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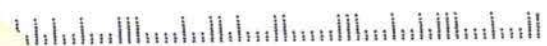
RV-6A built by David McClelland

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| | Sandra Erb | 883-6494 |

Chapter 403 Schedule

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| General Meeting | First Wednesday | Potluck 6:00 p.m. | Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| Executive Committee | Third Thursday | | 6:00 p.m. |
| Aviation Center Meeting | Tuesday before General Meeting | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Builders Meeting | Call or check website for schedule | | |
| Pancake Breakfast | Third Saturday | | 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. |
| Coffee & Donuts | Saturday | | 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. |
| | (When we don't have pancakes) | | |

*Unless noted, all meetings are at the chapter building, 2500 E. College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada 89706

Website: <http://eaa403.org>

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



BY JB

David and Theresa McClelland have been members of Chapter 403 for three years, and involved with the Carson City Airport for a number of years.

David was born in San Francisco, California and his family moved to Carson City in 1972 where he lived until graduating from Carson City High School. His uncle Everett McClelland gave him his introduction to aviation when he was 9 years old. Much like the Young Eagles program, David was taken for the ride of his life and from that point on he knew he wanted to fly. David moved to the bay area after high school where he worked construction and also met Theresa.

Theresa was a Navy brat born in Corpus Christi, Texas. Her father was a P-3 pilot and training instructor, and her mother traveled from base to base before they settled down in Santa Rosa, California. She and David met, got married and he moved her back to Carson City in 1993. Dave started his own construction company in 1991 and after moving back to this area he built their first home in Dayton on five acres. After living in the home for a couple months someone made them an offer they couldn't refuse. David would build a new house, they would stay a short while until someone purchased it and start over. They built houses and moved 11 times until Theresa said she was tired of moving so Dave built their current home where they have been since 1997.

David flew with friends and got his certificate in 2002 thanks to Jim Stowell and his red Skyhawk 172. David purchased it and received lessons from Jim and that was the start of a great friendship. In 2003 they started building an RV-6A until halfway through the project Jim moved to Texas. Dave finished the RV-6A with a lot of help from his friend Joe Raphael. The process took 13 months and Dave made his first flight on November 27, 2005 which was videoed by Bill Abbott. Dave says that all the help he received from chapter members was vital to completing his project. The advice, stories and information gave him the inspiration to get the project done and he says the airplane flies beautifully. Dave is looking into his next project and is considering an RV-10. That is, once he completes building the new family home.

David and Theresa have been married 15 years and have three beautiful children, Dustin 13, Jacob 12 and Sierra 6.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Sierra Chapter 403's new Av Center is scheduled to break ground sometime in 2007 and be completed by the end of 2009. Most of us know that we need this project to assure the healthy future of both our chapter and experimental/sport aviation in this area.

One of the common observations about our Carson City chapter is that we are more of a social club than we are a breeding ground for airplane builders and pilots. The new Av Center has an objective of invigorating our active builder/pilot membership by creating a more supportive environment. There are a lot of other reasons why this is an important project, such as providing independence from the whims of commercially-based airport decisions and enabling us to better serve the community with programs like the Young Eagles. While this is all very important and appropriate, we can also stop being embarrassed about the current culture of our chapter. Aviation enthusiasts, and builder/pilots in particular, are a fiercely independent and self-motivated group. That said, we are also human, and having a support group usually enhances the experience.

Saturday, Mike Jimenez flew his recently-completed RV-7A (his first flight chronicled elsewhere in this issue) into CXP for our pancake breakfast. He was immediately surrounded by chapter members that would not leave him alone for close to an hour. A newly completed project is still the most exciting event our "social club" looks forward to and the enthusiasm was obvious and important to Mike, I am sure. His first flight was at least the fourth of 2006 for Chapter 403, and our members have several more projects nearing completion. The Av Center is probably the most important single endeavor this chapter has ever initiated, but we are certainly not putting the local advancement of sport aviation on hold until it is complete!

Chris

EAA CHAPTER 403 CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 3, 2006 - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
at the Carson Nugget (Upstairs)
\$15 per person for the Buffet

You must RSVP by November 30 to Edie Grub, 885-1945
Please send checks payable to EAA 403 and mail to
2500 E College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89706
Or give your check to an officer before December 1
Bring a new or handmade gift (no gag gifts)
if you want to participate in the exchange!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1 Monthly meeting at the chapter building.
Potluck 6:00 p.m. meeting 7:00 p.m.

YOUNG EAA-GLES REPORT

If you missed the October 3 meeting, Merry Romine displayed a plaque which was presented to us at the recent Fallon Y.E. event. Check it out next time you are at the Chapter House. The plaque reads:

"The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe is grateful to the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 403 for introducing the Young Eagle program to our youth."

Two Y.E. recently enjoyed their first flight on September 30:

Spencer Brinson flown by Joe Raphael

Peter Brinson flown by David McClelland

Our chapter has recently received some excellent gift items for Young Eagles, including a "Learn to Fly" pamphlet and cool wristbands. If you know of any child who has demonstrated a continuing interest in aviation, please call Merry, 849-7959. She can provide materials to keep the enthusiasm going!

CONGRATULATIONS ON FIRST FLIGHTS

Ron Triano made the first flight in his Sonerai IIs (N91RT) on October 8. He purchased the airplane five months ago and has worked on rebuilding it every weekend since in his hangar at the Minden Airport. He said his knees were shaking but he still has a big smile and it was worth all the work.

Mike Jimenez made his first flight in his RV-7A (N51MJ) on October 19 and everything went well. He started building his airplane 6 ½ years ago in San Jose and has been working on it in his hangar at the Dayton Valley Airport. Mike appreciates all the great support of the Chapter 403 members and Van's in helping him reach his goal.

OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF EAA COMING SOON

As a fund raiser for our chapter, we are ordering the 2007 EAA calendar "World of Flight" featuring the best in aviation photography. You will especially enjoy January's photo of the Tahoe Special built by our own Steve Lantz and Paul Shepherd. Price is \$13 each and they will be available in December. Reserve now and order extras as gifts for your aviation friends! Call or email Merry to place your order: merryromine@aol.com or (775) 849-7959.

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"AVIATION CENTER"

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Experimental Aircraft Association is an international group dedicated to serving all of aviation by encouraging individual participation, high standards, aviation related education and access to the world of flight in an environment that fosters freedom, safety, family and personal fulfillment. The EAA is dedicated to promoting access to the dream of flight, preparing for the future of aviation, preserving the heritage of aviation and protecting the right to fly.

Sierra Chapter 403 received its charter from EAA headquarters on March 10, 1972. In the early years meetings were held in member's homes on a rotation basis and in various public buildings in Carson City. We are now renting a small building on the Carson City airport for our meetings. Our dream is an *Aviation Center* all under one roof that will house a meeting facility and a hangar/workshop where our members can build, restore and maintain homebuilt experimental aircraft as well as certified aircraft. The *Aviation Center* will also provide an aviation oriented library, a classroom and educational facilities sponsored by EAA to encourage young boys and girls to participate in aviation and aviation related activities and a facility for the use of other community interests such as a local Civil Air Patrol squadron, Boy and Girl Scout meetings and other similar functions. In addition to those worthwhile uses the *Aviation Center* will be available as a disaster relief center, which can provide temporary housing shelter for 50 to 75 people in the event of a community emergency.

To reach that goal we have acquired a long-term lease from the Carson City Airport Authority for 4+ acres of land on the Carson City airport with access from College Parkway. Our target is to build this *Aviation Center* scheduled for completion by November 30th of 2009.

PURPOSE:

1. To provide aviation education and learning center for EAA members and the general public.
2. To provide a meeting facility for community oriented activities. (See Activities)
3. To provide aviation oriented facility for off campus education for local schools and the Community College.
4. To provide a meeting and activity facility for the members of EAA Chapter 403.
5. A community emergency shelter. a) Disaster relief center and staging facility.
b) Fire emergency staging and assembly center. c) Red Cross control center.
d) Air National Guard support facility. e) Angels Flight emergency terminal.

ACTIVITIES:

1. EAA's Young Eagles program.
2. EAA's Flying Start program.
3. Boy Scout and Girl Scout meeting facility.
4. A Carson City CAP Squadron meeting and activity facility.
5. EAA sponsored ground school classroom.
6. Aircraft & engine education shop.
7. Provide a shop and tools where EAA members can build and maintain experimental aircraft.

TEST HOP DAY

It's a nice thought; Test Hop Day. All your time and money comes down to this special day. How many times did you lay awake at night thinking and fantasizing about all the neat things that will happen on your first flight? It is the birth of your aircraft. It gets to do what it is designed to do... Fly! You did it!

All your friends and loved ones have been waiting for this day, encouraging you on. You can't let them down; they have a stake in this project too. How many will show up? Should you alert the local news media? How about photos and movies? Should you have a chase aircraft? How about the Airport authority? Do you need a crash truck standing by? Should you wear any protective gear like a fireproof suit, helmet and/or parachute? How many radios for ground spotters? How many forced landing areas do you have picked out? How much recent flying time do you have? Have you done simulated forced landing practice? Do you need to consider having someone else do the first flight? These are the questions you will be asking yourself just prior to flight time.

Some of these questions are ego related, some are courtesy to those who care for you, some are just plain common sense and the rest are safety related. You can reduce the amount of safety related questions by becoming up-to-date, current and proficient and flight savvy in an aircraft like the one you intend to fly on the test hop. You can eliminate all the questions about ego by just being honest with yourself and your ego. As far as your friends and loved ones are concerned they will understand that the fewer people the better, and only key people need to be there. They can be there on all the following flights and can look forward to taking a flight with you later on.

It might be a good idea to make contact with other pilots that have test hopped aircraft like yours and spend some time going over some of the details of the first flight and how to conduct it. All test hops are very much alike when they go well. Being prepared for the many things that can go awry and being able to handle each one successfully is the most important thing. A good test hop is by its nature a long time planning and a very short time flying. The more time you spend planning your test hop the greater the success. Anyway if you did not like the first test hop you can always do another one. In fact I treated all my flights as first flight test hops.

Ron Sutton
Tech Counselor & Flight Advisor

**EAA SIERRA CHAPTER 403
BALLOT FOR 2007 OFFICERS**

| <u>Chapter Office</u> | <u>Candidate for Office</u> | <u>Circle Your Choice</u> | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| President | Chris Romine | For | Against |
| Vice President | John Grub | For | Against |
| Secretary | Merry Romine | For | Against |
| Treasurer (Joint Candidacy) | Bob Dickinson / Bob Stroub | For | Against |
| Director (Vote for Three) | Edie Grub | For | Against |
| Director | Tommie Lindsey | For | Against |
| Director | Mike Reynolds | For | Against |
| Director | Stan Roberts | For | Against |

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

| <u>Chapter Office</u> | <u>Candidate Name</u> |
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| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| 4. | |
| 5. | |

The election will be held at the November 1 regular monthly meeting, and your participation is appreciated. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please mail in your ballot or give it to someone who will be attending.