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RV-6A built by Joe Raphael

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Chapter 403 Schedule

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

Joe Raphael was born in Reedley, California, the youngest of eight children. He qualified for Aviation Cadets while attending junior college but talked to the Air National Guard and joined in 1955. He went on active duty with the Air Force for the duration of training starting at Lackland AFB for basic, Graham AFB in Florida for Primary then to Greenville AFB for T-33 training. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, got his pilot's wings and went to F-86 training at Perrin AFB.

In 1958 Joe returned to Fresno, after four years with the Air National Guard logging 1,400 hours in the F-86. He continued school at Fresno State and worked until 1962 when he left the Guard and went on active duty with the Air Force. He was sent to the Air Training Command at Laredo AFB, Texas for four years where he instructed in the T-33, T-37, and T-38 Talon. Joe was sent to George AFB for training in the F-104 and F-4 and served a year in Vietnam at Da Nang AFB from 1967-1968 flying the F-4. He was a wing flying safety officer and an F-4 flight instructor at MacDill AFB in Florida for three years then became Chief of Safety at Hill AFB in Ogden, Utah which was an overhaul depot with a workforce of 18,000. The next four year assignment was a staff position traveling around the world evaluating aircraft crash rescue capabilities of AFB fire departments. Joe went to Yokota AFB in Japan where he was a Director of Current Operations and flew the T-39 for four years. He never learned Japanese but felt comfortable with the people and culture. In 1980 he returned to Travis AFB where he retired as a Lt. Colonel after a 23 year career.

He moved back to Japan as a consultant at an all Japanese company to help open military markets. They manufactured tents, storage units and large dome coverings. Joe stayed a year, then moved back to San Francisco for a short time and got a position with a government contractor at the Hawthorne Army Ammunition Depot. He was one of four Directors managing the Depot for 8 ½ years before moving to Carson City in 1988 when he joined Chapter 403.

Joe learned to fly at 17 in a 65 HP Aeronca in Reedley. He built a Christian Eagle, a fully aerobatic bi-wing while in Hawthorne which he finished in 1985 and flew for 8 years. He started building his RV-6A in 2000 and flew it for the first time in 2003. Thanks to George Leider, Bill Abbott and Jess Edwards who were always there to help when needed. Since flying is a big part of his life, Joe can generally be found at the Carson City Airport. He helps others build and complete their projects and sometimes fly their airplanes on the first flights.

Joe's older daughter Amory is a professor teaching Sociology at Chapman University in Southern California. His younger daughter Sophia is an undergraduate student at UNR and wants to be an emergency room doctor. She was Valedictorian of her class at Carson City High School in 2006 and is on the way to achieving her goal.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The closing of 2006 for Chapter 403 invites a review of our considerable accomplishments. Remembering that previous administrations and committees set the stage for the progress we made this year, we can nevertheless be proud of the efforts of our diverse membership.

The Young Eagles program averaged close to one first small plane flight experience a week, due to the generosity of our pilots and an outstanding Fallon "Fly-out". While not our best-attended Silver State Fly-in, our joint event that also supported the airport open house was well-received by our Carson City community and was a great fund-raising opportunity. Considerable progress was made on our quest for a new chapter aviation center as a dedicated committee met no less than a dozen times and invested hundreds of hours in planning our future home. The Hot August Nights "Car Push" and Reno Air Race volunteer efforts generated record income used to support chapter operating expenses and contribute to the Av Center building fund. Our entry in the Nevada Day Parade was the best-organized in years and hopefully attracted more members and supporters from the community.

Several first-flights by our homebuilders told us that the spark of aviation adventure is still burning bright. Perhaps the most gratifying indication that our EAA chapter is on the right track has been the record-setting number of cash donations made by members and member's families investing in 403's future. We can all be proud of 2006 and should be looking forward to an even more exciting 2007.

It may not be PC, but **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Newsletter Editor Needed

Chapter 403 is looking for a newsletter editor to replace our "semi-retiring" Judy Berg. Basic computer skills and any previous experience would be helpful, but enthusiasm is the most important qualification. You will get plenty of help and Judy has offered to assist with the transition. We need one more good person to step up!

Chris

NEVADA DAY PARADE 2006

EAA 403 celebrated the 142nd year of statehood for Nevada by “flying” down Carson Street on a magnificent 40’ trailer generously loaned to us by Basalite. We can thank Phil McKinnon for once again obtaining the parade float platform and certainly we are appreciative to Kyle Holt at Basalite, as well as drivers Ryan and Jeremy who skillfully navigated through busy traffic and honked the horn to the delight of the kids along the street. The bright and shiny cab was definitely parade-worthy!

Decorating of the float started Friday afternoon with a crew of chapter members: Phil, Tony, John, Merry and Chris, Tommie and Marilyn, Mike J., Jim and Jean, George L., Bill W. Two new 4 x 8 signs adorned each side of the float inviting the public to “BE A PART OF CARSON CITY’S FUTURE THROUGH AVIATION”. Flags flying from each corner along with red/white/blue streamers marked our patriotism.

Thanks to John Grub’s personal aerodrome, I mean hangared aircraft collection, we displayed 3 aircraft: Merry “flew” the Bede, Chris “flew” GroundBound, and we displayed the bare skeleton of the Pietenpol, which John has purposely left unfinished to demonstrate an airplane under construction. With ailerons going up and down, we greeted the parade goers from the float, while Mike and Terry Reynolds, dressed in period flying garb walked alongside handing out sweets. For those of you along the parade route, thanks for all the cheers and whistles! We who were involved had a ball representing our chapter!

GONE WEST

We are sad to report the death of Elman “Mac” McCaleb in September. For many of us, he will stick in our memory as our oldest “Young Eagle” when he flew backseat behind his grandson Caulin at our Young Eagle event in April 2006. Caulin wouldn’t have become a Young Eagle without the reassuring presence of his grandfather. RIP

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!



2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's time to renew your membership for EAA Sierra Chapter 403. According to Chapter Bylaws, "Dues are to be paid annually and are payable upon joining and January 1st of each year thereafter". You must be a member of EAA National to be a member of Chapter 403. **Membership dues - \$24.** Newsletter only - \$15.

Please fill out the information below and give your cash or check payable to EAA 403 to an officer or mail to the chapter at: 2500 E. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89706.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

EAA National Membership Number: _____ Expiration Date _____

Amount Enclosed: _____