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Notes of Interest:

- **Meeting:** Wednesday June 23rd at the Buchanan Field Terminal Building located on John Glenn Drive in Concord and will begin at 7:30PM. Visitors are always welcome.
- **Club Fly-Out:** Saturday June 26th at CCR Terminal. Meet at 10am.
- **Board Meeting:** Next meeting is July 1st at 7:30pm at CCR Terminal. Members are welcome to attend.

Holmes and Kingsley Win Hayward Air Race

Harvard Holmes from EAA Chapter 393 and his partner Nat Kingsley won the 2004 Hayward Proficiency Air Race. Our Mooney will be pictured on the race T-shirts next year.

Bob Belshe from the Chapter together with Fred Baron had the best timing accuracy, but misread a checkpoint and finished well back.

Hey guys! If we can do it, then you can too! How about a few more entrants from EAA 393 next year?



May Chapter Fly-Out

Saturday, May 26, 2004

By Harvard Holmes

Well, I don't know where the rest of you were, but Phil Jenkins (in his Glasair), and Bruce Seguine (in his experimental Swift), with passenger Harvard Holmes, went to Half Moon Bay for lunch. It was a beautiful day and we had a great view of the Golden Gate and all the sailboats. Here are a couple of pictures, one showing Phil clearly off the ground, and one of Bruce's shiny Swift on the ground at Half Moon Bay. Harvard was ready to go in his Mooney, so we could have taken 4 more people. That many empty seats is rare, but give Harvard a call or catch him at the next meeting if you want to go on the next fly-out as a pilot or passenger.



• Phil Jenkins' Glasair



• Bruce Seguine's Swift

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Meetings:

Harvard Holmes impressions of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors meetings on the RFP for alternative uses of Buchanan Field.

I attended the BoS meetings on Tuesday, May 25, and again on Tuesday, June 8, 2004. The tenor of both meetings was the same. Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier has managed to cajole the other supervisors into acceptance of his plan to "see what's out there." He does not strike me as unintelligent, so I assume that there is interest (big money on the table). He has chosen not to reveal the details of the "interest," but, by now, seems willing to allow some editing of his proposal as long as it gets published. The real work, it seems, will occur in the "exclusive negotiation" phase that would eventually occur.

At the May 25 meeting, the RFP had its first public comments. Sup. DeSaulnier introduced the public comment period by thanking the public and pilot groups for their input. Several speakers advised the Board to discontinue the process as it had little chance of success and consumed staff time and money, and represented an opportunity drain on other projects. It was noted that originally the RFP was advertised as bringing certainty to Buchanan's status; but now it was an uncertainty multiplier.

Several speakers noted that there had been insufficient time to study the RFP in detail and that an extension of time for comments was in order. Others noted errors in the RFP.

The AFL/CIO is in favor of the RFP. It will create jobs.

After the public comments, Supervisor DeSaulnier advocated continuing the process and including most of today's comments. He advocated that the board approve the document with the changes, even though the changes had not yet been made.

Supervisor Gayle Uilkema stated that she wanted to be thorough, that this was a new process, and that she would like the document finalized before proceeding. The other supervisors had minor comments.

The supervisors voted to issue the RFP with changes to be reviewed in 2 weeks.

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Meetings: June 8th

By Harvard Holmes

On Tuesday, June 8, 2004, the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors met to review the RFP for alternative uses for Buchanan Field.

Staff noted that they had made the changes noted at the May 25 meeting. A strikeout version was available. DeSaulnier again introduced the document. A significant change was to emphasize that Buchanan Field should operate as normal until a clear decision is made to close the airport.

A number of issues were raised, mainly by Gayle Uilkema. Q: Is the relocation of existing businesses covered? A: yes, it's in there.

Q: What about interim investments? A: the developer would have to cover those.

Q: What about using an airport expert (Lee Fisher)? A: Staff decided not to forward the RFP for review due to the time the review would take.

The public speakers continued to hammer away on the document, and on the timing, but DeSaulnier's acceptance of all the changes proposed at the previous meeting had taken some of the wind out of their sails. The main improvement, championed again by Gayle Uilkema, was to strengthen the direction to the Airport Manager to promote existing and new business at the airport, including lease extensions, until such time as a definite decision to close Buchanan Field is made.

At the end of public comments, Gayle Uilkema noted her lack of expertise in airport closures and again asked for some form of review by an expert.

DeSaulnier proposed that the Community Development office hire an airport expert to comment on the RFP, but, mean while, to release the RFP on July 12. The motion passed with that and other amendments.

Collings Foundation Fly-in:

Here are some pictures gathered from the most recent visit of the Collings Foundation B-17 on June 2nd-4th.

Jordan



- B-17 taxi into Sterling Ramp.



- Bruce Seguire saying "Hey"



- Young Eagle Cody Moore cleaning top of B-17.



- Tracy, Richard, and Peter posing for quick snapshot.

Members Meeting Minutes:

Harvard's informal notes on the
EAA Chapter 393 Members Meeting
Wednesday, May 25, 2004

- Pat Peters introduced a guest, a Young Eagle who will be sponsored to the Oshkosh Academy by the Chapter.
- Dick Rihn has a copy of the current draft Hangar Lease. He requests that members review it and get back to him. This is on a very short time schedule.
- Peter Degl'Innocenti asked members to vote on a date for the Chapter Picnic ~ Saturday, July 17 was chosen.
- Peter asked members to vote on the disposition of an aviation print donated to the Chapter. We will raffle or auction it off.
- Tracy Peters announced that the Collings Foundation B-17 would be at Sterling Aviation on June 24 and solicited volunteers to help.
- Tracy Peters gave an update on the Golden West Fly-in. The air-show is full. Volunteers for all sorts of tasks are needed.
- Pat Peters noted that Saturday, June 5 is Young Eagles day. The location is MDPA.
- Bruce Johnston of the NRA suggested that now might be the time for a strategic alliance between pilots and the NRA to put pressure on the Board of Supervisors to drop the RFP. He also noted that he would like to get a booth at the Golden West Fly-in.
- Our speaker for the evening was Warren Hall, a Navy combat and test pilot, who has written a new book "Demons, Phantoms and me." He entertained the members with flying facts and stories until it was time to adjourn.

Board Members Meeting Notes:

Harvard's informal notes on the
EAA Chapter 393 Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, June 3, 2004

Attendees: President Peter Degl'Innocenti, VP Guy Jones, Newsletter editor Jordan Jones, Sec'ty/Treasurer Louis Goodell, Board Chairman Harvard Holmes

1. The Chapter Picnic was discussed. Guy Jones has some paper stuff from last time. Pete Wiebens will do hot dogs, etc. Tracy Peters will bring some beverages. Tracy Peters will contact Budget Rental for permission to use the grass in front of their office. Peter Degl'Innocenti will request the event insurance from EAA with advice from Pat Peters.
2. Guy Jones is looking for a speaker for June and has a couple of ideas.
3. It was noted that Rich Henne was asking about the details of framing the print that will be auctioned or raffled off. Guy and Linda Jones can probably help here.
4. The Chapter could use some business cards for the officers. Louis Goodell noted that he has some card stock to print these in computer printers.
5. Young Eagles will be at MDPA this weekend.
6. Peter D. will see about a deal on hot dogs for Pat Peters.
7. There was a discussion on Golden West volunteers.

ADVERTISING SECTION:

Wheels, Calipers, and Tires

I have two sets of unused Matco (nee Rosenham) 4.00-5 wheels, calipers, tires and tubes. The tires/tubes are Shin four-ply rated. No discs. Depending how you figure, Aircraft Spruce asks something over \$400. My asking price is \$125 plus shipping - maybe \$30 depending on distance.

For photos and/or more info, contact me:

Quentin Durham
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Anyone interested to share a fourth seat flying to Oshkosh this year?

After 24 years of flying, I have decided to go to Oshkosh this summer. Bobby Sisneros is going with me in the Cessna 310. We got a late start and will be staying in Milwaukee and will drive up every day for 2 days. Planned departure date is July 28 and Planned Return date is Aug 1. We will allow one day for bad weather out of 3 possible traveling days. We have two seats available in the Enbom Vista Cruiser for this journey. If any club member would like to join us for this adventure, please email your resume to me.

We will fly into General Mitchell Field in Milwaukee. It looks like a no wind direct flight would take slightly over 9 hours of flying time. That breaks down into 3 equal legs. With the addition of 2 hours time zones, if we leave at 5 am, and the weather allows for afternoon flying, we should arrive about 6 pm in Milwaukee.

Trip to OSH and back. Total fuel usage about 420 gallons. Split either 2,3,4 ways. Our room in Milwaukee is \$140 nite, sleeps 2, the B&B we are staying in was running out of rooms. I'm sure other rooms are available in Milwaukee. So your room charge is additional. Car rental split for 4 days about \$55/ day total cost. Those would be the costs that would be incurred besides food and admission.

Happy Trails,

Brian Enbom

Contact via Email: benbom@coasttool.com

Have Trailer, Looking for Travelers:

Don Baldwin is seeking a few good people to share in the fun of Driving to Oshkosh! If you are interested in going please give him a call at 925-685-1639.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Balance: 728.87

The remaining balance to send Cody Moore to Oshkosh Air Academy was 500.00.

Savings Balance: 2596.61

Total: 3325.48

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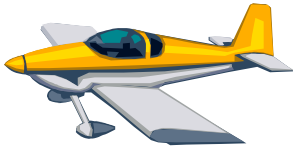
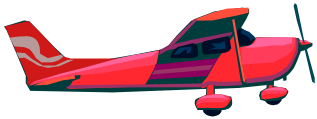
Members Projects:

Here is another great photo submitted by Bob Belshe of Phil Jenkins' Glasair taken on the way back from Auburn. If you have any pictures of your project or a fellow builders and would like to submit them, please be sure to email the Newsletter Editor! Contact information is located on the preceding page.



This Months Speaker

This months speaker will be Stan Herwitz , Director, Unmanned Air Vehicles Applications Center Ames Research Facility. This should prove to be a fun and informative evening.



- It's a bird..., it's a plane..., it's a UAV!

Picture from:

UAVs for Collection of Farm Imagery

by Lee Johnson and Stan Herwitz

NASA-Ames, UAV Applications Center

Mountain View, Calif.

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