



HIGH SIERRA FLYER

Newsletter of Sierra Chapter 403

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

– Chapter Flyouts



The historical records of Sierra Chapter 403 show that our chapter once did regular chapter flyouts. This got me thinking, is this something the chapter would like to start up again?

For those who don't know, a flyout is typically a group flying to an airport within 100 miles or so, that has a restaurant on or near the field, or maybe has an EAA chapter,

having breakfast or lunch together, and then flying home.

If this is something we want to do, then there are some questions that need to be answered:

- How many of our members have airplanes?
- Would you be willing to take another member as a passenger?
- As a pilot, what are your limitations (personal and aircraft)?
- Who is going to do the planning for these flyouts (Flyout Coordinator)?

There are many airports within our area that would be ideal for chapter flyouts. The biggest requirement is having a good coordinator. This job entails finding a location and doing the research to make sure it is suitable (i.e. has a place to eat), notifying the membership, and coordinating pilots and aircraft.

Thanks to our Volunteers!

If you think this is something the chapter should pursue, and if someone is willing to step up and take on the position of Flyout Coordinator, please let us know through either the newsletter or email me directly. newsletter@eaa403.us

Let's go places and have some fun!

FROM THE SECRETARY

– Christmas Brunch Details

Well, we are halfway through an amazing year! The date has been set for the annual Christmas Brunch, Saturday, December 6, 2025. If you have not joined us in prior years, it's a great morning of friendship and holiday celebration.

There will be door prizes and a holiday gift exchange (\$10 limit, no white elephant gifts). If you have photos from this year's events or your personal build projects or fly-ins, please send them to secretaryeaa403@yahoo.com so we can include them in a year end slide show.

Saturday, December 6, 2025
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Plaza Hotel Event Center
801 S Carson St, Carson City
(775) 883-9500

Also, we will be supporting the Ron Wood Family Resource Center Holiday Toy Program. Starting in October we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for local families in need.

Enjoy your summer!

FROM THE TREASURER

Balances as of 1 July:

- Savings: \$72,367.80
- Checking: \$5,509.29
- PayPal: \$3,087.47

Detailed monthly reports are posted in the Chapter House and available by email upon request.

WHAT'S NEW

– Saturday Lunch

The final lunch of June included youth activities in the morning, followed by some tasty grub at midday.



Sierra, Macy, Dmitri, and Sawyer started assembly of an RC airplane constructed with fabric over a wood frame. It's a model "Fifty Six" from Old School Model Works and is part of EAA's Build and Fly Program.



Juniper gets an impromptu flight.



After lunch, Jim ponders the mysteries of an antique Bendix magneto.

GUEST SPEAKER

June's guest speaker was Mark Guerrero of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF).



Sue is becoming an expert on the kitchen grill.



Mark is a member of the High Sierra Squadron based at Reno/Stead Airport.

As Squadron Check Pilot, his talk included an overview of the aircraft that are assigned to his squadron and some anecdotes on their endearing (and not-so-endearing) quirks.



Sue & Michael enjoying a joke.

Thanks to our Volunteers!

The squadron has a 1941 US Navy N3N “Yellow Peril” biplane and a Cessna L-19E “Bird Dog.”



Naval Aircraft Factory N3N



Cessna L-19E

For more information, visit the CAF website for the High Sierra Squadron.

<https://commemorativeairforce.org/units/38>

STUDENT PILOT SPOTLIGHT



This month’s featured Student Pilot is Julia Williams.

Julia is a dedicated junior in high school with a passion for archery and a strong commitment to education. She is currently a homeschool student and is enrolled at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC).

She is a solo airplane pilot who also tutors K-10TH grade students in English and first year Latin. She has nearly four years of experience in the Civil Air Patrol where she has held numerous leadership positions, including Color Guard Commander and Deputy Squadron Commander.

Julia has also had the distinction of being the first Cadet Public Affairs Officer (PAO) of her squadron.

Thanks to our Volunteers!

As a passionate mentor, Julia enjoys guiding fellow cadets, affectionately earning her the callsign “Mom.” Julia plans to further her academic journey at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), where she intends to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs.

With a vision of becoming a Bush Pilot, Julia is currently focused on obtaining her Commercial Pilot Certificate as well as an Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) certificate, alongside pursuing as many additional flight ratings as possible.

Driven by a passion for both education and aviation, Julia is committed to achieving her goals and making a positive impact in her chosen fields



VMC CLUB

The group meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 1800 in the Chapter House.

IMC CLUB

The group meets the third Thursday of every month at 1800 in the Chapter House.



YOUNG EAGLES

Some pictures from the June 14th rally...





YOUTH ACTIVITIES

More pictures from youth activities on 28 June.



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PROJECT VISIT

Eli dragged his parents out to visit Mike Zieba's Sling TSi project. He was full of questions, sat in the fuselage, did quality control checks, and even pulled a couple rivets.



REVO Trike over Runway 27 at Carson City

My reasoning is that it has a tandem open cockpit like the two-place gyroplane I'll be training in, and that it uses a Rotax 912-iS engine the same as I'll be using in my gyroplane kit.

Also, since the trike flies at ~70 mph in the pattern, we will be using a close-in pattern like I will be flying in my own gyroplane, rather than the longer full-size pattern used by much faster fixed wing aircraft.

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

Place your classified here. Let the editor know if you have something you want us to post.

FROM THE EDITOR

– More Training

As part of blowing out the cobwebs toward adding a Gyroplane Rating, I'm planning to take an intro lesson or two in Sport Aviation Center's REVO weight-shift "trike."

INFO TECH & WEBSITE

Newsletters are now available on the website to include any we have from previous years. If you have copies of old Chapter newsletters we'd like to scan them and add them to our archive.

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