

# THE LEADING EDGE

## NEWSLETTER OF MUROC EAA CHAPTER 1000

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Chapter 1000 meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month in the USAF Test Pilot School Scobee Auditorium, Edwards AFB, CA at 1700 or 5:00 PM, whichever you prefer. Any changes of meeting venue will be announced in the newsletter. Offer void where prohibited. Your mileage may vary. Open to military and civilian alike.

### This Month's Meeting:



## Project Police **festivus**

**Tuesday, 16 December 2014**  
**1800 hrs (6:00 PM Civilian Time)**  
**Kommandant's Kwarters**  
**Kwartz Hill, CA**

Once again, the **Project Police** will celebrate Festivus (and all other appropriate winter holidays) on the third Tuesday of December, exactly where our interpretation of the desires of the *Seinfeld* writers intended it to be. As a special bonus this year, **Hanukkah** (or **Chanukah** or even **Chanukkah** if you prefer) begins about the time you arrive at the **Kommandant's Kwarters**, so we will have even more to celebrate!

Bring your appetites and your fabulous treasures to the **Festivus** dinner and **Kommandant's "Krap"** (that means wondrous treasures) **Gift Exchange** on **Tuesday, December 16 at 1800** at the home of **Pixel** and her Executive Officers **Kommandant** and **Mrs Aldrich**. The address is **42370 61st Street West** in Quartz Hill in case you've forgotten since last year.

Your evening will begin with hostess **Pixel** greeting you at the door. You will then be offered a libation of your choice to consume while you greet your fellow **Festivus** celebrants.

After a sufficient quorum of celebrants have arrived, we will remember and honor the achievements of **Ludwig van Beethoven** on the occasion of his 244th birthday. To

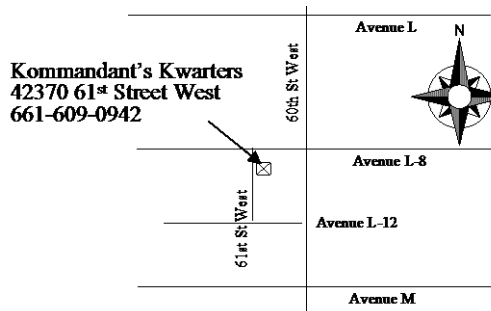
celebrate, we will join together to sing the rousing Finale of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, described by **Erbman** as "The Muppet Show of classical music" (be sure to ask him about that one). Our director will be the **Kommandant**, who has been busily testing what gauge of welding rod makes the best choral directing baton. Scores will be provided for you if it has been a while since you sang this number.



On the command of **Mrs. Kommandant**, we will then all line up for the serving of the traditional **Festivus Dinner**. We're expecting the traditional **LaFestivusagne** with all of the trimmings. During dessert (or any other time) be sure to enjoy the Hanukkah tradition of the jelly doughnut. According to **Erbman**, they taste the best during the Hanukkah season.

Be sure to get in on **Opie's** "Guess the SubErb's Birth Date" Pool. **Tuki's** tummy will be available for inspection to help you choose your date.

After dessert, the **Festivus Pole** will be in place for the traditional Airing of Grievances (AOG). Think ahead—this has been cited as a weak area for the **Project Police** in the past. Feel free to criticize the way the **Kommandant** has run the chapter for the last year. However, be forewarned that any such complaint may result in the **Board of Directors** summarily appointing you as the new **Kommandant**. It's a risk you take.



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Following the AOG, we will depart from the traditional Festivus Checklist for the **Kommandant's Krap** gift exchange.

Please note that word "Krap" is used to satisfy our poetic urge to be alliterative and is not a description of the quality of the gift (unless you have a finely tuned

sense of irony, which is not the study of how to make steel.) Please bring a wrapped, unmarked gift that you think someone will want. Feel free to also include a piece of true krap that you want to get rid of. You may rest assured that if you draw a gift containing alcohol that you won't have to keep it, as someone will steal it from you. In fact, you are challenged to come up with a gift that is more clever than just another bottle of booze.

After the gift exchange, we will engage in the Feats Of Strength (FOS). **Sweet Cheeks'** suggestion of the **Hundred Meter Glider Push** hasn't worked out well in the past, due to the logistics of getting a glider to Quartz Hill. The **Kommandant** has suggested **Competitive Leaf Raking**, but I suspect there might be some Tom Sawyer-ing going on here. The perennial favorite FOS is the **Neighborhood Pixel Chase**, though to date no one has managed to catch her.

Traditionally the celebration is ended when the head of the household has been wrestled to the floor and pinned. However, since our insurance doesn't cover possible injury to the **Hostess' Representative** (the **Kommandant**), the **Kommandant** will instead "pin" the chapter officers by presenting them with their service pins and cheesy certificates, once again recognizing their service to this band of aviators over the last year. After everything has been distributed, the **Kommandant** will declare "**Victory!**", which is our clue to go home.

Remember, don't let **Opie** convince you that the **Dreidel** is a gambling device used to decide who buys the beer.

Come hungry and happy. As always, a good time is promised.

- **Pixel**

**Project Police First Dog**

Your Festivus Hostess

(as told to **Evil Editor Zurg**)

*(Rumor has it that **Evil Editor Zurg** may make an appearance. In the Holiday Spirit he promises to not blast too many PPOs)*



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## Last Month's Meeting

**EAA Chapter 1000**

High Cay Partyhaus

Rosamond, CA

18 November 2014

**Gary Aldrich**, Presiding

**Doug** and **Gail Dodson** once again shared their **High Cay** estate on beautiful Rosamond Skypark as the locale for the November meeting to host **Lt. Col Jacque "Strap" Joffrion** and 16 visiting Air Force Academy cadets from the USAF Academy Aeronautical Engineering 456 course. Chapter 1000 is pleased to feed and water them twice a year.

**Grillmeisters George "Knife" Gennuso** and the undersigned prepared mass quantities of cheeseburgers which the cadets inhaled as only metabolisms of 21 year-olds can, along with swilling beer from Doug's tap.

**Doug** and **Erbdude** entertained the troops by touring them through the hangar and ramp, exposing them to a collection of general aviation's finest.

Lame jokes were told, well-embellished stories were sworn as truth, and out-right lies were asserted as fact with straight faces, no less.

And the cadets were gracious enough to laugh, ooh and ahh and bow in reverence at the appropriate time, all in the name of free food and beer.

Good times were had by all, a process that we'll do again in about 6 months.

And in a shocking breach of protocol, **JDIII** partook of cheese on his burger, rendering obsolete the notion that "The cheese stands alone."

Somewhere towards the end of the evening, the **Kommandant** staggered to his feet to declare that "Victory" had been achieved.

Most, if not all of this is true, and yet may appear disturbingly familiar.



**Cadets respond to the call to "Bun Up!"**



**Knife serves up cheeseburgers while saving the smoke in the porch**

- Kent "Cobra" Troxel  
Minister of Propoganda  
Chapter 1000

*"We have more zero's in our chapter than any other!"*

### Kommandant's Korner

*(We know how much you look forward to reading the Kommandant's musings of wisdom, but he was not available at press time, apparently on a*



*cruise to somewhere with Mrs. Kommandant. In a characteristic move, he did not prepare his column in advance. If he had, I'm sure he would have said something about getting your contribution for the Kommandant's Krap exchange ready and be sure to attend the Festivus celebration. He might have even reminded you to check the freezing level forecast before taking off and that staying out of visible moisture should keep you out of icing. We do know for sure he would say...)*

Fly Safe and Check 6!

- Gary Aldrich  
Kommanding

### From the L. A. Auto Show



**George "Knife" Gennuso chats up a crash test dummy. Is Knife looking for advice on a new career?**

### Web Site Update



Just a reminder that the EAA Chapter 1000 Web Site is hosted courtesy of Quantum Networking Solutions, Inc. You can find out more about Qnet at <http://www.qnet.com> or at 661-538-2028.

**Chapter 1000 Calendar**

Dec 9: EAA Chapter 1000 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m., High Cay, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

**Dec 16: EAA Chapter 1000 Festivus Etc Celebration.** 6:00 p.m., Kommandant's Kwarters, 42370 61st Street West, Quartz Hill CA. (661) 609-0942

Jan 13: EAA Chapter 1000 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m., High Cay, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

**Jan 20: EAA Chapter 1000 Monthly Meeting,** 5:00 p.m., Edwards AFB. USAF Test Pilot School, Scobee Auditorium. (661) 609-0942

Feb 10: EAA Chapter 1000 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m., High Cay, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

**Feb 17: EAA Chapter 1000 Monthly Meeting,** 5:00 p.m., Edwards AFB. USAF Test Pilot School, Scobee Auditorium. (661) 609-0942

Mar 10: EAA Chapter 1000 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m., High Cay, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

**Mar 17: EAA Chapter 1000 Monthly Meeting,** 5:00 p.m., Edwards AFB. USAF Test Pilot School, Scobee Auditorium. (661) 609-0942

Apr 14: EAA Chapter 1000 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m., High Cay, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

**Apr 21: EAA Chapter 1000 Monthly Meeting,** 6:30 p.m., Location TBD, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

May 12: EAA Chapter 1000 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m., High Cay, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

**May 16: Twenty Fourth Annual Project Police Airport Barbecue,** Rosamond Skypark (L00), Rosamond CA. (661) 609-0942

**May 19: No EAA Chapter 1000 Monthly Meeting.** You should have gone to the fly-in 3 days ago

**Jun 16: EAA Chapter 1000 Monthly Meeting,** 5:00 p.m., Edwards AFB. USAF Test Pilot School, Scobee Auditorium. (661) 609-0942

To join Chapter 1000, send your name, address, EAA number, and \$20 dues to: EAA Chapter 1000, Doug Dodson, 4431 Knox Ave, Rosamond CA 93560-6428. Membership in National EAA (\$40, 1-800-843-3612) is required.

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**THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS:**

**FESTIVUS 16 DEC @ KOMMANDANT'S KWARTERS**

**BEETHOVEN'S BIRTHDAY 16 DEC**

**KNIFE CONTEMPLATES NEW CAREER**

**KOMMANDANT MIA AT PRESS TIME**

