



*February 2022*

# EAA Chapter 723 News



## President's Corner by Tom Ridderbush

It is hard to believe that a month of 2022 has already passed by.

It was great to see so many people show up at the meeting last month. We need to thank Perry for his efforts in getting new members. Perry set up the Diamond share event for all pilots in our area. That was a great event and was well attended. We had several people join our chapter that attended that event.

Last month I had the time of my life showing the attendees of the meeting SolidWorks and how to make things with a 3D printer. I loved all the questions at the end. I am thinking that soon we should get a 3D printer for the chapter. This would be great for a lot of the things we do in our chapter. We could even use it to teach our Young Eagles about this amazing technology.



All of us on the board would like to hear your ideas on how to make our chapter more fun and interesting. We will start asking for your ideas at this month's meetings.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting this month.

**Next Meeting:  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
EAA Hangar Camarillo  
501 Aviation Drive**

**10:00 am: Socialize before Meeting,  
10:30 am: General Meeting,  
Program: Rick Fleck and Dakota of  
Camarillo Aircraft Services**

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*The closing date for submissions to the next month's edition is close of business on the third Friday of the month.*

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Submitted by Michael Eyre

### Upcoming Programs: Guest Speakers

For our **February 12<sup>th</sup>** gathering, Rick Fleck and Dakota of Camarillo Aircraft Services will be discussing steps we can all take to help keep our machines out of his shop. He will also be reviewing items that should be included in an aircraft "road kits".

For the **April 9<sup>th</sup>** meeting, Jackie Babenco of our Camarillo tower crew will join us for an enlightening and entertaining talk about aircraft ops and how to stay on the good side of the tower!

At our **May 14<sup>th</sup>** meeting, Dale Filkins will present the fast, efficient and great looking Velocity aircraft that he and Barb fly.

In June (**June 11<sup>th</sup>**), Jeff Odum of the STC Group will provide an update on the Trio autopilot now available for installation in a variety of legacy certificated aircraft. The TRIO is a highly functional and competitively priced alternative to the Garmin, STEC and similar units currently available as a retrofit to our fleet.

### VCFC

A group comprised of several chapter members and other aviation enthusiasts has recently formed the Ventura County Flying Club (VCFC) based at Camarillo Airport. Initially intended for certificated pilots, the club includes both 100 hour pilots and ATPs and is focused on providing safe, clean, affordable aircraft for recreation, travel, and

advanced ratings. We are also interested in leasing aircraft from owners via an auto-renewing 10 day lease format. Please see Mike Eyre, Perry Dahm or Mark Sullivan if you have any questions or would like more information.

### Fuel Program

Members of EAA 723, the Ventura 99s and the Ventura County Flying Club have been extended a preferred into-plane fuel rate by Sun Air Jets. You must sign up for the program before fueling and have a credit card on file. Please see Mike Eyre or Dawn Maloney for details. The rate will fluctuate with Sun Air's cost and is currently around \$5.38 per gallon.

### ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ New Chapter Members for January:

Submitted by Perry Dahm

Tom and Kathy Newhard – Both members of CAF and Colonels to boot; we will have to query them about that... It is my understanding from reliable sources that Kathy pretty much runs the CAF and I know from experience that the Airshow just would not be the same without her presence and help in liaising between the two organizations. Welcome Kathy and Tom!

Jonathan Kaplan of Thousand Oaks - Jonathan is flying a 172 and DA-40 and is a student pilot. With that combination of planes I think we can assume he is flying with CFI. This is a great place for student pilots because of all of the advice available, you know, whether you want it or not! Welcome Jonathan!





## Hangar Happenings

By Doug Wagner

Our tie down space is full at this time.

We picked up a RV 6 kit and engine and sold it in a week. Thanks to Ernie Salmon, Robert Appleford, and Doug Wagner for picking up the kit and Randy Lewis for getting the engine.

The hangar hosted a Memorial for John Slais by his family, and it was well attended.

We have more of the LED ceiling lights failing. I found the CAF also has some failing on their side. I'm trying to find out the best way to get them repaired. If anyone knows or has contacts that do this let us know.

The Hangar Door has been acting up. Not closing. Harvey found loose wire on the module that controls the close solenoid. We need to find out if the CAF has someone that checks the door adjustments.

Before using the new Milling machine ask for instructions. You can check with Andrew, Doug, or Randy for help.

Builder activities:

- Doug Wagner working on wiring and making mounts for the electronic boxes. He has installed the PFD, ADHARS and is wiring up the devices. Installing a fuel flow sensor and fuel line.

- Mike Eyre and Perry Dahm have the Zenith kit in the space where the Jungster was.
- Andrew Freesh and dad Bill are building the Spitfire. They have the fuselage upside down and are installing the SPAR and working on installing the landing gear. I see Andrew has purchased a 100 ton press. He has it installed in his work area.
- Mike Fountain new owner of the Quickie plane will be doing the fly off time.
- Joe Tischler has his Cozy fuselage in his spot.
- Jay Hansen has his airplane opened up. He is doing his conditional inspection. He now has the wings back on.
- Andy Barkin has removed the top center section has it on the bench. Andy plans to get back to working on the project.



**Above: The various parts of the RV-6 donation waiting for pickup.**

**Below: (L to R) Doug Wagner, Robert Appleford, Ernie Salmon.**



## Birthdays for January and February:

Jonathan Kaplan	January 22
Jim Thompson	24
Eric Peterson	February 28

If you see them at the meeting Saturday make sure to give them a Big Happy Birthday!

I still don't have everyone's birthday in the database. If you have not yet sent me your birthday, please do so at [perry@dahmcpa.com](mailto:perry@dahmcpa.com)

Thanks,  
Perry

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## Young Eagles Flights, Santa Paula Airport Sunday, January 2, 2022

No. of Young Eagles Flown 5

No. of Flights Flown 2

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## John Slais Celebration of Life

*Photos on Left: There was a memorial for John Slais on Sat Jan 15th at the EAA 723 Hanger.*

*Top Left: Fly over by the T6 Condor squadron from Van Nuys*

*Middle and Bottom Left: Memorial attendees.*

*Photos courtesy of Doug Wagner*



## Art Phillips Celebration of Life

***On January 6, 2022, the aviation community lost one of our biggest supporters and dearest friends - Art Phillips. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday March 12th at Freedom Center at Camarillo Airport.***



Art and Martha kept their 1969 Cessna 172 at Camarillo Airport starting in 1979, and Art joined the EAA as soon as the Chapter was organized. He attended most meetings and flew Young Eagles flights for several years.

Art started working Air Shows when the Camarillo Air Show was an EAA Fly-In. He worked on preparing the Camarillo wash ramp and hangar for the 99s annual Pancake Breakfast. When EAA National decided to only support the EAA Air Venture in Oshkosh, Art & Martha joined the local group to help form the Wings over Camarillo Air Show sponsored by the Camarillo Wings Association (CWA).

CWA was incorporated in December 2009 as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit with a mission to promote aviation and its heritage, while inspiring youth with aviation related programs, education, and leadership opportunities.

Art served many years in the operations side of the airshow doing whatever was needed to be done. He was the Ground Boss directing the start-up and taxiing of aircraft, served as an extra set of eyes for the Air Boss, acquired safety cones, and picked up cigarette butts after the show to put the airfield back better than we started.



In 2011, Art and Martha were part of the "Race Pylon" support crew including going to New Cuyama to practice. It wasn't their fault that the pylon race was cancelled by the FAA.



Since 2019, Art took on the Pyro Boss lead, coordinating the safety of the pyrotechnic supplies and keeping the Shooter-in-charge happy and in contact with the Air Boss. Art was the true team player. When he said he would do a task, it was going to be done, and correctly. The WoC Air Show will be diminished by his absence. The Celebration of Life for Art will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2-4 pm at the Freedom Center (formerly the Officers' Club when the airport was an AFB) at 515 Eubanks St., Camarillo.



***The Ventura County 99s have launched a "Remembering Art" website and announced a \$10,000 matching pledge to support an Art Phillips Flight Training Scholarship for young people who want to learn to fly. [www.ArtPhillipsScholarship.com](http://www.ArtPhillipsScholarship.com).***

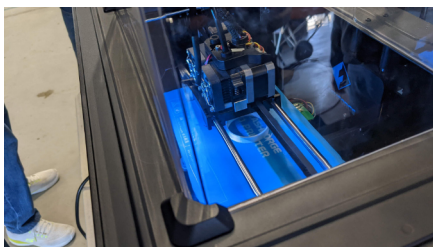
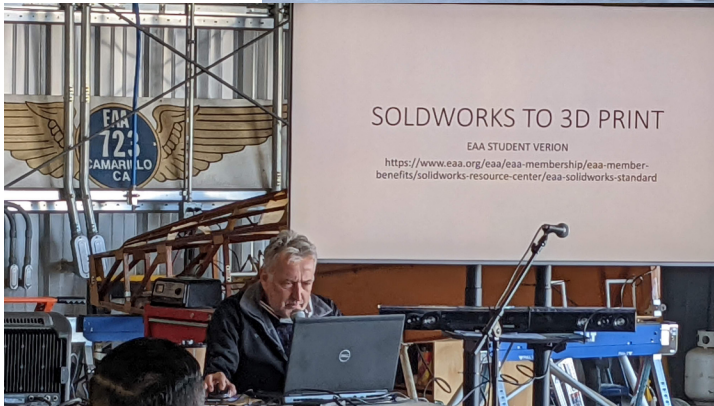
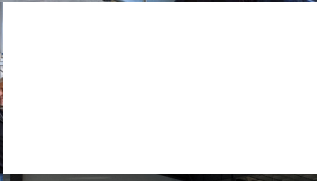


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# January Chapter Meeting

Photos courtesy of Eric Peterson





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