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# CHAPTER 157

**EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION**

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**May 2016 BRIEFINGS**

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**Join Us**

*Third Tuesday of  
each month:*

**6:30 PM**

**Dinner Meeting**

*in the*

**Quonset Hut**

**on the west side of**

**Benton Airpark**

## The Prez Sez-Where Are Our Flying Cars?

For decades, futurists have predicted that some day we'd all have flying cars. They'd be parked in our driveways, able to take off and land vertically and whisk us above earthbound traffic to work, school or shopping in a very short time. Recently, there've been reports of companies working on drones that would carry humans, such as the Chinese EHang 184. This is an autonomous drone that can carry a person, without a pilot, from place to place. This isn't what I had in mind. Just as Google is working on the self-driving car, some see the same thing happening in the skies. There are some who think that airliners can be flown without a flight crew. Personally, I'm not ready for any of this.

In theory, a 100% fool-proof self-driving car has great potential. Just think of the efficiency... millions of vehicles travelling the freeways at high speeds a foot apart. You can kick back and read a book or take a nap, knowing that you'll arrive at your destination completely safe. Traffic accidents, which kill about 50,000 people a year, would be a thing of the past

The same could be said for travelling by air. Outside of the rare engine failure, humans could be flying without worry. Just think: pilot errors, sadly still the cause of most accidents, would be a thing of the past. No more inadvertent flying into IMC, no more unintentional stalls or spins, etc.

Undoubtedly, eliminating the human factor has the potential of making us all safer.

There are only 2 problems:

1-Is there such a thing as 100% safety? (Are we 100% certain that tomorrow will come?)

2-Do we want to totally give up being in control of our own actions?

When I think of a flying car, I think of the 1960's animated show, The Jetsons. Sure, George still faced aerial traffic jams, but at least he was in control of his vehicle with a stick (and rudder?). Even in an age of robots, apparently Hanna & Barbera still had the old fashioned idea that humans should be in charge.

I can envision a time in the future when, for the common good, people are no longer allowed to drive their own vehicles or fly their own airplanes. If that ever happens, I feel saddened by everything those generations will be missing.

Jim Bremer

**May 3, 2016**  
**EAA Chapter Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Pres. Jim Bremer; Officers present; Vice Pres., Irwin Fust; Treasurer, Paul Gilman; Directors present: Phyllis (Dave) Kirkman, Steve Wallace, Dick Wilkinson, Jack Limmer, Julie Ostendorf, Audrey Schulte, Barbara Crooker and Wayne Pero. Guest, Bill Hill (SSSSEM).

**Minutes:** Motion by Barbara C. and Second by Irwin F. that the Minutes be approved. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Paul G. presented the Financial Report as of this date. It was moved by Irwin F. and Second by Barbara C. that the Financial Report be accepted. Motion passed. A full financial report is available upon request.

**Old Business:**

**Chapter 157 Scholarship Offer Status:** – Irwin reviewed Mark's application over the phone and had questions on his budget worksheet. Irwin was unclear if he has the ability to complete the necessary flight training per the application. Irwin said, “that he does not have a plan and has no clue”. The board members have allowed Mark one week to come up with a budget. The board members don't want to invest a \$1,000 without a comprehensive budget workup. Motion carried by Barbara and seconded by Steve to terminate paperwork within the next seven days. Irwin will be in contact with Mark and will send out any info from his conversation with him. Then the board will decide what to do; whether to terminate or proceed with the scholarship. Barbara again made the motion and Irwin seconded it that he has one week to get the info back to the chapter.

**Aviation Day Planning:** Phyllis is putting the final touches on the flier. Other notes re: Aviation Day: No RC demonstrations (flights) at the airport per Airport Manager. Irwin is working on the press release and it should go out around June 1. We'll be adding classic cars (new this year) plus an array of antique aircraft. Pres. Jim B. will meet and coordinate with the new owner, Jim Ostrich (Benton Air Center), who is adding the classic cars.

**Young Eagles Flights:** Barbara C, always looking for ways to make Y E Flights more efficient, plans to meet with the city airport officials in Risk Management and talk to Sarah about pilot insurance information and try to figure things out so there are no last minute telephone calls to her residence the evening prior to the Young Eagle flights on Saturdays. By the way, background checks are only for YE pilots. Not ground personnel.

**Contacting Pres. Jim B.:** Jim has been using Google voice to forward or text messages to his home number or cell number concerning chapter business.

**New Business:**

**Bill Hill (SSSSEM)** announced he is going to donate a 1922 helmet to raise funds for the EAA Chapter. He's been oiling it up to bring it back to life. Paul G. mentioned that he might put it in a shadow box to enhance the market value when it's auctioned off. Bill is also going to donate a hand held radio-scanner to auction off to raise funds for the Chapter. He said he is going to bring them to the safety meeting on Saturday for a few people to look at.

**Flight Simulator Work Day** – Jim B. is going to try to schedule some time or a day for members to go down and work on the simulator. Bill Hill is going to head down soon to work on the simulator and Jim B. is going to check dates available in May with Todd and will pass on available dates to the chapter members. Four to five people could knock it out and finish the simulator; not a whole lot left to be done. Pres. Jim B. will check dates

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**Chapter Dinner Meeting will be May 17, 2016** The menu this month will be somewhat "late Cinco De Mayo" menu: taco salad. There'll be chips, taco meat sauce, refried beans, cheese, olives, lettuce, onion, tomato, with salsa, sour cream or thousand island dressing for topping. Start with a layer of chips and add everything you want on top. Of course, there'll be dessert. .... *Come enjoy and most of all the Fellowship of Kindred Birds of the Air. Invite a friend and ya all come! We'll have the heater/cooler???? going.*

**May Dinner Meeting Program.** Instead of a formal presentation, we'll have a "**President's pick**" aviation-themed movie, a rare TV movie from the 70's called "Birds of Prey", starring David Janssen. We'll even have popcorn if anybody wants it.

Motion by Dick W. and Second by Steve W. the Meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Chapter Officers: President: Jim Bremer \_222 8001; Vice president: Irwin Fust\_378 1801; Secretary: Herb Zuidema\_275 5103; Treasurer\_Paul Gilman, 547 2334. Directors: Audrey Schutte\_246 9255, Barbara Crooker\_549 4275, Steve Wallace\_275 1131, Dick Wilkinson\_524 2624, Phyllis Kirkman\_356 2240, Jack Limmer\_ Julie Ostendorf\_244 2513. Technical Consultant: Rex Daniels 396 2239. Flight Advisor: Irwin Fust 351 8203. Chapter Address: EAA Chapter 157, P.O. Box 992353, Redding, CA 96099. Meeting time: Third Tuesday of the Month, 6:30PM Dinner Meeting. Meeting Place: Quonset Hut, Benton Airpark- west side

### **Announcements**

**Dues Reminder:** *Chapter Dues were "due" in January 2016. Are you up to date?*

**Piper Colt For sale:** 1961 Piper Colt (PA-22-108). See attached data and photos.

**Lancair For Sale:** 1993 Lancair IO360. See attached data and photos.

**AOPA Airport Representative:** Irwin F. reported the AOPA is asking for a volunteer to serve to represent Redding Municipal and Benton Air Park on issues that affects us all on our two airports. If interested contact Pres. Jim B. (see phone no. in above sidebar)

**Benton Air Center-Wings, Wheels, and Tri Tip:** **Starting March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Night** from 4pm-sunset, **Benton Air Center**, will be offering a **Tri Tip Dinner from 5-7pm (\$12)** plus beer, wine and soft drinks. Free Admission! / Plane Rides Available! Historical Aircraft Display on Ramp! **Location** will be at **Benton Air Center, 2600 Gold St, Benton Air Park, Redding.** For more info. Call 530 241 4204. **See attached flyer.** Also plans are being made, Jim Ostrich tells us, for a Swap Meet, Spot Landing Contest, Flour Bombing coming up.

**Future Aviation Day 2017** – Barbara C. reported **Turtle Bay** will have a display promoting the event from **9/25/2017 through 1/24/2018.** They will contact the 99s to have a pilot talk during that period.

**NOW! Corning Young Eagle Flights:** May 21, 2016 YE will be flown. Call Barbara Boot if you can help or call Barbara Crooker 530 515 7929 ce See attached flyer.

### **Aircraft Builders**

AIRCRAFT UNDER CONSTRUCTION/RESTORATION

In recent discussions, the Board of Directors realized we don't know how many homebuilders there are in the area, or who they are. We set about creating a list of the builders we know of, to build a resource for helping one another and networking. For example, if someone has a problem with some aspect of building a particular model of RV, the list could help him find someone who has experience with that aircraft. Another purpose for the list could be to contact homebuilders who are not Chapter members to encourage them to attend meetings and join the Chapter. Another purpose for the list could be as a resource to invite homebuilders to occasionally participate as panel members for a program for a regular meeting of the whole membership, to discuss aspects of homebuilding that would be of general interest.

To make this resource successful, we need your help. Attached is a start of a list of homebuilders who fly out of either Benton Field or Redding Muni. **As you will see, we don't have a complete list of mail and/or phone numbers and there may be other homebuilders that should be on the list. If you know a phone number, email address or other names, please send an email to Herb Zuidema herb@eaa157. Or 530 275 5103.**

**FAA Safety Seminar, **Second Saturday**, each month 10 AM until Noon, at the Quonset Hut, Benton AirPark  
Sponsored by EAA Chapter 157, Redding, CA.  
119<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Monthly Safety Seminar**

**Topic for May 14, 2016**

**“Fire onboard” What would you do?**

**Speaker:** *Dave Mahrt*

Dave Mahart, a 40 year fixed wing and helicopter pilot...and owner of the Tri-Max Fire Company will discuss the attributes of different types of fires possible on board your aircraft ...and what to do if one occurs.

**GREAT TRUTHS**

Talk is cheap, except when Congress does it. -- **Anonymous**

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.  
-- **Ronald Reagan**

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery. -- **Winston Churchill**

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.  
-- **Mark Twain**

