



The No-Name Newsletter*

EAA Chapter 1232

*Suggestions for naming this newsletter are welcome (but keep it clean!)

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April Meeting Presentation-Mai Maheigan of Seabird Protection Network



We had a very interesting and informative presentation by Mai Maheigan from the Seabird Protection Network on the importance of staying at least 1000 feet away from sensitive marine bird nesting areas along our coastline. Mai

went to great lengths to explain just how remarkable are the ecosystems within the three national marine sanctuaries present along our portion of the northern California coastline, and just how little disturbance it takes to have an adverse affect on the wildlife in these sanctuaries. She showed us some unfortunate and ghastly footage of what happened to a particular nest of common murren on Devil's Slide Rock when they were "spooked"; they fled from their nests leaving their eggs, cormorants sharing their nesting area raided their nests for material and gulls swooped in to destroy and eat the eggs. Given that murren travel from New Zealand to our coast each year and lay a single egg, such an epi-

sode can destroy an entire generation for these birds.

While the three marine sanctuaries are clearly marked on sectionals, Devil's Slide Rock is not part of any of these areas, so Mai provided handouts (below) which highlighted Devil's Slide Rock's location and asked that we spread the word among the piloting community. It's unfortunate that this rock lies within 1500 ft. floor of the SFO Class B airspace, leaving little room for maneuvering. Interestingly (but not surprisingly), Mai indicated that almost all of the overflight disturbances that occur at Devil's Rock take place during the two days of the Dream Machines event at HAF.

Coming in May-Ken McKenzie on *The Golden West Regional Fly-in*

This month's general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14 and our presenter for the evening is none other than our newest member, Ken McKenzie. Before Ken moved to Novato he was Board President of EAA Chapter 393

in Concord, but more interestingly (for Tuesday evening, anyway) he was a founding board member of the Golden West Fly-in back when it was at Castle AFB and had continued on the board ever since. On Tuesday Ken will give us

some sense of how this important regional fly-in came to be, it's early years, and it's move to Marysville where it has thrived. We'll also hear about some of the plans for this year's event (June 7, 8 and 9), and how you can participate.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- We need news items from YOU to make this newsletter work
- We need a name for this newsletter- send us your ideas, please!
- We need a logo design for all our materials (printed and web) as well as for t-shirts, hats, patches, etc..
- Membership survey to be handed out at May 14 meeting . Tell us what you want to see in your chapter.
- Let us know how your project is going

CALENDAR

- May 4 Open House,
Quality Sportplanes
(Zenith) Cloverdale
- May 10-12 EAA *Aluminum
Overcast* B-17,
Hayward
- May 11 GFCFA Breakfast/
meeting Scanlon
hangar 9:00 a.m.
- May 14 EAA 1232 monthly
meeting, CAP trailer,
Gross Field, 7:00
- May 18 P.A.P.A. display day,
Petaluma
- June 1 W. Coast Pietenpol
Gathering, Frazier
Lake
- June 5,6,7 Collings Foundation
B-17, B-24, P-51 Santa
Rosa
- June 7, 8, 9 Golden West
Regional Fly-in,
Marysville
- Every Thursday Lunch Bunch,
The Club at McGinnis Park Golf
Club, San Rafael, noon

At last count our members had twelve projects in progress, including RV 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14s, Sonex, Onex, Glastar, Pietenpol and possibly more we don't know about. This doesn't include the several completed homebuilts and restorations that are already flying that we haven't heard about in some time. When you get a chance email some photos and a brief description of your progress to our chapter email address:

eaal232@gmail.com

PROJECT UPDATE-JIM SWANSON'S RV-9a

Jim Swanson recently provided this photo (left) showing significant progress on his RV -9a at Petaluma. Granted, this particular photo was taken some time ago as Jim notes "Still working (slowly) on my RV-9A at the Petaluma airport. Older picture attached. Empennage complete, Wings complete (but not mated), Fuselage assembled, Engine installed but not run yet. Airframe is on the landing gear. Panel completed, working on the wiring."



PROJECT UPDATE-HERMAN FRENTZEL'S ONEX



These pictures are from back in February when Herman moved his Onex project from his home in Sausalito to Smith Ranch for completion. It sure looks like an airplane at this point, just a little bigger than the Kitfox Lite. Still only room for himself (I guess we'll continue to see the world's only two-seat Cardinal at Young Eagles events!), but with a 65 HP Monnett VW conversion it should be pushing the limits of the LSA speed range. If you're not familiar with this design it's a follow-on development of the wildly successful two place Sonex by John Monnet, designer of the Monerai and Sonerai homebuilts of the 70s and 80s. Our Chapter is becoming a "hive" of activity for this design, with Phil Simon, Tom Ryan and Herman building their own examples. Dave Ward is supplying hardware kits for this and the Sonex through Air Ward...

A News(letter) Appeal...

We've tried this before; a single person tries to put together a monthly chapter newsletter, only to burn out after a couple of months leaving a vacuum of information on just what's going on in the chapter. There's no doubt that we have a different "flavor" than many other chapters, with groups that rarely intersect (the regular monthly meeting group, the Thursday lunch group, and the rest of the membership that we only see at Young Eagles events if at all). Not that this is a bad thing, just different, and it makes it difficult to create any sense

of community that chapters are known for. We're not going to change who we are, so we'd like to change how each of these distinct groups communicates with the others. There's a renewed commitment to keep the website updated, and the new Facebook page (facebook.com/EAA 1232) allows us to post up to date information and items as quickly as they happen (often while "live" events are taking place). We're hoping that this resurrected newsletter will fill in the gaps for the rest of us who'd rather get their updates the

old fashioned way, although it will be by email rather than snail mail. To keep this going we need news, plain and simple. If you know of something aviation-related going on in the area, let us know. If you have an interesting aviation story to relate, let us know. If an interesting discussion comes up at the Thursday lunch, let us know so we can share it with everybody. Good photo? Share it with us. You get the idea. Here's where to send it:

eea1232@gmail.com



Can you identify this aircraft? Open book quiz; prize is a seat at the front table at next week's meeting.

New Video Magazine Coming to Chapters in May

Apparently the most common request coming into the Chapters office at EAA is for help with content for chapter monthly meetings. We all know how hard it is to find and attract speakers for our meetings, so EAA's response is directed right at this need. Starting in May EAA will supply a 20-25 minute pro-

fessionally produced video magazine to each chapter for exclusive use at their monthly meetings. Subject matter will range from Airventure (we still prefer Oshkosh...) preparation, "behind the ropes" views of the Airventure museum, cockpit orientations of historic aircraft in EAA's collections,

notable member projects, interviews with aviation personalities, homebuilding and restoration tips and guidance, and much more. The first of these video magazines will be presented at our May 14 meeting (along with Ken McKenzie's presentation on the Golden West Fly-in), so come check it out!

CLASSIFIEDS

Clutter in your hangar or garage? Spouse bugging you to get rid of that collection of wheel pants? Too much AN hardware (is that possible)? List it here and clean out your space and your conscience!

Benefits of Chapter Membership

This first edition of our revived newsletter is going out not only to our chapter membership, but also to all our friends and supporters who have asked to be added to our email group over the years. This will continue over the next couple of months but eventually it will be going

only to our paid membership. So, here's a shameless pitch for you to become a dues-paying member. Here's what you'll get when you do:

Monthly speakers: veterans, local pilots, builders, aviation subject matter experts, monthly video updates from

EAA, and hangar flying of the finest variety.

Local Builder Support Network: Projects in progress include Sonex/Onex, Glastar, RVs, Pietenpol, many others completed and flying

Social/Community Events: Young Eagles Rallies and individual flights, aviation field trips, Thursday lunch group, monthly chapter meetings

COME JOIN US! Contact info is on the last page of this newsletter.

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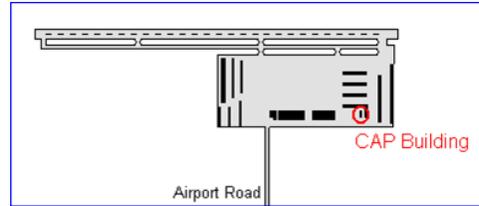
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EAA 1232 is one of over a thousand local, grassroots affiliate chapters of the Experimental Aircraft Association, The Sport Aviation association, headquartered in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA. Airplanes and flying are our avocation, and we love sharing our passion with anyone who will listen! We especially love to introduce kids to aviation, and through our participation in EAA's Young Eagles program we have given over 1200 youngsters their first flights in general aviation aircraft. Come join us to dream, build and fly!

Our monthly membership meetings are held the second Tuesday evening of each month (except December), starting with dinner at 6:30 and followed by the main presentation(s) at 7:00. Our hosts are the Novato Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol who graciously allow us to use their facility at 400 Airport Boulevard, Gness Field, in northern Novato (in the south parking lot). Here's a crude map, but please do contact one of our officers for more information and/or directions:



In addition to our regular monthly evening meetings, many of us meet for lunch at noon every Thursday at The Club restaurant at McGinnis Park Golf Course on Smith Ranch Road in San Rafael. The hostess on duty can direct you to our "regular" room but again, please contact one of our officers for better directions.

While we fly Young Eagles any time during the year (contact Ken Mercer to arrange a flight), our big annual Young Eagles Day is held each year in late September/early October at Gness Field when we fly 100+ Young Eagles ranging from ages 8 to 17, from second or third graders to high school seniors. This tends to be our big social event, starting with coffee and donuts at a (usually) cold and foggy morning briefing and continuing with flying, barbequeing and socializing for the rest of the morning and early afternoon. Everyone (kids, parents, ground personnel and pilots) leaves exhausted and exhilarated.



And Finally, Some Good News (for a change!)-An Airport Reopens

This piece comes from the Watsonville Chapter's April newsletter:

Ocean Shore Aviation, new operators of the Airfield Monterey Bay Academy are now one month into growing the 30 foot wide grass landing field. We have begun adding picnic tables on the bluff, installed a large 'segmented circle' for air traffic, and updated the wind sock area. We also just completed six well-marked 3 point tie-downs.

This airfield is a unique ocean

bluff 'picnic' airport and is a labor of love. We are operating on in-kind donations, financial support from our local aviation groups, and personal donations. Our big challenge, which we have met, is the large insurance requirement. We hope our aviation groups will adopt this special field both financially and by regular use. Both are important to our long term operation to pilots, their families and friends.

The airfield dedication will be on Sunday, April 28, 2013 at

eleven am. We trust that mother nature will bring the grass along so planes may begin landing all Sunday and there after

. Please be a part of this airfield. Any questions, suggestions, and contributions: contact Ocean Shore Aviation at (800) 987-8810. Box 7363, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. A very unique project: please join in.

CA66 is 88.8 nm SW of Gness and it's cliff-top location looks worth the trip.



Do we have any graphic artists out there who might be interested in creating our Chapter logo? This logo would be used on all publications both printed and web-based as well as on t-shirts, patches, hats, etc.. Email us if you're interested...