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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Three pink hearts are positioned below the word "Day" in the "Happy Valentine's Day" graphic.

FROM THE LEFT SEAT



by
Rick Stockton
Chapter President

Team Work! I just returned from the Yolo airport hangar. I have been waiting, just like a kid before Christmas, for the rain storm. I've checked a couple of times, but there was not enough rain until today.

What I'm talking about? The erosion control the chapter put on the north side of the hangar. It was just about one year ago the problem was presented to the Board. A lot of discussion went into how best to fix the problem. There were three different board members that had the correct fix, but each one wanted to do it their way. After much discussion Tom Phelps took the "Bull by the horns". He organized it, persuaded the members to help and over a number of months the program was finished.

There are a number of people I'd like to thank; Earl Johnson, Gill Wright and the all the Manalo men. There were others too. The main thing is Tom took this project. He made it his. I'm not sure if we would have gotten it finished without his leadership and persuasion. The chapter needs more "Toms" to step forward. When I first joined the Chapter I noticed that everybody was wearing red shirts. I asked about them. I was told that I needed to help with five chapter projects. I wanted one of those shirts, so I help where and when I could. I now have two shirts. I'm still proud of those shirts and what they mean. I'm asking each chapter member to help yourself earn one of the "RED SHIRTS".

At the last General meeting I tried something to see if there was interest in having food during the social. The food went over great, but the chapter had to pick up the tab, as we only got one dollar in the kitty. If you want to have food at the next general meeting let me know, but we do need a way to pay for it.

Wing Flap Reporter Blows Lid Off Long Time Secret

by
Thom Taylor

It has come to my attention the last few months, for the past 25 years a secret group of members of the EAA Chapter 52 have been meeting under the guise of a Sunday breakfast meeting every 3rd Sunday at Perko's restaurant at Hwy 50 and Bradshaw Rd. at the unheard time of 0830.

Disguised as of all people a trusting reporter, I was able to root out the hidden facts of the true story, of a 25-year association, and here is the scoop. It's simple really, take a few guys, let them talk planes, or whatever, add some lovely ladies, let them talk about the men, add some good food, a little atmosphere and you have a 25-year recipe for an enjoyable morning. But I might be wrong, this will need more investigation. See you next month.



The men



The Ladies

Story of St. Valentine

"The story of Valentine's Day begins in the third century with an oppressive Roman emperor and a humble Christian Martyr. The emperor was Claudius II. The Christian was Valentinus.

Claudius had ordered all Romans to worship twelve gods, and had made it a crime punishable by death to associate with Christians. But Valentinus was dedicated to the ideals of Christ; not even the threat of death could keep him from practicing his beliefs. He was arrested and imprisoned.

During the last weeks of Valentinus's life a remarkable thing happened. Seeing that he was a man of learning, the jailer asked whether his daughter, Julia, might be brought to Valentinus for lessons. She had been blind since birth. Julia was a pretty young girl with a quick mind. Valentinus read stories of Rome's history to her. He described the world of nature to her. He taught her arithmetic and told her about God. She saw the world through his eyes, trusted his wisdom, and found comfort in his quiet strength.

"Valentinus, does God really hear our prayers?" Julia asked one day.

"Yes, my child, He hears each one."

"Do you know what I pray for every morning and every night? I pray that I might see. I want so much to see everything you've told me about!"

"God does what is best for us if we will only believe in Him," Valentinus said.

"Oh, Valentinus, I do believe! I do!" She knelt and grasped his hand.

They sat quietly together, each praying. Suddenly there was a brilliant light in the prison cell. Radiant, Julia screamed, "Valentinus, I can see! I can see!"

"Praise be to God!" Valentinus exclaimed, and he knelt in prayer.

On the eve of his death Valentinus wrote a last note to Julia, urging her to stay close to God. He signed it, "From your Valentine." His sentence was carried out the next day, February 14, 270 A.D., near a gate that was later named Porta Valentini in his memory. He was buried at what is now the Church of Praxedes in Rome.

It is said that Julia planted a pink-blossomed almond tree near his grave. Today, the almond tree remains a symbol of abiding love and friendship. On each February 14, Saint Valentine's Day, messages of affection, love, and devotion are exchanged around the world."



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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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EAA National Membership is required for all Chapter 52 members. Chapter 52 dues are \$20 per year (January - December).

A late charge of \$5 after the February meeting will be assessed all past due members.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEBRUARY

11: 1900 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
social 1900, business 1930
25: 1930 General Meeting @ Executive Airport

MARCH

9: 0900 Hangar Clean Up- Yolo Airport
11: 1900 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
social 1900, business 1930
25: 1830 Pot Luck/General Meeting @ Executive Airport
Possible builder's workshop??

APRIL

8: 1900 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
social 1900, business 1930
13: 0900 Pancake Breakfast- Yolo Airport
& Fly-mart @ Yolo Airport
23 ?? California Aviation Day at Capital
29: 1930 General Meeting @ Executive Airport
Possible builders' workshop?? Yolo hangar events??

MAY

11: 0900 Pancake Breakfast- Yolo Airport
13: 1900 Board Meeting @ Executive Airport
social 1900, business 1930
18: Positive Altitude event at KSMF, where the chapter could administer a YE event, Darcy Brewer will bring the pilots/planes
27: 1930 General Meeting @ Executive Airport
Other youth events???

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.