

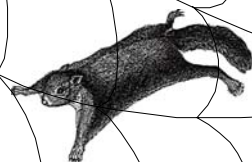
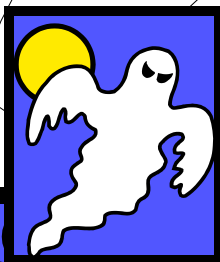


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**ENTERING THE SEASON OF NIGHT FLYING.....**

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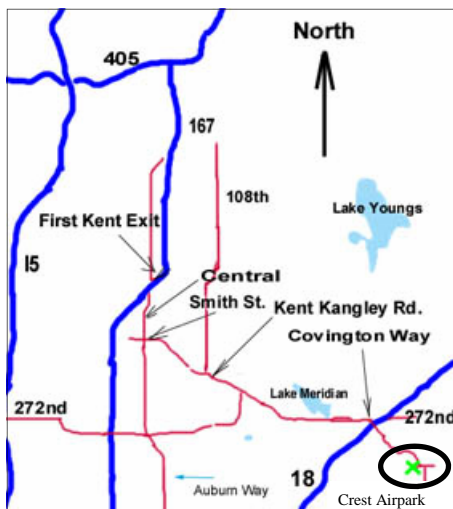
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**Meets 4th Mondays 7:30pm  
17605 SE 288th PL, Kent  
The Mellema Hanger  
Crest Airpark**



**Oct 24—7:30 p**

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# President's Column

Today was a sad day. I participated in a Young Eagles event, and one of the pilots suffered a rare and tragic outcome. We lost a Young Eagles pilot and his passengers. It is difficult to deal with this and I ask God's mercy and understanding for all those involved. At the time of this writing, there is very little concrete information as to sequence and even less about probable causes.

It is paramount that speculation remain at a minimum, yet I feel moved to offer my personal observations concerning accidents in general and our sport.

## **Accidents vs. the promotion of the sport**

It seems that our sport is inordinately consumed with accident self-examinations.

Does it build up our own sense of superior skill and capabilities? Or do we recognize that a sense of safety is the only way to promote the sport. It sometimes seems that we are continually trying to talk ourselves out of flying!

If we were to organize a soccer team or a football team and one of the players died on the field we would certainly feel grief and remorse, but immediately recognize it as a freak and rare event and would not even consider scrapping the whole program. This is due to the benefits vastly outweighing the risks. The benefits are many. The nurturing of a spark of passion in a young person is indeed a rare and spectacular event in its own right. Whether that passion is sports and the discipline that it creates or the field of aerospace with the dreams and intellect that grows from the study, the creation of a dream and the passion to attain that dream is priceless. We continue to live in a very technological society and the attainment of a technical education is paramount if we are to have control of our destinies.

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# President's Column, (Cont'd)

## **Accidents and the media**

Channel 13 lead off with a fatal car accident and then a fatal airplane accident. They only showcased the aviation victims' identities, crying friends and "eyewitnesses" with film of the burned out airplane. Nothing that gave the public information that they could use to make decisions with any context. Channel 4 gave an overview of the Young Eagles and seemed balanced.

## **Expectations of the public.**

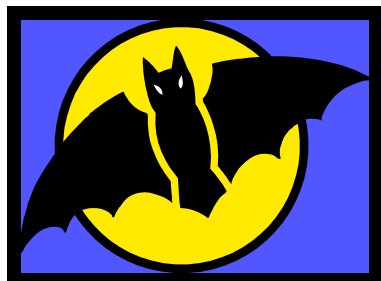
This member of the public does not depend on the media for any meaningful, accurate or agenda-free reporting of ANY event. This EAA representative refuses to talk with any media representative as past history has destroyed my trust.

## **Assumptions of the public**

I believe that the public is stuck in the 1930's - small airplanes are dangerous, expensive and useless devices that are completely out of their reach. As such they are fascinating but wouldn't want one to live next door. Small airplanes are somewhere between the large carnivorous animal at the zoo and your local serial murderer. They do not believe that small airplanes are viable transportation devices that can actually be used to anyone's advantage. They are barely able to tolerate an airliner (and a small one is still a 20 seater). Their only contact is at air shows (again dangerous, death-defying stunts). We would see the same reaction to cars if the only exposure to cars would be at the demolition derby or the Indy 500. This will be very difficult to change.

So as the flying season slowly winds down (hopefully there will be a few blue holes left), please remember,

as always,  
to Fly safe!



# Chapter Meeting Minutes

President Jim Huber called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

- Guests: Bill Spreuer who is building an Aventura amphibian For Sale: Ron Wanttaja wants an exhaust system for a C85. Cecil Hendrick's friend has a 200 HP Lyc. for sale. It is in a Mustang II and has 1600 hours on it.

## New Business:

The following slate of chapter officers was offered by the president for the next two year term. For president, Jerry Divis; vice president; Tony Pierce; secretary, Gill Gilbert; treasurer, Steve Crider; and news letter editor, Marty Bryant. A motion was made and passed that this slate of candidates be presented at the November meeting when the elections will held.

Member's annual \$20.00 dues are due now.

EAA headquarters is giving a free leather jacket to each chapter to be awarded to an outstanding chapter member. The method of determining what member shall receive the jacket is to be determined by each chapter. Chapter 441 members moved and passed a motion to have the Chapter 441 executive committee select the person that will get the jacket.

Tammy Nason's aviation high school wants to have each of the 100 students to have a chance to ride in a general aviation airplane. EAA chapter volunteer pilots are wanted to take part in this activity on 15 Oct. 2005 at Galvan's on Boeing field.

## Program:

Retired Air Force pilot Dean Hunter, author of "For Love of Life and Country" gave an excellent program about his 26 years, (6 years in the Marines and 20 years in the air force) flying combat in Korea and South East Asia.

Meeting was adjourned for hanger talk and coffee.

Merrill Kleinmann, EAA Chapter 441 Secretary

# WSDOT's Seaplane Base Directory Now Online

Seaplane pilots around the state can now enjoy an exciting new online tool. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation is pleased to unveil an updated version of its Seaplane Landing and Seaplane Base Directory.

Users of the directory will find information on the 12 designated seaplane bases in the state, as well as the dozens of docks and beaches available for seaplane use. Information available includes:

- Maps or aerial photos
- Navigation
- Communication
- Water Landing Length
- Docking Type
- Hazards
- Special Operations
- Services
- Contact Information



WSDOT Aviation thanks the local communities and seaplane pilots who assisted in updating the directory. We ask that those using the seaplane directory will also help to keep it current by contacting WSDOT with updates at [aviation@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:aviation@wsdot.wa.gov).

You can find the Seaplane Landing and Seaplane Base Directory at: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/SeaplaneBases/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/SeaplaneBases/).

## Upcoming Events

Nov 1-Oktoberfest Splash-In. Renton, WA. Meet at Will Rogers-Wiley Post Memorial Seaplane Base - North end Renton Airport.
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# Brian Lee is Winner of the EAA #441 FLIGHT Jacket!



The board really wrestled with how to select the recipient of this jacket. We decided to make a list of names, and then used two criteria: chapter contributions and lifetime achievement. We then each ranked the names in a sort of blind ballot style for those criteria and then totaled the results. We all agree that any name on the list was certainly deserving for many reasons, and although the result was not something we could predict, we all felt good with the outcome. Please join us in congratulating Brian for his club efforts! We ordered the jacket, and hope to present it at one of our next meetings.



The bird of paradise  
alights only on the hand  
that does not grasp.

*-John Berry*

# The Program

Air Force reservists **Colonel Peggy and Lt. Colonel Mike Phillips** fly the massive C-17's supporting the US military around the world including the middle East, They also provided supported to NASA research at the South Pole. This kind of behind the scenes support of military activity is seldom covered by the news media. Also Peggy will tell how, in a very short time, a non-pilot with no aviation experience can achieve her goal of flying very large four engine military aircraft. This is a program you do not want to miss.

## Upcoming Programs

November: Jake Schultz, recently appeared on “Monster Garage” as a consultant for the conversion of an Esperante sports convertible into a flying car in five days.

**And elections!** Open positions are President, Vice Pres., and Secretary.

December: Holiday Party/potluck Date to be announced.



*Overheard during fleet week practice over the San Francisco Bay:*

**Nor Cal Approach:** Bonanza 1-2-3-4, opposite direction traffic at your 1 o'clock, five miles, five hundred feet above you, Blue Angels flight of two.

**Bonanza 1-2-3-4:** Negative contact, say again type traffic.

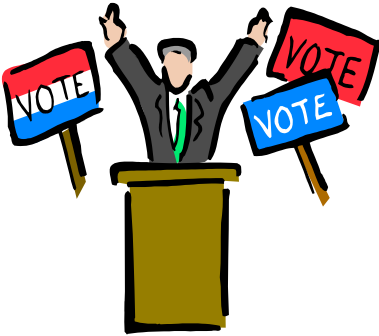
**Nor Cal:** Two F-18s, blue and yellow. Currently at your one moving to two o'clock ... make that three o'clock ... um ... traffic no longer a factor. Caution, wake turbulence.





# Chapter Elections

Some of our chapter officials are stepping down, and it's only a month before we hold elections to replace them. If you or someone you know has any interest in helping the club by being a board member, we look forward to adding them to the candidate list at any time.

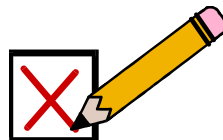


Jerry Divis is currently the only nominated candidate for chapter President, to replace Jim Huber who has had four years in that position. Jerry is a corporate aircraft mechanic who just finished building a Steen Skybolt biplane, and his first flight is imminent.

Tony Pierce is nominated for the Vice President spot being vacated by our elusive Jerry Mothershead. Tony is currently retired, and as a team effort just built a Zenith CH701. Their first flight is also imminent.

“Gil” Gilbert has been a long time chapter member, frequently attending board meetings on his own accord and is restoring a Mooney Mite. He is the candidate ready to replace Merrill Kleinmann who has been chapter Secretary for four years.

Both the Treasurer (Steve Crider) and Newsletter Editor (Marty Bryant), have served one term (two years), and have expressed their interest in serving another term. However candidates are welcome for these positions as well, to be voted on at the November meeting.



# Need a Tech Counselor?

Chapter 441 is fortunate to have two tech counselors. Feel free to call Jim (253) 630-1689 or Brian (253) 369-0489 any time. You don't need to wait for some significant milestone in your project. Remember, this is not an "inspection". The shop doesn't need to be cleaned for a visit. Both are quite used to looking at pieces, parts, and assorted bits, and will be happy to answer questions, offer advice, and generally talk about projects, building, flying, or whatever.



## Members Classified Section

**Custom Aerobatic Biplane** - Extended/Streamlined fuselage modified Smith Mini with just 800 TT: 150HP Lyc O-320A2B with 1100 TT and solid compression for all 4 cyl; Inverted Fuel and Oil with Ellison Throttle Body; Hangared with Paint and Fabric a 8.5 of 10 and really nice scheme; Battery and Radio and Position Lights; Sensenich Prop with yellow tag; Good logs on airframe and engine. \$17,000 or best offer. Jason 206-850-6536

*Classified advertising is available to members at no charge.*

*If you have something related to aviation you would like to buy, sell, or trade, or if you want to cancel or extend an existing ad, please contact the Editor.*



# Membership Form

## EAA 441

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Info Change

	Your name	Spouse Name
Name		
Email		
Nat'l EAA # & <b>EXPIRATION</b>		
Pilot / A&P Rating(s)		
EAA Offices Past or Present		
Phone		
Address		
City, ST ZIP		

☐ Send Newsletter by email (PDF) ☐ Send printed version

Interested in Helping with

☐ Programs ☐ N-1 Project ☐ Officer ☐ Other

Plane / Project (% complete):

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\*Requires National EAA Membership: 800-JOIN EAA (564-6322)

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