

LIBERTY FIELD FLYERS

FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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EAA Chapter #1534

Officers:

President: Luke Wings
Vice Pres.: Chris Rampoldt
Secretary: Mark Johnson
Treasurer: Vic Bologna

FEBRUARY 9TH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Luke, our new President, will open up discussions about club activities and flyouts we want to plan for in 2013.

JANUARY 12TH 2013 MEETING MINUTES

By Luke Wings

The meeting was opened by Luke at 1300 hours. There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Luke discussed the pre-meeting aircraft inspection and debriefed those present about the fleet inspection where members looked over our fleet and noticed following deficiencies:

- Les' had brake lines exposing to the sun potentially deteriorated by UV.
- Chris' engine #1 top spark plug wire almost came off.
- Luke's had owl poops all over the top of cylinder #1 and #3.
- Steve's had loose rudder bearings.
- Vic's had left horizontal stabilizer strut loose.
- Rod's left windshield frame top bracket was broken and had a bad compass.
- Mark's had the upper cowl rubbing on the air filter and needs a new air filter. Also, his pilot seat attachment was very loose.

2. Vic collected dues from members.

3. Luke ask member to support a verbal agreement on member's sensitive information and intoxication. His tentative wording of such an agreement follows:

- Flyers will do the utmost to safeguard sensitive information concerning other flyers.
- Flyer will not fly intoxicated as PIC/Copilot, nor passenger (unless in an emergency as passenger).

4. At the conclusion of the meeting, a flying CHP officer talked to our club about their aviation unit's duties and displayed their helicopter.

The meeting closed at 0230. After the meeting we had a Beautiful afternoon flight over Point Reyes and Bodega beaches.

YOUR 2013 DUES ARE DUE

Please bring your \$45 dues to the meeting or mail it to our Treasurer, Vic Bologna at 4760 Lakeshore Blvd., Lake Port Ca. 95453.

TENTATIVE FLYOUT SCHEDULE

By Luke Wings

This flyout schedule is completely tentative. Please give us input for any changes. The dates are wild guesses, except for Catalina. Let me know what works for you. Also, should we move shelter cove closer? When I get your input, the schedule will be finalized. Thank you all. Fly safe and have a lot of fun.

February	09	Local/Meeting.
	16	Catalina
	16	Santa Rosa open cockpit day?
March	02	Nut tree
	09	Gross/LFF meeting
	16	Shelter Cove
April	06	Lodi
	13	Local/LFF meeting
	19	Cloverdale
May	04	Boonville
	11	Local/LFF meeting
June	01	Willow

MEMORIES OF ACES PAST... JEFF SINGLETON

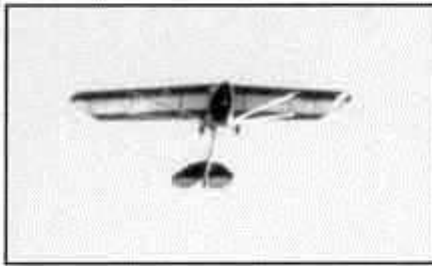
LFUF
INTERVIEWS

“ace”
of the month

JEFF SINGLETON



Jeff in front of his new Beaver RX - 550



LFUF: How did you get into ultralights?

Twelve years ago I worked for Mark Anderson and we put the roof on the clubhouse at Liberty Field. He also had a plane so naturally I got interested then. It has taken 12 years to get my own plane but the seed was planted then.

LFUF: What is one of your more memorable flights?

Seeing how I have only been flying since October, I haven't had much experience. But the one flight that stands out most in my mind was the time I got up to 5,500'. I would have gone higher but I thought my engine might shut off.

What was your most harrowing flight?

The time I ran out of gas. I was darn lucky there was a flat patch of ground in front of me because the terrain all around me was quite treacherous. I managed to land with 5' to spare, otherwise I would have gone over a thousand foot drop off! I had so much adrenaline, I locked the manual brakes and skidded 30' to the edge

of the cliff. The guys I was flying with told me about a nearby farmhouse that I couldn't see. This turned out to be a useful tip because the local farmer who answered the door in his underwear and looked at me like I was as crazy as he looked, told me to go out back and ask the Mexicans for help. They not only had gasoline, but 2 cycle oil. They then loaded me, the fuel and their families into two 4 wheelers and drove up the mountain to my plane. To their astonishment, cheers and waving, I soared into the sky. I wonder if their friends believe their story of the day the alien dropped out of the sky to land on their small mountain top?

Do you have any advice for your club members?

Just three things... keep close track of how long you have been flying, know your fuel consumption rate accurately, and don't trust your gas gauge! Because of my incident, Mark drilled a hole in his seat so he could see the bottom of his tank directly.

Next month we interview anyone willing!

CHECK OUT ALL THESE GREAT FLY-INS (More on the back page)

We want to see **EVERYONE** at **ALL** of them! We are going to bring our new Liberty Field Banner and display it proudly so we need a lot of representatives of our great club.



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THIS MONTH'S PICS



Lunch talk



CHP showing off their copter

The following pics where all taken during our plane inspection







Surprise! Bird dung on Luke's engine (end of inspection pics)



Surprise again! Jim's plane taxiing



Surprise, Mark's plane still flies!