

September 17

5:30 – 7:30 Chamber of Commerce Mixer
 7:30 – 8:00 Regular business
 8:00 – 9:00 Speaker: **James Swanson**: Air Traffic Controller, Concord Control Tower will discuss air operations at Buchanan Field. His remarks will allow plenty of time for questions and answers. This should be the perfect opportunity for our pilots to gain additional insight and guidance on procedures around the field, both on the ground and in flight.

Special Announcement

Our September Meeting is moving to the 3rd Wednesday, September 17, to coincide with our hosting the Pleasant Hill and Concord Chambers of Commerce. Dinner will be replaced this time by the mixer "nibbles" from 5:30 pm on.

Upcoming Speakers/Topics

Dates and topics may will change!

TBD (Oct?): A workshop meeting. Place and topic TBD. A **volunteer is needed for space and technology**.

TBD (Nov?): Dave Saylor of AirCrafters LLC in Watsonville

We need a refrigerator to call our own in our new meeting area. Any volunteers? We would prefer a larger rather than a smaller one, but we aren't too picky!

Presidential perspective:

Chapter 393 hosts Chamber of Commerce Mixer

When we made the decision the better part of a year ago to join the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, it was with the understanding that Chapter 393 should be able to benefit from contacts within the local business community. Thus far our participation has been of a very limited nature. That will change this month. Chapter 393 will host the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce mixer this month. As an added bonus, we will be joined by the Concord Chamber for a rare joint mixer.

We will be hosting this mixer at our new digs in the recently renovated MDPA facility in the old terminal building. The turn out should be about 120 people.

We have invited some friends from around the airport to join us for some socializing and the opportunity to show off our airport to these business leaders who might not be familiar with Buchanan field or the Experimental Aircraft Association.

We have made arrangements to have some splendid examples of what our members have built on display (thanks to our friends at Sterling for allowing us the use of the ramp spaces for the evening).

In order to accommodate the Chamber, we have moved our normal meeting up one week. That means that we will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday this month. Next month we will return to our regular schedule (the 4th Wednesday, October 22).

We will kick off the evening at 5:15 pm with a photo op ribbon cutting in celebration of our new meeting place. The mixer begins at 5:30 pm. We will provide snacks and the

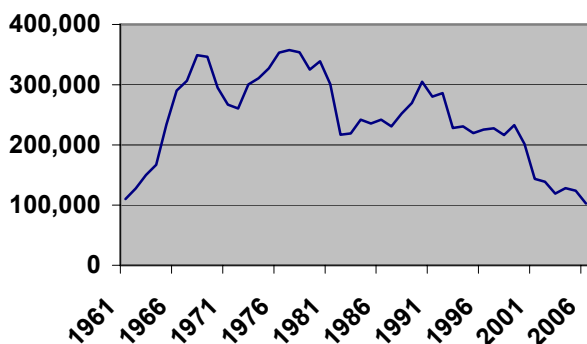
Chamber will be selling drinks. As a result, we will not be having our usual pre-meeting dinner this month and will resume the dinners next month.

We have planned to use this opportunity to hold a little fund-raiser. We will be auctioning off some interesting aviation related items. Along with this, the Chamber will be holding a drawing for some door prizes.

Now that I've outlined the mixer details, here's what I need from you. We really need to show the community what EAA is all about. Whether it is flying kids through the Young Eagle program or introducing new pilots to the economy of the LSA/Sport Pilot program or showing DIY'ers the joys of building their own custom plane, EAA is both the future of aviation as well as the best way to enjoy modern aviation. EAA is the affordable route to cutting edge aviation. Your part in this promotion is simple. I need you to show up and talk to anyone you can find who will listen to you about what EAA means to you. There are as many reasons to belong to EAA as we have members. I stumbled across this chart when I was out on the Buchanan web site. It's a good thing that I downloaded it because a few days later it had vanished. Anyway, Harvard has put it up on our website and here is the link to a larger version of the chart below:

<http://www.eaa393.org/CCRops61-06.pdf>

**Buchanan Field Airport
Total Annual Aircraft Operations
(1961-2006)**



As you can see the operations at Buchanan have plummeted over the last 10 or 20

years, for lots of reasons. However, this trend spells disaster for our chosen hobby/passion and if we don't find a way to get a lot more people interested in aviation, we might just find we have no place to fly out of, when at some point the county will stop putting resources into a vanishing sport.

At this point I'm suggesting that EAA Chapter 393 seriously consider changing it's focus to include some serious community involvement toward the goal of growing aviation locally. I believe that EAA is uniquely positioned to do this. If we don't, recreational aviation as we know it at Buchanan could be dead in as little as the next 10 years. Look at that graph again; it sure doesn't look like it is leveling off to me. If anything, it has been accelerating for the last 5 years and I've heard rumors that the pace is continuing to the present. Scary.

I just recently picked up a copy of the airport's proposed master plan for the future. They have pretty graphs showing operations growing well into the future. All of this appears to ignore the well defined trends of the last 20 years. Is this wishful thinking? You bet. However, at some point somebody has to get their hands dirty and do something to make this happen. I'm proposing that Chapter 393 step up and insist that the airport wake up and work with us to turn this mess around, and soon.

I believe that the first step in this process begins now with our coming out party to the business community. If you show up and share your passion for aviation with our guests, many of who have no idea what is possible, I see the possibility of infecting more people with our passion. If we can make the buzz start here, and I really believe that our members just sharing their passion for the sport can go a long way toward accomplishing this, we will have turned a corner.

I have been working on some proposals that I believe will enable us to start making some serious progress on the next step in the process. That means presenting the community with a much more accessible

face and enabling some serious outreach and not just to the pilots of the future but to the new pilots of today. I'll share more on this later as developments warrant.

So please come to the mixer and share what makes aviation your passion. See you there.

Rick Bourgeois has agreed to try out being the food coordinator for the dinners before our meetings. Direct your preferences to Rick, and expect to be called upon to contribute pot-luck items, or to do some food shopping on behalf of the Chapter.

Welcome Rick! and Thanks!

Young Eagles by Dick Sperling
Our next Young Eagles Rally will be held on 13 Sept, details in the email.

The next Young Eagles event will be held on October 18; this will include a number of Boy Scouts.

We still have donated fuel for pilots of these next two Young Eagle events.

We have gotten a number of Young Eagle patches for YE participants to buy to put on their jackets or otherwise display. The price is \$3 to cover our costs.

Thanks, Dick

Fly-Outs Revitalized by Scott Achelis

Fly-Outs are usually scheduled on the Saturday following our regular monthly meeting. If the weather's not conducive for flying, the event is often postponed to the following Saturday. Watch for information regarding the Fly-Outs that is sent via email from EAA.393.Flyouts@Gmail.com; and be sure to contact that web address and give us your email if you haven't been receiving Fly-Out information.

Send us your suggestions for interesting destinations.

Interested in Auto Gas at CCR?

Chuck Hill ChuckHHill@aol.com writes:

I have a light sport with a Rotax engine, for which the preferred fuel is Premium Auto Gas (although it will take 100LL). The plane

is on Lease back and is operating about 40 hours a month so this isn't an insignificant difference for me. In addition to price, maintenance would also be reduced by using auto gas.

It occurred to me that there might be other members of the chapter who use or would like to use automotive fuel if it was available (If it isn't already).

Is there a way I could find out the level of interest?

EAA 393 General Meeting Report

August 27, 2008

President Ken McKenzie opened the meeting with a welcome for members and guests. Guests included (apologies in advance for mangling these names) Eric Shull, Dyan Waterman.

Business:

Ken noted a Fly In and Open House at Flabob (EAA Chapter 1) in Riverside on September 27. They are also hosting a biplane fly in on October 27.

Membership Chairman Bill McCoy noted the significance and importance of our upcoming (September 17th) "mixer" with the Pleasant Hill and Concord Chambers of Commerce.

Presentation: Bill Reining, An AirVenture Perspective

Bill noted that a number of EAA 393 Chapter members attended Air Venture, including himself, Ken McKenzie, Guy Jones, Pete Mitchell, and Don Baldwin. Bill flew to Milwaukee and drove to Oshkosh. He stayed with friends from Atlanta; they rent a house on the show grounds.

He spent time with airplane owners, particularly in the RV area. He visited the seaplane base, riding the bus there for \$2. The seaplane base is only open during the show, as it's on private property. It is a fantastic site for taking pictures. He attended the Saturday night Corn Roast there.

AirVenture publishes an AirVenture Program, an Information Guide and its own daily newspaper. The Information Guide contains a directory of both the Forums and the Vendor Booths. The daily newspaper had articles on current issues, including the 51% rule for homebuilders, and attractions, such as White Knight.

Bill showed the movie that EAA made to explain and promote AirVenture. It was quite well done. [We can make copies available for members if they want one.] Then he showed some of his slides.



The new "fat" 3 bladed prop.





Presentation: Ken McKenzie continued the presentation with his own slides.



We adjourned after the slide show.

EAA 393 Board Meeting Notes

September 2, 2008

Attending: Ken McKenzie, Bill Reining, Dick Sperling, Harvard Holmes, Louis Goodell, Guy Jones, Pete Mitchell, Rick Bourgeois

1. Treasurer report (Louis Goodell) - \$1085.20 in checking; and \$2650.19 in savings. Upcoming expenses include \$200 for this meeting room, and \$200 for renewing our insurance with EAA National.

Bill Reining suggested that we assemble a more formal budget, showing projected income and expenses over the next year. This would allow him to budget money to subsidize speaker expenses for the Chapter meetings. This would also allow the members to provide more informed direction to the officers of the Chapter. Among other suggestions, it was proposed to make the monthly dinners an explicit money-raising project and increase the suggested donation to \$10.

2. Bill Reining reported that he is working on an ATC speaker for the next meeting, either from Concord Tower, NorCal or Travis Approach, or Oakland Center. It would be a good opportunity for them to cover Class B and other sensitive areas, runway incursions, VFR advisory services, and other issues.

In October, he would like to have a hands-on meeting/presentation/workshop

and he is looking for a volunteer with suitable facilities.

Additional speaker/presentation suggestions from the members are always welcomed. John Schwaner from Sacramento Sky Ranch and Jim Weir from RST Engineering were both recommended as good speakers.

3. Plans and preparations for the Chambers of Commerce “mixer” were reviewed. Ken McKenzie will meet with Bill McCoy on Saturday, since Bill was unable to attend this meeting. [This meeting took place Monday, 9/8/2008 – ed.]

Anyone who could come at 4:30 pm or so on Wednesday, September 17 to help us decorate and prepare for the “mixer” would be most welcome.

We reviewed the need for “talking points” as our members mix with the CC members. The EAA membership brochure makes a number of points about the benefits of membership.

We will have the AirVenture promotional movie showing, and also some slides of some construction projects.

4. Bill Reining pointed out the need to be more influential with local politicians and business leaders. We will need to attract the interest of people/entities with more money if we are to be successful in expanding our outreach to the community as outlined in our recent President's Perspective.

5. Our recently instituted light “dinners” before the meetings were reviewed. Several points were made:

- It has “morphed” from a potluck into more of a purchased food situation.
- More organization is needed.
- We need a list of menus to help organize the process.
- Maybe we should look at this as a fundraiser and increase the suggested donation a bit.
- We should query the members on what they would like to eat and to contribute.

- If we query the members, we might also get their views on other issues as well as update our demographics – current pilot status (sport, private, commercial, none, etc.), builder status (active, interested, no time, no interest, etc.), favorite activities (meetings, fly outs, picnics, B-17 event, Young Eagles, other).

Rick Bourgeois agreed to serve as the Dinner Coordinator. Please give him your support in getting our dinners better organized.

6. The Holiday Party is approaching, so we need to find a place. [Later: We have chosen Marie Callender's in Concord on Diamond Avenue on December 6th, Saturday at 6 pm. Menu choices and other details will follow.]

Hangar Space Available

Shared Hangar space available.....ideal for HIGH "SHORT" WINGED A/C or project West Ramp CCR \$210/mo
Pete Wiebens, 925-933-7517

West Side Irregulars Fly To Half Moon Bay

August 27, 2008

We ate at the 3-Zero café. We had a welcome respite from the heat.





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Meeting Schedule (2008)

General (Wed.) Fly-Out (Sat.) Board (Tue.)

Sep 13, Young Eagle Flights		
Sep 17, Host Pleasant Hill & Concord Chambers of Commerce, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm		
Sep 17	Sep 27	Oct 7
Oct 18, Young Eagle Flights		
Oct 22	Oct 25	Nov 4
Nov 19	Nov 22	Dec 2
Dec 6, Holiday Party	Dec 27	Jan 6
Jan 28, 2009	Jan 31	Feb 3
Feb 25, 2009	Feb 28	Mar 3
Mar 25, 2009	Mar 28	Apr 7
Apr 22, 2009	Apr 25	May 5
May 27	May 30	Jun 2

Our meetings are open to the public. EAAers might make someone else happy by introducing them to our Chapter, getting them involved in projects, Fly-Outs and just plain good camaraderie.

Our normal meeting time is 7:30PM on the 4th Wednesday of the month (except July, November and December) at the building at 161 John Glenn Drive (formerly Budget Rent-A-Car), north of Sterling Aviation. **Enter from the rear (facing the airport)!** Chapter 393 Fly-Outs are open to chapter members and their guests. Email EAA.393.flyouts@gmail.com (preferred) or meet at the building noted above at 10am, and we'll try to match people and airplane seats to take as many as possible. If the weather is bad, the Fly-Out will be postponed to the next Saturday, possibly with a change in destination.

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