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Upcoming Events

Oct. 15: Chapter Meeting at 6:30 PM, meeting first for diner at *Spirit of San Luis* restaurant and then visiting Mark Wenzel's hanger at West side of SLO airport to see his S-51 Mustang project.

Oct.24: San Luis Obispo 99's Pilot Seminar

"Serving In-Flight Emergencies"- Gene Hudson
10:00 Am to 12:30 PM at SLO Library
Community Room – 995 Palm Street
Reservations required, call 805 459-3992

President's Report

Ernie Billing – President
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Greeting from Pune, India. Never thought I'd dread an airplane flight, but looking at twenty-one plus hours of flying to get home is scary. Airport Day went extremely well. I cannot imagine the amount of work John Eichler put in or the hassles he put up with from the County and the TSA. However, it all seemed to run very well and the weather was great. Thanks also to Ernie Sebby and Neal Koellish who ran the hot dog stand and Vince and Alan Skogsberg for keeping things stocked.

I am sure there were many others helping and they also deserve thanks. Despite David Chivens' best efforts, no good accommodations for Young Eagles could be worked out. Nevertheless, we did sign some kids up and we will be flying them in a few weekends.

This month's meeting should be a good one. We will meet for dinner at the *Spirit* at 6:30 and then head to the other side of the airport to visit Mark Wentzels' S-51 Mustang project. He is close to taxi testing. Hope to see everyone on the 15th and I hope that I have recovered from the wicked case of jet leg I am sure to experience..



Membership meeting

President Ernie Billing called the Chapter's September 17 meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Following customary introductions the drawing was held and as since the winner was not present the award will roll over, which should be an enticement to attend the next meeting and possible get the big prize. During introductions a very interesting and somewhat informative discussion occurred about the huge variation in hanger rents at different airports, SBP and SMX, for example. One meeting highlight was the extreme boasting and crowing of Dave Dickey about his return to flight currency and his single place small 'Hummelbird' airplane. He definitely was giddy about his accomplishment and his airplane acquisition. After some flight testing the bird will be delivered from Texas to SLO.... David, we share your joy.

Chapter Treasurer, Kurt Colvin reported that the chapter's financial balance was \$4,212.04. However, \$2,000 was reserved for SBP Airport Day.

Old Business

Vice President Frank Owen will be in Germany for an extended period and thus is unable to perform his vice-presidential duties. President Billing is appealing to the membership for someone to serve as acting Vice President, at least until the next election period. Please step forward if you are so inclined, and everyone will appreciate you for that.

Several members and guests spoke about the Paso Robles Airport Day and the activities of the Paso chapter relative to the arrangements at the event. Their role varied from what our chapter has to deal with, because whereas the Paso chapter was a participant, our chapter is the sponsor. Pete Johnson was very helpful in his review of the activities at the event. The Paso chapter flew 57 or the 80 Young Eagles signed up. In addition to great weather for the airport day the event provide the large crowd with some excellent model airplane flying; the large static display of aircraft included several warbirds, fire fighting airplanes, several ultra-lights, some vintage birds, and a variety of others. Two A-10' gave an amazing demonstration of flying.

New Business

Before proceeding on to the main program of Airport Day planning an interesting discussion about the possible speaker for the traditional January dinner program was initiated by Kurt Colvin. Kurt achieved contact with Peter Garrison, a writer for *Flying* magazine (he writes the technical column) about giving a talk to the chapter. Several dates suggested, the tentative working date is January 16.

Additional discussion was held regarding whether to have a restaurant sit-down dinner or a catered hanger meal. Another concern was if Garrison brings his famous homebuilt airplane, would we view his airplane before, during or after the dinner? Further discussion concerned accommodations for Garrison, fuel reimbursement, etc.

Several chapter members attended the Reno Air Races and hopefully they will share some their experiences in a future newsletter. Likewise, those who went to Oshkosh are welcome to replay their memories and impressions.

Program

This month's program was devoted to SBP Airport Day planning. Member and Chairman of the event John Eichler declared that although TSA issues makes life difficult, he nevertheless received cooperation and good results.

Members serving as the ground crew were identified and will be in charge of parking airplanes. Hot Dog arrangements will be in place; Ernie to bring the trailer and tables, and booth materials. There was much discussion about handling Young Eagles regarding staging area(s) and movement through security. Likely area is near the fire station.

The SLO Sheriff's Aero-Squadron, in uniform, will again provide TSA-motivated security. No badges or other escorts will be needed.

Member Liz Dinan will be the Honored Aviator at SLO Airport Day, with hoopla commensurate with the prior Oscar Bayer event. Her Daughter, Ms. Dinan will sing and dance.

Grizzly Academy Cadets will be available for back up, working only for hotdogs, drinks, and accouterments at our Weenie Wagon.

San Luis Obispo Airport Day

Congratulations to John Eichler for a successful Airport Day. He has via the media abundantly thanked those who assisted him and in other ways contributed to this memorable event. The weather was great and the large turnout of visitors was also great.

Chapter appreciation is due to Neil Koellish and Ernie Sebby and their crew for their excellent 5-star Winnie Wagon duties. Although perhaps less visible, other chapter members also deserve praise for their various contributions to the event. Due to mobility complications it was not possible to provide rides for Young Eagles. The Grizzly Academy did a good job in monitoring visitor boundaries. The hot dogs sold out – who could ask for more?

Special Congratulations to Liz Dinan for her deserved recognition of her CFI work and for being Liz. Her daughter did provide entertainment for visitor with her singing and dancing. There was a very good turnout of aircraft that includes oldies, several experimental airplanes as well as airplane representatives of the fire fighting service, the Highway patrol, and a military T-28. Additionally it is always good to see the 1937 Lockheed Electra 12A and Ruth Holton.