

WING FLAP

EAA Chapter 52 Sacramento, California



Jeff Stiles chatting with Chapter 52 member, Iris Taggart
Photo By Thom Taylor

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FROM THE LEFT SEAT



by
Rick Stockton
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Well, if you missed Jeff Stiles program on the 2nd, You missed a very good presentation. We had over 125 people from all over. Rancho Marietta, Hangtown, Auburn and Lincoln EAA chapters showed up in force. We were able to get a number of people to say that they would help us with Kid Quest during the Golden West Airshow. If you have not signed up then give Gill Wright a call.

Speaking about Gill, I'd like the Chapter members to give Gill a big hand. He did a great job in get things setup for Jeff Stiles program. By the time this goes to press we will have had our first pancake breakfast of the year. I hope you came.

On the 23th of this month the Chapter along with a lot of other folks will be on the State Capital yard trying to explain the importance of aviation to California lawmakers and their staff. If you can give us a hand, please do.

I'd like to hear about your project or your flying over the next couple of months. Are you planning on going to Oshkosh? Would you be interested in going to Oshkosh in an Air Race. Well, Hayward Airport is having one. I'm thinking about joining the fun. I did the Hayward to Las Vegas many years ago. I did it in my Beech Bonanza 35C and miss guessing the correct time and gallons of gas by 4 tenths of a gallon and my time was off by two minutes. I finished in the middle of the pack, but it was great fun. Anybody ever do a Poker Run?

I'm looking for ideals for the Chapter to get more people involved. Do you have any ideals please share them with me.

Keep the blue side up and the brown side down and I'll see you at the airport.

Rick

Pancake Breakfasts Grand Start

This year's first Chapter 52 Pancake Breakfast got off to a grand start at the EAA Yolo County Airport, KDWA. The CC (cooking crew) headed up with chef Barber Hap, Slick Rick, Big Bob and Shy Don ended up cooking and severing over 25 breakfasts. This reporter overheard a rumor, while in the chow, line that a certain balloon pilot might be giving tethered balloon rides, weathered permitting at the next EAA Chapter 52 pancake breakfast, that would be on May 11, 2014 at 0900 hrs. If this is true, I will keep you posted. At the pancake breakfast we had a fly-in for pancakes, from the Concord Chapter 393. He said he was a tad late for the start of breakfast due to a headwind, but made it in time for chow. When asked, Eric Scheldt said he was slowed to about 40 knots airspeed due to a slight headwind flying in from Concord Airport KCCR, and was afraid to miss breakfast. (see contributing story).



EAA Grass Roots Pilot Tour

Photos and Article by Thom Taylor

Last night I had the pleasure to spend an evening with Jeff Stiles, along with 135 other folks at an EAA event, held at KMHR Atlantic FBO in Rancho Cordova. The EAA Grass Roots Pilot Tour was hosted by EAA Chapter 25, Sacramento, Ca. As you know, First Officer Stiles was the Co-pilot of US Air flight 1549 that had an emergency ditching in the Hudson River on January 19, 2009, AKA the "Miracle on the Hudson" The quote is attributed to Governor David Paterson "We had a *Miracle on 34th Street*. I believe now we have had a *Miracle on the Hudson*." Officer Stiles thinks it was not a miracle, that no fatalities, occurred in the emergency ditching but says that the expert crew training, safety procedures, and equipment (aircraft) developed over many years of airline service that prevented any deaths on that day.

Jeff's presentation last night was divided into two parts, Jeff talked about the EAA experience and detailed the wide range of activities available at AirVenture held at Oshkosh, Wis. every year, and the other events held during the rest of the year, at different locations. He also covered current issues and topics in aviation. The remainder of the evening was dedicated to the ditching of Flight 1549. The audience that attended was mostly by pilots and EAA members and people interested in aviation. The event was well attended with standing room only. Jeff when asked what was his favorite aircraft to fly, believe it or not he said, the DC-9. Jeff and his wife live in Wis.



Chat Over Pancakes

I met Eric, over a plate of pancakes. You see Eric flew in to the Yolo Airport (KDWA) from Concord Airport (KCCR) at the invite of Lyle McCarty to partake of Barber Haps famous pancakes at the EAA Chapter 52 pancake breakfast, held every third Sunday April-September. Eric said he a bit of trouble reaching KDWA due to a headwind and was worried he would miss the breakfast, flying at a slow 40 knot groundspeed. I found out that Eric Schuldt owns and pilots a '77' Volksplane V1, designed by William Evans in 60's, the Volksplane has a modified 1500 cc VW power plant putting out 40HP. Eric she will do about 50 depending on the winds. I was interested in Eric's airplane due to the wood and fabric construction, and the ease of flying it. I must say, Eric's aircraft is one nice looking plane, from the Hegy wood prop to its large vertical tail. Eric, thanks for bring it to the breakfast and sharing, hope to see you again.



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For more information on National and Chapter 52 memberships, please call Chapter 52 Membership Chairman Hap Pischke at 916-966-1346.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APRIL

8: 7:30 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
13: 9:00 Pancake Breakfast- Yolo Airport & Fly-mart @ Yolo Airport
23 ?? California Aviation Day at Capital
29: 7:30 General Meeting @ Executive Airport
Possible builders' workshop?? Yolo hangar events??

MAY

11: 9:00 Pancake Breakfast- Yolo Airport
13: 7:30 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
18: Positive Altitude event at KSMF, where the chapter could administrate a YE event, Darcy Brewer will bring the pilots/planes
27: 7:30 General Meeting @ Executive Airport
Other youth events??

JUNE

6, 7 & 8: Golden West Airshow @ Marysville Airport
78: 9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast- Yolo Airport
10: 7:30 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
24: 7:30 General Meeting @ Executive Airport
Other events?

JULY

8: 7:30 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
13: 9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast- Yolo Airport
28 – Aug 3 EAA Airventures @ Oshkosh
Yolo hangar events??

AUGUST

10: 9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast- Yolo Airport
12: 7:30 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
26: 7:30 General Meeting @ Executive Airport
? Yolo hangar events??

SEPTEMBER

6 & 7 California Capital City Airshow @ Mather
9: 7:30 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
14: 9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast- Yolo Airport
12-16 Reno Air Races
30: 7:30 General Meeting @ Executive Airport
? Yolo hangar events??

OCTOBER

7: 7:30 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
12: 9:00 AM, Last Pancake Breakfast- Yolo Airport
28: 6:30 Pot Luck/General Meeting @ Executive Airport/VOTING & Elections
? Yolo hangar events?? Mustang Round-up @ Nut Tree??

NOVEMBER

11: 7:30 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
25: 7:30 General Meeting @ Executive Airport

DECEMBER

9: 7:30 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
13: 5:30 Christmas Party @ Aviators

Capital Aviation Day

Article and photos by Thom Taylor

The State Capital played host to the Aviation Industry, today in the annual Aviation Awareness Day, held on the Capital north lawn, this beautiful spring day. Informational displays were on hand by several aviation organizations, including EAA Chapter 52 from Sacramento. For opening the ceremonies was the Color Guard from Squadron 82 of the CAP. Chapter 52 had several displayed Caltrans Aerial Charts, with one that showed all EAA Chapters in the State of California, including type of chapters, thanks to Robert Anderson. Chapter 52 also displayed the full sized Montgomery glider front wing. Many comments were made by the Capital Staff and Legislators of the display by 52. Five Chapter members provided information and booklets about General Aviation and EAA, answering questions about Aviation & John Montgomery and the glider project. Many of the people didn't know about Prof. Montgomery's role in Aviation History. Four (4) Quest for Flight books were sold at the event. We thank Rick Stockton, Gill Wright, Bob Anderson, Antoine Bastien van der Meer and Thom Taylor for all their help. Great Job.



Chat over pancakes

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I just love that little Aeroplane, my kind of flying!