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FROM THE LEFT SEAT
by JIM HEFFELFINGER
Chapter President
(minor edits supplied)

As February slides into March, our Chapter's real work begins – the annual hangar cleanup in March - dusting off winter cobwebs in preparation for spring, our first pancake breakfast, our huge commitment to support KidQuest at Golden

West. And then, it's off to Oshkosh in July.

After decades of dedicated service, our Yolo County hangar needs attention to maintain its longevity. We have two projects:

- 1) Caulking gaps at the edges of the translucent skylight roof panels to seal a number of leaks that have developed during this year's winter rains.
- 2) The heavy winter rains have reinforced the need to control erosion along the foundation's north side. This project will require serious commitments from members in time, serious grunt work, and of course the inevitable dip into our treasury funds. Members have made suggestions, and the board has established a committee to review alternatives. This is the first time in many years that a major project will require this kind of member support. Committee members will call you asking for help.

We haven't received many replies to the chapter survey which we included in the January *Wing Flap*. If you haven't done so, please return your survey, which will help the board provide Chapter leadership and direction.

Your Chapter still needs to fill several positions, among them social chair (which we urgently need); and community chair, which involves community outreach to schools, Boy Scout groups, other chapters, and organizations which we can collaborate with in support of aviation education.

EAA National staff have created a video newsletter targeted specifically to chapters. It will include interesting and useful updates on many topics. Watch for more information, and link to it in the next *Wing Flap*.

EAA National will also establish regional leadership programs for chapter leaders (on-the-road with Jeff Skiles), because not all chapter members can attend the national academies. This year, EAA will hold two academies in Oshkosh, in April, and October. Hopefully, it will hold a regional Leadership Academy in our area.

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Lights Camera Action

Lyle McCarty and son Conner McCarty, pictured, put together a three minute You Tube video of Lyle flying his new Rans-18 at the Yolo County Airport. This was Lyle's first try at using his new Christmas present, a GoPro HD video camera, mounted on the right wing strut. Cameron, who is also Lyle's son, did the editing and sound. We hope to see many more videos. Here's a link to it:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_4EIY2MpLs

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MARCH 10th HANGAR CLEANUP and BARBECUE

On Sunday, March 10th, Chapter 52 will hold its popular annual hangar cleanup and barbecue.

The cleaning part of this fun event starts at 0900 at our Yolo County Airport (KDWA) hangar.

Some three hours later, around noon, EAA 52 treats participants to a delicious homemade barbecue lunch with all the trimmings.

Let's see if we can generate an even greater turnout this year. As they say, the more the merrier.



LAST YEAR'S HAPPY CREW : "LET'S EAT!"
PHOTO BY TOM PHELPS

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GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

Wes Ervin, Yolo County Airport manager will speak at our general meeting on February 26th (KSAC at 1930).

Mr. Ervin will discuss current programs and future plans for the airport. He will also talk about the projected status of surrounding communities, the airport, and aviation in 10-15 years. You will not want to miss this interesting presentation.

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And Now, the Rest of the Story

by Thom Taylor

As a young boy, Aurandt built radio receivers, and at 14, while attending Tulsa high, he obtained his first job, cleaning a local radio station, KVOO. Eventually, he filled in on the air, reading news and commercials.

Aurandt soloed in a rebuilt Monocoupe when he was too young to be licensed. He and a friend bought an old Monocoupe, and also an old motorcycle with which to drive back and forth to the airport. Later in life, he would complain that flying had become too regimented.

Several stations after KVOO, Aurandt worked as a special events director, and roving reporter. He eventually ended up in Hawaii, where he covered the U.S. Navy as it concentrated its fleet in the Pacific. The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor when he was returning to the mainland from an assignment.

In 1943, Aurandt enlisted in the U.S. Air Army Air Force, but only served until March 1944, on account of a training accident. He then moved to Chicago, where he broadcast from the ABC affiliate WENR.

He hosted the popular postwar employment program *Jobs for G.I. Joe*. One of his regular topics was lax security, particularly at the Argonne nuclear test site west of Chicago.

Security concerns prompted Aurandt to try his hand at participatory journalism. After midnight on February 6, 1951, having driven his black Cadillac to Argonne, he parked in a secluded spot, tossed his overcoat onto the barb wire-topped fence and climbed over. His plan was to demonstrate the lack of security by scratching his signature on fixed or hard to move objects.

Seconds after hitting the ground, Aurandt's plan went awry. Security officers gave chase, arrested him and filed trespassing charges. Aurandt claimed that he had stumbled into Argonne's restricted area, and insisted on the air, that he had been set up.

A grand jury refused to indict him, and it is believed that his friendship with J. Edgar Hoover, which began in 1952, might have helped him evade the criminal charges. Aurandt was also a close friend of Senator Joseph McCarthy, and supporter of the Senator's anti-communist campaigns.

Aurandt also developed a close friendship with Reverend Billy Graham. He was a member of the Calvary Memorial Church in Oak Park. When the church

moved to its new home on Lake Street, Graham preached at the dedication service.

During his winters in Arizona, Aurandt and his wife regularly attended the Camelback Adventist Church in Scottsdale. He often quoted Adventist pioneer Ellen G. White in his broadcasts and received the "Golden Microphone" award for his professionalism and graciousness in dealing with the church.

In 2005, Aurandt received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' most prestigious civilian award, from President George W. Bush.

Aurandt was also an avid pilot, and AOPA member for more than 50 years. He would occasionally talk about flying on the air. At one time he owned a Cessna 411 twin, and also flew to business engagements in a Lear. He also was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, and frequently attended AirVenture in Oshkosh. He funded Aurandt Audio-Video Center at EAA headquarters.

According to AOPA Pilot contributing editor Barry Schiff, Aurandt coined the term "skyjack." He is also credited with popularizing the terms "Reaganomics" and "guesstimate."

On May 18, 2007, he received an honorary degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

Aurandt was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the son of Harry Harrison Aurandt and Anna Dagmar.

Early in his life, Aurandt dropped his last name in favor of his middle name so, little Paul Aurandt became Paul Harvey, and now, you know the rest of the story. This is Thom Taylor, Good Day.

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Pot Luck Dinner Meeting

Chapter 52's March meeting will be a Pot Luck Dinner. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 26, at the Aviators Restaurant (second floor, KSAC main terminal building) starting at 1830.

If your last name starts with: A-C-E-G-I-K-M-O-Q-S-U-W or Y, bring your favorite MAIN DISH.

If your last name starts with: B-D-F-H-J-L-N-P-R-T-V-X or Z, bring a SIDE DISH or SALAD.

Plan quantities for 10 to 12 people.

Consider bringing your favorite, or "special" beverage. If you have a special dessert, feel free to bring it in addition to your main dish, side dish, or salad.

We look forward to visiting with you!

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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 and are held in the same room as the general membership meetings.

NEWSLETTER: EAA Chapter 52 is not responsible for any modification or maintenance items that appear in the newsletter or in any other correspondence. It is the responsibility of the reader to discuss and obtain approval for all such items from an appropriate A&P, the FAA, or other government official.

The Wing Flap is published monthly with the exception of July and December.

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 President Jim Heffelfinger at 916-769-1819, or Membership Chairman Hap Pischke at 916-966-1346.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

EAA 52 General Meeting, February 26, 1930 at KSAC

EAA 52 Annual Hangar Clean Up and BBQ, March 10, 0900 at EAA hangar at Yolo County Airport KDWA

EAA 52 Board Meeting, March 12, 1900 at KSAC (**note new time !**)

EAA 52 General Meeting and Potluck, March 26 1830 at KSAC (**look for details in February WingFlap**)

EAA 52 Pancake Breakfast, April 14, 0900 EAA hangar at Yolo County Airport KDWA

Impromptu breakfast meeting Third Sunday of each month, 0830 at Perko's (Highway 50 and Bradshaw)

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Starting with the March, 2013 edition, the editors will discontinue the paper edition, and e-mail the Wing Flap to all members who have an e-mail address on file.

We will, however, continue to mail paper Wing Flap editions to those members who don't have an e-mail address, and to those members who wish to receive their paper Wing Flaps by U.S. mail. If you wish to continue receiving your paper newsletters, then please send a letter to the board of directors at the Chapter address, or send an e-mail to Wing Flap Editor at: thomtaylor5@gmail.com

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That time of year again, are you ready?

My friend Merv told me the other day he thought he was forgetting something, and asked what that might be. I ran down a list of items: Valentine's Day? You know Mavis will be upset. Merv said "covered." Irve's birthday? "Check," he said. I could see Merv was concerned so I said, "pay your taxes?"

I then saw the light bulb turn on in Merv's face as he ran off, calling back to me, "**I forgot to pay my EAA Chapter 52 membership dues!**"

Don't be a Merv and forget to pay your EAA Chapter 52 dues. And, remember to follow **Head in the Clouds** with Merv & Irve, in the **WING FLAP**