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B-17 Tour a Success for Chapter 1

The weather was often marginal, but the support provided by our members was clearly outstanding as Chapter 1 hosted the EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast Tour at Riverside Municipal Airport from April 21-23.

The Overcast and its ground support crew arrived at RAL on Thursday and were met by event chairman Ray Stits and several chapter

members. Friday morning provided beautiful flying weather and the Fortress flew two trips.

Saturday and Sunday were cool and breezy, with highs in the low 60s. Saturday became increasingly overcast,



but with a ceiling high enough to allow three flights. On Sunday, the sky was filled with broken low cumulus. The 10 mph winds were cold, but our intrepid group of volunteers donned their jackets and stayed at their posts. (Yes, it's true...we Southern Californians freeze at 62°).

The Aluminum Overcast flew more than 40 paying passen-

gers. Chapter 1 set up a booth with a pop-up canopy and two six-foot tables. Volunteers manned the Chapter 1

booth and the B-17 sales booth, as well as provided assis-

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The Prez Sez...

I just came across a WingNut from February 2005 and I note with interest that I could cut-and-paste some of the words and sentences from that issue, and I'd save some time. Do you readers get tired of reading that we need a new generation of Chapter Leaders? Well, those of us who are exiting the Chapter Leadership at the end of this year get tired of asking for this next generation—Doesn't Mean an Age Generation, just New People—to step up and get accustomed to the flow of the dynamics of the Chapter. Please see John Durant and discuss the opportunities to serve your turn in leading the Chapter.

Once again, we find Mother's Day falls on the day we would normally have the Membership meeting. No surprise, every year we move the meeting day a week later than usual, because we are not stupid. Then we go on the rest of the time as usual, until we encounter another good reason to change the meeting day. Please pay attention to the notice telling of the meeting day.

Before this May meeting day, I am embarking on a trip of undetermined duration, and in the course of things, I should find some interesting airports to visit. For the first time that I remember, I will simply turn off the course I'm driving and follow the signs that say "Airport" and see what turns up. I'll take pictures, and when we are unable to get a real speaker for our meeting, I may be pressed into service again to show those *(Continued on Page 7)*

Calendar



Officers & Directors

May

5th -- First Friday Flicks
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.

13th -- Young Eagles Rally
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.

14th -- Mother's Day
Everywhere

21st -- Chapter Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - noon

21st -- Board Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.

June

2nd—First Friday Flicks
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.

10th—Young Eagles Rally
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.

11th—Chapter Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - noon

11th—Board Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.

15th—Appointment of nominating committee for election of officers and directors

July

4th—4th Annual July 4th Gathering
Chapter 1 meeting
Nominating committee results
Additional nominations from floor

7th—First Friday Flicks
Chapter One Hangar 5 p.m. (?)

8th—Young Eagles Rally
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.

15th—Design Group Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 10 a.m.

24th-30th—Oshkosh (b'gosh!)

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Historic DC-3 finds a home at Flabob

On Thursday April 20, Jon Goldenbaum greased the wheels of the DC-3 “Wings of Time” onto the runway at Flabob in a beautiful homecoming landing. Flying co-pilot with Jon was John Pappas, the pilot of “Rose” the DC-3 based at Corona. This culminated a year and a half of work in getting the airplane airworthy. A group of ten Flabobians have “acquired” this airplane and provided the funds to restore it to flying condition. It will be showcased at airshows and flying events as well as being used for educational events at Flabob. According to our best source of records, some very world famous people have flown in this airplane. You will read more about this as we are able to document it.

Over the last year and one half, a number of individuals have worked on this airplane to bring it back to flyable condition. The right wingtip and aileron were damaged while it had been parked near the Planes of Fame Museum at the Chino Airport. The outer six foot section of the wing was unbolted, and the aileron was removed and both brought to Flabob for rebuilding. Sam Pratt worked under the supervision of Roger Farnes and totally rebuilt the wingtip. The aileron was rebuilt and recovered with fabric (yes, fabric) mainly by Ken Brown and Travis Gammill. Over the last few months the trio of Brown, Gammill and Pratt have done those hundreds of little things that had to be done to make it flyable after having been sitting for over five years at Chino. Duane Stoffel has helped along with Lance Schaus who completed the paperwork to form a 501(c)(3) (non-profit) corporation. The final inspection and final maintenance items were done by Joe Garcia, a mechanic with extensive DC-3 experience. He has worked for Catalina Air, but by the time you read this he will be a Flabobian, working full time with Roger Farnes at Far West Aviation.

We had this airplane open for tours at the Chino Airshow in May 2005. It was surprising to hear how many people commented about the DC-3 being their favorite airplane. They also commented about how beautiful this one was, both inside and out. It will be open for inspection, so watch these pages for details. In the meantime, walk around it and take a look. You will be impressed!

- Wes Blasjo

Remember--Chapter meeting is the 3rd Sunday
this month (due to Mother's Day)

National Aviation Heritage Invitational looking for aircraft for Western Region competition

I am the Western Region Coordinator for the National Aviation Heritage Invitational, a competition held annually for aircraft at least 45 years old and restored to their original condition. The competition has been held annually for the past 8 years. It is jointly sponsored by Rolls-Royce, the Air & Space Smithsonian, the National Aviation Hall of Fame and the Reno Air Race Foundation. Awards are presented in five categories: Antique, Classic, Military, People's Choice and the overall winner, the Heritage Trophy. The Western Region competition is held each year during the Reno Air Races. The 2006 event dates are September 13-17.

The existence of this event is not widely known throughout the aircraft restoration community, even though advertisements have appeared in both Air & Space Magazine and Sport Aviation. I am contacting you in an effort to spread the word about our event to a greater number of people. I have a DVD which runs approximately 9 ½ minutes describing the competition and the event's sponsors. If you feel that information concerning this event would be of interest to your organization's members, I would like to send the DVD to you so that you could run it at one of your next meetings.

I am looking for aircraft for the event in all categories. Applications are submitted for consideration through the event website at <http://www.heritagetrophy.org>. The entries are then evaluated by our panel of five judges, and if accepted, a letter of invitation is sent to the individual. The web site also has several sections, among them one showing past winners and another discussing the judging and eligibility criteria.

If you have any questions at all concerning this year's National Aviation Heritage Invitational, please contact me using the information shown below.

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Thanks, Doc!

More photos from the Aluminum Overcast B-17 Tour at Riverside Municipal Airport on April 21-23



Doug Maxwell got busy on occasion!



Passengers get a pre-flight briefing.



An A-26 flew in Friday to join the fun.



A B-25 crew joined the B-17 on Sunday.



Young Eagles team flies 48 in April's rally

Through the efforts of nine pilots and a supporting cast on the ground, 48 youth experienced the gift of flight at April's Young Eagles Rally. I was out of town at my brother's wedding, but all reports indicate that things ran smoothly.

All the pilots and ground support people that I had called showed up and Greg Yaunge and his mother, Patricia, did the data entry and printed the certificates. This was new for Greg, as he helps us most months. His mom has often helped in the past. Tiffany Felton did the large group ground school, and someone else did small group pre-flight inspections.

Thanks to this great Young Eagles team who did their usual fine job!

- Wes Blasjo

Pilots who flew:

Martin Britton	Stinson 108
Jerry Cortez	Cessna 150
Dave Cudney	Cherokee 180
Barry Duble	Cherokee 235
Tom Hamm, Sr.	Cherokee
James Meeker	Taylorcraft
Trish Russell	RV-6
Ray Stits	Cessna 182
Loreen Wynja	Cessna 172

Golden West Regional Fly-In and Airshow coming soon!

The Golden West EAA Regional Fly-In & Airshow will be held June 9-11 at the Yuba County Airport (MYV) in Marysville, CA. The fly-in is looking for volunteers, and has arrival and departure procedures, as well as airshow schedules and other information, available on its website, <http://www.goldenwestflyin.org>.

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tance to the B-17 ground crew in getting people on and off the plane. Ground tours through the Aluminum Overcast were conducted by our chapter volunteers.

Volunteers enjoyed watching those who came to see the historic airplane. From octogenarians in uniform to wide-eyed grade schoolers, people came from miles around to watch, tour, and ride in the B-17.

Gary Timbs, of Ontario, CA, said after a ride, "This has fulfilled a line-long dream of mine!" Timbs said his father was a B-17 pilot at the end of WWII, and he grew up hearing stories about the fabled bomber. "Now, I know a little about what it was really like flying the B-17," he said. Gary owns a Cessna 140 based at Chino, and joined up to become a new member of Chapter One, and may join us in flying Young Eagles.

Chapter members who volunteered at the event were Nancy Acorn, Bob Barden, Jerry Cortez, Lloyd Dunn, Leon Grumling, Robert Jordan, John D. Lyon, Sean Marshall, Doug Maxwell, David Moore, Joe Parker, Chris Riddle, Karen Schicora, Bob Seiger, Chris Smith, Ray Stits, and Anthony Ward.

Former Young Eagle Anthony Ward, son of Membership Chairperson Nancy Acorn, passed his Private Pilot checkride on Saturday, April 22nd. Congratulations, Anthony!!

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pictures. That is only for the dates when John Durant totally strikes out on getting an entertaining speaker. John, this may motivate you even more—you have been warned!

The scheme of getting other Board Members to conduct the meetings is proving to be a good move. For one thing, it is easier on me, (That is important), and the Board members are getting better informed, and the Membership at the meetings gets to know more about the leadership. If we run out of Board members to conduct meetings, we may switch to Candidates for the upcoming election. It is a true Win-Win situation. You see your Lame Duck President limping for the finish line.

Have I mentioned lately that we need a new generation of Chapter Leaders?? I think I will bring it up, from time to time. New Leaders, New Ideas, New Vigor. We need it.

-Jim Pyle, L.D. President

Welcome!

**Our New
Chapter One
Members**

Old members--Have you paid your dues?

Bernnie Bakken
Hans Bok
Arthur Canning
Larry Conley
Jack Deal
James English
Randy Fannin
David Gurkin
Peter Hille
Andy Horvath
Gabe Lopez
Glenda McElwee
John & Lois Mock
Larry & Pat Newsom
Joe Norris
Gerald Perry
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May 21, 2006

Noon to 3

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afternoon of fellowship & fun!!***

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