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## Muroc - Edwards AFB Speakers to be at EAA Meeting

Local pilots, both EAA and non, are invited to attend the next meeting of EAA Chapter 170 (San Luis Obispo) to be held **March 15th**. Guest speakers will be Gene Kenner and Dick Fischer who will treat us to a historical overview of aeronautical research at Muroc, south base, now known as Edwards AFB.

Gene spent 37 years at Muroc/Edwards AFB from 1948 to 1985, working in the instrumentation on flying vehicles of various types. During his last years at Edwards, Gene worked for NASA and retired from them as an Engineering Technician. Gene will show some videos he has of the very early days of Muroc - south base.

Dick started at the NASA Flight Research Center at Edwards in June 1964 when the primary project was the X-15 and the 'lifting body' research program was just beginning. The light-weight M2-F1 had been flown first in late 1963.

Dick worked on the X-15 and Lifting Bodies as well as several lesser known projects including a Lockheed JetStar which was modified as an in-flight simulator, several modified F-104s, a Navy F-8 which was fitted with supercritical airfoil wing and other general aviation aircraft such as a Piper Twin Comanche modified with a full fly-by-wire flight control system. Finally, Dick was contracted to restore the wooden M2-F1 Lifting Body in 1994 and delivered the completed project in 1997.

The EAA meeting are held at the church building located at the corner of Santa Rosa and Foothill Blvd., in San Luis Obispo. The meeting starts at 7 PM.

### FROM PAT DUNCAN

The March "Human Factors" Seminar will be presented by Captain Michelle Kemeny from Edwards Air Force Base.... She is a most capable Air Force Flight Physiologist and Human Factors expert. I will be sending out a "Safety Notice" to all pilots on Monday with a reminder and details of the March Seminar.

In May I am having former FAA Western Region Attorney and present NTSB Bar Association President....Michael Dworkin from San Francisco here to present "Air Safety Regulatory Enforcement". This will also be an excellent eye-opening presentation on pilot/owner regulatory/legal obligations and liability.

### WOMEN IN AVIATION READY FOR RENO

Coming up March 21-24 at the 12th Annual International Women in Aviation (WAI) Conference, coming to Reno, Nev. Okay, there's a variety of educational sessions, special events, exhibits and 'networking'. Speakers will include test pilot Chuck Yeager, best-selling author Patricia Cornwell and FAA Administrator Jane Garvey.

# CALENDAR

Mar. 6th - Tues. 7:00 PM - SLOPA Board meeting -Cal Coast office

Mar. 13th - Tues. 6:30 PM - FAA Safety Seminar - SLO Vets Hall

Mar. 15th - Thur. 7:00 PM - EAA Chapter 170 meeting (church at Santa Rosa & Foothill)

Apr. 4th - Wed. 6:30-8:30 - Avionics seminar @ San Luis Avionics - Hangar #37

(Contact San Luis Avionics by 3/26/01 for info)

## SLOPA Board and Officers

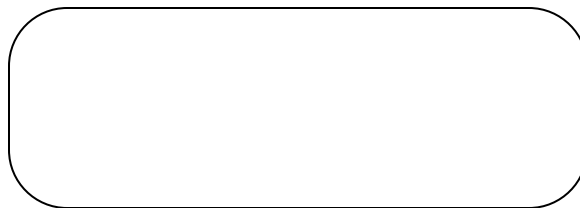
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Propwash is published monthly and mailed to SLOPA members and to local aviation agencies. Members are welcomed and encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication. Submissions should be e-mailed to D.Darbyshire, mailed as typed text to PO Box 292, SLO, Ca. 93406-0292, or given to a SLOPA Board Member.

Address Correction Requested

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February 2001

**Presidents Message**

Welcome to NEW MEMBERS: Chuck Pratt, George Petty and Brian Parris.

The month of February flew by and I'm late in getting the Propwash out. Contributions of articles/stories from the membership would be appreciated!

The latest AOPA Magazine has a well-deserved piece about the work of SLOPA Board Member, Dr. Robert Tefft, and our AOPA Airport Representative. There's a photo of Bob and his Socata accompanying the article.

The fly-in to SBA went off without a hitch as the weather was perfect, and the flying was great. Unfortunately, I was the only participant. As I waited at Mercury for other 'hardy' souls to arrive I approached several waiting pilots thinking they might be new members doing the same. Not so. I did have a discussion with one fellow who'd flown Alaska in a 182 and was now in search of a personal jet. The walk to the "Beach Side Café" was relaxing and I had a deep discussion with myself about the future of general aviation. The Fly-in to Camarillo was cancelled due to weather.

The plans for the Summer BBQ and the Christmas holiday dinner are in the early stages and your input and participation is sought. Rick Etzler is working on getting us use of the Avila Yacht Club facility for the Christmas dinner, and Dick Girard is looking at options for the Summer BBQ (Pot Luck?). Dick's number is in 'the book' and Rick's is on the Propwash cover. Please feel free to donate time and energy to these projects.

On Saturday, 3/3/01 Neil Koellish of EAA, Liz Dinan for the 99's & SLOPA and I met with Mr. Bob Dickson. Mr. Dickson is seeking help to bring a B-17 and a B-24 to SBP for a fly-in, as part of a nationwide tour. (See elsewhere this issue).

The modest Mr. Dickson was a B-17 pilot with four missions over Germany before being shot down by ME109s and imprisoned by the Nazi's.

I have asked Mr. Dickson if he would speak at our Summer BBQ.

**If you want to help with the B-17/B-24 visit & planning, speak up!**  
**Phone 471-1189 or e-mail slolaw@yahoo.com**  
for more info on the aircraft and group:  
[www.collingsfoundation.org](http://www.collingsfoundation.org)

**ISSUED:** February 28, 2001 **Effective:** March 31, 2001  
**SANTA BARBARA TRACON/TOWER LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 01-1**

**SUBJECT:** VFR Practice Instrument Approaches.

**CANCELLATION:** March 31, 2003. This Letter to Airmen replaces Santa Barbara TRACON/Tower Letter to Airmen No. 99-01.

This letter is issued to advise all pilots that this facility will provide standard IFR separation to all visual flight rules aircraft conducting practice approaches at Santa Barbara Municipal Airport.

Flights originating at Santa Barbara Airport should make requests on clearance delivery frequency 132.9.

Airborne pilots should contact Santa Barbara Approach Control on 125.4 when east of the airport, or on 120.55 from the west side of Santa Barbara Airport.

Santa Barbara Approach Control is physically located in the base building at the Control Tower on Santa Barbara Municipal Airport. The only current source of terminal radar information is obtained from the Santa Barbara ASR-8 radar antenna located midfield on Santa Barbara Airport. Radar coverage north of the airport is not available beyond 10 miles from the antenna below 6000 feet due to the coastal mountain range.

Any questions or comments regarding this service should be forwarded to the Santa Barbara TRACON/Tower Manager at 10 Burns Place, Goleta, CA. 93117. Or phone 805 681-0534.

- Need to Renew:**
- Debbie Bailey
  - Jason Berg
  - Glenn Graham
  - Jonathan Jacobs
  - Harry Machado
  - Stan Mello
  - Robert Paige
  - Frank Silva
  - Mike Stofer
  - Larry Strasbaugh
  - Lane Stuart
  - Tim Foley

## SLOPOA Board Minutes February 6, 2001

Minutes of the meeting for the San Luis Obispo Pilot's Association were held on the above date.

Those in attendance were:

Dick Girard  
Rick Etzler  
Tricia Brimhall  
David Darbyshire

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by D. Darbyshire.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Dick Girard. The new balance is \$2201.71 that the report be  
The Treasurer's report and the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as submitted.

Old Business:

1. Saturday's fly-in to Santa Barbara was attended by one.
2. There was discussion of the possibility of a fly-in to Fox Field in the future. A shuttle to LA Center at Palmdale would then be arranged.

New Business:

1. There will be a fly-in to Camarillo on Saturday, the 25th of February. Everyone is encouraged to meet at the coffee shop there at 11:30 for lunch.
2. Rick Exler has contact with the head of the San Luis Obispo Yacht Club on the pier at Avila Beach. He will look into having the next Christmas party there at their facilities. The club would provide a bartender, BBQ pits but no cook. Instead of having people man the BBQ pits, etc., it was suggested that we have a pot luck.
3. Dick Girard brought up the subject of a summer BBQ at Varian Ranch. He will check into a possible July date with Phil's Catering providing the food.
4. It was previously voted on and approved that the new member fee not be charged. David will make note of it in the next Prop Wash. David made a motion to send post cards to remind people of dues payments and Rick seconded. All were in favor.
5. One of the possibilities for advertising/promotion would be to invite the city council for an open house of various hangers. It was suggested that they also tour an FBO. Trish stated that Cal Coast Flyers would be willing to have people tour and possibly have one or two instructors there to answer any question.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. The next meeting will be held March 6, 2001-7pm.

### Members Businesses

<b>Air San Luis *</b>	541-1038
Brooks Woodcraft	544-2505
<b>Cal Coast Fuels*</b>	545-9569
Cal Coast Flyers Inc.	544-4468
<b>En Vision Optometry *</b>	542-0700
Executive Aero Club	783-2359
Marc Air Charter	782-8111
<b>San Luis Avionics*</b>	783-0430
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