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

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## Meeting And Program



**NOTICE:** Our August meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the 6th of August. The meeting will be at the FBO/Main Terminal Building on the grounds at KLVK.

### Calendar:

Month	Date	Speaker	Topic
July	2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Youngblood & Dave Dent	<del>Pic's and anecdotes to/from Sun N Fun '15</del>
August	6 <sup>th</sup>	Barry Weber	Annual pic's and discussing Airventure
September	3 <sup>rd</sup>	JR Precision Static	Testing and care of Pitot/Static systems

**For Our August program:** Our August speaker is Barry Weber showing pictures and anecdotes of his annual trip to Airventure. Barry always takes a lot of pictures of interesting airplanes and always seems to have something to say about each. I wonder what his memory will be like when he get's old? So far, it's been pretty excellent.

See you at the meeting,

## **Mailbag: White knuckle flier – Thanks to Ralph Cloud.**

Below is the story, told by a friend of mine, that had to take a trip to LA on Southwest. She is not a flier, more of the white knuckle type of traveler. This is the story she told of her tuffing it out to make the trip. She had to go to LA to take a dog training seminar for her business.

Warning....it's long, and if you're offended by some F bombs....don't read! (These have been edited somewhat– JL)

I hate to fly. It terrifies me. Last flight I took was 7 years ago (I think?) when David graduated at Lackland. I won't even go into the sweating, slightly tearful anxiety attack I had all by myself at the airport.....Art's text message back to me as I'm getting more worked up says "call me". Omg I can't call him. I'll break down and really cause a scene. No, not a good idea. I will either call you when I land, or when I'm in a car driving back home because I can't go through with it, but not from outside the airport pre-check in.

I make it through security.....although, why did NO ONE tell me to wear socks??? Ewwwwww. I am texting several friends, you know who you are, saying I don't think I can get on the plane, I'm freaking out. But I wait. I can't let this get best of me. Oh, what, is this a f\*#@!&%^ contest? Who CARES if it gets the best of me??!! They call my flight number to board. Buck the f\*#@! up buttercup and get your ass on the plane. I got in line. The lady next to me spilled her full cup of soda on the carpet....it's awful to say, but it created a nice distraction.

As I come down the rectangle entry thingy of death to board the plane, I realize he took my paper! Omg, I don't know what seat I'm in!! "Um, excuse me, (trying to breathe and sound fairly normal as I approach the smiling lady in charge of the door) the guy took my paper and I don't know what my seat number was?" (The look of panic and desperation must have shown, regardless of my attempt to hide it) "oh, you can pick any seat you like" she says, with a pained looked on her face. I shuffle on into the isle that I can barely fit my carry on through....I'm freaking out. No, seriously I'm FREAKING OUT. I'm driving home. I've already decided. I should get off....it's like chickening out at the roller coaster, right? Don't make eye contact with anyone....they might see your panic...worse, you might see THEIR panic.

I take the first available seat in an empty row. Oh crap....window or no window.....I go with window. I can always close the window if I notice the engine on fire. (or a colonial woman on the wing) Why the hell did I sit over the wing?? Okay, now, I'm not body shaming here, but holy crap, this seat belt is so tight, if we crash, I will be cut in two. The poor survivors do not need to see that. And seriously, this seat is really narrow. I started looking at average people. My lord, they looked squished. I pay VERY close attention to the safety talk. Bitch, I will manually inflate that floatation device even if it's NOT a water landing.

Did we cover the face mask?? Omg. I missed it. It's okay, I think I remember from movies. Can't be too hard, and I'll already have my floatation device on.

We're taking off. F\*\*\*\*\*#####@@@@@@@@!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

My catholic upbringing (sorry Mom and Father Emanuel) is now in full effect.....praying like the plane is going down instead of up. Zzzzzzzxxwwwwwaaaaaaa - WTF is that!?!? OMG. I might scream the question out loud. Okay, no one else looks alarmed, we must be okay. Breathing. Just in case you wanted to know...There are 80 bolts holding this small section of wing together... 80 bolts. It can't possibly break off. I'm trying to count the rest but it makes me nauseous, and barfing on the plane would be bad.

Drink service announcement. F\*#@! YES. I'm looking at the drink card. Wait. I have to be able to get my floatation device on fast.....I'm sticking with Dr. Pepper. They come by with a picnic basket looking thing....."Would you like snacks"? I start comparing myself to a fearful dog. Pretzels....I could eat a pretzel....I MUST NOT BE THAT AFRAID!!! I get my plastic cup of Dr. Pepper. I think I might actually be breathing fairly normally. Bong ....bong....bong....bong.....and the women in blue go scattering. Omg. Why?? Pretzel eating plan aborted. BOOOOOP. One of the fearless blonde ladies gets on the speaker. Our drink service will be suspended due to some turbulence up ahead. We will resume when the captain determines it's safe for us to do so.

Where is the floaty thing. I want mine ready. Don't panic.....don't panic. Would have been better if they didn't tell me. Damn it, I should have gone for the rum. Stupid. Bumpy, not too horrible, but those dips, that is BULL CRAP. Zzzzzzzxxwwwwwaaaaaaa - seriously....WTF is that!?!? I decide to be brave and actually look.....the wing flap things are moving downward. Okay, that seems logical to me since drink service was never resumed (those poor thirsty people in the back), but we did have an approaching announcement.

I'm writing this to keep my mind off things and Holy Crap BALLS.....Screech, we landed. I gasped so loud that the two men to my left both looked at me. I can't even get up. I'm pretty sure my knees are frozen from being so tense for 7 hours. Okay, it was only 1 hour, but it seemed like 7. I don't want to fall in front of everyone so I wait. Then, I realize I've managed to get my shirt caught in the zipper of my back pack....I can't get it undone! I decide to rip it out. I'm the last one. I limp off. Is it inappropriate to fall and kiss the ground? Probably a bad idea considering the state of my knees. I might not get up.

Bathroom - please God, let there be one VERY close. All that stress is about to make a girl pee her pants. Found it. Hmmmmm, back pack, carry on, and little bitty stall. I'm pretty sure the rest of the women thought I was wrestling an alligator in there trying to get the back pack off and back on again. The good news, no accidents.

Car rental - waiting in line and seeing this woman with her luggage SARAN WRAPPED, made me think of one of the text messages to Art during above mentioned anxiety attack. "Omg, I didn't bring a lock for my luggage!!!" Art: "ummmm, you're carrying it on." Glad no one was there to witness the DUH on my face. Omg. Where is the Hertz bus??? I'm sweating again. He's here. Oh air conditioning on full blast. How I am thankful for you.

The very friendly driver says, "how was your flight?" I say "great! thanks" Seriously.....I'm sure he didn't have the time to hear the truth.I'm finally settled and now need to go make my way to a store.....and maybe the bar. Then.....5 days of puppies. They better be cute. Not one ugly puppy allowed!!

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING EAA CHAPTER 663, 7/2/15, 7:34 PM, OLD TERMINAL BUILDING KLVK.

Chapter president John Goldsmith called the meeting to order.

Guest Kurt Haller, a long time ago member who is rejoining tonight and building a RV-9A in a north east hangar introduced himself.

The minutes of the June meetings were accepted with the correction of the spelling of guest Ed Dayton's name.

Treasurer Mark Palajac reported the membership standing at 91 with \$5420.88 in chapter funds. Expenses totaling about \$175 are soon to be subtracted from that amount. There followed a discussion about the chapter roster and bringing members information up to date, especially email addresses, which may be the reason some are not getting the newsletter. Brad Olsen mentioned that the chapter website has suffered a major hack. Dozens of extra pages show up when maneuvering the website. Brad is correcting the problem by wiping member's ID's and passwords. Brad is requesting each person to email him a desired ID and password; they may be the same as before. Brad moved to be allowed to take this action, it was seconded Ralph Cloud, and it passed.

Young Eagles: Trina reported that the June rally was canceled mainly because of a TFR!!! The July rally will be on the 11th. She wants the volunteer pilots to come forward so she can match the number of riders to the number of fliers. She also mentioned that Oakdale is having a rally on the 18th.

Business: Tool man Bob Farnam said there will soon be a list of the chapter tools on the website.

Website issues were covered as part of the treasurer's report.

"The Grapevine" newsletter editor Jeffry Larson made an appeal for relief. After 5.5 years he is moving on: a replacement is needed!! Someone? He is willing to tutor the replacement.

Announcements: The board will meet on 7/16 at John's place.  
Next general meeting is 8/6.

The Annual dinner will be January 23, 2016! We have a speaker! Andy Weir <http://www.andyweirauthor.com/> author of the book "The Martian" should be very entertaining.

John put the contents of the mailbag up on the screen covering future flying events.

Member's Forum: Dave Dent's maintenance tip: On control surface hinges and other moving parts, if a bolt acts as a hinge pin, (There is motion on the surface of the bolt.) a drilled bolt, castellated nut, and proper sized cotter pin must be used. If the bolt clamps on a bearing, such as the ball on a rod end bearing, typical on the RV's, a nylon or metal stop nut is appropriate.

Ralph Cloud mentioned that the Airport Commission was meeting Monday evening, 7/6, 6:30 here.

John brought up the ever popular subject of chapter elections. According to the chapter bylaws a nominating committee is formed in August to find at least two candidates for chapter president, VP, secretary and treasurer. John was hoping to notice some volunteers but—surprise--didn't. The election takes place at the October general meeting.

John mentioned the missing man formation performed by Barry Weber, Craig Young, Harry Crosby, and Sam Toy flying with Jeremy Constant. John riding along with Harry said it went well. It was honoring the passing of Larry Lombard over the Booneville Airport on June 27th.

Break and then Program: Chuck Ray introduced John Youngblood and Dave Dent who along with pictures detailed the trip they made to the Sun-N-Fun Flyin. They were disappointed with the turn out at Lakeland. There were not many homebuilts or other airplanes. Thanks John and Dave.

Meeting adjourned

MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 7/16/2015, 7:38 PM, AT JOHN'S PLACE.

John Goldsmith, Mark Palajac, Dave Anderson, Ralph Cloud, Chuck Ray and Bruce Cruikshank were present.

Treasurer Mark reported 91 members and \$5,420.88 in chapter funds. He also mentioned that he has renewed the chapter's membership to the California Pilots Association.

Dave Anderson touted a total of over 20 Young Eagles flown out of Livermore on 7/11. There were fewer problems with tower generated delays than in the past partly attributed to lack of the large flight school. Dave mentioned that maybe in the future they will try to use a Young Eagle call sign with the tower to further improve operations.

Newsletter: There's a volunteer to take over Jeffry Larson's wonderful job as editor of "The Grapevine". Trystyn Clark, our youngest member has offered to do the job. All present agreed to accept his offer. Darryl Ray has offered to help.

The photographs from the chapter airplane photo shoot are making their way to the website and the newsletter. John currently has them.

Programs: Chuck reported that Andy Weir will be making the presentation at the annual dinner for no charge. Books will be available for purchase at \$15. It will be a new paper back release with a picture of Matt Damon on the cover. Mat plays the main character in the movie to be out in November.

The program for the August meeting will be “Pictures and Commentary of Oshkosh” by our own Barry Weber. September will feature Oliver Elytron designer of one of the swoopier airplanes thought up.

Chapter Elections: John led a discussion of the coming election. Due to lack of volunteers the Chapter Bylaws have not been followed for the last several elections. It was decided to review the bylaws and bring them in line with what’s been happening. John poled the current officers and all, including himself, have agreed to be reelected. Nominations will be open at the August meeting for any newcomers. John Youngblood has expressed interest in becoming a director, congratulations, a volunteer!

The Airport Open House will be on October 3rd from 10:00 until 4:00. Ralph has reserved a roll to display the chapter’s aircraft. Ralph will also supply some shade and drinks.

Holiday dinner: Due to the anticipated popularity of the author of the book “The Martian” John suggested we limit attendance to members and their guests and not adverse the event widely. As for the food, Ralph is suggesting Strings Restaurant in Livermore. They are able to cater a decent meal for \$10.50. It’s Italian. Having table service for a \$75 donation to the Rainbow Girls is agreed will happen. The fee for the dinner will likely be \$30 per person.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, 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: [jeffrylite@comcast.net](mailto:jeffrylite@comcast.net).

Cool videos found on the internet.

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CONTEST NEWS:

No news on the contest....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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