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Experimental Aircraft Association • Chapter 393 • Concord, CA

OCTOBER 1990

CHAPTER MEETING

OCT 24, 1990 The 4th Weds 7:30pm
@ Buchanan Terminal Building,
Concord Airport. Bring Chairs &
wear your stinken-badges!(if
you've got one).

PROGRAM: "FREE ELECTRICITY?"

In other words, Solar Power. Tony Woicekowski of Active Technology in Oakland will be our featured speaker this Weds Evening. He will be bringing us up to date on all of the latest developments in Solar Power. Tony puts on a very interesting presentation involving Inverters, Batteries, Generators, Chargers, & Accessories. As always, this program should prove to be fascinating (but then to some of us, watching grass grow is fascinating).

Many of you may recall seeing the 9x11 Solar Panel molded into & on the nose of my Vari-Eze. Normally a Vari-Eze owner gets questions like, "which way is front?" or "how fast do you have to run to get it launched?", etc. With my Eze the first question I'm asked is "What does the Solar Panel do?" I am so sick of that question that now I tell everyone it adds another 1000 Volts to the magnetos or I plug my electric socks into it. The true answer is that it used to be the only power charging system for the battery on board. Even though my Eze now has an alternator, the panel still puts out 6/10s of an Amp. @ 14

volts, DC. It still keeps the battery up and works great after 11 years of service. Today's solar chargers are even better.

SIDE-LINE PROGRAM - "SWAP-MEET"

Never out of character, Lyle Powell shared a bit of brilliance with everyone at the last general membership meeting: Everyone in the club has brand new or even slightly used aircraft parts at home on their shelves. You know, those parts that you bought, then bought again because you forgot you already bought them a year before? Or like me, you collect headsets and intercoms for sport, but would really rather unload what is not being used. These parts are generally worth something to somebody, but are not worth a lot of effort to market in most cases. "How about bringing those useable parts (misc. hardware items, gauges, headsets, whatever) to the meeting and display them with the owners name and asking price attached."

What a great idea Lyle (why didn't I think of it - and don't answer that).

So for the next 3 or 4 meetings at least, lets try it! Just dust off that special keepsake, that \$75.00 genuine aircraft part paperweight, that spare intercom, or that whatever; tag'em with your name and asking price and bring'em to the meetings. During the break and after the meeting everyone can fondle these things on a first come/first serve basis and maybe even pick up on a bargain they would not have otherwise ever

come across! Sounds like fun!

MINUTES OF THE AUG 22ND MEETING

As promised, the Napa CHP Long Ranger showed up and landed in front of Navaho at 7PM. Pilot Ron Semon and Ken Morton did a fine job of showing off this heavily loaded helicopter. Our meeting got started right on cue @ 7:30 and the CHP program started us off since they had to get the Helicopter to Oakland by 8:30 or 9PM. The video was nicely done and we got two of the nicest guys you could meet wearing CHP uniforms. The helicopter unit does mostly search and rescue work, not traffic law enforcement. So they're thought of as the good guys vs the fixed wing bad guys who write up to 150 citations per day of operation per plane. (its unlikely we will be inviting the fixed-wing guys to speak).

After a good hour long session with our guest speakers, we took a break and watched the Long Ranger depart. The CHP's demonstrated the helicopter ability to climb straight up to 300 ft, then they tanned us all with their spotlight. A pretty good show! We managed to sell a few raffle tickets and the winning ticket was pulled just after the break. Guess who won a beautiful & huge "Janes Encyclopedia of Aviation" book? Yours truly, your newsletter editor! I'll be bringing a another fine raffle prize to our next meeting.

Then we got onto business. The Minutes were approved, Gloria read the State of our Treasury, Prez. Pete covered a few minor matters, and it was onto introductions. Paul and Debby Ortiz started off by introducing their newest project and telling us how they got this plane from Watsonville to Concord by trailer. They've just purchased a prototype of the Skylark. An airplane that has flown and has 30 hrs TT, built in

1973, but never made it to kit production. This prototype is powered by a VW and will cruise around 115 kts. It is a very interesting looking airplane and should get everyone's attention when it starts operating out of CCR.

Speaking of Watsonville, Jerry Greth shared a bit of bad news about the Allison Turbine powered Cirrus built down there. The airplane made a forced landing (due to fuel starvation) back East after it's great showing at Oshkosh. No fatalities, but now Cirrus is out of flying prototypes since both of their factory built planes have also been destroyed in one way or another. Hopefully they will pull it out and keep the business moving in the right direction. And speaking of business in the right direction, Larry Roessler aka: Wheeler Express builder told us all about the woes of Wheeler Aircraft (going into Chapter 7, not good).

They say you can make a small fortune in Aviation...if you start out with a large one! Stub Pilote told us all about the Reno Air Races; and that's about the highlights.

We did have a show of hands for who wants DeCaf vs High Lead Coffee. With a 50/50 split, Louie Goodell agreed to bring both! Man, we are spoiled. We're so lucky that Louie is there every meeting with Coffee and Cookies; now we want him to brew two coffees, not just one! What would we do with out you Louie? And Louie, if you ever want a ride in my Eze, just say the word! The Coffee & Cookie man of this club deserves all of the Air Time he wants!

FIRST FRIGHT

Ain't got none (at least none that I know about). Please let me or any of the officer's know about any first flights. We and the EAA

awards those so daring!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our own VP Glenn Werner has indeed flown his newly rebuilt Citabra. He reports a bent rudder requiring 50 lbs of lead weight on the right wing tip (he'll probably fix the rudder instead). A fine looking bird Glenn!

TRAVEL

Briefly, Vickie & I just got back from a 10 day Vari-Eze flight across America and back. We logged 31.5 hours and she never missed a beat (the airplane I mean!).

My simple assessment of the trip would be: Bryce Canyon Utah has the loneliest FBO, Dalhart Texas has the biggest Flies, Arkansas has the most golf courses, Minnesota has the most lakes, & Wyoming's got the most people walking around with bright hats and guns. I must say that even though the airplane performed great and the weather was beautiful, I still landed with a headache everyday (and I don't mean Vickie). Long trips in small planes are hard on the hearing. I'm going to give the Bose headsets a try!

DUE ARE DUE

If you know you owe dues, please go ahead and send them in. The Dues Due note is not on the mailing label this month. That's \$20.00 per year folks (a bargain at twice the rate).

ADVERTISING

Your Board of Directors would like to remind you to support those who support us. Those little business cards on the back of our newsletters help offset our printing, costs by \$35 per year each. Lets all show them that we appreciate their support.

DEADLINE

If you do decide to submit something for the newsletter, please give me warning (the shock may be too much). Such things like Unclassified, interesting articles U-Know: stuff like that, are always interesting. I'll retype to fit (and correct your spelling) and who knows? You'll be a published writer. Try to get it to me 10 days prior to the General Meeting date and I'll get it in ASAP.

NOTAMS

New Applications for membership will be available at the next meeting. Take one and give it to your friend who has been thinking about joining EAA Local. We need the new blood (none of you like to write or anything). If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, and you don't have an application, give them Gloria's telephone number below. She'll mail them an application.

SLIDE SHOW

We didn't talk about it much this last meeting, however your club leadership still believes that if everyone took just one roll of Color Slides (hopefully Experimental Aircraft related), we would have a collective slide show of great interest to everyone coming to the Christmas Banquet. We'll sweet talk Glen Werner into setting up the show too! It should be great, so start shooting those slides right now! (Our dinner is just a couple of months away gang!) Try to jot down a caption as you take your photo and tie it to something unique about the picture so you can identify and tie the two together.

OFFICIAL EAA 1991 CALENDAR

We blew this too! The list never got passed around (must have been the excitement of the CHPs). In any case, be sure to get your name on this Official EAA Calendar for 1991. Now available for only \$5.00 each, including shipping charges. Orders will be placed after our Oct. general membership meeting. You can also get your name on the list by calling Gloria if you miss signing up at the meeting. Only \$5.00 for a super EAA Calendar!

UNKNOWN AUTHORS (AND WHO WANTS TO KNOW?)

"Friends may come and go,
but enemies accumulate"

"There's magic in setting goals.
Things happen. Things change.
Problems get solved. Needs and
wants get met. Dreams come true."

"The trouble with success is that
the formula is much the same as
the one for a nervous breakdown"

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AWARDS

Your Board of Directors and Past Board's are in the process of selecting "member of the year" awards, "First Flight" awards, best Newsletter Editor awards, etc Please feel free to contact any of the leadership if you think anyone in our club is deserving of special recognition. The club's

leadership is dependent on your observations, so don't keep it a secret.

CALENDAR

Oct 24	Concord Chapter #393 general membership meeting @ CCR
Nov 14	Chapter #393 Board Meet- ing at Pete's house
Nov 28	Concord Chapter #393 general membership meeting @ CCR
Dec 12	Chapter #393 Board Meet- ing at Pete's house again (must be nice!)
DEC 14TH	Chapter #393 Annual Christmas bash. Concord Naval Weapon's Officers club again

For everything else, check your EAA Sport Aviation magazine. They really do a great job regarding fly-in information. I'll try to keep you informed of the local stuff. If you know of something you would like your fellow members to be aware of, write it down and hand it to me or mail it. I'll get it on our special Cleco Calendar.

BUILDER SUPPORT GROUPS

For more information about the Composite Builders Group, call Lyle Powell @ 935-1444. To be placed on the mailing list for the CBG, send your name and address to Jordan Coonrad, PO Box 2878, Alameda, Ca 94501 or call him @ 796-9766.

New Address for the Metal Builders Group/RV Group information is c/o Greg Triplett, 3557 Helen Drive, Pleasanton, Ca. 94588. New phone for Greg is 462-8633

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FOR SALE: LYC 0-290 GPU WITH ONE mag, no sump, drilled for two plugs. Disassembled, no logs, no idea of condition. Other various C-65 parts (cases, pistons, etc.) Also has goodyear wheels, tires, brakes, and pedals for sale. Contact Rob Lang @ 503 640-6009 Portland Oregon.

FOR SALE: SUPER NOVA HYPERBIPE Priced for immediate sale. This airplane is a finished flying machine. Call Joann Osterud @ (805) 984-3933

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FOR SALE: LYC 0-235-L2C -OSMOH \$6,000 OBO, Call Mike Parker @ 415 893-4518, leave message.

FOR SALE - PARTIALLY COMPLETED Q-2 kit (s/n 2564). All materials to finish the project are included minus the engine. \$750.00 for the works, as is. (is everyone in Chapter #393 paying attention here?) The hardware and materials alone are worth more than this to any aircraft builder. (Terms are most likely flexible). Call Bob Krueger @ (415) 780-5295 or 345-9907, Foster City, CA.

FOR SALE: Glasair nose dragger, stiff legged type, 100TT with a factory new 0-320. Full Panel including a Loran. See Rick (tin-bender, glass gluer) Lambert.
FOR SALE: GLASAIR 2 FT KIT. COMPLETE for \$11,700. Also for sale is a Lyc 0-320-D1A \$160HP for \$13,500 and a new Hartzell ConSpd for \$4,650. Call Steve Hamilton in Klamath Falls, OR (503)883-7542

And thats all folks!



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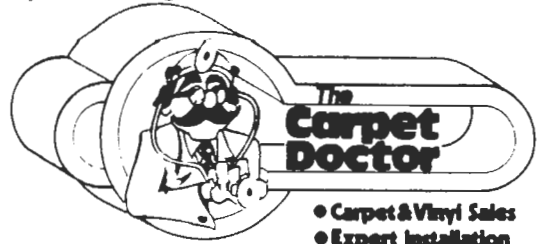
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