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Ramblings of a Frustrated Editor

It is 1:00 am April 2. I sit here trying to compose the April newsletter. The pace is slow due to the late hour and trying to fit everything at the last minute. The submission date has long passed and some parts have not been submitted. Will the submission date ever work? Who knows?

Anyway this month is the busiest since January. Many activities are happening this month. The Aluminum Overcast is at Chino April 2-4; our first Young Eagles is April 14; the Aluminum Overcast returns to Torrance April 13-15 after returning from San Diego. I was going to scan the schedule but don't have the room. I seem to have either too little or too much content to fit everything.

Beyond working on the newsletter, I need to update the activities list, work some more on the booth banner for the *Continued on page 3*



factory) Ray found lots to keep his interest.

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Planes of Fame Air Show and collect information about aquiring badge blanks so we can have badge made for those that don't have them.

Wow, I just remembered that I am on the list to help the Warbirds Squadron today. They are hosting the Aluminum Overcast at Chino Airport. Do I have everything ready? I hope so. Will I be awake? I better be or call and tell them I can't make it Monday.

Important Notice - our July meeting has been moved to the second Wednesday due to a conflict with the July 4th holiday. Both the General and Board meetings will be held on July 11th. Have a safe 4th of July celebration.

The Board of Directors has discussed moving the meeting again. We are alright now, but if we grow, Mimi's will not be able to handle all of us. Jay and Penelope have been scouting places to meet. The one that looks the best right now is the Woodbridge Community Center. We will annouce any changes well in advance so that everyone can find the new meeting place when it happens.

If you haven't signed up to help the Young Eagle Flights, April 14th, please go to http://ye.pacstates.com and sign up. They need ground support as well as pilots. It is just around the corner and every sign-up makes Cliff a little happier. Let's put a big grin on his face!

Ray is planning a Falco Fly-in. Many of the few Falcos flying in the US will be there. The majority of the event will happen at French Valley Airport. They also plan to stop by Chino where we can have a barbecue and base ops party before we have to vacate our wonderful Chino office.

I am reaching the bottom of the page. I could probably ramble another half page tonight, but I need to finish the calendar page in the back. Then I can put this issue to bed. I will still need to print a dozen paper copies; address; then mail them before I can go to Chino and help with the B-17.

Good night and see you Wednesday night at Mimi's.

General Minutes *March 14, 2007*

President Ray Hecker called the general meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Mimi's Café on the corner of Barranca and Culver, Irvine. Ray announced a shift in the normal agenda. The meeting would start with the business meeting while Jay tracked down a PC notebook for use in the evening's program. Following the pledge, Ray introduced the evening's guests and new members. Members and guests filled the room to capacity.

Business Meeting

Cliff Carpenter, Young Eagles coordinator, ask volunteers to sign up on the YE web site (http://ye.pacstates.com/)

Cliff put his Base Ops commander hat on and announced a Base Ops and trailer cleaning party on May 12. This in preparation for the Planes of Fame airshow on May 18 and 19.

Enrico Bottieri is heading up the EAA's B17 "Aluminum Overcast" tour visit at Chino on April 3, 4 and 5 for the EAA Warbird Squadron 16. He asked for volunteers to help preparing for the tour stop each Saturday during the month of March.

Penelope Hecker announced the big plans for a Falco flyin at French Valley, including group flight to Chino. The flyin is scheduled for September 20-23.

Mike Sawicki announced a flyin to Ocotillo on April 20 – 22 being organized by Chapter 14.

Ray announced that the chapter would be losing Base Ops, the chapter's permanent presence at Chino.

Ernie Julian ask members to show up this Saturday at 9:00AM at Base Ops "ready and eager" to help give the 1903 Wright Flyer replica a much needed cleaning. Bring a bucket.

Pete Peterson was successful in repairing the broken leg on the BBQ. Thanks Pete!

Vince Orton announced plans for Pac States to serve as the platform for the "Chino Pilots Association" web site. Vince is coordinating with Chino airport manager John Frymyer on the project.

Ray closed the business meeting by asking each of us to bring a guest to the next meeting. When asked "where would we put everyone", Ray assured us that Penelope was working the problem.

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Flight Testing N61GQ

Following a brief break Ray introduced Jay Steffenhagen, chapter vice president who introduced the speaker for the evening, Joe Riley, former flight test engineer and chapter president. Joe introduced the hero of the evening, Gary Questa, builder of the plans built BD4 N61GQ.

Joe gave a very informative power point presentation on the planning, preparation and flight testing of N61GQ. Lots of really good information, Joe's presentation will be available on the chapter web site for downloading.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Than Stevry, secretary

Board Minutes *March* 7, 2007

Ray Hecker, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M at Signature Flight Support in Costa Mesa. Members Cliff Carpenter, Bob Dougherty, Ray Hecker, Roland Koluvek, George Martin, Rich Newell, Jay Steffenhagen, Joe Riley, Thom Steury and guest Don Myhra were present.

Ray opened the meeting suggesting that the chapter follow up on a contract with the Woodbridge recreation center in Irvine for a much-needed larger general meeting venue as soon as possible. The board concurred.

The motion was made to approve the February board meeting minutes as published in the March newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Board Minutes Continued

Reports

Roland Koluvek, treasurer, reported that the chapter treasurer stands at \$7442.84. Approximately \$700 in gift certificates is still outstanding. The YE trust fund balance is \$5946.92.

Chapter members are encouraged to volunteer to work at the upcoming EAA B17 "Aluminum Overcast" tour visits at Chino on April 3, 4 and 5 teaming with Warbird Squadron 16 and at Torrance on April 13, 14 and 15, teaming with Chapter 7.

New Business

The chapter will be involved in the usual activities at this year's Planes of Fame airshow: bratwurst sales and transient aircraft parking. Don volunteered to organize the transient parking but expects lots of help. Jay Steffenhagen checked into health permit requirements for food sales at Chino airport. Jay will obtain the required permit for the PoF airshow. Expired food inventory at base ops will be pitched prior to the May airshow. Cliff will find a home for much of it. Roland will be the bratwurst vendor. George Martin will support Roland.

Rich Newell continues the graphic design of the "Bratwurst" signage and banner for the food stand at PoF. The EAA Chapter logo and "Bratwurst" banner will be made as two separate sections.

The board reaffirmed the \$250 donation to the ALS Therapy Development Foundation in the name of the September 2006 speaker, CarolAnn.

Name badges were discussed. Rich will check into getting blanks with the EAA logo from National. Cliff understands that the cost of engraving a blank would be around \$5. If the costs are low enough, badges will be provided each dues paying member.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thom Stevry, secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat		
1	2 3 Warbird Squadron Aluminum Overcast Chino Airport 2-4		4 General Meeting	5	6	7		
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	Aluminun Torrance	Young Eagles oter 7 in Overcast e Airport		
15 Newsletter Submission Deadline	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30	General Meetings are Held at Mimi's Cafe in Irvine. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm with the presentation following at 7:00 pm Board Meeting are held at John Wayne Airport in the Signature Air boardroom at 7:00 pm.						



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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday April 4, 2007 - 7:00 pm

Arrive 6:00 pm for Dinner Mimi's Cafe
4030 Barranca Parkway
Corner of Culver & Barranca

From the 405 Fwy, exit and head Northeast on Culver Dr. to Barranca.

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