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From the Desk of the President:

Happy New Year to all!!

Well, the New Year is bringing new changes. Thank you to all who voted... your votes were tallied, and those of us who ran unopposed, were unanimously elected! I got 62 votes... and Roberta, my girl, got 64 votes.... so I want the names and phone numbers of the two who like her more than they like me!!!!

Jan Buttermore, your past president, and I have switched offices.... Jan is now the VP, and Gabe Amthor remains secretary, and Nancy Acorn, our numbers whiz, is treasurer. The other board members are: Ray Stitts, Leon Grumling, Ron Headlee, Roberta Phillips, Beth LaRock, and Debbie Cheney. Specifically new to the board are Beth and Debbie. Beth LaRock is a pilot and ground instructor, as well as the airport manager at Flabob, and Debbie is a wife, mom, nurse and pilot... both of whom bring a lot of enthusiasm and energy to your board of directors. We're full of new ideas, and fully plan on revitalizing the chapter to where those of you who have been 'dormant' don't want to stay away, because of the good we're bringing!!

I plan on writing a letter to you each month, as Jack Pelton does, EAA President, and who is someone whom I respect and want to emulate with monthly letters. Each month, I'll outline first, that month's board meeting highlights, with what was discussed, and what was decided. I'll share with you the events for the upcoming month, and give a report on the month's recent happenings. I'll also update everyone on each committee's progress and plans, because I believe accountability and progress are important.

Since the change of leadership at Flabob, many new things are coming, are here, and are planned. As the "primary" group on the airport, we have been invited to take a leadership role in most of the airport's activities. We have the membership numbers to support the existing events, but we need more... events and people! I am going to propose to the board that each board member heads a committee, and that the committees work in conjunction with each other to make all the events here a success. Chapter 1 is an integral part of Flabob, and Flabob is an integral part in Chapter 1, and promoting this synergy and fostering the spirit of cooperation can have very positive results for everyone. One large effort always produces more than many small efforts. So, this is where I'm counting on you. Can we adopt a 'principals before personalities' attitude?.... and let bygones be bygones, if we have them?

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Learn battery care at Jan. Chapter Meeting

Skip Koss from Concorde Battery will present to the chapter 'Good Battery Maintainenc' at the Jan 10 chapter meeting.

Skip has been with Concorde for quite a while and has a lot of good tips to offer for good maintenance, leading to longer battery life. It's something that every

pilot should want to hear if they want to save money!!

As usual, we will have the Young Eagles program in the morning, beginning about 8 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, and the Chapter Meeting will begin at 1:00 (depending on the number of Young Eagles to be flown). Join us for food, fellowship and fun!



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A new president,
 New board directors
 A new year,
 A new era for Chapter 1!

Calendar



January 2015

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 - noon

10th – Board Meeting

Chapter One Hangar - 2 p.m.

17th – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show

Flabob Airport

February 2015

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 - 2 p.m.

21st – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show

Flabob Airport

March 2015

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 - 2 p.m.

21th – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show

Flabob Airport

26th – Riverside Air Show

Riverside Airport

Stan Pederson memorial fund big boost to Chapter 1 Young Eagles

Stanley Jack Pederson wasn't known by many Chapter 1 members, but his legacy will benefit many future Young Eagles who earn their wings at Flabob. When the life-long pilot passed away in November, his family requested that, since Stan was enthusiastic about introducing young people to the joys of flight, in lieu of flowers, a donation could be made to Chapter 1's Young Eagles program. Chapter Treasurer Nancy Acorn reports that \$1,225 has come in to the fund so far.

Stan Pederson was a retired American Airlines pilot

who lived on a private airstrip along with Chapter 1's Bill and Karen Schicora. Sometime around 2004, Stan and his wife moved from the airstrip and lived in Oceanside. Stan's memorial service was held at the Planes of Fame Museum at Chino Airport on Nov. 23.

Chapter 1 sends our condolences to the Pederson family and wishes them all the best. And a special "thank you" to a man who lived and loved aviation, and in his passing, will help give numerous young people an introduction to the wonderful world of aviation.

From the Desk of the President: *(Continued from Page 1)*

Everyone has their reasons for being a member of Chapter 1. So, as members, I'm asking you to remember back to how you felt when you joined the chapter, and bring that feeling in person back. We NEED you. YOU have something special to offer... and it all counts. There's a special place for each one of you in Chapter 1.

Just a few of the ideas I have for more activities are:

1. Monthly fly-outs... to a museum for example, or just for breakfast.
2. Re-establish the EAA Chapter 1 Fly-in.
3. Local area EAA Chapter group Fly-in.
4. Potentially, a Flag war game with area chapters.
5. Christmas Toys-for-Tots Fly-in... making is a community event as well... complete with US Marines and Santa!!

If you get the Flabob monthly newsletter, you are aware of the new hangars and all the other related airport equipment we got from the closure of Rialto airport. If you don't get their newsletter, please call Nina Brentham at the Flabob office, or email her at nina@tomwathencenter.org to get yourself added to the mailing list. If you haven't been to the airport lately, you should come and see for yourself the construction that's taking place to erect the 55 new hangars.... you'll be surprised. The airport has also drilled a well, and are currently trenching for sprinklers, to irrigate the grass between the runway and taxiway, so that tail wheel aircraft have a grass strip to land, if they choose... the only one here in SoCal! It's going to be leveled, rolled and sanded, so come on weekends soon to see all the tailwheel aircraft coming and going.

With the expansion and improvement projects, much needs to be done. I'm currently scheduling a meeting with the airport staff to determine what projects we could take on as a chapter, to improve the fellowship among our members, while investing a bit of effort to make Flabob, and Chapter 1 a better place. More on that next month.

So, as you can see... we are excited about the possibilities... but they won't be possible without you. Remember that 'feeling' the day you joined Chapter 1 originally, and bring that back to us, so that everything and everyone is made better!! !

Again, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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Construction of 55 new hangars has begun

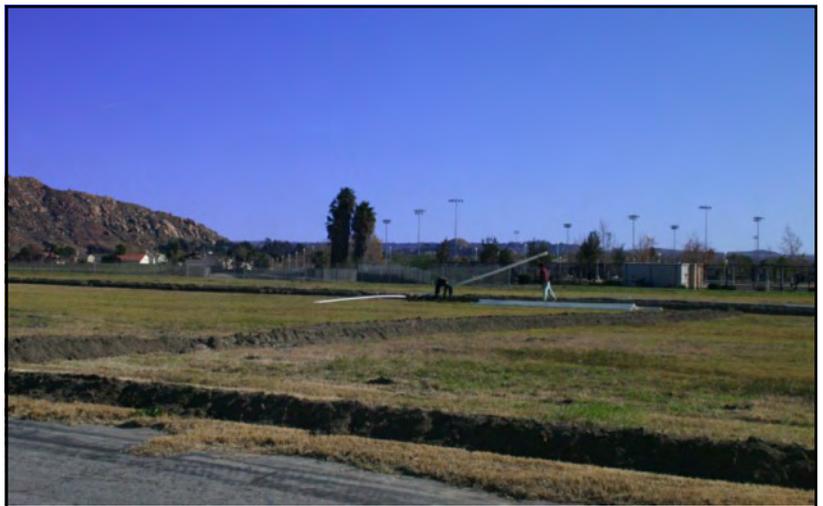
Laborers are busy pouring and finishing asphalt and laying the foundations for the hangars inherited from the closing of Rialto Airport. Within a few months, new hangars will abound at Flabob, doubling the amount of hangar space that is currently available. Chapter 1 President Jim O'Brien is hopeful that an influx of new pilots will help swell our membership and contribute toward a newly renovated chapter. The new hangars will provide more take-offs, more landings, more aviation activity...the lifeblood of any general aviation airport. And more planes and pilots should provide new blood for Chapter 1. It should prove to be an exciting 2015 at the historic Flabob Airport!



Planes lined up at Flabob awaiting hangar homes

Cable Air Faire, Riverside Airshow kick off airshow season in SoCal

The nation's first airshow kicks off this weekend at the Cable Air Faire, Jan. 10-11. The 40th annual air faire is dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the founding of Cable Airport. Gates open at 8 a.m. and parking is free. Costs for the air faire are \$10 adult, \$5 for kids 5-12, under 5 free. Flying acts include Dr. D's *Ole Time Aerobatics*, Dan Buchanan *Flying Colors*, and Marcus Paine *Unusual Attitudes*. There will be a classic car show and a pancake breakfast



Workers put in a watering system in the area just north of Flabob's runway, to provide Southern CA's only beautiful grass strip. A well has been dug, and the strip will soon be green!



In addition to airshow performances, there will be military aircraft, warbirds/replicas, a classic car show, military vehicles, helicopter displays and aviation vendors. The D&D Airport Cafe opens at 6 a.m. for breakfast and there is a pancake breakfast which begins at 7:00.

Warm weather and sunshiny skies are two of the reasons Southern California is teeming with people. It's also the reason we have some of the earliest and best airshows in the nation. Support your local airshows...but don't neglect EAA Chapter 1! We hope to see you at our chapter meetings. With a wealth of aviation activities available in SoCal, we appreciate your loyalty to your chapter. We hope to see you at our Chapter Meetings on January 10 and February 14. See you there!

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48 Young Eagles hatched in Nov.

November was again one of those months when we were just plane short pilots. There were about half a dozen pilots who could not fly because of other commitments or because of airplane problems. On top of that, two of the pilots who were flying had to cut short their flying because of airplane issues. The positive side of this is that pilots made wise personal decisions and there were no accident reports to fill out. During the morning I did search all over Flabob for a pilot generator, but alas, there was not one to be found!

We had a large group of ROTC cadets from Rancho Verde High School. This is the ninth year that they have flown with us and it is always a pleasure to have these students. Their instructors do a great job in preparing them and the students are always very well disciplined.

As the morning wore into afternoon, we were able to fly all but 12 of the ROTC cadets. We were able to fly all of the non-ROTC youth who showed up. Those who did not get to fly will be back in January. Usually when we are unable to fly and tell those disappointed youth to come back the next month, about 10% actually return. With this ROTC group, it will be close to 100% who return.

We welcome David Wakefield a new YE pilot from Chino. David flew his drop dead gorgeous Navion with a full glass panel. What a treat it was for the kids to fly in his beautiful restored airplane, although they probably did not fully appreciate it. Those of us who fly older "steam gage" airplanes that are not restored can appreciate his airplane more. We also welcome back Anthony Oshinuga, who has not flown with us for a while.

In January we will have two YE flight rallies. The first one is ore regular one January 10th and then the next Saturday, January 17, we fly kids down at Imperial, at their annual airport day.

Thanks once again to all who helped make this a memorable day for 48 youth.

- Wes Blasjo, Young Eagles Coordinator

Pilots Who Flew:

Michael Clearman	Marquart Charger
Barry Duble	Cherokee 235
Tyler Howell	Cessna 172
James Meeker	Taylorcraft BC12 D
James O'Brien III	Cessna 152
Anthony Oshinuga	Cessna 150
Gerald Perry	Citabria
David Wakefield	Navion



A 747 was having engine trouble, and the pilot instructed the cabin crew to have the passengers take their seats and get prepared for an emergency landing. A couple minutes later, the pilot asked the flight attendants if everyone was buckled in and ready. "All set back here, Captain," came the reply, "except the lawyers are still going around passing out business cards."



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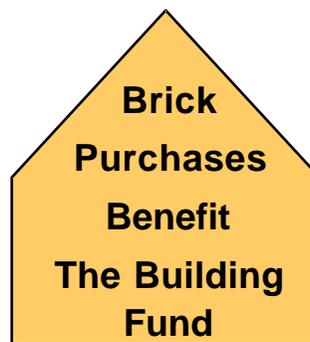


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Lunch will be provided. Please bring salads, side dishes and desserts! Thanks!

*Chapter Meetings
Jan. 10th, Feb. 14th*

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Join us at the Chapter One Hangar for a day of fellowship & fun!!

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