



CHAPTER 157

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

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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

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August 2015 BRIEFINGS

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The Prez Sez-A Bit of Chapter History

Our work party a few months ago unearthed some previously buried files relating to the chapter. As I've only been a member for about 10 years, I'm always curious to learn what I can about the chapter's rich history. Looking through a binder with notes from 2002 to 2004, I ran across some things that I found interesting, especially when you consider how much with the economy has changed in the past 12 years.

*The Aviation Day breakfast in 2003 brought in about \$2100, with \$1400 in expenses. This year, the tally was over \$4,000. After expenses, we were able to split a total of about \$2500 with the local 99's

*Dues then were \$25. They were later reduced to \$20, where they remain today, 12 years later.

*Dinners were \$6.00, sometimes with a beverage; sometimes without. Special dinners were \$8. Today, our normal dinners are \$5.00, plus beverage. Anybody know where you can get a good dinner for \$5? For special dinners, like prime rib at Christmas, we've been charging \$8.

*The treasury, including checking savings, totaled 2100 to 2400 then. We've been around \$1000 higher recently, although we have some extra money now, mainly from the Tri-Motor tour stop (Thanks again to everyone who helped.) Back then, we got 30 to 40 cents a month in interest. Today? Not so much.

Rent for the Quonset hut was \$48 a month. Today, it's almost \$60.

*Utilities then were running about \$115 a month. Our last bill was almost \$200. We're working on reducing it, but it now costs us \$68.77 a month (over \$825 a year) just to have electricity and sewer available, whether we use any power, turn on a faucet or flush a toilet.

*There seemed to be a carrot and stick approach to chapter chores, which seem to have become the domain of the president/caretaker ☺. I saw a proposal that members would be required to sign up for chores and be assessed a fee if they didn't chip in. On the other hand, there was a plan to reward volunteers who mowed the lawns by putting their names into a drawing for prizes. I'm not sure of the outcome.

Summing up, I'd say we should all be proud of what we've accomplished, especially in keeping costs down. Today's members are continuing the tradition of enhancing and promoting the wonderful world of aviation in the north state.

Jim Bremer

August 4, 2015
EAA Chapter Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Pres. Jim Bremer, Vice Pres. Irwin Fust, Treasurer, Paul Gilman, Secretary, Herb Zuidema. Directors present: Steve Wallace, Barbara Crooker, Wayne Pero, Phyllis Kirkman, Dick Wilkinson, Audrey Schulte and Steve Wallace. Guests, David Kirkman.

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

Treasurer's report: Paul G. presented the Financial Report as of this date. It was moved by Steve W. and Second by Barbara C. that the Financial Report be accepted. Motion passed. Motion by Paul G. and Second by Herb Z. that a check be written to the 99's for \$1,265.76. for their share of 2015 Aviation Day's revenues. Motion Passed. A full financial report is available upon request.

Old 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 15th. They will arrive on Monday and depart on Wednesday. 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 discussion of what to do with the "extra" money. Pres. Jim B. came up with a list of suggestion. Since there is added use of Quonset Hut such as SSSSEM Meetings and plus the need for general overall maintenance any facility, ours is no exception.. His list included: new barbecue cover, a new "Captain's seat" for the Men's Lounge, Women's Lounge an air change component plus a new hot water distribution element, painting of the small Quonset Hut doors, the rear patio motion detector light repair, stain and seal old patio furniture plus new cushions for the newly acquired patio furniture (thanks to Bill Hill), a purchase of a new refrigerator, replacing an existing refrigerator which is using far too many kw., new weed eater and possibly a few more padded chairs. Thus we have a plan, in part, for a **Work Day. September 26, 2015, hours of 9am to 1200 noon.** By consensus the Board approved the forgoing list of worthy expenditures if it comes within funds available.

Octoberfest Fly-In: A very popular past event is coming back this year. It's scheduled for **October 10th & 11th** following the SSSSEM. Basically, pilots are invited 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 August 18, 2015 this month's Dinner Menu. President/Chef Jim Bremer, along with Dick Wilkinson, will prepare a delicious meal featuring barbecued _____, along with _____ and _____ with ice cream for dessert. (You'll have to attend to find out what the blanks are). This is a Member Appreciation Dinner, which means that members and immediate family will eat for free. It's the chapter's way of saying thank you for all you do throughout the year.

August Dinner Meeting Surprise Program...we are planning a **surprise** program for the August dinner meeting because it's going to be a **surprise**. When you come to the August dinner meeting, be prepared to be **surprised** by the program!

Motion by Steve W. and Second by Herb Z. that the Meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Announcements

Hillside Aviation: Hillside Aviation now has their Redbird simulator up and running. Need certification?.

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 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 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 B. 524-5744

**FAA Safety Seminar, Second Saturday, each month 10 AM until
Noon, (Next Meeting September 12, 2015) at the EAA Quonset Hut, Benton
Airpark Sponsored by EAA Chapter 157**

111th Consecutive Monthly Safety Seminar
Topic
The Human Prop Strike, local CFI who was injured
September 12, 2015

Observations Old & New

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step,
he's too old to go anywhere.

Old age is when you have stopped growing at both ends,
and have begun to grow in the middle.

Old age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing
the one that will get you home earlier.

A man has reached old age when he is cautioned
to slow down by his Doctor instead of by the police.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation.
As you grow older, it will avoid you.

You're getting old when "getting lucky" means you find
your car in the parking lot.

You're getting old when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

Statistics show that at the age of seventy, there are five women to every man. Isn't that an ironic time for a guy
to get those odds?

Old age is when it takes longer to rest than to get tired.

