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EAA Chapter One Flabob Airport (RIR) Riverside, CA



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May/June 2014

Cessna, Low & Slow Fly-Ins to be held

On May 2-4, Flabob hosts the First SouthWest Baby Cessna Roundup! It's targeting the two-seat small Cessnas....120's, 140's, 150's, and 152's. There are four of us local guys who have pooled together our efforts and meager funds to put this together. www.SWBabyCessnaRoundup.com has all the information as well as a registration link for a fun weekend of old and new friends, food, fun, games and prizes.



On May 16-18, "The 3 Jim's" (Jim Spee, OBrien, and OBrien III) are hosting the 2nd Annual SouthWest Low-and-Slow Fly-In at Flabob. Originally the SouthWest Aeronca Fly-in was started by Jim Spee, but it's progressed to include ALL of the Low-and-Slow breeds...Cessna's, Interstate's, Cubs, Luscombe's, and ALL others...including Aeronca's! The Aeronca guys still take ownership of this event, being the first and founders of it!!! www.LowandSlowFlyIn.com will provide you ALL the details and registration as well.

Since the schedule and agenda for the previous Low-and-Slow Fly-In's have been so successful, we incorporated that for the Cessna's too and both events will be conducted the same way.

We encourage early arrivals for both events on Friday...with a FREE lasagna dinner! The Registration table will be set up, and the participants who have pre-registered will receive their packets, including goodies from our many sponsors, along with their respective T-Shirts, meal coupons and schedule. Many bring their tents and sleeping bags and camp under the wings of their airplanes, but for those who aren't campers, the America's Best Value Inn on University Ave. has given us a group rate, which is much appreciated and is being taken advantage of.

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Get all your medical questions answered! Local FAA Medical Examiner to speak at this month's Chapter Meeting

At this month's Chapter Meeting, to be held on Saturday, May 10th, at 1:00 p.m., following Young Eagles and lunch, Dr. Ron Van Dewoestine, a local FAA Medical Examiner, will be present to answer your questions (it won't cost you a cent!) and sit back and relax with the rest of us at the May Chapter Meeting.

private pilot medicals.

Join us for dinner at noon, and spend a few hours

What signs and symptoms do ME's look for when with a bunch of aviation nuts who just enjoy being conducting a medical exam? What do I do if I've had a heart attack? Are there any restrictions for diabetics? watch the organized chaos that is Young Eagles!

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Join a great team--
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Calendar



May 2014

- 2nd--First Friday Flicks**
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 10th--Young Eagles**
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 10th--Chapter Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
- 10th--Board Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
- 17th – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**
Flabob Airport

June 2014

- 6th-- First Friday Flicks**
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 14th – Young Eagles**
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 14th – Chapter Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
- 14th – Board Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
- 21st – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**
Flabob Airport

July 2014

- 4th – First Friday Flicks**
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 4th of July Gathering & Chapter Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - all evening
- 12th – Young Eagles**
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 12th – Board Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
- 19th – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**
Flabob Airport

No Christmas banquet this year???

What?? No Christmas Banquet this year?

Nope! Your duly elected Board of Directors has decided that there will not be the Christmas Banquet which has been held annually for the past, lo, so many years. No...we're not becoming Politically Correct and doing away with Christmas. This year, Directors decided, we're going to GIVE rather than RECEIVE our Christmas blessings.

This year, in early December we're going to hold an all-inclusive fly-in/drive-in *Toys for Tots* Event! We will encourage every member of our chapter, and every pilot in every airport, to drive in or fly in to drop off a toy that will be given out by the U.S. Marines to some deserving child. Plus, it will be a day of fellowship...a time to gather together, to talk, to catch up, to do a little hangar flying, have a beverage and munch on some goodies.

We may even be able to persuade Santa to show up at some point.

This is all in the works. Any ideas you may have as to how to improve this event, please let us know. Email or call any board member with your ideas (see Page 2 of this newsletter for contact information).

We know that you will purchase a special toy to be given to Toys for Tots. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to do so, also. Take a few dollars, buy a gift, and put a smile on some child's face somewhere. You'll make a child's Christmas bright. You'll feel good. And we can all get together and enjoy each other's company for our EAA Chapter One Christmas celebration!



The Stits Sky Baby is now on display at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum in Chantilly, VA. The only successful "World's Smallest Airplane" was on display for years at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, but was recalled last year to be on permanent display at the National Air & Space Museum. The Sky Baby was designed and built by EAA Chapter One founder Ray Stits in 1952...and thus it goes down in history.



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'Flabob Airport Bum' turns 95



Andy posing with the Cessna 150 he flew for years before donating to The Wathen Center

Andy Andersen, the well-known and self-described "Flabob Airport Bum," just turned 95.

The nonagerian still drives his car--with the distinctive license plates that read FLABOB--to the historic airport for every Young Eagles rally every month...just to watch, to be a part of the educational activities that were a part of his life for so many years. Andy flew 341 Young Eagles ("One at a time!") in his beautiful straight-tailed '59 Cessna 150 over the years and, though he no longer flies, he loves to be around the organized chaos of a Young Eagles rally.

Andy Andersen has spent 95 years alive on this earth. That's an accomplishment, in itself. But even more important, he has *lived* more in those years than the average man would in two lifetimes.

Railroad telegrapher, race car driver, motorcyclist, aviator, karate practitioner, square dancer, photographer, writer, leader, mentor, philanthropist, friend and legend could all describe this humble and unassuming man.

Vernon C. "Andy" Andersen was born in Kingman, AZ, on April 30, 1919. A few months after his birth, his family moved to Needles, CA, where Andy grew up as a privileged kid whose father owned the town's lumber yard and local construction company. But that all changed when Andy was 15 years old, when his father suffered a long and arduous sickness, and died.

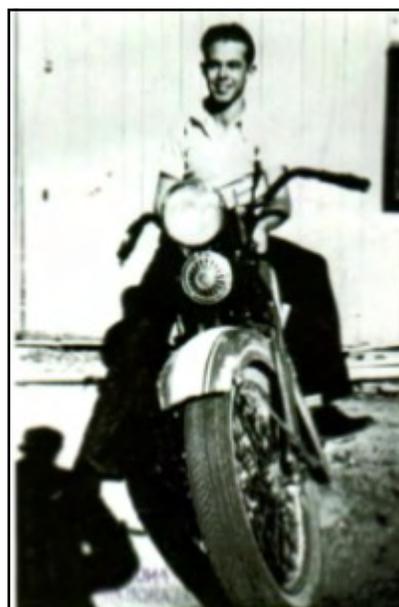
The next year, at the tender age of 16, Andy dropped out of school and went to work for the Santa Fe Railroad as a telegrapher's apprentice. There he worked for some eight years until the United States entered World War II, and Andy felt compelled to join the war effort. So at age 24, he enlisted in the Navy, where he spent 26 months active duty before returning to his job as a "brass pounder" at the railroad. Andy's three brothers were also on active duty during the war, and he proudly displays a letter from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal written to his mother, thanking and congratulating her for having four sons serving in the U.S. Navy during the war.

After his tour in the Navy in WWII, Andy became a Naval reservist, and was recalled in September 1950 during the Korean War. He was sent to a destroyer

base in San Diego, where he served for the remainder of the skirmish.

Following that hitch, Andy was back at his telegraphy job...first in Winslow, AZ, then he transferred to San Bernardino, to the Inland Empire which became his home for life.

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His first motorcycle, circa 1936



Andy is seen here racing his highly modified MG-TC

Andy Andersen, 'Flabob Airport Bum'

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The FLABOB license plate as seen on Flavio's Lincoln (bottom) and one of Andy's cars (top).

Andy was never content just to work and then relax in front of the tube. He craved excitement. He loved speed. He had ridden motorcycles since his teens, and loved sports cars. He bought an MG-TC (like an MG-TD, except it had wire wheels). Soon he was bored with sporting around town in the beautiful two-seater convertible, so he decided to enter some races. He raced...and he lost. So he modified the little sports car to go faster. And he lost. He modified some more, again and again, until it was a pure-bred race car...little resemblance to the sports car he had purchased.

He became a regular in the sports car races around California. He raced them all...San Bernardino, Palm Springs, Chino, Del Mar, Pebble Beach. But he never won. "I couldn't make it past fourth place," he says. "The guys with factory sponsorship had such superior equipment."

As a veteran, Andy joined the American Legion Post 14 in San Bernardino, where he has been a member for 56 years. In 1963 and '64, he was the Post Commander. And, true to form, Andy took on the job as a challenge and went to work. "When I became Commander, there were 600 in the club," he said. "I got the names and addresses of everyone who had been in World War II, and I went door-to-door, knocking, day and night when I wasn't working. We added 123 members. When I left as Commander, there were 723 members in our Post."

Andy has also been a member of the National Rifle Association for 60 years, and was a gun collector and competitive shooter. He entered a lot of contests, owned a gold-plated Colt 45, and proudly displays a picture of himself beside (then) NRA President Charlton Heston.

One day Andy was at his son's home when he saw a group of people doing some sort of exercise activity in a neighbor's two-car garage. "What're they doing over there?" he asked his son. "They're learning karate," his son said. Intrigued, and always up for a new adventure, Andy went over and met the karate instructor. Soon he was a student at the home-based dojo. After training for some

time, Andy was impressed with his instructor and believed that the little karate studio could be a commercial success in the right location. With his typical determination, Andy set out to find a home for the martial arts school. He found a reasonably-priced rental property in Fontana, and convinced his instructor to open his school there. The new dojo prospered, and Andy's instructor, Ray Dalke, was soon able to quit his job and teach full time. Dalke became a well-known martial arts instructor in Riverside, and became the highest ranking American ever in the martial art of Shotokan Karate and a national award-winning instructor in the Physical Education department of UC Riverside for 30 years.

Andy's karate achievements? A brown belt. "I wasn't worth a damn," he said. "I was 45 years old, and the younger guys could kick my butt."

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Andy Andersen celebrates his 95th

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Andy loved motorcycles. He loved them as a kid, and he loved them all his life until he parted with his last motorcycle at the age of 88. He was a "biker" at heart. In 1969, Andy packed up the modified Honda 450 he owned then and set out on a 6,301 mile round trip from Fontana to Puerto Juarez in the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico and back. His adventures were recounted in a six-page article he wrote for the *Cycle Club News* magazine published in the fall of 1970.

After that trip, Andy traded the 450 for a Honda 750, which he owned until 1993, putting over 178,000 miles on the odometer. That's a lot of time and travel on two wheels!

In the early 1970s, Andy got a chance to take a long ride in a private plane. A guy named Dave Blythe was flying his Bonanza to Diamond, OK, and invited Andy to ride along. Andy went along...and fell in love! The next Sunday after they returned from Oklahoma, Andy jumped on his motorcycle and rode around to Inland Empire airports. At Cable Field, he found a 1962 Cessna 150 for sale and bought it on the spot. That was June 13, 1972. In '73, Andy became a licensed pilot. By that time he had some 200 hours in the plane. "I did a lot of long distance flying as a student," he said. "I would take off and fly to some distant airport, not as a cross-country, but just for the fun of it."

In 1978, Andy swapped his trusty 150 for a beautiful 1968 Cessna Cardinal--177VA. The next year, he retired from the Santa Fe Railroad.

A tragic crash in 1984 took the lives of Flabob co-partner Flavio Madariaga and his wife when their Piper Apache 235 crashed on take-off from Flabob. Flavio had a license plate on his car which read FLABOB. After a few months, Andy went to the DMV, to inquire about that license plate. It was available, and Andy grabbed it...and has had the FLABOB plates on his vehicles ever since.

Retirement and Cardinal ownership taxed Andy's bank account severely. So in 1984, he went back to work, and took a job at a friend's rental yard in Yucaipa. He continued to fly and ride motorcycles, in addition to his other activities (American Legion, National Rifle Association, 16 years of square dancing). He was an active member of the Civil Air Patrol for 14 years.

Soon Andy "downgraded" from his Cardinal, back to a 150...this time a beautiful 1959 straight-tail 150, polished aluminum with red stripes. This was to be his last airplane, which he flew regularly until 2007. Over the years, this pristine aircraft was featured on the cover of the *Pacific Flyer*, in the June 2004 issue of *Private Pilot*, and in the book, *American Classics of the Air*.

During that time, Andy flew 341 Young Eagles..."One at a time!" He not only took the youngsters for a ride, he became a friend and mentor to many. "I took a picture of each one sitting next to me in the air and a picture of them on the ground holding their certificates," he said. "I took their names and addresses. I had the pictures developed, then sent them to each Young Eagle with a personal note, telling them I enjoyed flying them, and encouraging them to obey their parents and continue with their education." To Andy's delight, several of his Young Eagles went on to become professional pilots.

Andy flew his last Young Eagle in 2006, at the age of 87. The following year he quit flying solo and got rid of his motorcycle. In 2009, he donated his beloved Cessna 150 to The Wathen Foundation, where it eventually became part of the Flabob Aero Club. It still flies Young Eagles.

Andy had another hobby, which served Flabob well. He was an amateur photographer. He took thousands of pictures at Flabob over the years, and became known as Flabob's official photographer. He has since donated some 23,000 photographs to The Wathen Center. Many of the pictures which adorn the walls of the Flabob Airport Cafe are the works of Andy Andersen. Many of Andy's pictures, as well as stories he wrote, were published in the *Pacific Flyer*.

In 2003, Andy was named Volunteer of the Year by the Wathen Foundation. In 2013, he was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Tom Wathen Center.

Andy's been around for a lot of years. But he was never a bystander...he didn't simply watch life pass by. Andy was a doer. And in nine all-too-short decades, he packed a lot of living. He's truly a legend in his time.

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Low & Slow Fly-in May 16-18

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Saturday is the BIG day! Starting with the "Lycoming" breakfast (and in NO WAY intended to offend us "Continental" engine owners!!!). We expect many local arrivals early, and meeting and greeting new and old friends. Those who arrive on Saturday need to also register and collect their packets, but will miss Friday's dinner and desert! We'll have airplane parking people to help pilots find the best spots to facilitate everyone being able to see each airplane. Both events will host a "Cheeseburger lunch" for \$5, including a drink, bag of chips and cookies. Right after lunch, it's "Let the Games Begin!" There are two games on each schedule: Flour Drop and Spot Landing. These are always a BLAST!....and are a blast to watch. Fun trophies are going to be awarded at dinner!

The Awards Dinner on Saturday night is the grand finale to the weekends. Along with presenting the "games" trophies, we'll have additional trophies and prizes for other categories as well. For example, Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Interior, Farthest Distance Flown, etc. Also, we'll be raffling off the MANY items that our generous aviation related sponsors have sent us...Aircraft Spruce, Whelen, Concorde Battery, WingMount (for your GoPro), Micro VG's, PSA Enterprises, Avemco, AvBlend, Aero LED's, American Champion, and more!!! So, since we have plenty of goodies, we're hoping that no one goes home empty handed.

Sunday morning is usually relatively quiet, as campers are securing their tents and equipment for the flight home. Coffee is always hot, and for those who want a hearty breakfast, the Flabob Airport Cafe is the place for that. We'll have all the muffins and orange juice that's left over from Saturday's breakfast out for those who eat light. Departures start usually as early as 8 a.m., so if you're going to come to visit, Saturday is the better day. We hosts and volunteers will be cleaning up and packing things away for "next year," while our friends get ready and fly home.

We're hoping for cooperative weather to complement a cooperative airport staff. The airport grounds will be clean, mowed and clear for each event, making Flabob an even more desirable spot for fly-ins of this type. The EAA Club House and shaded area with picnic tables will be where we'll gather there for each one, so come be a part of the fun!

For more information or to volunteer, call:

Jim OBrien (aka Tater)... (951.847.5600) for the Cessna Fly In,

Jimmy OBrien III (aka Tater Tot) ... (951.892.4051) for the Low and Slow Fly In

- Jim O'Brien

Sponsor a chapter member

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Upcoming Events

The 2nd Annual Low & Slow Fly-In and 4th Annual Southwest Aeronca Fly-In at Historic Flabob Airport (RIR) May 16-18, 2014

Registration will be open soon at www.lowandslowflyin.com

“All Low and Slow Breeds Welcome”

- Food, Fun and Flying!
- Flour Drop and Spot Landing Contest.
- Camping Facilities are available on site.
- Prizes for best paint, best interior, most in need of restoration, and everything else That deserves a trophy such as worst landing, or Best haircut.
- Dinner Friday, free for those who register early.
- Low cost breakfast Saturday.
- Hamburgers and hot dogs for Saturday lunch.
- Saturday dinner (Still working on the menu!)
- Sunday breakfast at the Flabob Cafe on site.



Welcome to Flabob!

You can fly in and camp right under your wing... or stay in downtown Riverside...
Only a mile or so away, should you want to overnight in a hotel.

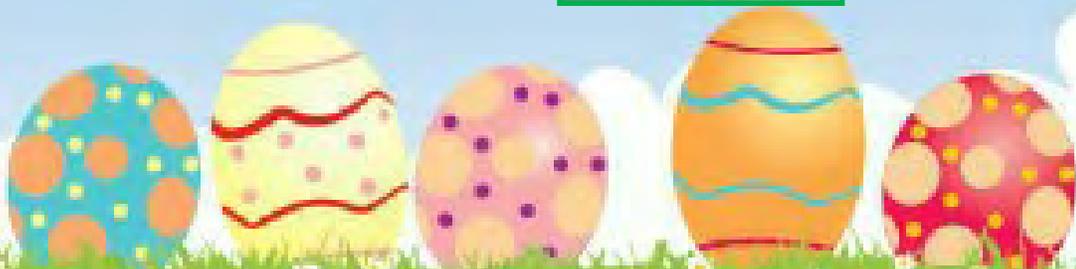
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*2013 Flour Drop
Winner
Brandon Grissel*



*Last year we even
gave an award for
best Spam can!*



EAA Chapter competition at Golden West

The Golden West Air Show will again be sponsoring the *EAA Chapter vs. Chapter Aircraft Competition* at **Marysville (KMYV) on Sunday, June 8, 2014**. The event is open to all EAA Chapters, and is being organized and conducted solely by EAA volunteers.

The format for the Golden West Air Show will change this year with Aerobatic Performers flying on Saturday only. Sunday will be a display day that is open to the public, and will allow our competition to expand the level of activities. In addition to the traditional aircraft judging, there will be a Spot Landing and Bomb Drop contest. The Chapter with the highest point total (including Bomb Drop and Spot Landing) will be declared the winner.

The winning Chapter will be awarded a 1st Place Photo/Plaque plus Prize Money, which has been **increased to \$300** for 2014. Each Competitor (and their passengers) will receive a Sunday breakfast voucher and Airshow passes for the day, all courtesy of Golden West. A Sunday Fly-Out with a free breakfast and a possible fund raiser for your Chapter?.....Sounds like a winner to me!

This year's contest will include 4 judging entrants per Chapter: 3 Homebuilts and 1 Antique or Classic (1955 or earlier production aircraft). If they so choose, each Chapter will be allowed one additional non-judged entrant to compete in the flight contests, for a possible total of 5 entered aircraft. Note that the flight competition will involve a total of 2 aircraft from each Chapter (details later).

Additional judging points will be awarded for 1) the greatest variety of aircraft entered, 2) the oldest homebuilt (no repeat from 2013), 3) the oldest Antique/Classic (no repeat from 2013), 4) the oldest participating pilot (no repeat from 2013), and 5) the youngest participating pilot (no repeat from 2013). The "no repeats" can still enter the competition but will not receive any bonus points. Sunday's event should conclude by 1330 lcl.

To facilitate communication I need to know if your Chapter would like to participate. I also need a Point of Contact (POC) to disseminate information to your Chapter, so please let me know ASAP. If you have and questions, please give me a call.

Regards, Jim Booth, H: 530-470-8414, t6booth@hotmail.com

Scholarship available for women, 16-20

EAA and the 99s will award a \$3,000 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship to provide a young woman (age 16-20 at any time during the 2014 calendar year) with financial support for flight training through first solo and beyond. 99s President Martha Phillips will award the scholarship during WomenVenture activities at Oshkosh on 7/30/14. Funding for the scholarship was provided to the 99s from the 2013 Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Grant and the Ventura County Chapter. First prize of \$3,000

will be paid in installments to the winner's selected flight-training program.

All applications must include a 500-word essay describing why the applicant wants to learn to fly, how she will apply her training, and her future goals. Membership in the Ninety-Nines and proof of financial need are not required as part of the application. Applications should be submitted by 7/10/14 through the following EAA web site:
<http://www.eaa.org/support/scholarships.asp>



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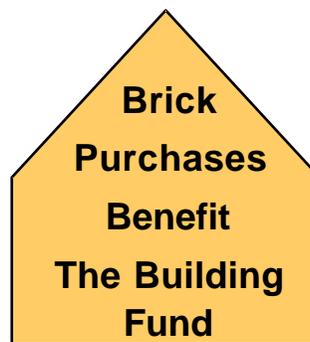


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EAA Chapter One

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Our Chapter Meetings*



Chicken 'n fixins will be provided. Please bring salads, side dishes and desserts!

*Chapter Meetings
May 10th, June 14th*

See you there!

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