

# WING FLAP

EAA Chapter 52 Sacramento, California



Robert Anderson inspecting the first of many boxes of his homebuilt project a One X by Sonic.

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## FROM THE LEFT SEAT



by  
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As I write this I'm hoping that we will have a good turnout for Pancake Breakfast on Mother's Day. I also hoping we will get a number of ladies for the event. We are planning something special and you will know about it when you read this column.

Positive Altitude will be on the 18th. I'd like to see a good turnout of folks to help the kids understand AVIATION. We need to share our love of aviation with them. So be there!

May 25th we have a chance to see the cockpits of all the aircraft at Castle Air Museum. I can drive down or fly. If there is enough interest I can drive down with my SUV. I have eight seats. Give me a call if you like to go. For those of you that would like to fly in or drive the address is:

Castle Air Museum  
5050 Santa Fe Drive  
Atwater, CA

For me this will be an interesting trip as my father flew the B-29 and the B-50 out of Castle in the late 1940's. We lived just off base and I can remember spending most of my summers in the base swimming pool. One aircraft that I have not been in since 1956 is the B-36. My father was a Flight Engineer on this plane out of Carswell Air Force Base, Lake Worth, TX. I can also remember standing inside of the wing and my father telling me that they could work on the engines in flight and showing me the rear of the engine facing forward as this plane had six 28-cylinder engines [Pratt & Whitney R-4360](#) 'Wasp Major' [radial engines](#) in pusher configuration. I also remember him telling me he didn't like flying the B-36 as it didn't have Boeing written on the side of the airframe. My father would be gone a lot and I'd only see him once or twice a month as the Air Force was doing a lot of training with these airplanes. In 1958, I believe, a flight of 22, B-36 left Carswell flew to Roswell, NX then to Oklahoma City then to Barsdale, LA and then back to Carswell. We were living in Bridgeport, TX at that time and I swear you could hear to planes the whole flight. On their way into Carwell the whole sky was full of B-36's. This was the last flight of the B-36's as they then flew to [Davis-Monthan AFB](#). From what I'm reading there are only five on display.

So let's plan on visiting Castle. I believe a number of you have flown or worked on a lot of the plane located at Castle Air Museum.

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## Builders Profile

Oh! the joy of opening that first Xmas present, or the excitement of receiving that big birthday gift. Or if you're a pilot, opening the first box or crate of your homebuilt project.

I was fortunate to be on hand to witness Bob Anderson receive the first of 3 boxes of his new homebuilt project. The aircraft is a One X a single seater by Sonic. Follow Robert, in his continuing saga from opening first box, to first flight in his One X in the Wing Flap newsletter.



Unpacking the first of many



Robert checking the plans for tail assembly

## Strong winds Predicted for Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast

With the winds blowing at 20+, that did not stop or slow down the EAA Chapter 52 Mother's Day Sunday Breakfast from being held. In fact we had a near record crowd attend the Sunday Breakfast for the month of May with 33 attendees. Ken Lehr brought his hot air balloon "Heated Passion" in hopes of calm weather to give tethered balloon flights, but it was not to be. Ken did assemble the basket and propane burners hoping to send flames skyward, but again the winds refused to cooperate. Ken maybe next time. The GONE WEST Memorial Plaque was unveiled and dedicated to EAA Chapter 52 members who have Gone West. Future plans call for the making of a Flag Case to be added to the Memorial Plaque. All the ladies attending the Mother Days Pancake Breakfast were presented with a red rose to commemorate the day. Again Chef Hap and crew performed admirably. Leon Shkolnik, Yamit, and Ben enjoyed their first of many EAA 52 pancake breakfasts but young Ben had interests in planes and balloons not pancakes. Kona and Lexie, granddaughters of Rick Stockton also had interests in the hot air balloons than the food.



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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.

## Calendar of 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  
**7:** 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??

### Special Event Notice

The Castle Air Museum in Atwater Ca. KMER is having a Open Cockpit Day, one day only Sunday May 25, 2014. 0900 to 1700 hrs.

Contact Rick Stockton [AirBearFed@sbcglobal.net](mailto:AirBearFed@sbcglobal.net) or Bill Costa at (916) 965-1927 for a ride to the museum.