

Smoke Signals

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Vandenberg Airport - Tampa

Don Wood Suffers a Stroke

Don Wood suffered a stroke March 2nd that landed him in the Brandon Hospital.

Several of us visited with Don during his first stay at the Brandon Hospital. He was having difficulty articulating his words, but his hand shake was firm and he looked bright and alert at that time.

Later, Don was released from the hospital and while at home he suffered a food ingestion in his lungs and had to be returned back to the Brandon Hospital emergency room.

Don has now recovered from that problem and is now in therapy at Integrated Health Services located at 700 South Kings Avenue in Brandon.

If you go to see him, drive into the front entrance and drive completely back to the rear to "Therapy".

We are wishing the very best to Don as he works toward full recovery.

Volunteers Needed to Man the Coke Booths at Brandon Balloon Festival

We will be asking for volunteers at the march 26th meeting to help man the five Coca Cola booths.

HCAA and Leading Edge are Designing the New Hangar 14 Layout for Chapter 175

We had our first meeting with Ed Cooley and Mark Moberg to outline what Chapter 175 would like to see included in the new chapter facility located in the South row of hangars (HCAA refers to it as Hangar 14).

After much discussion we have a choice between the East end or the West end. The advantages to our locating in the East end is that: 1. It is near the restroom facilities, 2. It is closer to the sewer should we wish to add sinks for washing dishes, etc., 3. It would not interfere with aircraft taxiing to and from the runway., 4. It would be closer to the Young Eagle parking (in fact we could use the Chapter facilities for staging the YE's) during the rallies.

Our thoughts were to take the back-to-back hangars on the East end of the row plus the hangar next door on the Tarmac side of the hangar row. This would give us an "L" shaped facility which would allow us to hangar the Champ right next door.

We obviously want to finish out enough space to have a nice

air conditioned meeting room with plenty of lights and good security.

It would be nice to have a kitchen area also and a place to store and use tools, etc.

We'll have a rough drawing to present at the meeting, we are looking for your input at this month's meeting . We have to get back to HCAA and LE very soon because they want to get started on the new contract to demolish the old hangars and rebuild.

One other thing, Ed tells us that they may be able to locate the fire wall on the West side of our combined facility. This would allow them to build right up to the roof...security!!

PLEASE NOTE!
The March Chapter Meeting will be held at hangar 100, Sunday, March 26th, at 2:00 PM. Please, don't miss it! Subjects to talk about; New Building Layout, Sun 'n Fun, and Brandon Balloon Festival.

'Lots to cover This is a super important meeting, !!

Dear EAA Members,

Sun 'n Fun is just around the corner now and I hope to see a lot of you there. We always have a great time and we can use all the help we can get. If you want to help out please tell Pete Lansbery so he can give you a pass to get in the gate.

April is going to be a busy month for us in Chapter 175, with Sun 'n Fun and the Brandon balloon Festival, we will have our hands full.

Remember, the Brandon Balloon Fest is April 28th, 29th & 30th. We are to supply the manpower for the five Coca Cola Drink trailers. If you will sign the volunteer list at the next meeting, we sure will appreciate it, we need a lot of help there too.

During the Brandon Balloon festival, I would like to have some of the members bring their fine aircraft out to place on display. The Balloon Festival officials will give us a special display area to show the Chapter aircraft. If you are interested in showing your airplane at the Balloon Fest, be sure and tell either me or Jerry Dean.

Drew Martin, Jerry Dean, and I have been working hard for Chapter 175 to build the relationship between HCAA, Leading Edge and ourselves. Things have improved considerably, the cooperation has been just great. Both are very busy people, but they always have taken the time for us.

Recently, we met in the new conference room to discuss the new Chapter home in hangar 14. We experienced a great amount of support and encouragement from both Ed Cooley and Mark Moberg during the meeting. They are doing a great job at getting the Vandenberg Airport facilities and services in first class order.

Our goal should be to get in the airport loop. Work closely with HCAA and Leading Edge, plus the other outstanding tenants that supply services at the airport and we will bring Chapter 175 into one of the best Chapters around. So let's move forward and do not dwell on the past.

If you will join us in the effort to make this the best airport on the West coast, you will see great things for Chapter 175 in the future!

I would like to say welcome to all the new members and hope to see everybody out at the next meeting!

Thank you,

Dan Holsapple

P.S.

By the way, if you haven't taken the time to see the new building, you sure need to do that, Vandenberg Airport is fortunate to now have the nicest facilities to be found in the state of Florida!

Dan

A DC-10 had an exceedingly long roll out after landing with his approach speed just a little too high.

San Jose Tower: "American 751 heavy, turn right at the end, if able If not able, take the Guadeloupe exit off highway 101 and return to the airport."

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Minutes From February Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at: 2:00 PM

Guest Speakers: **Melissa Roe** (EventMakers Corporation), **Marilyn Gauthier** (HCAA)

Melissa Roe discussed the upcoming **Brandon Balloon Festival** and the requirements for Chapter 175. Basically: There will be a static display of aircraft - experimental and certified, carnival rides, anchored balloon "rides" (tentative), emergency vehicles on display, SWAT team display, and antique bi-plane rides courtesy of Joe Kittinger. **Chapter 175 will have the opportunity to do a fundraiser - Coca Cola drink trailers.** We will need to provide a team of volunteers to work in this area. Volunteers are also needed to help with the set-up and during events. Set-up will begin the Monday after Sun N'Fun. Those interested in "crewing" for the balloons are required to attend a crew training offered on April 5th and April 19th (5:30 at Vandenburg Airport). Attendance is required at one training session only.

Chapter 175 will also be providing **Young Eagle flights** on April 29th and 30th. We need pilots for this activity. Please contact **Drew Martin** if interested.

Marilyn Gauthier mentioned that Vandenburg Airport will be closed during balloon launches. Location will be set for static display, exact area and details will be provided later.

New Members welcomed: **Erick Pool** and **Rob Mullins**

New Chapter 175 Website: Work is being done on this - members and aircrafts will be featured. More details as work progresses.

Pete Lansbery discussed the Volunteer Kitchen (Sun N' Fun) activities and camping arrangements. Most of the volunteers are already signed up, but anyone is welcome to come by and pitch in. We will be in the same facility as last year. Camping space is limited to eight spaces and these are already filled. There may be cancellations, but not likely.

Charlie Henwood made the announcement of the **Young Eagles rally** held on March 11. **President Dan** mentioned there would also be **EAA chapter workshops** held at Lakeland the same day. He'll give a report in the next meeting about these workshops.

Jim Cooper brought up a "pedal plane" fly-in; looking for planes and pilots. The "Fly-in" will be held at Sun N' Fun during the event. It's to encourage even the littlest people to learn about aviation. Jim Gibson was mentioned as a person who has some background. Contact Jim Cooper if you can help.

Lyle Flagg mentioned the Volksplane the Chapter has been trying to sell. Lyle introduced Herbie Johnson who recommended his friend Stan Hummel as a purchaser. Herbie stated Stan would take the plane, finish the project and do a good job. Stan has a completed Hi-max and was recommended to Herbie as an excellent builder. Stan will take the project back to Pennsylvania and finish it.

Pete read the **NTSB report on Jaybo's crash (2/27/99 autopsy)**. Contact Pete if you want a copy of this report.

Hernando Pasco Hospice sent a letter of appreciation regarding the chapter donation in memory of Pat Koetz.

Numerous fly-ins pointed out by Jerry Dean, former president and all-around great guy. New Florida fly-in webpage on the Internet. Type: <http://www.FloridaFlying.com>.

Calendars still available for \$8.00/each. They have beautiful pictures of planes and support our chapter education program.

Meeting adjourned: 3:00 PM

Treasury Report	3/17/00	Cash Flow Report	2/27/00 through 3/17/00
Acct	Balance	Category description	
ASSETS		Inflows	
Cash and Bank Accounts		-Intinc	85.76
CAP Evergreen Treasury	22,776.93	Total Inflows	85.76
CD's	0.00		
EAA Checking 98	0.00	Outflows	
Total Cash & Banking Accts.	22,776.93	Donations and contributions	100.00
Investments		Hangar Rent	224.18
CAP Mutual Funds	7,856.00	Total Outflows	324.18
Total Investments	7,856.00		
Total Assets	30,632.93	Overall Total for Month	-238.42
Liabilities	0.00		
Overall Total	30,632.93		

Chapter Leadership Workshop at Lakeland

On Saturday, March 11, EAA presented a Chapter Leadership Workshop at the Sun 'n Fun FAA building. Those who were able to participate in this fantastic experience included: Jerry Dean, Lyle Flagg, Dave Hansma and Leslie Dupree.

Bob Mackey, EAA Vice-Pres. Of Chapter Relations, and Claudette Colwell, member of Chapter 512, and a Chapter Advisory Council member, presented the workshop designed to help develop leadership knowledge and skills, directly related to involvement in EAA, and aviation in general.

The format was open, which gave everyone plenty of time to

voice opinions and share ideas. We began by filling out a pre-workshop questionnaire on how we would rate our chapter, what we would like to see accomplished through our chapter, and ideas on how best to accomplish our chapter goals.

Mr. Mackey then gave us a short history on EAA and its involvement with recreational aviation, and then provided us with an invaluable list of the many programs and services available to EAA members, and names and contact information of the personnel who are in charge of them.

Then we were asked to take a good look at our chapter's mission, recognize both our strengths and weaknesses, identify our available opportunities,

and develop a plan to implement our goals.

Many of the strategies covered in this workshop can be applied to any small business. Success of an EAA chapter or any small business, is directly related to the involvement of both qualified leaders, and ALL of its members. To use an old, but pertinent statement, "You can only get out of something what you are willing to put into it".

Jerry Dean has assembled a book with the handouts and notes from this chapter leadership workshop. If you ask him nicely, I'm sure he will be more than happy to make it available to anyone interested in making our chapter the best in south-west Florida!



For Sale!

Kitfox IV, completed 1998. Rotax 912, 74 hours TTAE. Oil Cooler. EIS Long Range Tanks. New Vertical Card Compass. Mode C. White / blue Trim. Garman 250XL GPS plus radio (Panel Mounted).

Recently Annualued. Always hangared at Sun 'n Fun at LAL.

The reason for selling my beloved Kitfox is that I lost my Medical. I am asking \$18,500. Lyle Flagg,
(If Interested, you can call me at 813-689-3393)

Notice to all Members for the Sun 'n Fun Volunteer Kitchen

Be sure to attend the March meeting, Sunday, March 26th at 2:00 PM. I should have all of the wrist bands and necessary passes for driving into the Sun 'n Fun Fly-in.

See you there!!

Pete Lansbery

Sun 'n Fun Volunteer Kitchen Menu 2000

By Pete Lansbery

Anyone having a special need due to an allergy, or for some other reasonable cause, we are asking to please contact us and we will try our best to accommodate their needs.

Also, there will be no deliveries from Wednesday April 5th through Friday, April 7th. (The chairmen will have to pick up their food on those three days.)

The Chairman and Co-Chairmen to contact are:

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The Menu for the Week:

April 5th through 15th, (We have to serve sandwiches from Wednesday the week preceding the Fly-in through the entire Sun 'n Fun week.)

Wed	5th	Ham Salad
Thu.	6th	Tuna Salad
Fri.	7th	Ham Salad or Tuna Salad
Sat.	8th	Baloney, Salami, & Cheese (wow! , Jerry)
Sun.	9th	Bar-BQ
Mon.	10th	Ham & Cheese
Tue.	11th	Turkey & Cheese
Wed.	12th	Baloney, Salami, & Cheese (double WOW! , Jerry)
Thu.	13th	Ham Salad
Fri.	14th	Tuna Salad
Sat.	15th	Clean the frig day, H/S, T/S, H&C, BS&C

(Of course, the menu is subject to supplies being delivered as ordered...you guys know that story)

We'll see you this Sunday at the regular meeting, please make a special effort to be there, lot to cover before Sun 'n Fun.

Pete

Brandon Balloon Fest

There are a hundred things to cover before the Brandon Balloon Fest and we won't be having much time to plan for it except we will be having an April meeting on Sunday, April 23rd to get into the details.

Let's just list a few of the things that are happening:

1. Young Eagles Flights and Ground Training
2. Snow Fencing needs to be strategically placed working with Malissa Roe
3. Chapter sponsored Static Aircraft Display
4. Man five (could be six!) Coca Cola Booths for the three days. We'll have the details on times and days at this Sunday's meeting.
5. Training for those who wish to crew a balloon. Training dates are: April 5th & 19th
6. Fun Ain't It? This is the best thing to happen here at Vandenberg since sliced bread!!!

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

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The Kit Has Found a Home!

The Story:

Lyle Flagg's good friend Herb Johnson read our ad and immediately thought of his friend Stan Hummel, an ultra-light enthusiast who was looking for a project. Stan visited us at our last meeting, made a nice donation to the chapter and took the unfinished Volksplane kit home to Pennsylvania with him. He hopes to get it completed this summer, hopefully we'll see it next year. Persistence does pay off. Thank you Lyle and Herb, oh yes, and especially Stan.

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