

# EAA Chapter 1232

## Newsletter

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### Aviation Podcasts

If you aren't familiar with *podcasts* you're missing out on some great aviation-related entertainment and education. The number and quality of aviation podcasts is exploding and this article provides a quick overview of some of the podcasts that are currently available and how to get them.

Simply stated, podcasts are similar to radio shows except you can listen to them at your convenience—think of them as TiVo for your computer. New episodes come out regularly, usually on a weekly basis and contain a TON of interesting and very timely information.

Each podcast has a website associated with it where you can download or listen to current and past podcasts as well as view “show notes” with links to other websites and supporting information. If you wish you can download and save episodes from these websites to your computer and listen to them at your convenience. You can also “burn”

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### Chapter notes....

#### February's Guest Speaker

We were fortunate to have local flight instructor/safety advocate Barbara O'Grady give a presentation on human factors in aviation at our February 5 meeting. Barbara's a great speaker and she brings quite a few years' experience to bear on the subject having developed crew resource management programs as far back as her days with Pan Am. She gives similar presentations and workshops all over Northern California and makes this a focus of the ground school course she teaches at Santa Rosa JC. By the way, Barbara advised us that the FAA is gradually training flight instructors to focus attention on this area during flight reviews so she's not the only one who understands the importance.

This condensed version of her presentation (which are usually a full day) led more than a few of those in attendance to contemplate their own mental approach to flying, and even though Barbara focused on the factors affecting our mindset and decision-making process the following quote summarizes the outcome we're trying to avoid:

Let Carl know if you're interesting in learning more and he'll put you in touch with Barbara directly.

several podcasts to a CD or load them on your iPod or other MP3 player to take along with you-this is a great way to pass the time while travelling to and from work, in the workshop, hangar, etc..

You can also use a piece of software called a "podcatcher" such as iTunes to download new podcast episodes automatically. I won't get into a tutorial here but iTunes has some good ones available to help you with this process. Or, you can just go grab a teenager and have them show you how. If all else fails drop me a note at [merc.k@comcast.net](mailto:merc.k@comcast.net) with your contact info-I'd be glad to help you.

Even if you decide to download current episodes of podcasts with a podcatcher you might only get the most current episode. Be sure to go to the podcasts' websites and take a look at some of the past episodes that you can download and listen to-you'll be amazed at the breadth of topics and personalities there!

Here's a list of a few of the podcasts I listen to regularly:

Airspeed with Stephen Force  
<http://www.airspeedonline.blogspot.com>

I've only listened to a couple of episodes of this podcast, but it comes highly recommended for its interviews with aviation personalities and I'm looking forward to catching up on some of the earlier episodes. Approximate running time for each episode 20 minutes.

Uncontrolled Airspace with Dave Higdon, Jack Hodges and Jeb Burnside  
<http://www.uncontrolledairspace.com/>

I'd recommend you start with episode #40 to get a feel for how entertaining this hangar-flying style podcast can be. Look for it in the listing of past episodes on the right side of the web page. 1 hr + for each episode.

The Finer Points with Jason Miller

<http://www.thefinerpoints.net/>  
Palo Alto-based flight instructor/musician focuses on safety and flight instruction topics. Each episode is 10-20 minutes.

Flight Journal Podcast with Budd Davisson  
<http://www.flightjournal.com>  
Hangar flying type flight reviews of various unique aircraft types he's flown during 30+ as an aviation writer, much along the lines of the late Jeff Ethel's video series.

Pilot's Flightpodlog with William Foster  
<http://pilotwill.libsyn.com/> with show notes at [http://web.mac.com/pilotwill/Site/Places\\_to\\_fly/Places\\_to\\_fly.html](http://web.mac.com/pilotwill/Site/Places_to_fly/Places_to_fly.html)  
West Coast/Bay Area flying

We'll be reviewing new (to us, anyway) podcasts, websites and movies in future newsletters, but please let us know of any others you know and like and we'll pass those along to the group.❖

*P.S. As I'm putting this together on the 23<sup>rd</sup> heavy rain has started to fall (again!) and the wind's blowing 20G35-another weekend of flying lost. I think it will be another two weeks before a new Sport Aviation or AOPA Pilot arrives, but I just downloaded an "old" podcast from the Uncontrolled Airspace site that was taped on the flight line at Oshkosh this past July. All of a sudden it's sunny and 80 with a soft breeze, and I'm laying in the shade of someone's Waco watching the morning arrivals....*

*"with enough bad decision making, one can overcome any skill level."*

- Bruce Landsberg  
AOPA Air Safety Foundation

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March 4

Chapter meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
*CAP trailer, Gness*

### April 19

Fly out to *Columbia (O22)*

### May 17

Chapter 1232 barbeque  
*Gness Field, Grassy area at North Entrance*

### June 6-8

Great West Regional Fly-in,  
*Marysville (MYV) Check those TFRs at Beale!*

### July 28-Aug 3

Oshkosh!

**September** ? one of last 2 Saturdays, actual date TBD.

Chapter 1232 Young Eagles Day  
*Gness Field*

## Young Eagles

Congratulations to members Jeff Clarke, Greg Fisher, Bob Minkin and Jim Swanson, each of whom flew at least ten kids last year to qualify for "10 for 2007" status with the Young Eagles program. Each will receive special recognition from the Young Eagles office along with "future enhancements" and opportunities. In addition, each will receive vouchers which can be combined with others (from our chapter and other chapters) towards a scholarship for some young person to one of EAA's two week Air Academy camps in Oshkosh. Be looking for those certificates to arrive in the mail, folks-when you get them let's pool them and work with other local chapters to see if we can send one or two kids to Oshkosh this summer. Let us know if you'd like to nominate a youngster age 8 to 17 for this scholarship (no, you're NOT eligible for this yourself!).

We flew over 100 new prospective pilots at our last Young Eagles day this past September, but we always get requests from individuals throughout the year and already have a Scout group that would like to fly when the weather turns. Watch your e-mail for more details and let me know if you'd like to be set up with a Young Eagle flight. No TSA security background checks are required.

## April Fly-out to Columbia

With a show of hands at the last meeting it appears we have pretty good interest in a fly-out to Columbia on April 19. Plans are to arrive at Columbia (O22) about noon and walk the half-mile into town for lunch. Details are to follow on the venue, and if we're all nice and presentable Dave Ward he may even let us see his shop.

We're also planning our next Spring Chapter Barbeque for May 19 on the grassy knoll at Gness. There may be other activities that day and while the flour bombing competition probably won't happen this year, we may occupy the mezzanine over Dave's office in order to provide landing critiques and scores for artistic interpretation to all incoming pilots and aircraft. Watch this space and your in-box for details and these and other events.

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## **New Members**

We'd like to welcome our two newest members to the Chapter, Allen Holmes and Eric Lanvert. Allen recently purchased a relatively low time Varieze which he has taken apart to fully inspect before re-assembling it and flying. Stop by and say hi if you're down along the "A" row of hangars. Eric is the proud owner of a Challenger LSA which he bought on e-bay, and he's looking for a local home for it. Now from what he said his wife may not yet know he bought a plane, so if you see the two of them together don't let on that you know anything. She'll never notice otherwise.

## **A Plea for help....**

This is the first of what we hope will be a monthly newsletter of items unique to our Chapter membership. Let's face it, we all get the same "big picture" information from the usual online and print sources but it would be nice to have some way to circulate those items of particular interest to our group, whether it be articles or ideas for articles, stories, photos, jokes, etc.. As for the style of this issue it's admittedly very "rough". Nothing about this newsletter is fixed; format, timing, content, editor, design, graphics-nothing.

It would be great if somebody with some real talent for this stuff could take control and turn this into something that 's informative, useful and attractive, but at the very least it will be extremely important to always have content that's interesting to our members. Please send us your "stuff" that comes up at Chapter meetings, lunches, informal hangar sessions, etc. that a lot of our members who can't be a part of might find really interesting.

While we're at it, we really need a proper masthead. Anybody game?

Finally, while this particular newsletter is set up to be distributed electronically we will probably print up a few copies to hand out, use as bait for new members, etc.. Let us know if you know of anyone who can't access this online but might be interested and we'll gladly mail one out to them.

Thanks,

Ken

## Picture Gallery



Chapter President, Carl von Doymi, with his RV-8 pictured with chapter Secretary/Treasurer Jim Swanson's RV-9A. Both under construction at Petaluma (O69). They are in the last row of hangars at the beginning of runway 29. Stop by and visit if you are in the area.



Chapter member Roger Willis with his restored Stearman PT-17 Biplane about to aviate.

**Submit your picture(s) to a chapter officer to be included in future newsletters.**