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CHAPTER MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30 P.M.  
NOVEMBER 26, 1986

This month we have a real treat in store for us. We have finally found a time when the date of our Chapter meeting and Doug Cline being in town coincide. Personally, I was hoping we would all have to go to Hong Kong to hear him speak to us, but I guess that just was not in the cards. However, we will have him with us on the evening of November 26th. He will talk about just what he looks at and prepares for when he is getting ready to fly a new homebuilt. He will tell us about his concerns regarding the fabrication of the aircraft, his taxi tests and, I am sure, some of the experiences he has had. It is an event well worth attending. So please plan to join us all there. Bring a chair and try to bring a friend. We need some new members; we lost quite a few during this last cycle of collecting dues for membership.

Nominations are now being taken for Member of the Year. Please call or see any of the following to make your nomination: Kay Smith 825-4211, Lyle Powell 935-1444, John McCombs 228-7963, Carlos Amspoker 798-4141. I do not know when the deadline is, but the award will be made at the Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet.

Speaking of the Christmas Banquet, it will be at the same place as last year, the Elks Lodge on Willow Pass Road in Concord, on December 19th. No host cocktails at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 7:30. Wait until you see the beautiful art work done by one of Rich Powell's office staff on the banquet ad, which is further on in this news letter. In my book, that is real professional work.

I hear the Maalox Marauders Motorcycle Gang ran into a real interesting situation over at Livermore Airport not so long ago. In fact they are such a ruthless gang of desperadoes that we may well see them featured soon in the "Hell's Angels Weekly". Mayhap we can get one of them to tell us the tale of derringdo at the next meeting....

By the way, whoever won that nice set of scales in the raffle held at the last meeting (none of the Board members could remember -- we're going to have to start taking notes), please bring a prize to be raffled off at the next meeting. (A Lycoming IO-360-A1A, even run out, would do nicely).

A little tip: "Maintain runway heading" does not mean follow an extended center line, it means the magnetic heading of the runway numbers. Reason is, few runways are right on, say, 140. It may be 144.

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## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 22, 1986

President Kay Smith opened the meeting at 7:35 P.M., with greetings and welcome to new faces. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. The Treasurer's Report was given and approved. Kay explained the sudden change in program, saying it was inappropriate at this time to have Hal Whyte speak to the group. Hence the video show.

Under old business, Bill deProsse gave an updated report on scales, what's available and for how much. By far the most economical are a set of hydraulic pressure type scales. It was moved, seconded and approved that the club purchase a set.

Kay gave an update on the County Airport Ordinance. It is pretty much all settled and written, with one major hangup being autogas. This becomes a major issue since 80 octane is no longer available at Buchanan. The group working on the Ordinance has drafted a letter asking the Board of Supervisors to reconsider the autogas issue in light of the documentation showing that properly graded autogas is available.

She also touched on the Airport Access Plan -- getting onto and off the airport parking areas is becoming tougher due to security requirements, and it is probably going to get worse.

Noise complaints are up dramatically, some of it due to PSA's jets, some just increased frequency of complaints from the same areas. Avoid flying over schools!

The County is taking suggestions and trying to move on small improvements you think need to be made. West side tenants are going to get a bathroom finally as part of the ramp improvements being worked on there.

The Christmas dinner is set for Friday, December 19th, at the Elks Lodge. Menu and prices will be published in the November newsletter.

The Oakland ARSA is undergoing modifications as meetings with pilots seem to have been listened to. The pilots are trying to get some of the Oakland hills exempt so that there will be some VFR non-radio areas to fly in. Introductions were followed by some selected segments from a new video magazine "Aileron", presented by Vince Bohn. Thanks Vince!

Rich Powell, VP

DECEMBER 19, 1986

COME ONE, COME ALL!!

Come to the annual Chapter 393 Christmas Dinner  
and Awards Banquet!

We have reserved the Club Room at the Elks Lodge in Concord  
again, so bring a date, and enjoy an evening with your fellow EAAers.

MENU

CHICKEN KIEV \$11.50

NEW YORK STEAK \$14.50

Dinners include baked potato (rice pilaf w chicken)  
vegetables, salad, rolls, coffee and desert

Please clip this reservation form and indicate how many will  
attend and how many of each dinner you need, and a check (to  
EAA Chapter 393) for the total. Send to: EAA 393 Dinner  
P.O. Box 2269  
Walnut Creek, Ca. 94595

We must receive reservations by Saturday, Dec. 13, so please  
mail early, or if you've waited to the last minute, call  
Rich Powell at 229-1281 and I'll save you a spot.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

CHICKEN KIEV \_\_\_\_\_ X \$11.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHAPTER 393 MINI-MART

Hangar Space: Share a Port-A-Port Exec. III. Ideal for Vari-Eze or small Bi-plane. \$150 per month. Pete Wiebens, 415+933-7517. 6

For Sale: Midget Mustang, 75 TT, Lyc. 0-235 100 H.P., full elec. with starter, NAV/COM, strobe, wet wing, 1,000 plus mile range, Imron paint. 160 MPH cruise on 5 gal. auto fuel per hour. \$9,500. Stub Pilote, 415+883-7067. 6

Wanted: For Quickie 200 project: Mid-time keystack 0-200 with accessories. Also one wing core foam block, NAV/COM, electronics, electrics, 500x5 wheels and brakes, instruments, 4" tailwheel, threats, prayers, encouragement, and whatever else you have cluttering up your shop and appropriate to a Q-200. Quentin Durham, Orinda, 415+254-7843. 6

For Sale: 1959 Cessna 150J Commuter. 870 SMOH, stock equipment, blue and white. Has STC for auto gas. At Buchanan. Lic. N6522. \$6,000. John Fick, 415+946-9715. 6

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Answers to Last Month's Quiz of the Month

You remember we had you and your passenger stuck way out in the high Sierras with 15 items you had managed to save from your birdie as it sank through the ice into a lake. You are on the shore of the lake, 22 air miles from the nearest habitation in 7 in. of snow. Due to the circumstances of the particular flight you were on, you won't be missed for 2 weeks, and a couple of more feet of snow are expected in that time. Temperature runs 25 to 36 degrees in the daytime but can get to zero at night. Here are the 15 items, in order of their ranking by the Para Rescue Specialists, 413 Transport and Rescue Squadron, Canadian Forces Base, Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada:

1. 13 wood matches in a metal screwtop, waterproof container - the single, most critical item. Protection from cold, and as a signal.
2. Hand axe - continuous supply of wood will be necessary for fire, boughs for ground insulation, frame for shelter, possible butchering.
3. 20' x 20' heavy duty canvas - you will have to have protection from average winds of 13 - 15 knots. Spread over frame, could provide added warmth by fire, and could be spotted from the air.
4. Two sleeping bags - A possible 14 nights in this area could render these a key factor in survival. Should be kept dry at all times
5. Gallon of maple syrup - Source of quick energy to combat cold, and some nourishment. Just as important, the can is valuable for water gathering and cooking. Most plants are edible, especially after boiling. Don't eat snow, it dehydrates more than it slakes thirst. Melt ice rather than snow. Ice takes 50 percent less fuel to melt.
6. 250' of 1/4" braided nylon rope, 50 lb. test - used to tie frame of shelter together, or support canvas, meat between trees. Fibers good for fishing line or net. Also good for traps, snares, and stringing a bow.

7. 1 pair snowshoes - over-the-snow local travel, hunting. Can't go far as many streams are unfrozen, but if they do, they make for good travelling. Snow should have crust, soft snow is exhausting. Can make another pair and travel, but chances of survival are better by camping.
8. 1 punctured 14" aircraft inner tube - slingshots. Birds are plentiful, even in winter. Rubber on fire makes immediate black smoke signal. Also various bindings & spring mechanisms for traps.
9. Safety razor kit with mirror - most powerful tool for communicating if sun is out. In sun, a simple mirror can generate 5 - 7 million candle power. Razor blades good for cutting edge. Don't shave - protection from elements.
10. Operating 4 battery flashlight - emergency source of light, but mostly night signalling. Battery efficiency goes fast in cold, keep near fire.
11. Fifth of 151 proof rum - anesthetic or disinfectant. High alcohol content helps start fire. Bottle good for water carrying. One shot before bed is a good morale booster.
12. Wind-up alarm clock - several uses, some ruining the others. If kept as timepiece, use for fire watch, camp routines, and can navigate by finding North. (At 2:50 P.M. line up small hand with sun. North is centered between 7 and 8 position in North temperate zone.) Intact glass surface can be used as signal. If dismantled, internal workings can be used for fishing hooks and lures.
13. Magnetic compass - can be used for direction finding, but be wary. In and around mountains local ore deposits can cause a lot of trouble. Magnetic compasses are best at sea, in the air and on most flat ground.
14. Book entitled, Western U.S. Air Navigation - start fires, entertainment, toilet paper. Air navigation not too helpful on the ground. You got to walk a long way between checkpoints. Besides, a good portion of air navigation deals with stars, and if you travel, you can't travel at night.
15. Bottle of water purification tablets - you have good water, but the bottle can be used for something. (Generally speaking, pond water is safer than river water.)

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1986/87 CALENDAR

CHAPTER MEETINGS - The 4th Wednesday of every month - 7:30 P.M. at Buchanan Field Terminal Building  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Bring Chairs!

BOARD MEETINGS - On the dates listed below (usually the 2nd Tuesday each month) - 7:30 P.M. at Navajo Aviation. Chapter members are welcome.

## NOVEMBER

Board - November 11th.

Chapter - November 26th - Doug Cline will tell us what he looks for in a plane and what he prepares for when he is making a first flight in a new homebuilt.

## DECEMBER

Board - December 9th.

Chapter - Annual Christmas Celebration and Awards Banquet - Friday  
December 19th at the Concord Elks Club - Club Room.

## JANUARY

Board - January 14th.

Chapter - January 28th - Chapter show and tell. Bring a part and/or tell your scariest flying story.

## FEBRUARY

Board - February 11th.

Chapter - February 25th - Hal Whyte. All about the airport.

## MARCH

Board - March 11th.

Chapter - March 25th. This

## APRIL

Board - April 15th.

Chapter - April 29th. space

## MAY

Board - May 13th.

Chapter - May 27th. for rent.

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TIPS AND BLURBS

Quentin Durham reports that you can get hot-wireable Dow styrofoam from Henderson Marine Supply in Richmond.

FAA is putting on a seminar to discuss the area and procedures for the proposed Oakland ARSA. 7:30 P.M. Monday, November 24, Contra Costa Water District Bldg., 1331 Concord Ave., Concord.

The EAA 1987 calendar is available. \$7.50 plus \$1.50 handling to Joy of Flying, P.O. Box 2045, Petoskey, MI 49770. Phone 616 + 347-8820 for Visa or Mastercard. Jordan Coonrad's are better. They're \$7.95 for Chapter members. Phone 415 + 769-9766.

EAA's "Spirit of St. Louis" has been retired from flying status and will be placed in the EAA Air Museum. Cliff Robertson has loaned his MK IX Supermarine Spitfire to the EAA Air Museum. It was flown there by former RAF Ace Jerry Billing. What do you bet he put her through the paces on the way, just for old time's sake?

Speaking of that, I read where Chuck Yeager, on his recent record run with a light twin across the country, found he was so far ahead of schedule, he detoured a bit and buzzed his old home town in W. Va., just like he used to when he was stationed near there for a time during the war. (He wrote that in his book.)

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum's (R-Kansas) General Aviation Product Liability Reform Bill (S.2794) was finally voted out of committee and on to the Senate floor...only to encounter staunch opposition from Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-South Carolina). He was one of the founding members of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Well, the Association got all 60,000 members to oppose the bill in writing, (after all, it would hit them in their pocketbooks), all claiming it was "unfair to consumers". Unfortunately, EAA members were not as vocal and persistent in support of the fact that it is "fair to consumers" while perhaps "unfair to trial lawyers". While the views of the national aviation organizations are well known to Congress, it's the individual letters that count.

Shortly after the Cerritos, CA accident, FAA Administrator Donald Engen set up a task force to study TCA's. They came up with 40 recommendations. The top three are: increase penalties against private pilots; enlarge, simplify and make uniform all TCA's; and, upgrade all category II's to category I's, requiring Mode C altitude encoding transponders on all traffic from ground level to infinity.

"Pass to the left of the tower." Very funny. Whose left, his or ours? Ever notice how much alike "left" and "west" sound?

From a flight incident report: "...circled airport and made left hand standard pattern. So much talk on UNICOM that I couldn't talk. People talking about airport celebration. I told people talking to talk trash on another frequency. One pilot said, "Amen." Another said, "Plane on final is talking to nobody." I said, "I don't have to." Another pilot told me to stick it in my ear. I told that pilot to stick it in his. Other pilot stalked me to the ramp where I picked up two waiting passengers. The other unknown and unwanted pilot tried to board my aircraft in what appeared to be anger. My engines were both running so I blew him off the wing to protect me and my passengers with max power and took off. Was very courteous to traffic in pattern." All participants in this imbroglio are hereby declared ineligible for the Fellowship of Flying, except perhaps, the one who said, "Amen".

#### TESTIMONY TO WORRY

There are only two things in life to worry about,  
 Being sick or being well.  
 If you are well, there is nothing to worry about.  
 If you are sick there are only two things to worry about,  
 Living or dying.  
 If you live there is nothing to worry about.  
 If you die there are only two things to worry about,  
 Going to Heaven or going to Hell.  
 If you go to Heaven there is nothing to worry about.  
 If you go to Hell, you'll be so busy shaking hands with your friends,  
 You won't have time to worry.

Do you know any Chapter members or other aviation enthusiasts who you would like to encourage to pursue aviation scholarships? Please have them contact EAA Foundation Director of Education Chuck Larsen: EAA Wittman Airfield, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903-3086; telephone 414 + 426-4800, for more information on these and the other scholarships granted or administered by EAA.

And so ends the bloody business of the day. (Homer)

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