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EAA Chapter 52 Sacramento, California



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by
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Well, if you have not looked outside for the last couple of days spring has sprung and we set the clock forward one hour. I'm one of those that does not like changing times. That's why I wanted to retire in Arizona, just kidding. I have been able to see Mt Shasta and Mt. Lassen from Vacaville. There's lots of snow on the peaks right now and the visibility is great. The air has been smooth and except for a couple of very windy days at the Nut Tree Airport it has been great flying weather. If you haven't been up then call somebody you know that has a plane and get into the air. If that person is not a member ask them to come to the pot luck dinner on the 25th. Tell them to bring their family.

If you haven't heard through the "Grape Vine" Chapter 52 will be hosting EAA National's Grassroots Pilot Tour at the Mather(KHMR) airport, Atlantic FBO, 10510 Superfortress Avenue, Rancho Cordova, CA 95655. Gill Wright has worked hard getting this setup and he will need a lot of hands to set up the chairs and table. Give him a call and let him know you will help him setup or break it down. Plan on getting there early. I'd say about 4:30 -5:00. It's April 2, 2014. If you haven't seen the EAA Web Page here it is:

http://www.eaa.org/newsletters/1403013_grpt-california.html

During the Board meeting on the 11th, Hap told me that only eleven people have paid their dues for the year. The dues are not that much so please get your check in to Pat Smith and mark it "DUES 2014".. Don't make me dun you at the Pot Luck.

We have are first Pan Cake breakfast coming up on the 13th of April. I'd like to see a great turn out. We also have California Aviation Day at the state capital building. If you can come and meet some of your Assembly Members and Senators. That will be on the 23th of April.

I'm looking for a good aviation related story for the Pot Luck Dinner. Drop me a line if you have one.

Hangar Clean -Up

photos & article by Thom Taylor

March 09, 2014, we held our annual hangar cleanup at the Yolo County Airport. This is a yearly event to clean and reorganize the EAA Chapter 25 hangar. It is also a chance to get together met friends do a bit of socializing and have some fun. Usual it is well attended with average attendance of 10-15 members pitching in. Yesterdays hangar clean up was at best dismal. I will say, I was disappointed in the turn out we only had 5 members show up to help out. Many of the goals of the day had to be postponed till later. I am hoping the low turnout was due to the start of Daylight Saving Time. I would like to thank the following members for showing to help out. Don Griffay, Gill Wright, Harold A. Pischke, Ken Lehr, Rick Stockton, and Thom Taylor. Let's have a better turn out at the next event.



Mentoring: Sharing the magic

February 18, 2014 by [Brent Owens](#)

Flying is such an amazing experience, I can't imagine anyone who doesn't think it's cool on some level. Because of this mindset I have a real passion for seeing our industry flourish — most of us do. It's partially selfish, because if people aren't interested in flying we shrink as a community. If we shrink too much there are obvious bad things that occur.

Many folks believe we have already started this downhill slide and that recreational aviation in the U.S. will look more like it does overseas in a few years.

I think we can all share some responsibility for growing our ranks and seeing our community prosper. One of the best — and easiest — ways to do that is to “share the magic.”

This means going out and evangelizing the virtues of flying. Let it be known that 1) it's not impossibly expensive, 2) it doesn't require super-human skills and 3) it's more fun than most people can imagine.

Doing this simple thing can lead people in the right direction. Their natural curiosity will take over and, if they venture close enough, they just might get hooked.

Going a step further, you can reach out directly to people within your sphere of influence and offer to “help” them explore flying. In this way you are taking the first step to mentor that person. That doesn't mean you need to be highly experienced or some kind of expert. You might be new to flying yourself. It's the encouragement — the nudge — that they need initially. You can be the spark that sets someone on a course that changes the rest of their life. What a powerful thing!

Jamie Beckett wrote a [great article here on mentoring](#) in December 2013. In it he drives home some of the key concepts of mentorship. Let's explore some simple ways to “share the magic.” I wouldn't call it full-blown mentoring yet, but it's certainly a step in the right direction.

Take social media for example. It's one of the easiest ways to reach people. If you have something great to pronounce about aviation, post it via social channels like Facebook, Twitter, and the like. In this way you are putting it out there and someone on the other end can potentially be affected. Depending on your circumstances, this could be thousands of friends or followers. Talk about an amazing reach! If someone out there has an interest, they will like or comment on the post and that's an opportunity to reach out and engage them. With some refinement you can create a virtual short list of potential new pilot candidates. If you haven't adopted social media yet, I would suggest you let go of what's holding you back and move into the 21st century, especially if you plan to reach anyone under 30. Another more “traditional” method is to talk about flying with people around you. It could be as simple as mentioning it in the break room at work, or with neighbors when you are making small talk, or with relatives when you are at

gatherings. Always keep in mind any social setting is an opportunity to reel someone in.

I think we have hurt ourselves with the old jokes like, “How do you know if there is a pilot at your party? Don't worry they'll tell you!” Unfortunately many pilots, in an effort to avoid that stereotype, have gone underground, only talking aviation with other pilots. The bottom line is we shouldn't be afraid to talk about our flying. You can always change the subject. If they start to ask questions and they seem genuinely interested, you'll know to keep the conversation flowing. We have a responsibility to not only share in an effort to grow our ranks, but we are also accountable for sending the right message. You should seize every opportunity, but if you are braggadocios or overbearing you are doing more harm than good. If we don't use a little tact, like Jamie suggests, we risk coming across as weirdos — not exactly the result we are looking for. Also, we need to be careful we aren't putting things out there that set the wrong example about safety and regulatory compliance. The proliferation of [YouTube](#) is great for celebrating this wonderful experience, but we should be careful of the impression we leave on our audiences (and the exposure to our tickets). This power we have to share and mentor stands to truly change our industry and reverse the disturbing downward trend we have seen in recent decades. If only a fraction of us actively mentored someone, we have a fighting chance. I would suggest that sharing is the first step in that process. It's an easy thing to do and you'll get back more than you give — I promise.

So the next time you have something noteworthy to say about flying, don't be shy about it. If we don't promote aviation, who will?

You're Invited! EAA's leaders want to meet you.

Join us as EAA's Grassroots Pilot Tour comes to your area, and bring along your aviation-minded friends for exciting entertainment and conversation. In addition to door prizes, there will be a discussion about the challenges facing the aviation industry today and the steps EAA is taking to grow participation in aviation.

Jeff Skiles, EAA's Vice President of Chapters & Youth Education, will lead the program's discussion. He will give you the latest on what EAA is doing to inspire the next generation of aviators.

Sacramento, California

Wednesday, April 2

Social: 6 p.m. | Program: 7 p.m.

Sacramento Mather Airport (KMHK); Atlantic FBO

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MEETINGS: The general membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 1930 (potlucks at 1830) in the meeting room off the main lobby in the tower building at Executive Airport (KSAC), 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, California.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, and COMMITTEE CHAIR: The board meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Board meetings start promptly at 1900 for social time & 1930 for business meeting and are held in the same room as the general membership meetings.

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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

MARCH

9: 9AM Hangar cleanup-Yolo airport
11:7PM Board Meeting@KSAC
social at 7PM, business at 7:30
25:6:30PM Pot luck/General Meeting@KSAC

APRIL

8:7PM Board Meeting@KSAC
social at 7PM, business at 7:30
13:9AM PanCake Breakfast@KDWA
23: California Aviation Day@ Capital
29:7:30PM General Meeting@KSAC

MAY

11:9AM Pancake Breakfast@KDWA
13:7PM Board Meeting@KSAC
social at 7PM, business at 7:30
18: Positive AITITUDE @KSMF
27:7:30PM General Meeting@KSAC

JUNE

1: 9AM Pancake Breakfast@KDWA
6,7,&8 Golden West Airshow@KMVY
10: 7PM Board Meeting@KSAC
social at 7PM, business at 7:30
24: 7:30PM General Meeting@KSAC

OPEN COCKPIT DAY

At Castle Air Museum, Sponsored by the Castle Air Museum Foundation. Held on two days in 2014. Sunday May, 25th of Memorial Day Weekend, and on Sunday, August, 31st of Labor Day Weekend. At Castle Air Museum, 5050 Sante Fe Drive, Atwater, Ca. This is a Drive out and car pool encouraged. Chapter 52 contact for this event is Bill Costa (916) 965-1927 (H).

What's with the Red Shirt's at EAA meetings?

Red Shirts are embroidered with the EAA Chapter 52 logo and your name. They are to honor EAA Members who volunteered at three Chapter events like air shows, pancake breakfasts, or hangar clean-ups. Come on out and show your colors.

Pot Luck Dinner

As you know the Chapter 52 Annual Pot Luck dinner will be held on March 25 at 6:30 at the Executive Airport Aviators Restaurant. All members and their spouses are welcome. Please let us know what foods you are bringing.

The following foods will be bought to the Pot Luck by the board members.

Bill Costa	Salad
Don Griffay	Chicken
Bob Anderson	Potato Salad
Gill Wright	Chocaholic Cake
Robin Alexander	Fruitcake
Thom Taylor	Fried Wonton
Rick Stockton	Pork & Beans
Jim Heffelfinger	
Pat Smith	

Please fill your name in and what you are bring to the Pot Luck