



# CHAPTER 157

## EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

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## July 2015 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 - The “huh” Moment

You may have heard Bill Hill mention this when discussing accident reports. We’ll call it The “Huh” Phenomenon. It’s what’s often said when a seemingly small anomaly occurs. It could be an instrument reading incorrectly, performance less than expected or a runway that looks too short and isn’t quite where you thought it would be.

I’ll share a “huh” moment I had before I got my license. I was flying an Alon A-2 Aircoupe solo out of Benton. On the takeoff roll, I was watching the airspeed indicator. It came off the peg very quickly (huh). Rotation speed was also reached sooner than expected. When I lifted the nose to take off, I discovered the plane wasn’t ready to fly (huh). A second or so later, it did lift off at what would have been a normal point on the runway. Normal climb pitch resulted in a normal climb, although the airspeed was still reading significantly higher than normal (huh). If I’d believed the airspeed indicator, I’d have figured the plane had acquired an extra 25 horsepower. That wasn’t the case. The instrument was lying.

When I realized my trusted friend had betrayed me, I weighed my options. I was very comfortable with that airplane and figured that I didn’t necessarily need every instrument to be working normally to conduct a safe flight. I was reluctant to land at Benton with only 2400 feet of runway, so I went to Redding Municipal to try a touch and go to see how it worked. Using normal throttle settings, pitch attitude, etc., all was OK. So I went back to Benton and made a normal landing, ignoring the inaccurate instrument. In case you’re wondering, the owner had done some work behind the panel and there was a tubing problem.

I learned a lot from that incident. Should I have aborted the takeoff, probably? But all of the symptoms were indicating good stuff, not bad. If things had not been mostly normal, I think I would have hit the brakes and taxied back to the hangar.

Usually, those “huh” moments don’t turn out as well.

Think of Air France flight 447, Colgan Air Flight 3407 and Asiana Airlines 214. I can envision the crew of 214, as they waited for the auto-throttles to kick in, saying or thinking the Korean version of “huh”.

Think of this the next time you find yourself using the “huh” word. Instead of “huh”, you might want to think “AHA!”

Jim Bremer

**July 7, 2015**  
**EAA Chapter Board Meeting**

Waiting for a quorum, the meeting was called to order a few minutes late, at 7:13 PM by Pres. Jim Bremer. Attendees: VP Irwin Fust, Treasurer Paul Gilman, Board members Steve Wallace, Dick Wilkinson & Julie Ostendorf. Also present was Dave Kirkman.

Motion passed to accept June minutes as reported.

Paul G presented the treasurer's report, including deposits from Aviation Day and the Ford Tri-Motor tour stop. Motion to accept the report passed. Details are available on request.

**Old Business:**

**Aviation Day Recap:** More than 500 paid breakfasts were served, weather was decent, attendees seemed happy and it was a safe event. A few suggestions were presented for improvement, including having more water and buckets available for after-breakfast cleanup, as well as having a cleanup crew to take the load off of those who've spent several hours cooking over hot grills.

It was agreed that the Civil Air Patrol Cadets and Sea Cadets were very helpful. The board voted to make donations to both organizations.

Income was comparable to recent years. Receipts are still coming in. so the share that goes to the 99's and the chapter won't be available for a few weeks.

**New Business:**

**B-17 Tour Stop:** For the first time in several years, EAA's Flying Fortress, *Aluminum Overcast*, will be making appearances in the western U S, including one-day tour stops. Our chapter has secured one for Redding on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Our obligation includes promoting the visit and providing volunteers that day. That's also the date of our meeting, so the crew will be invited to be our guests that night.

**Finances:** In light of income from the Tri-Motor visit (just over \$2,000), there was a brief discussion of what to do with the "extra" money. There are a few things the chapter could use, we can do another flight training scholarship, another project, etc. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next board meeting.

**Octoberfest Fly-In:** A very popular past event is coming back this year. It's scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Basically, pilots from all over to fly in to Benton, park on the lawn and camp out. There'll be a Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. We'll also show an aviation-themed movie, etc. It's not a done deal yet, as Jim B. still has to get the city's final blessing. Dave Kirkman graciously volunteered Phyllis' talents in designing a flyer. What-a-guy!

**Chapter Dinner Meeting for July 21, 2015 this month's Dinner Menu** will be a traditional 4th of July BBQ (on July 21<sup>st</sup>), prepared by Chef Wayne Pero. The menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and watermelon. Join us Tuesday, July 21st, starting at 6:30 PM. ***'Ya all come'***, and bring a friend that will enjoy ..."aviation talk spoken here." (...and the program below too!)

**Program for July Dinner Meeting:** Our guest at the July EAA meeting will be Allan Jensen, Chief Pilot for the Redding Jet Center. Allan will tell us about the operation at the Jet Center, the airplanes they fly, the routes they fly and the types of cargo they carry. Allan will also answer questions from our local pilots on flying in the Class "Bravo" airspace of the San Francisco Bay Area. Come join us and learn something new.

## Announcements

**Hillside Aviation:** Hillside Aviation now has their Redbird simulator up and running. Need certification? Also they have some late model 172's for rent now.

**Forthcoming Flyins (or Flyouts) Events:** Irwin F. prepared a list of potential activities for our Chapter. See attached.

## 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.

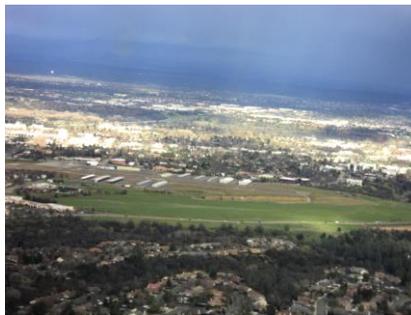
To make this resource successful, we need your help. **Attached is a start of a list** of homebuilders who fly out of either Benton Field or Redding Muni. **As you will see, we don't have a complete list of mail and/or phone numbers and there may be other homebuilders that should be on the list. If you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

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Advisor: Irwin Fust 378-1801. 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: Benton Airpark in the Quonset Hut on the west side of the runway.

In the Beginning, we arrived at Benton Airpark to attend the SSSSeminar. Our **NEW** location for our SSSSeminars is **The Quonset Hut**, on the west side of the field.

**If you fly in:** Taxi to the west side of Benton. There are 2 rows of shade hangars. You can temporarily park in any of these on the south side, as they're not rented. You can also park in the area just to the south of the sun shades, but there are no tie down chains and H13 & H15 are rented. If you want to park your plane on the lawn, email: [jim@eaa157.org](mailto:jim@eaa157.org) and we'll make arrangements. The Quonset hut is to the northwest, across the big lawn. If you want to go to the Airpark



Café for lunch, we'll hook you up with someone who can give you a ride.

**If you drive in:** From Placer, turn south on Mesa or Pleasant streets and look for the Quonset hut (2955 South Street). You can park along the front of the building on the north side or along the west side fence. (If you take the shortcut across the field, please do not drive on the lawn)

Questions?

Call Jim Bremer @ 524-5744

**FAA Safety Seminar, Second Saturday, each month 10 AM until Noon, (Next Meeting August 8, 2015) at the EAA Quonset Hut, Benton Airpark  
Sponsored by EAA Chapter 157**

**110<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Monthly Safety Seminar Topic**

August 8, 2015

**“Runway safety, Runway markings”**

Speaker:

**Mr. Mark Anderson**

**Apolitical Aphorisms**

1. If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates.

~Jay Leno~

2. The problem with political jokes is they get elected.

~Henry Cate, VII~

3. We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

~Aesop~

4. If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven.

~Will Rogers~

5. Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

~Nikita Khrushchev~

6. When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.

~Clarence Darrow~

7. Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.

~Author unknown~

8. Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

~John Quinton~

9. Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

~Oscar Ameringer~

10. I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them.

~Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952~

11. A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

~Tex Guinan~

12. I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

~Charles de Gaulle~

13. Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks.

~Doug Larson~