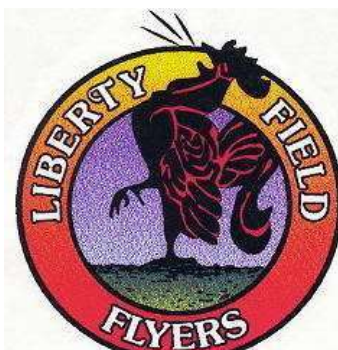


Liberty Field Flyers April 2008 Newsletter



USUA Club #3 EAA Chapter #106

Officers:

President: Les Goldner
Vice Pres.: Harry Torgovitsky
Secretary: Mark Johnson
Treasurer: Vic Bologna

April 12th Meeting & 19th Little River Fly-Out

We will have our regular monthly meeting on April 12th at 4:30-PM either in the Airport Manager's office or in Hanger E16.

On April 19th we will fly to Boonville with an option to go further to Little River. Chris Rampoldt has friends there who will drive us into town for lunch and bring out MoGas.

We will leave at 9:30-AM, stop in either Cloverdale or Ukiah for gas if needed, and then fly on to Boonville and Little River. Coming back, if winds are right (and they should be) we can fly back non-stop along the coast. See [Trip to Boonville / Little River](#) later in this Newsletter.

Please Pay your 2008 Dues

Vic Bologna, our Treasurer, reminds us that six members have not paid their \$45 annual dues. You know who you are, so, please pay Vic at the meeting or mail him a check. Vic's address is 4760 Lakeshore Blvd, Lake Port CA 95476.

Minutes of March 8th Meeting

Written by Mark Johnson

Fourteen people were present (shown in the attached picture, [Meeting.jpg](#)). Les Goldner, the president, opened the meeting at 4:30.

The minutes of the previous month were approved.

Les announced that Bim had a slight accident while landing at Lynn Deedler's place. As Bim put it, "the tree came out of nowhere and hit my plane... After a flawless landing, a squirrely wind made the tree hit my plane and the wing was damaged." The entire wing will have to be replaced. Since Bim will not be flying soon and has trouble making the meetings, he suggested he step down as VP of our club. (See attached picture, [Bim-tree.jpg](#))

Les thanked Bim for his work in the Club and the motion to elect Harry Torgovitsky Vice President. The motion was made by Les and seconded by Mark and the vote was unanimous... Harry is our new Vice President! Congratulations Harry.

Old Business

The ultralight pattern that may be modified to accommodate the new Sports Complex was discussed.

A few of us "tested" the new pattern and found that we could probably reach the runway in an engine-out emergency from a downwind leg.

New Business

- Treasury report: We have \$3,600 in the treasury and there are still 6 people who haven't paid their dues!
- Andrea Mirek, who volunteered to get us Polo Shirts, will be asked to order 20 of them.
- Next month we plan to fly to Little River. We plan to stop at Boonville for gas and a friend of Chris Rampoldt, who lives there, will transport us to town for lunch.
- We agreed to help provide volunteers to Quality Sport in Cloverdale to help run their BBQ at their May 10th Fly In.
- *Planes for sale:*
Andrea Mirek has a Flightstar, \$7,000
Tony Toni has a Rans S-6 (2-seater), \$14,500
Les has a Challenger long-wing (12:1 glide ratio, 2-seater) \$18,000
Vick has a Flightstar, \$4,000
Club Hurricane, new but unassembled w/o engine \$3000

We went around the room and everyone gave an update on their flying related activities:

- Les hopes to plan another long trip in his new 701 this summer.
- Ted Miller checked out on a glass-cockpit C5B, but the simulators were moved out of Travis so he no longer conducts simulation training there. He is thinking about getting a LSA.
- Tony is enjoying flying around in Jim Grimes Ercoupe and they both will be moving to Petaluma because they got kicked out of Sayville.
- Vic is busy putting on floats on his MX and finishing up the Flightstar.
- Joe, who is the only member with a Power Chute, is working too much to fly much lately.
- Jim repeated what Tony said and emphasized that his Ercoupe is great enjoyment.
- Gordon went to the Sun n' Fun Museum in Florida and without the crowds, it was very pleasant. His GT-400 is still flying (but being the slowest plane in the club sucks!) He has been eying Savannahs and Zeniths.
- Chris Desmond's new spiffy 801 plane is almost completed.
- Harry, our new VP, is learning to fly Chris R. Cessna and feels flying an ultralight/LSA should be easy in comparison.
- Paul, our "Young Eagles Coordinator", may be taking up a bunch of kids soon. Les and Andrea M. agreed to help but Les said it's important for him to coordinate with some of the EAA chapters who regularly run Young Eagles programs. He leaves May 5th for Czechoslovakia and won't be back until Oct. 7th.
- Jim Enos is completing one of the few Part 103 ultralights in our club, a Ragwing Parasol. He should be finished within a year. He quit flying in 1995 and only since Christmas has he decided to return to the sport.
- Mike Ferrero, a new club member with the Flightstar, is a GA pilot who didn't take a medical. He flew hang gliders in the 70's and got his GA in the early 80's.
- Lionel Hess said he hasn't done anything exciting in months. He lives very near the airport so if anyone wants to check up on their planes during a wind storm, give him a call and he will do it.
- Harry P. had a flat tire today and spent the day fixing it so he couldn't go to Lodi with us.

- Mark, the club TV star, had the only working plane for the flight to Lodi today but got lonely flying alone, so he just circled the field to make all the stranded flyers feel bad.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30

Trip to Boonville / Little River

By Chris Rampoldt

Boonville is a quaint little town with a paved airport about half way between Cloverdale and the Little River airport. Many ultralights (yours truly included) have flown in there in years past, sometimes during their County Fair and made a day of it, enjoying the flight and spending the day looking at the different displays, (animal and vegetable) and then flying back on the same day. It's a neat town and the valley it's in is beautiful and it points directly toward the coast, Mendocino and the Little River airport. They even have a unique local language there called Boontling, which you encounter downtown, (I'm not kidding), especially at the local restaurant!

A friend of mine and his wife are building a house close to town. They said they would be happy to help us with a gas or food run to town in exchange for a plane ride, so I thought fueling up in Boonville would be a good idea on the way to Little River on the 19th of April. After flying over, or taking off from Cloverdale, it's a good idea to go to at least 3,000 feet and start up the valley to Boonville. The valley has a road in it but not tons of level open space. In April we will probably have the fog coming in from the coast but I always remember Boonville being clear and we can see ahead toward Little River easily. Let's see how many airplanes we can get in the air and be on our way to more flying.....! Bye the way Bim....great photos.

Note: Plans are to leave Petaluma at 9:30-AM. If anyone can't go the 68-miles to Boonville, we could stop at either Cloverdale or Ukiah, and then fly directly to Boonville. From there we could extend to Little River, which would make the total trip 94 miles. Coming back, if winds are right (and they should be) we can fly back non-stop along the coast. It could be a great flight!

Working together!

I was out at Petaluma the other day with Harry Plevney. While he was helping me change my Challenger's drive belt, Harry mentioned that it would be really nice if the members of our group could try to help each as much off the field as we do while flying.

This got me thinking just how much talent we have in our group and that Harry's suggestion makes a lot of sense. We have an eclectic array of talents in diverse areas. For example, architecture, business consulting, contracting, flight instruction, excavating, metals, security specialties, welding, and even Tai-Chi and acupuncture (plus a lot of other things I haven't mentioned). Some of us work and some work at being retired, but most would probably be happy to assist... So think about getting products and services from your club compatriots more often. If anyone wants to inform our group about their trade or products, just use our LibertyFlyers Yahoo email.

The Non Flight to Lodi

It all started OK. Harry P, Les with Vic, and Mark were to start from Petaluma, Chris with Harry T from Napa, and Jim G. with Tony from wherever... all going to Lodi.

It didn't happen! Only Jim and Tony ended up in Lodi. Harry's Rans got a flat that could not be easily repaired, Les's new Zenith had vibration problems, and Mark, snickering that he was the only one in Petaluma who could fly, refused to fly alone. When Chris found out the Petaluma contingent wasn't flying, he stayed local... so only Tony and Jim went the distance

(see attached picture [Lodi-Jim.jpg](#)). As they say, “the best plans of mice and flyers can go wrong”.

Grounding the Ground & Pictures!

The need for a good engine ground can't be understated. As many of you know, Mark has had to crank start his plane for the last year. He has also had low battery voltage issues and more recently low-reading CHTs. This week we got a little clue as to what could be wrong when Mark noticed a thick wire hanging out under his engine. Mark, being a fatalist, didn't think too much of it, but Les started jumping up and down saying “eureka, we finally found the answer to your problems!” After securing this thick (#4) wire back to the engine block, surprise; his starter and the rest of Mark's Rans electrical system magically came to life!

Pictures

I apologize for not having time to add new pictures to our Yahoo site. Instead, as a temporary measure, I have attached 5 pics to this newsletter. They are attached, rather than in bedded with the text, because some of us can't see in bedded pics. Three of these have already been mentioned.

The forth picture, [Astronaut.jpg](#), shows a strange entity on a black Drifter. When asked who he was, his only comment was “Its cold up there”.

The fifth pic, [MikeFly.jpg](#), shows Michael, L. the Trike and LSA CFI who works at Petaluma Airport, spending his entire day soliciting in a very strange way. Draw your own conclusions.

Club Calendar of Activities

Month	Week1	2	3	4	5
Feb	(2)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(9)Meeting Postponed one week	(16)BBQ, met'g Petaluma AP + Grand Canyon flight present'n	(23)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	
Mar	(1)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(8)Fly to Lodi Meeting 4:30P, Petaluma AP	(15)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(22)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(29)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*
Apr	(5)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(12)Meeting 4:30P Petaluma AP	(19)Fly to Little River	(26)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	
May	(3)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(10) Cloverdale QSP Flyin/BBQ. Fly Rusn.River	(17)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(24)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(31)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*
Jun	(7)Golden West fly-in Marysville	(14)Sunset flight & Meeting Petaluma AP	(21)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(28-29) Lake Pillsbury Gravelly Vly fly-in & camp-out	
Jul	(5)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(12)Harvey's field fly-in, BBQ, & Meeting	(19)Clearlake Fly-in to Vic's BBQ	(26)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	
Aug	(2)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(9)Fly to Half-Moon Bay, 4:30P Meeting Petaluma AP	(16)Sonoma C. Airport fly-in Wine Country Airshow	(23)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(30)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*

Sep	(6)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(13)Meeting 4:30P Petaluma AP	(20)Petaluma Airport fly-in (Big this year)	(27)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	
Oct	(4)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(11)Fly to beautiful Chico Meeting 4:30P Petaluma AP	(18)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(25)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	
Nov	(1)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	8-Meeting 4:30P Petaluma AP	(15)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(22)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	(29)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*
Dec	(6)Pilots' Choice Fly-out*	13-XMAS Party & Meeting	(20)	(27)	