

## Photos from Oshkosh by Chris Laws

The Consolidated PBY Catalina was an American flying boat, and later an amphibious aircraft of the 1930s and 1940s produced by Consolidated Aircraft. It was one of the most widely used seaplanes of World War II. Catalinas served with every branch of the United States Armed Forces and in the air forces and navies of many other nations.

During World War II, PBYS were used in anti-submarine warfare, patrol bombing, convoy escorts, search and rescue missions (especially air-sea rescue), and cargo transport. The PBY was the most numerous aircraft of its kind and the last active military PBYS were not retired from service until the 1980s. Even today, nearly 80 years after its first flight, the aircraft continues to fly as a waterbomber (or airtanker) in aerial firefighting operations all over the world.

The designation "PBY" was determined in accordance with the U.S. Navy aircraft designation system of 1922; PB representing "Patrol Bomber" and Y being the code assigned to Consolidated Aircraft as its manufacturer. Catalinas built by other manufacturers for the US Navy were designated according to different manufacturer codes, thus Canadian Vickers-built examples were designated PBV, Boeing-Canada examples PB2B (there already being a Boeing PBB) and Naval Aircraft Factory examples were designated PBN. Canadian examples were named Canso by the Royal Canadian Air Force in accordance with contemporary British naming practice of naming seaplanes after coastal port towns, in this case for the town of Canso in Nova Scotia while the Royal Air Force used the name Catalina. The United States Army Air Forces and later the United States Air Force used the designation OA-10. Navy Catalinas used in the Pacific against the Japanese for night operations were painted black overall, and as a result were sometimes referred to locally as "Black Cats".



Ken Locke-Paddon



Viking Aircraft Engine



President's Corner  
by Chris Laws

Unfortunately I am having to write this before AirVenture. That just means next months newsletter and meeting will be full of pictures and stories for you. I didn't want to skip an issue though because we still have a lot going on. This months meeting we are having our annual potluck picnic. Please see the flyer with all the info on what and who to bring.

I also want to start talking about the Watsonville Airshow. I hope you are all planning on being involved. We will still be having our pancake breakfast Saturday 8/31 and Sunday 9/1. This is currently our only fund-raiser so we could use all hands on deck to make sure it runs smoothly. I will be taking sign-ups for set-up, cooking, serving, and clean up both days. We could also use help getting ready on the Friday before and cleaning up the Monday after.

Another thing I am working on for the Airshow is having a guest speaker. I have been talking to someone who has developed a new power plant for small aircraft. He is planning on bringing a working prototype. As I finalize more with him be watching for more details.

I don't know if I've said this before but I really want to see EAA Chapter 119 be a building chapter. I know some of you are building or have built and that's great! I just don't want us as a chapter to build and keep to ourselves though. I want to show and inspire other young and older aviators. I want to bring people in who aren't a part of our group who haven't built a plane before and let them help. I want to see the excitement for building and flying experimental aircraft grow in somebody for the first time. Maybe I'll be lucky enough to see that passion be passed on to the next person.

This is how I see our chapter growing and effecting the community. Who's with me? I have one project to finish up and move out of my hanger. As soon as I do that RV 7 is for everyone to help build. Even young eagles and their parents can get in on the build action. Who better? Remember, If it's not fun then why do it?

Your President,

Chris Laws



Thank you to Don French and his partner for their very generous donation of their Jabiru to our chapter. Leaders of the chapter gathered and worked together to take the wings off the plane for storage. Plans are to sell as much of the aircraft as possible to raise money for the rising costs of using the building.

## Chapter News

### EAA Chapter Minutes



Date: 2 July 2013

Time: 7:30 PM PST

Place: EAA 1119 Hangar,  
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville, CA

Type: Chapter Meeting

How called: Regularly scheduled.

How notified: Chapter

Newsletter and Website calendar.

#### Treasurer report

- Checking: \$4896.54
- Savings: \$8384.17
- Moved and seconded and approved by Jim, Dennis, and members

#### Meeting notes

- June meeting minutes approved
  - Dennis Thomas moved approval
  - Tony Gaidos seconded
  - All approved
- Calendar
  - 7/13/13 Second Saturday
    - Aircraft Display
    - Airport Blvd Cleanup @ 10am
    - Young Eagles display
  - 7/10/13 EAA119 Board meeting
  - 7/6/13 Young Eagles with Watson-

ville Contigo program (~17 kids)

- 7/28 - 8/4 Airventure
- Young Eagles
  - Owen Leipelt - departs for AirAcademy on Monday
  - August rally - some members will be in WI
- Lease - signed and approved, we are trying to add more aviation education. Highschool still using WAEC. Night class will continue, tailoring to aircraft builders and owners, access to equipment.
- Aug meeting - potluck at Tom Hoyt Park, 6pm, chapter provides drinks and desert
- Aviation Explorer post - looking for volunteers
- 99s - Thank you for support of Dime-A-Pound rides at WVI Open House.
- Presentation
  - Project show and tell
    - Bob Frisby - New RV-12 project
    - Discussion of Viking engine - Honda Fit engine
    - Ragwing by Jim Davis
    - Paddon's trike
    - Doug Ferguson trike

### Chapter 119 Membership

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## The Airport and Local Politics

Sorry, there is no separation of the airport from local politics. Back in about 1991 the Watsonville City Council voted 7-0 not to convert the airport to low income housing. That was after an intense battle between airport folks and ant-airport activists. Part of the activists' plan was to make runway 2-20 a street. In 2006 council voted 6 to 1 to approve a general plan containing policies that caused litigation between the Watsonville Pilots Association (et al) vs. the City of Watsonville. That involved encroachment that would require runway closures and/or restrictions. In 2013 the council voted to raise hangar rates by 24% over a three-year period. That's in addition to the ongoing yearly CPI increase. Last week the council voted to extend the lease of the WAEC hangar to EAA 119 without charge escalation and leased the golf driving range to a private operator. So politics for pro-airport people, it's very good, and not so good. Hopefully, things are looking up.

On July 2, 2013, headlines in the Santa Cruz Sentinel and Register-Pajaronian reported on actions to improve Watsonville city government. A local citizen group filed three ballot initiatives with the clerk for vote in June 2014. The initiatives would (1) require district voters to fill a vacant city council seat (charter amendment); (2) a system of selecting the mayor and vice mayor using a district rotation system (charter amendment); and (3) require a vote of the people to change a name (or name) a public place.

Regarding charter amendment #1, presently council members fill a vacant council seat by picking the person they want. And recently a person vacating a seat chose to be part of the selection process by creating an "occupied vacancy" situation (oxymoron?). The ballot initiative changes the city charter to a district vote and eliminates the "occupied vacancy" vote. Every member of the current council was either appointed by other council members, or ran unopposed.

Regarding charter amendment #2, the mayor selection process is changed to a district rotation system. This eliminates existing overt cronyism. Currently the council majority picks the mayor which has caused dissention between council members. And voters of district 6 and 7, who have not had a mayor representative in years feel disenfranchised. Unfortunately a better system, a mayor-at-large vote system, probably would have to be approved by the US Supreme Court, a very expensive litigation action. The district rotation is next best for now.

Initiative #3 results from a politician, Luis Alejo, deciding to change the name of the City Plaza. This caused a big uproar in Watsonville. The idea was withdrawn; but it cost the city taxpayers money.

The Watsonville Regional Airport Promotion—PAC (WRAP), is supported by both pilots and local community interested in protecting and promoting the airport. WRAP approves of the actions of the citizen group in Watsonville who want better government. The citizen group has voiced appreciation of WRAP's backing. One has to hope that anytime you get better government it will be a win-win for the airport, the city, and the Pajaro Valley.

Dan Chauvet

WRAP Associate

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You're invited to join EAA UL110 – August 17th at the Wings of History Museum club room. Our guest speaker will be Alec Proudfoot. Alec is the lead on a project to build a human powered airplane. The project is well underway and should be completed this fall. Alec will talk on the history of human powered flight as well as his current project.

Preview at: <http://www.dashpa.blogspot.com>. More info at: [www.ul110.eaachapter@eaa.org](http://www.ul110.eaachapter@eaa.org)

Out of your element, the pressure is escalating and you just want to buy time to get back into a situation you recognize and can control. Understanding the ATC system and making the right requests will help you manage the pressure, fly more safely and lower stress. Allie Metcalf, ATP-rated pilot, and former Air Traffic Manager at SNS Tower, will offer the best means to gain help from ATC on those occasions when we may get in over our heads. Allie's WINGS presentation will start at 7:45.

Leading off the business meeting at 7:00, Airport Manager Rayvon Williams will present the Watsonville Airport Year in Review. Last year's presentation was very interesting. Much has transpired at WVI in the interim; Rayvon will bring us up to date and answer questions from the floor.

Jack Bernard will then update us on significant progress being made in improving Monterey Bay Academy Airfield, plans for educational outreach and ground rules for taking fly in advantage of this remarkable local aviation resource.

The WPA meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at 1900 hours in the WAEC Building at 60 Aviation Way, Watsonville, CA. Hope to see you there. John Cowan, Watsonville Pilots Association

### Wanted / For Sale

FOR SALE: Tecnam P2002 Sierra LSA: 2 year warranty, Garmin GTX327 + SL40, PM3000 intercom, toe breaks, night lighting, external power receptacle and BRS prep kit / harness. Always hangared. \$129,999 Call 831-234-1049

40 X 30 Hanger at Marina to share. My PL-1, which is a low wing is on one side and a 152 fits in also. Any thing that would fit. A project would be nice. Rent for the whole space is \$350 Half is \$175. Contact Steve Adams, (831) 234-4878, sgadams@onebox.com

CLEAN 1957 CESSNA 182A. TT 3568. Engine 730 SMOH, prop 10 since prop rebuild. Only \$38,000. King Avionics, Complete logs since new. Annual due Aug. 2011. Ready to fly! Contact Doug Glass at (831) 334-9166 or (831) 661-0710.

For Sale- Garmin 496 with XM antenna, Cessna yoke mount, all the goodies. Great condition. \$975.00 Bill Scherer (831) 359-5720

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### Events Calendar

Aug 3, 2013	EAA 119 Young Eagles Rally, EAA 119 Hangar. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Aug 6, 2013	EAA Chapter Picnic, Tom Hoyt Park. 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Aug 10, 2013	Second Saturday at Watsonville Airport. Aircraft Display, Special Fuel Pricing.
Aug 21, 2013	Monterey Bay Ninety-Nines Meeting. 7:00 pm start, 60 Aviation way, Wat- sonville, CA
Aug 30 - Sep 1, 2013	Watsonville Fly In and Airshow <a href="http://www.watsonvilleairshow.org/">http://www.watsonvilleairshow.org/</a>

**TOM HOYT PARK**  
POTLUCK

Please bring a salad, main dish, dessert, or hors d'oeuvre to share  
with everyone.  
The chapter will provide drinks, and place settings.  
Friends and Family are gladly welcomed!

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