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CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1999, 6:00 PM AT THE GREENERY RESTAURANT, 1551 MARCHBANKS ROAD, WALNUT CREEK.

This restaurant is on Heather Farms Golf Course. We have the place all to ourselves. We hope that you already have your tickets because it is too late to get them now. Santa Claus Louis Goodell has checked the place and the food carefully and he promises us a very good time.

Please wear your Badges during the meeting so those newcomers will feel more comfortable coming up to talk to you. You should also approach them! Make them feel welcome!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I want to take this opportunity to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as your Chapter president for the last 2 years. It has been a great experience. This organization has truly been an inspiration to me over the years, as I am sure it has for other members. It provided me the opportunity to meet and get to know others who share the same aviation interests that I do; to take on the challenge to build my own airplane; to have the "people" resources close at hand when I encountered a problem during construction and to get the encouragement I needed to continue when things were not going well.

Over the last 15 years or so since I joined the EAA and this Chapter, the lasting friendships and experiences have been so much more memorable than the first 15 years. Being a member of AOPA and belonging to a flying club were O.K. for awhile; but joining the EAA, building my own airplane, flying to Oshkosh, Sun & Fun, Arlington and other fly-ins, attending monthly Chapter meeting, organized fly-outs, yearly picnics and Christmas parties with the many friends you make are "really where it's at!"

I want to extend a special thanks to Scott Achelis, our Vice President, for the tough job of arranging for speakers at each meeting and for contributing the many thoughts and ideas during our monthly board meetings. This man is a definite candidate for Chapter President in the future when his life is not quite so busy as it is now.

A special thanks to Doug Page for doing an outstanding job as newsletter editor. It truly takes a talented person to pull together, edit and publish a newsletter month after month and keep it interesting and informative. Thanks Doug.

And of course, many thanks to Louie Goodell for keeping the books, paying the bills, corresponding with Oshkosh to arrange insurance for Chapter functions etc., booking the location and arranging the details of our Christmas party each year and providing coffee and cookies for our monthly meetings. He has really been a hard working and dedicated member to this Chapter.

I also wish to thank Lisle Knight and Duane Allen for their time and effort co-ordinating the Young Eagles Program and to the many pilots who fly these kids and plant the seeds of future pilots. I hope we can fly many more Young Eagles in the coming year. Many thanks also go to Rick Lambert for Technical Counselor and to Bob Decker for Flight Advisor.

We now look forward to the "changing of the guard" with new ideas and direction from Bob Belshe, Tracy Peters, Louie Goodell and Duane Allen.

On another note, congratulations go to Dick Rihn on the "first flight" of his beautiful "One Design" aerobatic airplane. It is truly a "work of art" and I understand it's more exciting to fly than his Pitts Special.

See you all at the Christmas party, Saturday, December 11, 1999 beginning at 6 PM.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS and Fly Safely,

Ron Robinson

REPORT OF FIRST FLIGHTS AND TROUBLES

Congratulations to Dick Rihn on the first flight of his beautiful One-Design.

Bruce Milan, after waiting 3 months for LyCon to rebuild his engine under the guarantee, has received the engine and hopes to fly his Questair Venture by the weekend of December 4-5. Bruce suffered from unrelated double failures on his first flight.

An oil transfer bearing seized on the first flight, due Bruce says to being installed too tight. While LyCon was repairing that, LyCon also replaced the 6 pistons, because the former pins were too loose. Unrelated to this, the snap rings on the McCauley constant speed prop failed. The prop was repaired in Stockton, so after some careful wrenching, Bruce should be ready to fly.

Ken France has finished his RV-6 at Gness Field and it has been cleared by FAA subject to a pitot

static test. Ken's used Air Speed Indicator leaked and his used Altimeter had a 150 foot error per thousand. Ken rebuilt his engine himself, so it has zero time. Ken hopes to make the first flight of his RV-6 himself sometime in the week prior to December 4-5.

Good Luck to Bruce and Ken!

WINTER GREETINGS FROM TUCSON

Your Cleco editor and wife C. Jay are spending from November 1 to March 1 in sunny Tucson. We bought a 38 foot fully furnished Traveleze Trailer that is permanently mounted in a nice, gated RV park, for a mere \$5500. How could we lose? C. Jay gets unhappy when it is cold and rainy so she loves it here. I love the flying weather which is always perfect. I keep my plane at Ryan Field which is about 12 miles west of Tucson. I have been slowly improving the parasitic drag and flying at least twice a week. I have been to Nogales, Buckeye (near Phoenix) Globe and Ajo. The local Tucson Medical Center sponsors various exercise programs including aerobics almost every hour of the day 5 days a week. We go to a 7 AM aerobics class that involves some fairly complicated routines. My hope is that these exercises will keep me fit and flying for a long time.

There is a local heated pool and a hot tub and many local activities including hiking on Tuesdays, square dancing on Friday nights, etc. so it is not a bad way to spend one's retirement.

There are many plane builders around. All are helpful and generous about the use of tools and rivets, but to my surprise, few of them belong to the local EAA Chapter. They claim that the local meetings are boring and a waste of time.

I now get 150 knots at 2450 RPM but only about 152 knots at the maximum 2600 RPM. I am waiting impatiently for my new Sensenich metal prop. It took 5 hours flying time to travel the 697 miles from CCR. Mike Parker told me of a lower elevation route from Bakersfield to General Fox via the Grape Intersection close to Grapevine. This is

useful if there are clouds on the top of the mountain range. The desert area from General Fox to Apple Valley to Palm Springs is usually free of weather says Mike who used to be a CFI at General Fox.

Minutes of November 17 Meeting

(Courtesy of Secretary Louis Goodell)

The Meeting was opened at 1930 hours, by President Ron Robinson.

Election forms were handed out . Only 26 members were present .The ballots were picked up a few minutes later and counted by Scott Achelis. Vote turned out as follows, President Bob Belshe, VP Tracy Peters, News letter Editor Duane Allen, Sec/Treasure Louie Goodell. Rick Lambert, Bob Decker stayed on as Technical Counselor and Flight advisor.

Guy Jones accepted the job of Raffle Chairman.

Old Business:

Xmas Party, We only had 35 (after meeting we have 53 for the party.

Lisle Knight talked about the young Eagles, there will be about a dozen to be flown this coming week end weather permitting.

New Business:

Calendars need to be ordered. Chapter has not been making anything from them and has given some away, such as to speakers. .20 some members want them so it was decided to order 25 at \$6.09 each we will sell them at \$7.00.(25x6.09=\$152.25)

Welcome New Member Roland William, Project RAF2000 Gyrocopter.

Duane Allen is still working on a Web site for the Chapter.

We took a break for 15 minutes then had a Raffle. Scott introduced our speaker for the night, Cdr. Dean' Diz" Laird (Ret.)

He gave a talk about some of his WWII experience. He told about a man driving along and had stopped at a red light, he look in the rear view mirror and a patrolman was in back of him, the light change so he carefully drove on, but the cop was still in back

of him , so he kept speeding up. Pretty soon the cop turned his red light on; the man pulled over; the cop asked him what seem s to be wrong; the man stated that a cop ran off with his wife about a year ago and thought you (this cop) was the one and was going to make him take her back.

Introductions:

Ken Mackenzie Hasn't Started his Glastar, but will start right after his kitchen remodel.

Bob Belshe still flying his Lancair235, he talked about his air switch he has installed in place of squat switch

Tim Glenn still flying his Kit Fox 5

Richard Rihn flew his One Design Nov24, 1999.

It flew ok but he had to correct his compass and do some instrument work; Dicks other plane is laid up with blown #3 cylinder.

Don Baldwin 's canopy on his Teeny Two has shrunk at lest 6 inches so is looking for another one.

Douglas Knight has received tail Kit for his Glasstar .

Charles Adkins is still waiting for his medical Lisle Knight working on putting in Instruments in his Osprey.

Lyle Powell flying his Glasair III now has 1050 hours on it

Jack McKenzie is working on a 2/3 Jenney..

A FASCINATING OLD TIMER

At Tucson's Ryan Airport, there are a lot of retired pilots, plane owners and builders whose favorite place to hang out is the airport. Three hangers down from my shade hanger, Roy H. Brandes is building a J3 Kitten ultra-lite. Roy has built 9 other planes, all tube and fabric and all plans built: 2 Heath's, 2 Wittman Tailwinds, 1 Starduster II, 1 Baby Ace, and 1 Cassett Racer. For his current J3, Roy is carving his own prop from 3 layers of laminated mahogany, using only hand tools and a template. He carved his own prop for each of his projects. Roy does not believe in buying props, although he was a close friend of Bernie Warnke. Roy is age 87 and is still

flying, although only in ultra-lites, since he gave up his medical a couple of years ago.

Roy learned to fly in 1933 at age 21 in a 37 HP E2 Cub. His formal job at that time was milk deliveryman, but he spent every spare minute at airports trading work for flying lessons. Lessons cost a total of \$6 per hour in 1933, wet plane and instructor included, and \$3 per hour for solo flights.

Born in 1912, he left High School after only 2 years, then age 16 in 1928. At age 18 or 19 he got a job as a messenger boy at Wright Field Ohio. While there he met some famous names in aviation history, including Orville Wright, Wiley Post, and Brigadier General Benjamin ????, U. S.'s first military pilot.

In 1936, having already built a Heath, he became superintendent of construction for Mr. Heath. Heath planes at that time used either a 4 cylinder Henderson Motorcycle engine with 25 HP or a Continental A-40.

Despite his lack of formal education, Roy taught himself engineering and in 1940 went to work for General Motors in their unit making constant speed props. He stayed at that job for 27 years and then transferred to GM's Technical Center where he worked on experimental Stirling engines for 7 years. He was building planes all this time, including his first Wittman Tailwind, but he retired in 1973 at age 61 so that he could build planes full time. He moved to Tucson in 1974.

According to Roy, flying was very different in the early 1930's. All of the runways were unpaved grass, including Wright Field. Pilots were friendly. Roy and other pilots frequently flew each other's planes with no checkout. Consequently, Roy has flown nearly every land plane that existed in the 30's from a Ford Tri Motor to the E2 Cub. He has also met some of the famous names in aviation like Walter Beech, Bill Lear and many of the early military pilots.

Roy's J3 Kitten looks great. The wings and fuselage are covered. The Rotax 277 2-cycle engine is mounted. (Roy says that one never cuts the ignition on a 2 cycle while gliding because the wind-milling engine without the lubrication from

the oil in the gasoline, will be seriously damaged.) Roy plans his first flight for around March 1. Roy has been fortunate enough to be able to work at something he loved for all of his adult life. He is in good health and is one of the happiest persons I have met in a long time. Married to Ruth for 53 years, with two adult children, Roy has lived and is living life to the fullest.

AIRPORT STATISTICS FROM SCOTT ACHELIS

Scott provided the following:

CCR has 579 aircraft based on the field and an average of 768 operations per day.

Byron has 105 aircraft based on the field and an average of 71 operations per day.

Rio Vista has 57 aircraft based there and an average of 96 operations per day.

CALENDAR

December 11 Chapter 393 Christmas Party
January 26 Regular Chapter 393 Meeting

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Eastside Hanger to share with a builder or a small low wing aircraft. Phone 510 548 1011

Full Set Lamb Wheels, tires, brakes and axles. Cost \$350. Sell for \$100. Call Rick Lambert for further details at 925-934-5007 or at work, 925-676-9377

For Sale: Cessna 152. 4990 TT. 90 SMOH. 90 since Prop overhaul. Cessna avionics + DME. \$26,900. John Cicero 925-370-1237

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Submissions may be **e-mailed**, hand written, typed, or on any IBM diskette (in ASCII or MS

Word). The deadline for submissions to the editor for the January, Cleco is January 14, 1999. Stuff for the January Cleco should be sent to Editor Duane Allen, 15 Duffy Court, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-1707. Telephone: 925-687-3433. Duane's e mail address is c177av8r@pacbell.net.

JOKE ? DEPARTMENT

Subject: Women bashing, a man's perspective
THIS IS FOR ALL MEN TIRED OF
RECEIVING MALE
BASHING JOKES

How many men does it take to open a beer?
None. It should be opened by the time she brings it.

Why is a Laundromat a really bad place to pick up a woman?

Because a woman who can't even afford a washing machine will never be able to support you.

Why do women have smaller feet than men?

So they can stand closer to the kitchen sink,
How do you know when a woman is about to say something smart?

When she starts her sentence with "A man once told me..."

How do you fix a woman's watch?

You don't. There is a clock on the oven.

Why do men pass gas more than women?

Because women won't shut up long enough to build up pressure.

If your dog is barking at the back door and your wife is yelling at the front door, who do you let in first?

The dog of course. At least he'll shut up after you let him in.

All wives are alike, but they have different faces so you can tell them apart.

I married Miss Right.

I just didn't know her first name was Always.
I haven't spoken to my wife for 18 months: I don't

like to interrupt her.

Scientists have discovered a food to diminish a woman's sex drive by 90%.

It is Wedding Cake.

Marriage is a 3 ring circus:

Engagement Ring, Wedding Ring, & suffering.

Our last fight was my fault: My wife asked me "What's on the TV?"

I said, "Dust!"

In the beginning, God created the earth and rested. Then God created Man and rested. Then God created Woman.

Since then, neither God nor Man has rested.

Do you know the punishment for bigamy?

Two Mothers-in-law.

Young Son: "Is it true, Dad, I heard that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?"

Dad: That happens in every country, son.

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are beautiful.

THE TOP TEN THINGS MEN KNOW ABOUT WOMEN:

- 10.
- 9.
- 8.
- 7.
- 6.
- 5.
- 4.
- 3.
- 2.
- 1.

POSSIBLY THE BEST CHICKEN JOKE EVER:

A chicken and an egg are lying in bed. The chicken is smoking a cigarette with a satisfied smile on its face.

The egg is frowning and looking a bit pissed off.

The egg mutters to no one in particular, "Well, I

guess we finally answered THAT question!"

Subject: Announcement from Santa

From: Duane Allen <c177av8r@pacbell.net>

I regret to inform you that, effective immediately, I will no longer be able to serve Southern United States on Christmas Eve. Due to the overwhelming current population of the earth, my contract was re-negotiated by North American Fairies and Elves Local #209. I now serve only certain areas of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. As part of the new and better contract I also get longer breaks for milk and cookies so keep that in mind. However, I'm certain that your children will be in good hands with your local replacement who happens to be my third cousin, Bubba Claus. His side of the family is from the South Pole. He shares my goal of delivering toys to all the good boys and girls, however, there are a few differences between us.

Differences such as:

1. There is no danger of a Grinch stealing your presents from Bubba Claus.

He has a gun rack on his sleigh and a bumper sticker that reads: "These toys insured by Smith and Wesson."

2. Instead of milk and cookies, Bubba Claus prefers that children leave an

RC cola and pork rinds [or a moonpie] on the hearth. And Bubba doesn't smoke a pipe. He dips a little snuff, though, so please have an empty spit can handy.

3. Bubba Claus' sleigh is pulled by floppy-eared, flyin' 'coon dogs instead of

reindeer. I made the mistake of loaning him a couple of my reindeer one time, and Blitzen's head now overlooks Bubba's fireplace.

4. You won't hear "On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen " when Bubba Claus arrives. Instead, you'll hear, "On Earnhardt, on Wallace, on Martin,

and Labonte. On Rudd, on Jarrett, on Elliott and Petty."

5. "Ho, ho, ho!" has been replaced by "YeeHaw!"

6. As required by Southern highway laws, Bubba Claus' sleigh does have a Yosemite Sam safety triangle on the back with the words "Back off".

7. The usual Christmas movie classics such as "Miracle on 34th Street" and

"It's a Wonderful Life" will not be shown in your negotiated viewing area.

Instead, you'll see "Boss Hogg Saves Christmas" and "Smokey and the Bandit IV"

featuring Burt Reynolds as Bubba Claus and dozens of state patrol cars crashing into each other.

8. Bubba Claus doesn't wear a belt. If I were you, I'd make sure you, the wife, and the kids turn the other way when he bends over to put presents under the tree.

9. And finally, lovely Christmas songs have been sung about me like "Rudolph

The Red-nosed Reindeer" and Bing Crosby's "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

This year songs about Bubba Claus will be played on all the AM radio stations

in the South. Those song title will be Mark Chesnutt's "Bubba Claus Shot the

Jukebox"; Cledus T.Judd's "All I Want for Christmas Is My Woman and a Six Pack", and Hank Williams Jr.'s "If You Don't Like Bubba Claus, You Can Shove It."

Sincerely Yours,

Santa Clause

(member of North American Fairies and Elves Local)

.REMEMBER THE PROGRAM BY WWII PILOTS WHO WERE REPLACING STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN THE REMY CHURCH?

Chapter 393 gave them a contribution of \$500 and they are using it along with many other contributions. The attached is a report and a letter of thanks from them.

Windows For Rémy

P.O. Box 644 Linden, California 95236

Tel(925)824-2466 Fax(925)820-6055

www.remy.org

October 10, 1999

Dear Contributor,

A full year has passed since our last newsletter and we are happy to announce that our fund-raising goal has been achieved. Barring unforeseen developments, it appears we now have sufficient funds to complete the project. Thanks to all of you.

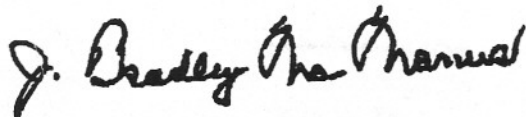
More good news: Work on the church now is scheduled to start in November with completion planned for late Spring or early Summer of next year.

While we had expected that the replacement windows would replicate the originals, the French government - through its architect for historical monuments- specified that the new windows be of contemporary design with links to the past. The winning designs were the unanimous choice of village representatives. We plan to post the winning designs on our website as soon as they are available to us in color.

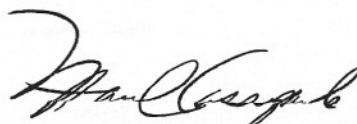
Now that everything is coming together, our efforts will be directed to overseeing the restoration work and to bring to the attention of the world the wonderful stories of the bravery and compassion shown by many people in occupied countries during World War II to downed Allied airmen. To that end we request that you contact your member of the House of Representatives and your Senators asking their support of House Resolution 123, authored by Representative Ellen Tauscher, and a similar Senate Resolution, authored by Senator Dianne Feinstein. The legislative aides for the congresswomen say that passage of the resolutions will depend on a nationwide support expressed through other congressmen. A letter from you is very important. The addresses for your congressional delegation are in the front of your telephone directory. Neither resolution will have federal funds attached to them. The resolutions will be posted on our website.

The Directors for WFR, the mayor and people of Rémy thank you for the moral and financial support you have given this project. You are one of more than 3,700 contributors from across this wonderful nation. We will keep in touch.

Our best regards,



J. Bradley McManus
Chairman of the Board



Manuel Casagrande
President

DOUG - YOU MAY REMEMBER GUY'S THAT WE HAD THESE VOTED TO TALK TO US AND PROMPTLY TO TAKE CARE. AGO... AND PROMPTLY TO TAKE CARE. DONATE \$5000 TO THE UPDATE. MIGHT ENJOY THE UPDATE. THANKS. SCOTT

Good Site!

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