

Liberty Field Ultralight Flyers July 2006 Newsletter

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Newsletter

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July 8th, 2006 Meeting Notice

At our 4:30-PM Saturday July 8th meeting, Guy Minor from the FAA will make a presentation about avoiding accidents in experimental aircraft.

Guy is an accident investigator from the Oakland FAA FSDO (Flight Safety District Office). He has collected a lot of information about safe flying relevant to our types of aircraft.

Guy says that Denny Pollard (the LSA FAA Airworthiness Inspector for this area) may also come to answer questions about LSA conversions.

In respect for the FAA, this meeting will be held in the Petaluma Airport manager's office.

At this meeting we will also plan our July 15-16th Castle Air Force Museum fly-in, so expect the meeting to last about 1-hour.

Please plan to attend this meeting. Not only will it be interesting, but we also need a good turnout to show that we are a substantial group that the FAA should turn to when there are issues about ULs and LSAs that need to be resolved.

Don't Forget to Pay your Dues!!

If you have not paid your 2006 dues, they need to be paid now! Please bring \$45 to meeting or mail a check to Vic Bologna, 4760 Lakeshore Blvd., Lake Port, 95476. Vic insists that if you have not paid, this will absolutely be the last Newsletters you will get!

June 10th meeting Cancelled

We planned to meet at the Marysville fly-in and air show. Although we had a good turnout at the Fly-in, it was rather hot and Gordon decided not to have the meeting.

Our June Fly-ins

LUF field is now fully open (all 1200').... Several of us used the field while it was drying out in June. Late in June, after the field dried, Mark Johnson, Jim Grimes, and Mike Gold cut the grass (thank you). The surface at LUF is now hard and reasonably smooth. If you have signed your waver, please enjoy flying there.

Since writing the last newsletter, we went to fly-ins at Marysville and Santa Rosa. Pictures, taken by Chris Rampoldt, tell the story below:

Marysville Air Show

The Marysville air show and Fly-in is a major EAA event and was well attended by our group. Only Chris, Jim, and Tony were able to fly-in because it was foggy at Petaluma on Saturday morning. Many of us drove up. About 12 of us showed up; Gordon and Jeff came with their families. While the air show as not as good as last year, the exhibits, including many light sport planes, were interesting.



Some of the Guys who came to Marysville

Santa Rosa (Sonoma County) Fly-in

The Santa Rosa (Sonoma Co. AP) fly-in was less well attended. Chris and Andre flew up in Andre's Grumman and Les came in his Challenger. The place had the charm of a small town fair. Various groups (CAP, Woman Airman, etc) set up exhibits and food concessions. There was a jet simulator and other interesting activities.

Few of us know that there is an interesting open cockpit military airplane museum at Santa Rosa. Chris Les and Andre walked the ½-mile to the site and spent a lot of time talking with former military pilots and messing with the cockpit controls (please don't pull the ejection seat handle!).



Chris in front of a 1950's era Russian Ilyushen aircraft, which he later toured. It was interesting figuring out the Russian controls and instruments.



Les in the pilot's seat of an F14 Tomcat ready to start engines.

Bim and Mark are Back in the Air. Les is Grounded!

June saw Bim complete the repairs on his MX. We can now expect to see a batch of new pictures from him to publish in upcoming newsletters. (He plans to stay a little higher the next time he decides to shut off his engine before landing.

Mark has also completed the repairs on his Hawk's wing (see last newsletter) and also installed new tail feathers (with help from Vic and Les). He took to the air this week only to discover a new problem, insufficient battery charging. When he returns from China, he will ask for our assistance to solve this problem.

Les discovered an overheating problem in one cylinder and will check out his carbs before going up again.

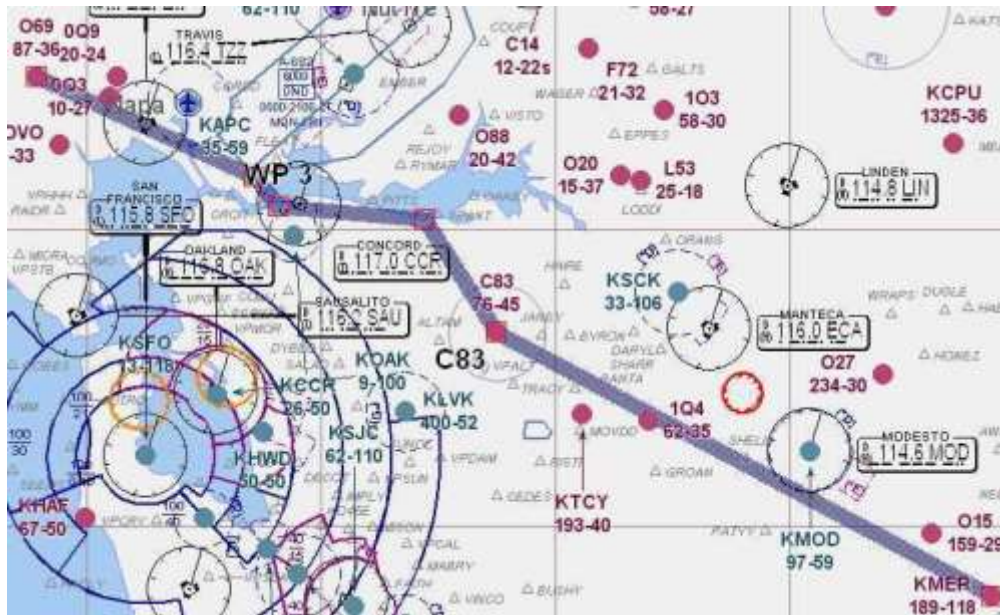
Paul to Finally Get FAA Airworthiness Certificate

Upcoming Fly-ins

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The plan is to fly out of Petaluma at 9-AM, go over the Benicia Bridge (the shortest safe over-water hop), trop to a comfortable low altitude after Antioch, and land at Byron for a pit stop (bring oil). Staying low, we go on to Castle, arriving before noon. We will tour the museum that afternoon and return to Petaluma the next morning. The route back will take us thought Tracy; the flight over the Suisun Bay will have to be at a higher altitude to avoid the potential onshore headwinds.



Les will plan this one. Lake Pillsbury's Gravelly Valley airport, a big unimproved 2000' high gravel strip, surrounded by a lake and State parks, provides good camping either under the wing of your plane or at nearby campsites. The lake is about 90 miles north of Petaluma. The only negative is the need to top 4500' over a mountainous area as

you approach the lake (1900'). Several of our UL and GA members participated and had a good time last year.

Notable Snaps



Les (front) & Mark (waving) flying over tip of San Rafael. Pic taken by Chris Rampoldt

Bim says look at <http://www.wkrm.com/node/30683#top> to see a UL pilot's emergency landing on a highway.

LFUF Saturday Calendar (tentative)

| July | August | September | October |
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| | 5-TBD | 2-Fly to 2-Rock & coast | 7-TBD |
| 8-4:30-PM Meeting at Petaluma Airport Office. FAA Safety Talk | 12-Aircraft check-out, BBQ, & flying contest @ LUF field. | 9-Regular Monthly Meeting (Gordon's @ 4:30PM) | 14-Regular Monthly Meeting (Gordon's @ 4:30PM) |
| 15-16 Castle AFB Museum Fly-in | 19-Fly up Russian River | 16-17-Fly & Camp at Lake Pillsbury | 21-Tentative flight to Cloverdale (slow & fast Uls) |
| 22-Fly to LUF Field | 26-27- Fly to Shelter Cove | 23-Fly to LUF Field and beyond | 28-TBD |
| 29-Fly to Coast | | 30-TBD | |