



## **MAY 8th 2021 NEWSLETTER**

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## **A REAL MEETING THIS SATURDAY!**

We plan to have our first face-to-face meeting Saturday at 1-PM outside the manager's office at Petaluma AP. As a treat, Les will bring his RV there to BBQ Hamburgers (no charge) and for those of us who are fully vaccinated, masks are optional. Let's get together to celebrate the beginning of the end of covid and the restart of our club gatherings.

# Flying As God Intended It

## Our First 30 Years of Practice!



**MARK JOHNSON**

I DECIDED I HAVE BEEN TOO NEGLECTED BY THE CLUB LATELY SO I WANT TO TOOT MY OWN HORN THIS MONTH BY ALERTING ALL YOU NEWBIES AS TO HOW FAMOUS I AM AS A PILOT... ONE DAY THE MYTH BUSTERS TV SHOW CALLED OUR PRESIDENT FOR OUR BEST PILOT AND OF COURSE THAT NARROWED IT DOWN TO ME. WE WERE INVITED TO AN AIR FORCE BASE TO SEE IF A PLANE SITTING ON A CONVEYOR BELT BEING PULLED BACK WORDS COULD TAKE OFF. THE PHYSICISTS SAID YES AND THE AERONAUTICAL EXPERTS SAID NO. THE PHYSICISTS WERE CORRECT AND THE TV PEOPLE SAID THEY HAVE NEVER HAD SUCH A CROWD WATCH THEIR PROGRAM,,,**32 MILLION VIEWERS!** AND THE NEXT YEAR ON ONE OF MY CHINA TRIPS, I ACTUALLY GOT TO SEE IT IN MY HOTEL ROOM!!!



WE ARRIVED WITH VICK ON THE RIGHT THEN ME THEN BIM THEN THE TWO MYTH BUSTERS ON THE LEFT



HERE ARE THE TWO FAMOUS BUSTERS WONDERING IF MY LITTLE PLANE COULD STAND THE PRESSURE ON IT - IT DID!



HERE IS ADAM SAVAGE ENCOURAGING ME TO NOT BE AFRAID -HA- HE DIDN'T KNOW I ALREADY HAD 12 ENGINE OUTS



THERE WE ALL WERE SITTING ON THE THREE QUARTER MILE CONVEYER BELT JUST BEFORE TAKE OFF



ADAM AND JAMIE WANTED A PICTURE OF THEM IN FRONT OF THE PLANE IN CASE NEITHER I NOR THE PLANE RETURNED!



AT THE END OF THE DAY AT SUNSET, THERE I WAS! I HEAR THIS PICTURE IS STILL ON THEIR WALL AT THE STUDIO!  
DO I HEAR AN AMEN FRIENDS?

Note, there are two things you should know about Mark and his aircraft.

First, I asked Mark to do the Myth Busters show because HIS plane was in the worst shape of any in our club, so it would less catastrophic if he messed it up further during the show.

Second, I considered Mark to be the bravest pilot in our group since he willingly flew planes in poor shape; some major parts literally held together with duct tape. (His plane had a lot of duct tape holding it together).

Les



# THIS MONTH'S PHOTOS

Nishant likes landing off-field, landed along side of Lake Barryessa. See his video [here](#)



Near Lake Barryessa. "Stump" field, (named by Nishant)



Ship wreck, south of Bodega Bay



**Damien flying near Heavenly at lake Tahoe**



**Bill at Nut Tree, taken by Howard**