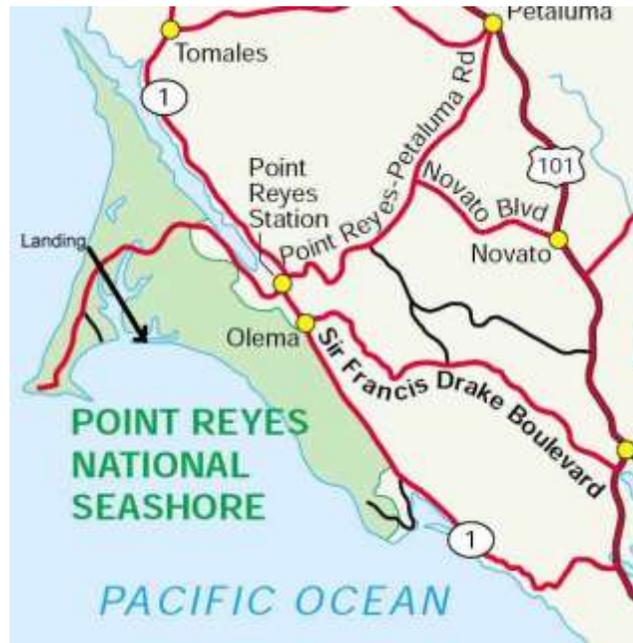
We had a good turn-out in Cloverdale



Jim Grimes caught Andre P. in the act of fly his plane!

**Landing at Pt Reyes is a major no-no!**

Three of us landed near Drakes Estero in the Pt. Reyes National Seashore a few weeks ago because one flyer was having bad muscle cramps. Even though the landing was in a completely deserted area, the Petaluma airport office was called by Park Rangers to identify the pilots. The moral here is that it is not OK to land in the National Seashore or disturb any wildlife in the area.



Where not to land



There were sharks and sting rays just off shore

### **[Join the Liberty Field Flyers Yahoo Web group](#)**

It only takes a few minutes for you to sign-up for our web group. It's important to do it soon in order to keep on receiving sending LFF club email.

The LibertyFlyers Yahoo group enables you to broadcast emails to everyone in the club. This is a private group and each participant in the group need to be approved by the moderator (me). No one outside the club will get group emails or view them on our Yahoo group Web page. The Web page lets you look at previous emails, send emails or follow subject threads. To cut to the chase, joining this group will make it much easier to communicate with each other provided we don't mind everyone in the group can viewing the communication.

To join, simply go to; <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LibertyFlyers/> and Click on "Join this Group". If you have a Yahoo ID and Password, just enter it. If not, click "sign-up"

If you want to use the Yahoo Web page to look at and send messages rather than using your own email, do it from <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LibertyFlyers/> . You can also use your normal email to send messages by sending them to [LibertyFlyers@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:LibertyFlyers@yahoogleroups.com). In addition, if you respond to any messages where the sender is [LibertyFlyers@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:LibertyFlyers@yahoogleroups.com) the entire group will get a copy.

### **[LFF Club Participation in EAA Golden West](#)**

After polling the club membership, we decided to participate in this years EAA Golden West Regional Fly-in and airshow. The Liberty Field Flyers will be supervising the UL-small LSA area. To do this we need all the support we can muster from members. To help facilitate this, I will drive my camper-RV to the show in advance to prepare steak dinners to those who stay over. I will also bring three 2-man tents, pads and sleeping bags for those who need them. Entrance fees will be waved, and lunches and dinners are free for those who help. (Breakfasts cost \$1).

The show runs from Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> through Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>. You can find out about the Golden West Regional Fly-in at <http://www.goldenwestflyin.org/>. It is by far the largest event of its type in California and there is ample opportunity to learn new things about our sport flying from vendors, seminars, aircraft displays, etc. This year there is more emphasis on LSA.

So far the following people have signed up to help out: Ted Miller (Sat & Sun), Chris R (Possibly Sat), Joe Ehm (after his SP tests), Andre Ptaszynski (undetermined), Andre Mirek (Fri). We need more volunteers to make this a success.

This year there will be special UL/LSA parking and camping areas with close-by heads. Water and showers are a 5-minute walk or tram ride. There will be speakers Saturday evening and we will try to have a 91-octane auto gas supply. We will be meeting with the Golden West coordinators on June 16<sup>th</sup> to finalize arrangements.

Our job is to answer questions on the UL/LSA Unicom (123.00), which is separate from the temporary tower set up for the event. We will be directing UL/LSA planes to the parking area, placing no-take-off signs on the UL runway during airshows, and acting as camping coordinators (whatever this means). Our participation could be fun and will help to establish our group with the EAA.

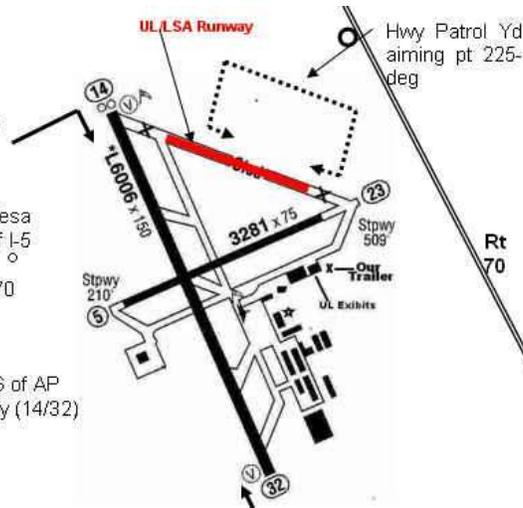
We will provide more information a few weeks before the Fly-in. Please volunteer and sign up for the Liberty Field Yahoo Web group in order to get more information.

#### **Flying to Marysville (MYV) 70+ Mi**

AWAS 118.475 Tower 126.4 Gd121.05

#### **Fly: 70 miles @ 28-deg**

- Fly direct 28-deg, for 60 miles
- @ 44Mi to go, over Is. In Lake Barriosa
- @24 Mi to go, over Rt.-505 2Mi S of I-5
- At 10 Mi from Then drop to 500'
- Fly 58-deg (+30-deg) low until Rt.-70 (AP is 330-deg)
- Follow 70 N. until initial point.
- Do not go East of Rt.-70
- Do not go more than 13-Miles due S of AP
- Don't cross extends of active runway (14/32)



#### **Going to Oshkosh?**

Several club members plan to go to the EAA's Airventure at Oshkosh. The show runs from July 23 to 29th. If you plan to go please let the group know (use the Liberty Flyers Yahoo Web group to communicate).

#### **LSA Aircraft for Sale**

Since my wife says I can't have two planes, it is with regret that I plan to sell my Challenger II long wing airplane soon, N116MG. Here are the stats: Completed Oct. 2005, Rotax 503 ~200hr. Full maintenance records. Extras include, Grand Rapids EIS, 1150# BRS chute, Fiberglass gear, Hydraulic breaks, hinged nose cone, Upholstered seat, Hacman mixture control altitude compensation, auxiliary fuel pump, full cover, belly bag storage, tundra tires, Superflight paint, an more.



I great plane... anyone want to own it?

### [Club Events Planned for 2007](#)

***Events planned as of this date are shown chronologically below:***

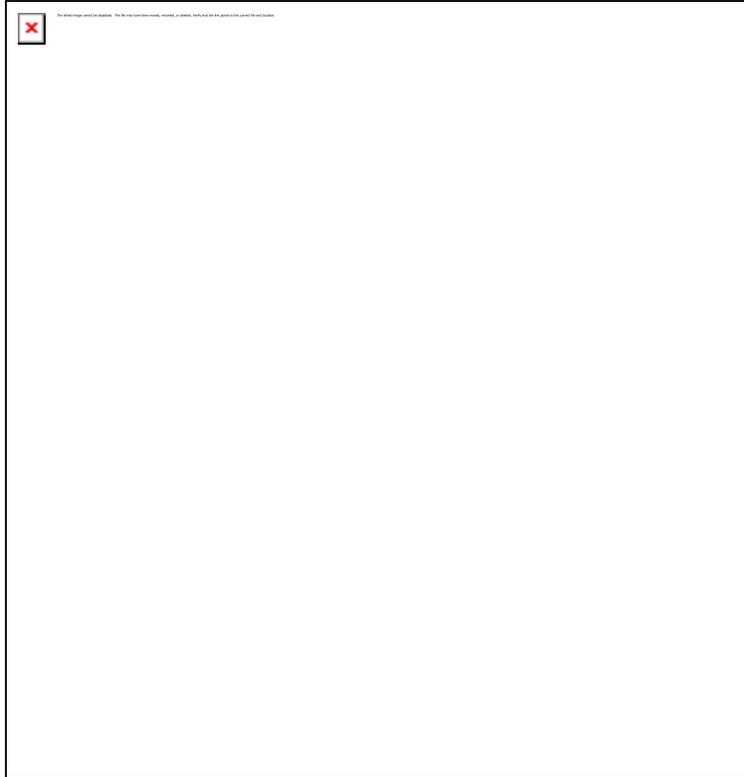
This is our special events calendar. Note that we can fly or drive to most of the events and those who have an extra seat can take club member passengers.

Also note that club members meet every Saturday at about 9:30-AM when there are no special events for a pilot's choice fly-outs.

#### ***June 9<sup>th</sup> Flight to Mendocino.***

This event was rescheduled due to weather. Don will coordinate our flight to Little River, near Mendocino. We will fly different out and inbound routes on this 95-mile flight. We leave Petaluma at 9:00-Am and fly up via Cloverdale, a half-way point, where some of us may need to gas-up or use of the head. This run will be about 95-miles. Coming home we may fly a more direct coastal non-stop route since it should be faster with following winds and it is likely we won't need extra gas.

At Little River we will be able to get fuel and take a cab into the historic Mendocino for lunch. We plan to leave Little River no later than 1:00PM so that we will be back in Petaluma well before our 4:30-PM monthly meeting.



***June 29-July 1st (Sat-Sun) EAA's Golden West Air Show Fly-in.***

We have flown and driven to Marysville for this show in prior years, and have had good turn-outs. This fly-in is a great source of information and ideas, and the airshow is worth seeing. Several of us have camped out to make the Fly-in a two-day event. This year we expect better facilities and services for ULs. (See *LFF Club Participation in EAA Golden West above*).

Note that there are special restrictions and a temporary FAA tower for the show. UL/LSA aircraft have their own runway that is outside of the tower's domain. Some of us will fly up Friday morning and some on Saturday. We will finalize flight and driving arrangements in a few weeks.

***July 14<sup>th</sup> BBQ's at Harvey's air strip***

Again this year we will plan a BBQ for members and their guests. Vic is considering obtaining a food cart for the club. Details to be announced. Another BBQ may be held at Quality Sport Plane in Cloverdale in October if we are invited to the event.

***August 18-19 Lake Pillsbury Camp-out.***

Pillsbury's Gravelly Valley airport, a big wide unimproved 2000' high gravel strip, surrounded by a lake and State parks, provides good camping under the wing of your plane or at nearby campsites. The lake is about 90 miles north of Petaluma. Several of our UL and GA members participated and had a good time in the past; this is a good opportunity to get up close and personal with the local elk. The only negative is the need to top 4500' over a mountainous area as you approach the 1900' high lake.

***Other Activities (provided by Jim Grimes)***

- Columbia Airport Fathers Day Fly-In

- Colusa Airport, 10th Annual Old Time Fly-In July 22nd see <http://www.airnav.com/airport/O08>
- Salinas Airport, International Air Show September 29th & 30<sup>th</sup> see <http://www.salinasairshow.com/>

### Light Sport Plane Progress

Four club members and Sport Pilots, (Don, Mark, Gordon, and Charlie) have applied for airworthiness certs. Denny Pollard from Oakland FAA FSDO plans to make the trip to Petaluma on June 11<sup>th</sup> to anoint all four of their aircraft to LSA status.

We checked with Denny. He will arrive at 7:30-AM on Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> and wants all four pilots there when he arrives. He asked that each bring the signed original 8130.6 form, a "Program letter", Weight and Balance sheet (except weight shift), a "3D" drawing or sketch of the plane, an annual condition checklist, and a simple flight test plan.

### Notable Snaps

The pictures that follow are from the 1600-mile 6-day flight from Petaluma to the Grand Canyon and Monument Valley. Three pilots took part, Mark Huntley, and Ken Robbers from Lodi, and me. Mark has prepared an excellent DVD that combines all the pictures and videos taken during the trip. It will be available at our meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>.



Crossing south of Lake Tahoe



Wild horses on the Nevada desert



Landing on a road when the tanks were almost dry (note the car)



Typical scenery