

The Alameda Aero Club Newsletter

July 2005

New Commercial Pilot!

On May 31, 2005 I passed the Commercial check ride. Took off from Palomar airport.

Bill Villa

New Instructor

Ryan Kelly is a flight instructor CFII MEI now available to the membership of the AAC for all levels of instruction.

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The \$100 Vege-Burger

After too many hops to Petaluma and Napa for my \$100 hamburger fix, I realized the need to expand my horizons and look for new places to pour my ketchup. In early March the storms parted and we were bathed in glorious sunshine. With two friends and an afternoon free of obligation, I set out in search of new culinary delights. Consulting my new best friend – www.100dollarhamburger.com – I plotted a course for the \$100 vege-burger, otherwise known as Angwin-Parrett Field (203).

Taking off from Runway 33, 12R settled onto a course of 334. It was smooth sailing directly over San Pablo Reservoir dam, across the east side of San Pablo Bay, and up the Napa Valley. Then smooth flight gave way to the light chop of hills being warmed by the sun. As St. Helena grew larger in my window, I called the Angwin CTAF and bounced along towards lunch.

The airport is on a ridgetop – right where it should be and exactly in the place I wasn't looking. (Nothing instills confidence in your passengers like the pilot asking if anyone has seen the airport.) After a scenic circle over the edge of the Pope Valley, the runway appeared as if by magic and I began a descent and turned to enter on a 45 for right traffic.

Checking my friend in the back seat to make sure he was set for landing, I saw his headset around

his neck and a plastic bag open in his lap. "Uh oh," I shouted. "Are you feeling okay?" The answer was no. About the time I turned base, he turned a new shade of green and put the plastic sack to use. The two of us up front opened the air vents all the way.

Final approach to runway 34 takes you over a grove of shockingly tall trees, but once cleared the runway was plenty long, especially with a 5-10 knot headwind straight on the nose. There are no taxiways and all parking and services are under final approach to runway 34, thus the need to taxi back the length of the runway. If you find yourself following someone else in for landing, it is a good idea to give some extra space to allow them to get clear.

Angwin is the airport for Pacific Union College, a 7th Day Adventist school nestled along the ridge just below the airport. You get food in the school's cafeteria, so there we headed. I could give directions, but it is easier to ask a student or at the airport office. Don't rely on signs or you'll never find it. It's a pleasant walk, about 10-15 minutes through the campus. The food is decidedly college cafeteria style, and in keeping with 7th Day Adventist beliefs, has no meat. We caught Sunday brunch and got our fill of tater tots, waffles, scrambled eggs, tofu-sausage patties, and the like. On a nice day, take your food to go and find a spot outside. (One note, the website reports they don't accept any type of payment on Saturdays. They give you an envelope and you send in the money later.)

After an hour or two of walking around and enjoying the sun, we hopped back in 12R for the ride home. This time, no plastic bags were needed.

Cisco DeVries

Events, Airshows

Westover Field Classic Aircraft Display, Westover Field/Amador County Airport (O70), Jackson, CA, July 16, 2005

For More Information Contact: 209-223-2376

Cedarville Fly-In, Cedarville Airport (O59), Cedarville, CA, July 17, 2005

For More Information Contact: Ken Lucas, 530-

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Old Time Fly-in, Colusa County Airport (O08), Colusa, CA, July 23, 2005

Free breakfast for pilots and passengers, raffle prizes, judging, BBQ lunch. For More Information Contact: Harry Krug, (530) 458-0580
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Santa Paula Airport's 75th Anniversary Celebration, Santa Paula (SZP), CA, August 6, 2005

For More Information Contact: 805-642-3315

Air War Over Korea at Planes of Fame Museum, Chino Airport (CNO), CA, August 6, 2005

For More Information Contact: 909-597-3722
<http://www.planesoffame.org>

Westover Field Classic Aircraft Display, Westover Field/Amador County Airport (O70) Jackson, CA, August 20, 2005

For More Information Contact: 209-223-2376

Wings Over Wine Country Air Show, Sonoma County Airport (STS), Santa Rosa, CA, August 20, 2005 - August 21, 2005

For More Information Contact: 707-575-7900
<http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/airshow2005/airshow2005.asp>

Thunder Over the Valley, Santa Maria Public Airport (SMX), Santa Maria, CA, August 26, 2005 - August 28, 2005

View 50+ aircraft on the ground and in action. Flybys, special displays, plane rides, vendors, food, police and CHP exhibits and more. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, admission \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 7-12, 6 and under free and Sunday 9 a.m. to early afternoon, with ticket prices \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 7-12, under 6 free.

For More Information Contact: Museum of Flight, 3015 Airpark Dr., Santa Maria Airport, Santa Maria, CA. Phone: 805-922-8758
<http://www.smmof.org>

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