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Chapter 1000 meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month in the USAF Test Pilot School Scobee Auditorium, Edwards AFB, CA at 1700 or 5:00 PM, whichever you prefer. Any changes of meeting venue will be announced in the newsletter. Offer void where prohibited. Your mileage may vary. Open to military and civilian alike.

This Month's Meeting:



Project Police Baseball

Friday, 13 August 2010
1830 hrs (6:30 PM Civilian Time)
Clearchannel Stadium
Lancaster, CA

This month's EAA Chapter 1000 meeting will be on an alternate date (13 Aug 10 -- that's a Friday). We will be attending the Jethawks Baseball game at The Hangar/Clearchannel Stadium/Lancaster Stadium/whatever they're calling it this year. You know, the stadium at CA 14 and Ave I.

This year's baseball outing will be handled very similarly to previous years. We will be sitting in the City of Lancaster Skybox again. The good news is the tickets are free to **Project Police Officers** and their guests. The constraint is that there are only 20 tickets, so you might want to call the **Kommandant** (661-609-0942) and let him know you plan to attend. Other amenities include free sodas in the Skybox. Of course, you'll still have to pay for your own overpriced hot dogs or other food.

However, to take advantage of this offer, you need to follow the secret procedure very closely. The game starts at **1900** so be sure to get there by about **1830**. Look for the **Kommandant** or one of his minions strategically located under the F-18 on a stick. Say to him in a hushed voice "**Nuclear is spelled with 2 r's**". After hearing the passphrase, he will hand you a ticket to the game. If you are late and no one is standing there waiting for you, try calling the **Kommandant** at 661-609-0942 and if the assembled **PPOs** approve, someone will bring a ticket down to you. Of course, your lateness will cost you a round of sodas for everyone there.

Just in case you're wondering, there will not be a monthly meeting on 17 August 2010. You'll have to wait until September to hear about Stormy's adventures in Oshkosh.

- Erbman
 For the **Vice Kommandant**

Last Month's Meeting

EAA Chapter 1000
 Storm Central
 Rosamond, CA
 20 July 2010
Gary Aldrich, Presiding

The July meeting was held at "**Storm Central**" at **Rosamond Skypark**. **Kommandant Aldrich** presiding. **Scott "Stormy" Weathers** killed two pigeons with one stone by combining the monthly meeting and a house warming into one, the model of bachelor efficiency. (*I don't remember pigeon on the menu...*)

Twenty members and two guests were treated to three kinds of beer (Bud Light, Cold Bud Light and Free Bud Light) stored in the Northeast Hangar, 20mm tube steaks, assorted chips, macaroni salad and Chocolate Chip Cookies for desert, a serious breach of meeting etiquette/procedure, but hey...Stormy's house...Stormy's rules. Who am I to judge? **Knife Gennuso** performed **Grillmeister** duties. Of the two guests, **Dave Marten** (recent TPS grad and B-1 pilot) took advantage of our coupon special (write your name on a \$20 bill) and signed up to become a chapter member. The other guest remains a mystery known only as "**JP**" (because I forgot his last name), a former **Cobra Ball** pilot. JP said he came to the meeting by reading our newsletter that he found at WJF. JP, if you're out there, it was our pleasure to have you join us for the evening and it would be great to have you back. And I promise to get your last name.

An impromptu **Project Police** inspection was performed on the new pinstriping on **Russ Erb's Bearhawk** now residing in the Southwest hangar on the complex. That's right, TWO hangars, count 'em, TWO freakin' hangars. Stormy is considering having maps made of the complex.



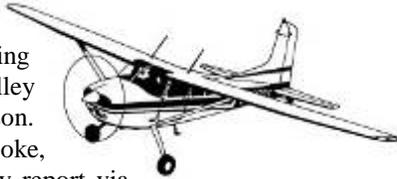
That's about it. Most of this is true.

- Kent "Cobra" Troxel
Minister of Propaganda

Kommandant's Korner

I hope everyone is enjoying their Antelope Valley summer flying season. Since last we spoke, when I submitted my report via iPhone from the remote jungles of Idaho, the *Fightin' Skywagon* has participated in a more civilized mission, albeit alcohol-related. **Mrs. Kommandant** and I winged our way NNW to the charming village of Paso Robles during the third weekend in July in order to celebrate our 38th wedding anniversary with a stay at a B&B. To carry this off we needed ground transportation for the inevitable trek to the local wine tasting rooms so we arranged to pick up a car at San Luis Obispo airport (KSBP...no, not KSLO). Why, you might ask, aren't there car hire agencies in or near KPRB? Good question. That was my job, but I strategically procrastinated long enough that they ran out of vehicles. Thus, the need to drop into KSBP. We took the opportunity to savor lunch at the "Spirit of San Luis" restaurant in the terminal before renting the car and dispatching **Anne** to drive the remaining 30 miles to KPRB. She must have really flogged that Nissan since she was waiting for me outside the Paso terminal just as I finished bedding down N2705K.

Did you know that there are over 300 wineries in the vicinity of Paso Robles? I didn't, and it presented a daunting challenge for which my personal travel guide, **Anne** was totally prepared. For my part, I simply flew and drove where I was told. After enjoying a Friday afternoon of tasting the local grape products and having a great meal at the local steakhouse we retired to our B&B which turned out to be...oh darn...another winery. Early the next morning I was dispatched to Livermore (KLVK) to pick up daughter **Debra** and son-in-law **Mike** as they were to join us in anniversary celebrations. That was appropriate as



their 5th anniversary occurred during the following week, presenting further justification for the revelry.

About the only down side of the whole weekend was the unseasonably (we're told) hot weather. When Sunday's departure loomed imminent, the reported temperature at the airport was 108 deg F. There wasn't a breath of wind and the density altitude was hovering around 6,000 feet. After looking at the two cases of purchased wine, the luggage, the four passengers and the full load of gas I had picked up in Livermore (for 40 cents a gallon less than Fox) I elected to settle **Anne** in the terminal with our stuff while I took **Debra** and **Mike** back to KLVK. Chances are the mighty VC-180 would have levitated the whole kit-and-caboodle, but why not make everyone more comfortable and add one more stop to the itinerary. We had arranged to drop the car at KPRB so all Anne had to do is sit in the comfortably air conditioned terminal while I made the shuttle run. After depositing the kids like rock stars in front of the Livermore terminal it was a quick hop back to KPRB to collect my bride and the bottles for the RTB.

All-in-all another fine example of the utility of General Aviation in America. If you are interested in hearing more details on the trip...to include our recommendations for the B&B and wine tasting (P.S. – there's beer tasting at the Firestone Brewery in town) catch me in the Skybox at Jethawks Stadium on the 13th.

Fly Safe and Check 6,

- Gary Aldrich
Kommanding

Clay Lacy Takes *Project Police* Backup To Oshkosh

You may have heard that **Clay Lacy** flew the world's only flyable **Douglas DC-2** to Oshkosh to participate in the gathering of **Douglas DC-3s** (do you think he didn't read the notice closely? Or is he just not so good at math?). But did you know that Mr. Lacy took *Project Police* support with him? Yes, somehow **PPO Hellmuth Steinlin** scored a seat on this historical aircraft for the trip to Oshkosh. No word on if he had to take a turn in the seat piloting.





**Operation Rubidoux
Sundown XVIII –
25 September 2010**

Yep, it's that time of the year again—time to “inspect” the progress of **EAA Chapter 1** in its effort to drive aviation infidels from the Flabobian region.

It's been so long since the *Project Police* have been able to mount a suitable raid on the Flabobians that some of you might not know what we're talking about. In the open literature, this event is known as the EAA Chapter One Open House at Flabob International Airport (KRIR).

Your mission is to drag out your *Project Police Aerial Assault Vehicle* and plan to fly to Flabob that morning. If you don't have a *PPAAV* then you need to arrange with someone who does so that you can participate in the assault.

If you plan to participate, contact the **Kommandant** by phone or e-mail to receive the secret OPPLAN for staging and mass arrival. If such a plan is created in time, it may be published in the next newsletter.

The Story Behind "Tough Sledding"

Back in 2009 I posted a copy of EAA Chapter 1000 favorite "Tough Sledding" on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qhNT5VMokU> . If you don't want to type all of that in, go to <http://www.youtube.com> and search for "tough sledding".



Knife or Knot? You Decide...

After over 1000 views, someone who was actually familiar with the making of this movie posted the following comment:

"Hi Russ; This film was made as a joke. My dad and his buddies in the Northrup film department were simply bored and decided to make this short as comedy using stock rocket sled accident footage. The "guy in the sand" scenes were done at Playa Del Rey Beach near what is now Marina Del Rey. My dad informed me that all the actors and film crew were employees of Northrup, mostly from the film department. At the time Northrup was upset with them, but after the Air Force later liked the film, the heat was off my dad and his staff. My father is still living in

Rancho Palos Verdes CA, will be 86 next week. JT. Wyper"

No mention was made if the gong ringer at the beginning and end of the movie was really our **George "Knife" Gennuso**, though he was a Northrop employee. Now can somebody explain why "Northrop" was sometimes spelled "Northrup"?

Project Police Aircraft Spotters Quiz



Once again, **Evil Editor Zurg** has uncovered another obscure airplane that he's guessing you've never seen before. Now he wants to annoy you by showing it to you so that you'll realize that you have no clue what it is while he sits smugly knowing exactly what it is.



Prove **EEZ** wrong by submitting a correct identification to erbman@pobox.com . If you don't know for sure, make something up! The funnier the better! You can also mail to the editor's address seen on the last page of this newsletter. Include any other information you know. Links to web sites with more info are a plus. Next month we'll tell you who (if anyone) was correct.

Why Is My Newsletter So Short?

Evil Editor Zurg is powerful, but he can only do so much. He can't publish what hasn't been written. Whose fault is this? Well **yours**, obviously! You haven't submitted a story or pictures of your adventures or about your project, or some technical article filled with useful info for your fellow *PPOs*. Your newsletter is sort of like politics--**Evil Editor Zurg** only accepts complaints about the length of the newsletter from *PPOs* that have submitted material for the newsletter recently. So there.

Web Site Update

As of 7 August 2010, the hit counter showed **133584**, for a hit rate of 16 hits/day for the last month.

Just a reminder that the EAA Chapter 1000 Web Site is hosted courtesy of  Quantum Networking Solutions, Inc. You can find out more about Qnet at <http://www.qnet.com> or at 661-538-2028.

Chapter 1000 Calendar

Aug 13: EAA Chapter 1000 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clearchannel Stadium, Lancaster CA. (661) 609-0942

Sep 7: EAA Chapter 49 Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m., General William J. Fox Field, Lancaster, CA. (661) 948-0646

Sep 14: EAA Chapter 1000 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m., High Cay, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

Sep 21: EAA Chapter 1000 Monthly Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Edwards AFB. USAF Test Pilot School, Scobee Auditorium. (661) 609-0942

Sep 25: Operation Rubidoux Sundown XVIII, Flabob International Airport (KRIR). <http://www.eaach1.org>.

Oct 5: EAA Chapter 49 Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m., General William J. Fox Field, Lancaster, CA. (661) 948-0646

Oct 12: EAA Chapter 1000 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m., High Cay, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

Oct 19: EAA Chapter 1000 Monthly Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Edwards AFB. USAF Test Pilot School, Scobee Auditorium. (661) 609-0942

Oct 21-23: Copperstate Fly-In, Casa Grande AZ (KCGZ). <http://www.copperstate.org>.

Nov 2: EAA Chapter 49 Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m., General William J. Fox Field, Lancaster, CA. (661) 948-0646

Nov 9: EAA Chapter 1000 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m., High Cay, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

Nov 16: EAA Chapter 1000 Monthly Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Edwards AFB. USAF Test Pilot School, Scobee Auditorium. (661) 609-0942

Dec 14: EAA Chapter 1000 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m., High Cay, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

Dec 21: EAA Chapter 1000 Festivus Etc Celebration, 6:00 p.m., Kommandant's Kwarters. Quartz Hill CA. (661) 609-0942

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 OPS RUBIDOUX SUNDOWN ANNOUNCED
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