

# Hangar Flyer

On the Web at <http://www.eaa92.org> EAA Chapter 92

August 2007

Volume 5, Issue 8

## STOP USER FEES OR STOP FLYING!

FAA User Fee issue is the hottest smoking topic since Mount St. Helens blew up.

The Airlines are trying to make us look like the bad guys. They want the Public and the US Congress to believe that General Aviation (GA) is a cause of their problems and want us to pay a fee for using tower frequencies. They claim that this will make the problem of delayed schedules go away. Since GA already pays fees through fuel taxes, additional taxes on GA without an equitable across-the-board fees would put a real burden on us.

You can sit there watching GA disappear or you can step up and be counted. Sign the petition at AOPA ([https://www.aopa.org/faafundingdebate/petition\\_form.cfm](https://www.aopa.org/faafundingdebate/petition_form.cfm)). You don't have to be a member to sign the petition. This will send them the message that this should not happen. Let the airlines solve their own problems without burdening GA.

### Contents

**Stop User Fees  
or Stop Flying**  
Page 1

**President's  
Letter**  
Page 3

**West Coast  
Falco Fly-In**  
Page 5

**No User Fees  
Call to Action**  
Page 6

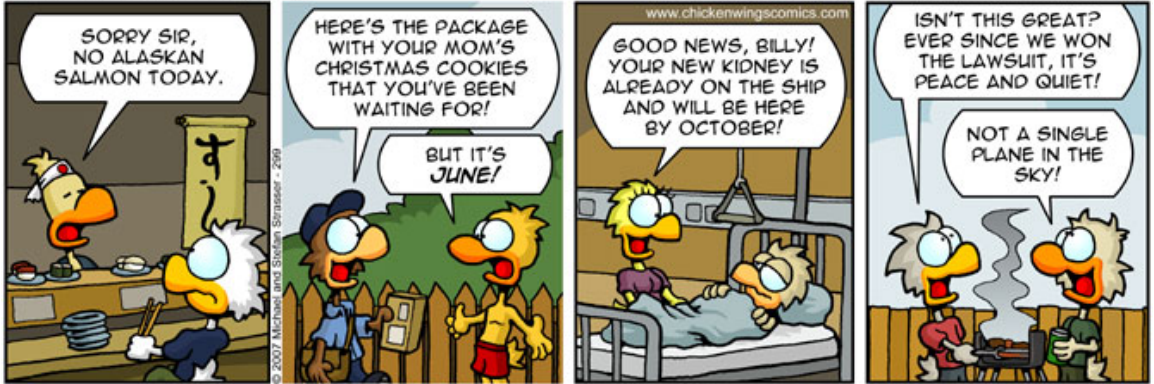


### At The Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Alex Culp, will discuss her trip to Oshkosh and experience at the EAA Air Academy. If you were at Airventure 2007 and have photos, bring them along on a CD or Flash Drive to show.

# CHICKEN WINGS®

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



Reprinted by permission of the Stefan and Michael Strasser  
Check out more cartoons at <http://www.roost-air.com>

Ed: I picked this because it showed a situation like the Airlines wanting to throw more User Tax at GA.

## Officers & Staff

President	Ray Hecker ..... (949) 951-6784 ..... <a href="mailto:rhecker@franek-tech.com">rhecker@franek-tech.com</a>
Vice Pres.	Jay Steffenhagen ..... (714) 730-3717 . <a href="mailto:jsteffenhagen@beckman.com">jsteffenhagen@beckman.com</a>
Secretary	Thom Steury ..... (949) 770-7699 ..... <a href="mailto:tsteury@cox.net">tsteury@cox.net</a>
Treasurer	Roland Koluvek ..... (714) 633-8280 ..... <a href="mailto:aviatorrhk@socal.rr.com">aviatorrhk@socal.rr.com</a>
Directors	Joe Riley ..... (949) 262-0589 ..... <a href="mailto:jl3142@cox.net">jl3142@cox.net</a>
	Bob Dougherty ..... (714) 775-3359 ..... <a href="mailto:rldough4always@aol.com">rldough4always@aol.com</a>
	George Martin ..... (949) 494-7148 .... <a href="mailto:glmartin.aero@earthlink.net">glmartin.aero@earthlink.net</a>
+ Base Ops	Cliff Carpenter ..... (714) 850-2854 . <a href="mailto:carpenter.cliff@aaa-calif.com">carpenter.cliff@aaa-calif.com</a>
Membership	Bob Dougherty ..... (714) 775-3359 ..... <a href="mailto:csb1896@cox.net">csb1896@cox.net</a>
Webmaster	Don Myhra ..... (949) 472-1145 ..... <a href="mailto:don@myhra.org">don@myhra.org</a>
News Editor	Rich Newell ..... (714) 843-0700 .... <a href="mailto:richard@sd-consulting.com">richard@sd-consulting.com</a>
Young Eagles	Cliff Carpenter ..... (714) 850-2854 . <a href="mailto:carpenter.cliff@aaa-calif.com">carpenter.cliff@aaa-calif.com</a>
In Iraq	Gary Steinke ..... (281) 669-5425 ..... <a href="mailto:Gary.Steinke@kbr.com">Gary.Steinke@kbr.com</a>
Tech Counselors	Gary Questa ..... (714) 963-3281 ..... <a href="mailto:shirleyq12@aol.com">shirleyq12@aol.com</a>
	Ray Olimski ..... Emeritus ..... <a href="mailto:rayvonne@cox.net">rayvonne@cox.net</a>
	Roland Koluvek ..... (714) 633-8280 ..... <a href="mailto:aviatorrhk@socal.rr.com">aviatorrhk@socal.rr.com</a>
Flight Advisors	Ray Hecker ..... (949) 951-6784 ..... <a href="mailto:rhecker@franek-tech.com">rhecker@franek-tech.com</a>
	Jay Steffenhagen ..... (714) 730-3717 . <a href="mailto:jsteffenhagen@beckman.com">jsteffenhagen@beckman.com</a>

# President's Letter

---

September has always been a busy month for me and aviation with all of the post Air Venture (Oshkosh) venues. We traditionally have great flying weather and still enough time to fly VFR-Day after work. In Southern California, September has very good weather aside from the Monsoonal flows due to the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf of California and the Pacific. October is even better with 100+ mile visibility days. If we plan our flying activities within the great States of California, Oregon and Washington, and stay away from the very high country in the early part of the month, we have plenty to do and places to visit.

The challenge for me has always been to schedule my flying around the National Air Races in Reno, Young Eagles, the California grape harvest and of course for my experimental group, the annual West Coast Falco Gathering. Air racing to me is the best example of experimental aviation at its best. I love the spectator's descriptions of the rules for Reno air racing, especially the Unlimited category:

- **Go fast**
- **Turn left**

The other one I like goes something like this –

- 1. Propeller driven aircraft**
- 2. Refer to rule number 1.**
- 3. End of rules**

So, we have a combinations of activities to keep us entertained in September, whether it is building, hangar flying or just going somewher. The venue for EAA Chapter 92 for September is packed with our schedule as:

- Sep 5 - Chap. 92 - Meeting - Mimi's Café - Irvine, CA
- Sep 8 - Young Eagles Sat with the BSA - CNO
- Sep 12 - Chapter 92 - Board Meeting - Signature Air
- Sep 15-19 - Reno National Air Races
- Sep 22 - West Coast Falco Fly-in - CNO/Chap. 92 BBQs

*Continued on page 4*

## President's Letter *Continued*

In addition to approximately 10 Falco F.8Ls showing, a beautifully restored De Havilland Vampire jet (also wood construction) is a tentative attendee

### Sep 30 - FAA Funding Bill

The last date, September 30, 2007 is the one we have to pay the most attention too! A change in the FAA funding mechanism and apportionment could be devastating having all of us singing the blues with...”The day GA died”.

There is a national crisis for General Aviation (GA) brewing, and it is the worst storm that we have seen in many years. We need every one of you, whether you are a supporting member, building or actively flying, to tell your US Congressperson and Representative that there is no need for a completely new funding mechanism. As many of you are aware, literally hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent by the airlines to lobby and promote their agenda, at the expense of GA.

GA operators are currently taxed on our use of the National Airspace System by the fuels we consume to fly. While we do need to pay an equitable amount to use the NAS, we don't need to do it at our expense and for the benefit of the airlines. So take action and write a letter and/or talk to your Congressperson. Visit the EAA National website for sample letter and guidance on how to make your voice heard. This is the time to take a stand for the future of general aviation and your personal rights as a US Citizen. Your opinion counts and we need all of you to be heard!

See you in September at the next general meeting on September 4th at Mimi's Café in Irvine and Young Eagles Event on September 8th. And again, please write your letters, or we may not have these events again next year. Keep 'em flying!

*Ray Hecker*



## West Coast Falco Fly-In

---

The West Coast Falco Gathering for 2007 will be held in at French Valley and Chino. [More info](#). This is our 18th gathering and the first time in Southern California. The Falco in the web site pictures will be at the gathering. This airplane (F.8L) is the predecessor to the famous Marchetti SF-260, both Stelio Frati designs.

Our event is based at F70 from Thursday, September 20 until the Falcos depart on Sunday morning, September 23. I would like to invite EAA members to come and see of the Falcos and meet the builders and owners. As you may be aware, there are about 35 Falcos registered in the US. We are expecting 10 of them to show for this event. There are three Grand Champions expected to arrive, along with a British De Havilland Vampire jet - also a wood creation. We may even have a turbo version of SF-260 show too!

Our Saturday Fly-out is to CNO to the Planes of Fame Museum and an EAA tour. The Falcos will be departing between 9:00-9:15 AM for a 10:30 AM tour at the Planes of Fame Museum. EAA Chapter 92 is providing a food service at the POF at 1:00 PM.

This is a rare opportunity to see this many Falcos west of the Mississippi. I look forward to introducing myself to you and your chapter members.



## No User Fees Call to Action

---

The entire aviation system doesn't need to adopt a new and ill-advised business model just because the airline industry can't make its own failed business models work," writes a member via e-mail. "They have shot themselves in the foot, and now they want to shoot general aviation in the head."

### **Now is the time!**

Congress goes back into session on September 7, 2007, and EAA fully expects both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate to begin final debate on the FAA Reauthorization Act. House bill 2881 does not contain general aviation user fees, while the Senate version, bill 1300, does.

Which bill will win? That is up to you, your family and friends, and your neighbors.

Now is the time to write your Congressional representatives and personally let them know how you feel about user fees and the impact they will have on your flying, your community, and your airport.

Write today - your letters must be on your Congressional leaders desk when they return from vacation! For more information, including sample letters you can customize to your particular situation, visit [www.EAA.org/govt/index.html](http://www.EAA.org/govt/index.html)

**Now is the Time to Act** – We face a very narrow time frame to let our congressional leaders know that the creation of users fees on general aviation operations will directly affect the national economy and the operations of all general aviation aircraft. **It is critical your “NO USER FEE” message is in your elected leaders hands when they return to Washington on September 7th.**

This is a critical grassroots effort. **EAA supports House Bill 2881 (no user fees)**, and objects to the user fee sections of Senate Bill 1300. We must mobilize as many supporters, and urge each one to participate in this campaign. The number of voices speaking out against user fees will largely determine our success.

Sign the petition and send your letters now.

EAA 92

September

2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>General Meetings are at Mimi's Cafe in Irvine. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm with the presentation following at 7:00 pm</p>				<p>Board Meeting is held at John Wayne Airport in the Signature Air boardroom at 7:00 pm.</p>		1
2	3	4	5 <b>General Meeting</b>	6	7 Letters in for No User Fees	8
9	10	11	12 <b>Board Meeting</b>	13 14 <b>Reno Air Races Sept. 12-16</b>		15
			19 <b>Reno</b>			
16 <b>Reno Air Races</b>	17	18	19	20 21 <b>West Coast Falco Fly-In</b>		22
23 Falco	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	<p>FAA Funding Bill</p>					



P.O. Box 30211  
Santa Ana, CA 92735-8211

To subscribe or unsubscribe yourself,  
send email to [majordomo@eaa92.org](mailto:majordomo@eaa92.org)  
with the following in the BODY of  
your email message:

subscribe members

or

unsubscribe members

# General Membership Meeting

## Wednesday September 5, 2007 - 7:00 pm

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

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

Turn right at first driveway and park in  
Mimi's lot.

