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RV-8 Fuselage being built by Bruce Gray

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Chapter 403 Schedule

Chapter Meeting	First Wednesday	Potluck 6:00 p.m.	Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Executive Committee	Third Thursday	6:00 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

Bruce and Christy Gray have been members of Chapter 403 for six years. Bruce was born in Montebello, California then the family moved to Palmdale. While in high school Bruce and his father started Ground School at the local college, but their love for flying never went much farther. He joined the Army in 1989 and was stationed in Gelnhausen, Germany for 10 months as an M1 Abrams Tank systems specialist. He deployed to Desert Storm for six months and was in Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. After the down sizing in Europe his post was deactivated and reassigned to Ft. Hood, Texas. He was honorably discharged in May, 1995 after 6 years. Bruce moved to Minden to work as an aircraft mechanic for Peregrine Flight Int. on the BD10, but after four months an accident caused them to close. At the time he also worked for Hutt Aviation as a line guy and was stripping paint on Swift Aircraft and T-34's for a private outfit. In 1996 he started work at Chromalloy Nevada and is currently a Production Manager of four HPT Nozzle Guide Vanes (jet engine components) manufacturing/repair lines.

Bruce learned to fly in 1998 in a Cessna 152 and 172, also a Cherokee 182. In 1997 he bought an RV-4 tail kit and after a trip to Van's and a test flight in an RV-8 he sold the RV-4 and started building his RV-8 in March 2001 in his garage. He has finished the tail, wings and the fuselage is under construction.

When Bruce had about 16 hours flying time and just soloed, he had an experience taking off from the Minden Airport in a Cessna 152 which would shake any new pilot. He was departing 34 and noticed the windsock go limp. As he rotated the aircraft the nose pitch up and forward pressure was applied to level the C152 to maintain airspeed. When turning crosswind and 500-600 feet AGL he hit extreme turbulence and there was such a loud bang he thought something had failed. His head and arms were thrown to the roof, but he immediately got the aircraft under control and executed a 180 degree no flap landing at 40% power. Another time he was flying a Cessna 172 Minden to Carson City to Lake Tahoe to take his mom, stepfather, and brother-in-law on a sightseeing trip. On take-off roll he noticed the aircraft not accelerating as normal and halfway down the runway he was deciding whether to abort when he finally lifted off. Managing to get 50-75 fpm on the VSI he continued to maintain airspeed. Once at a safe altitude he began to breathe again and his heart rate went back to normal.

Christy was born in Redondo Beach, California, and in 1992 her family moved to Minden. She lived in Corona for a year and decided to follow her family. She met Bruce in 1995 and they have been married since 1998. They lived in Minden for four years until building a home in the Dayton Valley Country Club in 2003. Christy works part time at Chili's and is also a Spin/Body Pump instructor at World Gym and Gold's Gym in Reno. They have two daughters, Alexis is eight and Sable is six and you might see them at the Chapter with Bruce coloring airplanes, looking for lady bugs or having hot chocolate & donuts.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We just returned from a Young Eagles meeting at the chapter house. Now here is a group of pilots and other members more than just enthusiastic about introducing young people to the experience of flight in a small airplane. When confronted with the challenge of hosting a large-scale YE event three or four airports down the road, on a fixed date at a busy time of the year, these folks rearranged their schedules on the spot and committed to offering Native American youth what may be the experience of a lifetime that changes some of their lives forever. A couple of our pilots that couldn't make the meeting even called in to voice their support and commit their time and aircraft. Several more members volunteered to drive out and provide ground support. Now THIS is what we're TALKING about!

The first week in August a few of your fellow chapter members pushed cars, trucks, and all manner of collector vehicles so that the rest of you can have a place to chew on a donut and sip coffee. The Hot August Nights Silver Auction "Car Push" is our second largest outside revenue source, responsible for paying the rent for half the year. Some members worked 12-14 hours on multiple days, and Chapter 403 rode their shoulders to respectability and appreciation as an organization. We'll be posting a list. When you see one of these folks, buy them a cup of coffee!

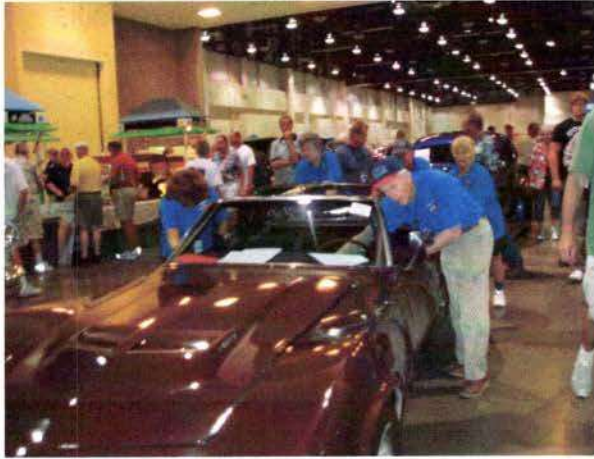
The number one revenue producer, and arguably the highest profile chapter activity of the year, begins in a few days. Signups for the Reno Air Races have begun and our September 6th meeting program will focus on organizing the volunteers for that event. Never has so much fun been so important to Chapter 403, so if you haven't worked the Air Races before, please don't be shy!

Young Eagles Program Children's Justice Act – Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe September 9, 2006 8:30 a.m. Sign-In Fallon Airport

Organized by new member Gary Hall, and approved by the Fallon Business Council, this EAA Young Eagles Program event is offering the youth of the Fallon-Paiute-Shoshone Tribe an opportunity to experience first small airplane flights over their reservations and Lake Lahontan with pilots and aircraft from Sierra Chapter 403. Gary has secured donations and discounts to provide avgas in support of the introduction to flight for 30, or more enthusiastic youth. We'll have coffee and donuts for the pilots and volunteers on the ground. Call Merry at 775-849-7959 for details and volunteer signup.

HOT AUGUST NIGHTS CAR PUSH

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Reno Convention Center to help push cars at the Silver Car Auction. We had a good turnout of both EAA members and Studebaker Club members, and we enjoyed seeing all the beautiful cars pass under our gloves.



SPORTS AVIATION CENTER UPDATE

Tommie Dee has prepared an outstanding site plan for our proposed center. It includes a hangar/activity building that is 60' X 120' (with hangar doors facing East), parking for more than 100 vehicles, outside parking for six aircraft and a small public viewing park complete with trees. There is room for some "tweaking" but the overall plan is pure "genius". Come on members, now is the time to get involved. This is your project and we can use all the help we can get. Now a bit of bad news, Bob Dickinson (Fund Raising Chairman) has had a heart attack. We do not know anything more than that, but please send him a good thought or even a prayer. His e-mail address is N54429@yahoo.com.

Phil McKinnon

RENO AIR RACES

We are now taking sign ups for the Reno Air Races. It should be a great year with the races including the Thunderbirds. You do not have to be at the September meeting to sign up, if you can't make the meeting please call me at 775-887-0532 or 775-846-6226. We have shifts available from Saturday, September 9 through Sunday, September 17. The duties will be minimal on September 9 and 10 and pretty much full duties beginning September 11. If you need camping please let us know ASAP.

Sandra Erb is in charge of the food service again this year, and she would appreciate any assistance on the cook crew plus donations of baked goods such as cookies, brownies and cake. Store bought is ok too. We will also need salads and fruit such as potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni salad, watermelon, honeydew, cantaloupe, etc. to go with the meals we serve. If you can help with any of these things let Sandra know at the September meeting or call her at 775-883-6494. Any help is much appreciated.

We will be working out of Hangar E-15 again this year, which is around the corner from the wash rack. I will have my schedule ready to take shift sign-ups on Sunday, September 10, and I should be able to issue credentials then also. If you plan to work but can't make it to Stead until later in the week and would like a specific shift, please call or e-mail me before September 8. My e-mail is hseafury@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

Donna Silva

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| September 6 | Monthly Meeting at the Chapter building - Potluck 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 |
| September 9 - 17 | Reno Air Races at Stead Airport. |

GROUND BOUND AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

On Saturday, August 19 John Grub took EAA 403's Ground Bound to the Children's Museum for their annual Kids Karnival fundraiser. With the help of Tony Lancia, John gave rides to 176 kids until a flat tire brought Ground Bound to a halt and back to the hangar.

CONGRATULATIONS ON FIRST FLIGHT

Wayne and Judy Berg's RV-8 is now flying. Wayne made his first flight in August, 2006 and all went well after several delays. You might see the white and green RV-8 making lots of flights out of Carson City flying 40 hours on the experimental Superior engine.