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Meeting Time

**Third Tuesday of
the month**

6:30pm Dinner Meeting

Meeting Place

Quonset Hut

West side

Benton Airpark

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BRIEFINGS

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The Prez Sez-Be Careful Crossing State Lines

You've probably heard the stories of pilots who've been detained and interrogated for no apparent reason by the U. S. Customs and Border Protection agency. At last count, there've been more than 40 reports from pilots who've been subjected to these "ramp checks", something normally handled by the FAA.

Apparently CPB has legal authority to check pilot and aircraft documents, stopping, searching, and sometimes detaining, law-abiding general aviation pilots on domestic flights *near borders*. Whether they can do that in other parts of the country remains to be seen.

One theory that seems to have some merit comes from *Flying's* Editor-in-Chief Robert Goyer. He thinks it may have to do with the transportation of marijuana from states where it's legal or semi-legal to states where it's illegal. The movement of drugs by air has been going on for many years. Typically we hear about cocaine from South America being brought to the U. S. via some pretty nice twins (power plant redundancy, big payload, money not a factor). There are many stories of aircraft ferrying drugs that have been abandoned or forced down in Florida and surrounding areas.

Whether Goyer's theory has validity depends on the specifics of the incidents. I haven't read them all, but the ones I have seen seem to support his hypothesis. You may ask why CPB is doing this, as opposed to the Drug Enforcement Agency, which is the traditional enforcer of federal drug laws. I came up with 2 possibilities:

1-They've run out of other things to do.

2-As part of the Department of Homeland Security, they have very broad powers.

Number one doesn't seem likely. The second makes sense, but leads to the question of why they're doing this. Hopefully, there will be an explanation coming from the government.

In the meantime, what do we as pilots do?

1-Get rid of the drugs before landing. OK; just kidding. But if smuggling was going on, wouldn't it make sense to set up a drop point just short of the destination airport?

2-If someone with a badge and a gun approaches you, you'll probably want to cooperate. However, you should know your rights. If you get *Sport Aviation*, there's an insert in the August issue explaining what and what not to do. There's also a link at eaa157.org, our chapter website. Look at it and put a copy in your flight bag. Hopefully, you'll never need it.

Jim Bremer

September 3, 2013 EAA Chapter Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Pres. Jim Bremer, present: Paul Gilman, Treasurer; Herb Zuidema, Secretary. Directors present; Steve Wallace, Chuck Werner, Julie Ostendorf and Barbara Crooker.

Minutes: Motion by Steve W. and Second by Barbara C. that the Minutes be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Checking: \$2273.77 Savings: \$2050.76 (includes special Young Eagle Funds). A detailed report is available upon request.

Old Business:

Young Eagles Flight: Barbara C., Our Chapter 157 Young Eagles Coordinator reported flights will be conducted on October 19, 2013 at Hillside Aviation, Benton Airpark. She is asking for help with ground operations, pilots and crews chiefs. Anyone who can help please contact Barbara at 530 549 4275 or email flylady@frontiernet.net. Note: Pilots must be a member of EAA.

New Business:

Chapter Dinner Meeting for September will be September 17, (third Tues.) This months dinner is be chicken. Add to that, cole slaw, salad and, of course, cookies and ice cream. Carefully put together by two of our finest chefs, Barbara C. and Julie O... *Ya all come and bring a friend along with you.*

Program for September 2013 Dinner Meeting: This month's program will be **Tim Huckabay**, pilot, civil engineer from our sister Chapter in Corning. Tim will tell of his flight to Oshkosh in his Cessna 172 following the great circle route, I think. (some of us take the old mail plane route). He also will be reporting on his experience of flying into Oshkosh Air Adventure and the events on the grounds. **Lacey Peddicord**, Foothill High school Student, who received the Air Academy Scholarship for the Northstate from the Hayward Air Rally, with help from the Corning and Redding EAA chapters, will report on her experience. She attended the session in July. She was also was there during Air Venture.

Being there was no further business; a motion was made by Steve W. and second by Barbara C. meeting be adjourned. Time: 1945hrs. Motion passed.

Announcements

Benton Airport Café: The Café at Benton is up and running. Try out the out door dining and the new menu.

Young Eagle Flights: Scheduled for October 19, 2013. Hillside Aviation, Benton Airpark.

SSSEM November 9, 2013: Dr. David Johnson returns for another very interesting presentation. Keeping pilots healthy.

Other exciting events coming up.....

Sept 07 – Placerville – Pancake Breakfast

Sept 21 -- Air Show (and food) Gness Field, Novato, CA. 10am to 4pm.

Oct 12th the 87th SSSSem, John Watt, RDD CAP Commander, speaking on Reviewing CAP Procedures.

SECOND SATURDAY FLY-IN

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SSSem

(FAA Safety Seminar, Second Saturday, each month)

10 AM until Noon, September 14, 2013

Hillside Aviation, Benton Airpark

86st Consecutive Monthly Safety Seminar

TOPIC

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A free aviation weather and flight planning service which has been around for twenty years. Come listen to what's new with both of them.

Presenter: William Hill Jr. ATP-CFI-AIM, AGI

Lunch available at the Airport Cafe

Attention 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 or email address or other names, please send an email to Herb Zuidema pgadoneh@myexcel.com; phone 275-5103

QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME!

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

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