



# THE GRAPEVINE



*There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."*

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## Meeting And Program

**NOTICE:** Our November meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November The meeting will be at the FBO/Main Terminal Building on the grounds at KLVK.

Month	Date	Speaker	Topic
September	3rd	Airmotive Specialties, Inc.	Aircraft Service's and P51 Restoration
October	4st	Oliver Garrow	Aircraft Prototype build
November	5th	Renee Robinson	ADS-B: A Pilots Perspective

For Our November program:

For the past 2 years Renee has been researching ADS-B and attending seminars in her spare time.

Her goal is to provide an accurate, detailed understanding of ADS-B

from a pilot's perspective See you at the meeting,

**NOTE:**

If anyone would like to bring a IPAD, Foreflight, and Stratus unit (strongly prefer a Stratus 2) for demonstration purposes, that would be great. For the live demo portion, I am only setup for Garmin Pilot and a GDL39.

**Mailbag: I can hear the radios and smell the smoke**

October 9, 2015 by Markus Lavenson

Meet Joe Kline.

I first met Kline 15 years ago, and recently had the pleasure of seeing him again. His art brings to life and honors those who lived and died flying the helicopters of the Vietnam War.

Joe is an acclaimed artist painting military aircraft and the people who crewed them. His primary focus is on Army helicopters of Vietnam where he served in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne. His paintings grace the rooms of several museums, including the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.



Joe's father was a bombardier on a B-25 Mitchell during World War II, so it was only natural he grew up with a passion for military aviation. During the Vietnam War Joe joined the Army and tested high for a mechanical aptitude. He was assigned to helicopter maintenance unit in Qui Nhon, but he wanted to fly. Joe soon got his wish and was transferred to Camp Eagle in Hue. He was now in the esteemed 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, as a crew chief and door gunner of a Bell UH1 Huey. While in the 101<sup>st</sup> Joe saw a lot of action and was involved in the Lam Son 719 offensive in 1971, where 10 percent of the total helicopter losses of the war occurred. While he managed to get some photographs, there wasn't a lot of time nor was it the place for his artistic talents. The 101<sup>st</sup> did not encourage nose art on the aircraft, but Joe did manage to design and paint a few unit emblems.

Joe Kline

Joe now honors those who served by creating historically accurate paintings. He tells me he must be completely accurate, if a rivet is out of place or a control surface in the incorrect position for a particular regime of flight, he will

hear about it from someone.

Joe gets the most satisfaction when his art touches people and helps them reconnect. He once painted a Huey, hovering full of ground troops taking an RPG (rocket propelled grenade) while a gunship provided cover from above. Like all his paintings, this was a true event that took place in 1967. It appeared on the cover of Vietnam magazine and was recognized by one of the survivors. The gunship pilot saw the picture and began reaching out to the others. He eventually reunited with the copilot of the downed Huey, and in turn contacted other survivors of that tragic day. In addition to reuniting people, Joe gets satisfaction when a veteran stares at his work and quietly says, "I can hear the radios and smell the smoke."

You see some of Joe's work at [www.joeklineart.com](http://www.joeklineart.com)

MINUTES: MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING, EAA CHAPTER 663, 10/1/2015, 7:30 PM. OLD TERMINAL BUILDING, KLVK.

Chapter president John Goldsmith called the meeting to order.

Guests introduced themselves.

The minutes of the September meetings were approved as presented in "The Grapevine".

Treasurer Mark Palajac reported having 94 members and \$5,145.56 in chapter funds. He received a bill for \$31.17 for barbecue supplies.

Young Eagles Coordinator Trina Anderson reported that 89 kids were flown out of Concord Airport on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and 104 took flight out of Turlock on the 26<sup>th</sup> under the guidance of Renee Robinson. The next rally will be at Byron Jet Center on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Business: Brad Olson mentioned that the website now features a picture of Bob Farnam's Q200.

Newsletter: Editor Trystyn Clark asked for material for "The Grapevine". If you've got interesting material, send it to Trystyn.

Chapter election: John Goldsmith dragged us through the election process. Nomination for new officers was reduced to one, Kirk Knight for secretary. Running unopposed, the current officers, John Goldsmith president, Chuck Ray vice president, Mark Palajac treasurer, and Kirk were unanimously elected. There was more excitement in the election of the board of directors. There were 8 nominations for the six positions: John Youngblood, Bruce Cruikshank, Bob Farnam, Dave Anderson, Kyle Clark, Ralph Cloud, Trystyn Clark and Ray McCrea. The voting was close but our new directors are John Youngblood, Kyle Clark, Ray McCrea, Bruce Cruikshank, Bob Farnam and Ralph Cloud. Congratulations.

Announcements: Next board meeting will be 10/15 at Johns place. Next general meeting is 11/5. John displayed the mailbag on the screen.

Member's forum: Dave Dent is going to Georgia, but has promised to come up with a "Maintenance For Dummies" column for the newsletter. It will be good to continue to hear from him.

Ralph Cloud reported that the original contractor for the new executive hangars to be built between American Aircraft Sales.com (Ruby Hill) and the fire station failed to meet their timeline. A new customer is being sot to construct/rent less extravagant hangars. A flight school may be moving from Hayward to Livermore; enjoy the reduced air traffic while it lasts. Ralph gave a pep talk for Saturday's Airport Open House.



Break and then Program: Chuck Ray introduced Oliver Garrow of Elytron Aircraft LLC. Oliver made a presentation about his unusual proof of concept aircraft design he is building at the Hayward Airport. A box (tandem) wing design capable of vertical takeoff by virtue of till rotors/propellers on either side of a central fuselage, using advanced composites to keep the weight down, the airframe appears to be nearly complete. Work is starting on the powertrain. [www.elytron.aero/](http://www.elytron.aero/) Thank you Oliver.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Cruikshank, Secretary.

I'd like to thank Chuck Ray for handling the board meeting minutes in my absence.

Minutes: Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting, 10/15/2015, John's home  
John Goldsmith, Mark Palajac, Trystyn Clark, Ralph Cloud, Bob Farnam and Chuck Ray were present.  
Treasurer's Report - Mark reported that we currently have 95 members and \$5185.56 in the chapter bank account.



Young Eagles - A YE event will be held at Byron this weekend, October 17 from 10 AM to 2PM.

Tools – Bob has followed up on interest in the chapter purchasing a bead breaker tool. He has found two products that work with prices from \$45 to \$100.

Newsletter – Trystyn is considering starting a column of other chapter's doings for general interest. Good Idea. He will try to visit a different chapter each month.

Program – Chuck reported that Renee Robinson will present a program on her research into ADS-B avionics; What's new, product costs, etc.

Elections – New BOD Members are: John Youngblood, Ray McCrea and Kyle Clark. Kirk Knight will be our new secretary starting the new year.

Airport Open House & Airshow –

Partial projects generated interest.

We ran out of space. Tightened up spacing worked well, as well as using part of the wide walk areas for additional aircraft.

The city needs traffic control to for people crossing Airway. City may consider the closure of Airway Blvd. next year.

We (Chapter) will remind the members to register their aircraft early so we can get a count of aircraft.

Golden West Fly-in – John Burke (Cherokee), Ray McCrea and Tom Irion are competing.

Holiday Dinner – Larkspur Room reservation made for 1/23/2016

Hall: 5:00 11:00; activity 6:00 PM – 10:00PM

Caterer: We selected Lasagna and Chicken Parmigiana. Ralph will contact the caterer, Strings, to determine pricing.

John will send e-mail to members to get an early read on attendance and book interest.

Next Chapter meeting, November 5

Next board meeting, November 19

Round Table – Ralph discussed the “Super Bowl Effect” on LVK. Runway 25L/7R will be closed to be used as for aircraft parking. Main North Ramp area will be used for heavier aircraft and is expected to be at capacity.

The Admin folks told me (Chuck), that the chapter will probably start holding our meetings in the new Admin building in April, 2016.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Ray for Bruce Cruikshank, secretary

### Feedback/Questions/Suggestions

Any and all feedback is welcome. Please take a few minutes to send suggestions, tips, corrections or any other feedback to: [Trystyn1271@gmail.com](mailto:Trystyn1271@gmail.com)

### Cool videos found on the internet... Stay Tuned



Don't linger on the runway unless you forget to lower your landing gear, in which case you have an excuse, albeit a poor one.



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