



November 19

We will meet a week early this month, due to Thanksgiving. Also, because of a scheduling conflict with MDPA, we will meet in the Old Terminal Building (181 John Glenn Drive, site of previous meetings.)

- 6:30 to 7:30 Dinner
- 7:30 to 8:00 Business Meeting
- 8:00 to 9:30 Dave Saylor – *AirCrafters*

Dave Saylor runs the *AirCrafters* builder assistance center at the Watsonville Airport. He also conducts weekend seminars for homebuilders. He'll describe all of this to us, and then provide some building tips for both metal and composite kit aircraft. Dave has built his own RV-10. He gives seminars at Oshkosh, and is very knowledgeable about composite construction.

Holiday Party: December 6 at 6pm at Marie Callender's in Concord

The deadline is November 28th. See the sign-up page below. Scott Achelis has generously offered to purchase the wine and is accepting contributions. No raffle is currently planned. If you want to do one, please call Sara Holmes at 510 526-5347.

Upcoming Speakers/Topics

Dates and topics may will change!

January 28 – Stewart Munson will demonstrate his project: AVIATRIUM, a computer program that uses Google Earth to depict aircraft flight patterns.

Presidential perspective:

Decision Time plus an Opportunity

The board is facing a decision regarding our continued membership in the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce. The board needs input from the membership on this issue. A little over a year ago EAA Chapter 393 decided to join the Chamber of Commerce. This was not an inexpensive choice. We need to decide if it makes sense to continue this association. Over the last year costs to the chapter have amounted to close to \$400 in membership and food. We had hoped that this would lead to more exposure for the club and also new members, along with some valuable contacts that could pay off down the road when we needed some influence with our friends in local government. Our choice now is to continue for another year for another \$150 or not renew our membership.

My feeling is that we are not a big enough organization to benefit from the association at this price. It is just too large a portion of our annual budget.

Speaking of budget, Harvard is looking into producing an actual budget for Chapter 393. With help from Louie, he is pulling together all of our operating expenses so the board can make more informed decisions. This information will be available to the members once it is complete.

We are once again looking for help from the membership. Bill McCoy has decided to resign his position as Membership Director (his life has become a lot busier than he expected.) So we need a Chapter 393 member to step up and take on this vital position. It is not a difficult job, but it does

take regular attention. You get to attend the board meetings, which is always fun!

This is a perfect opportunity to get to know your chapter better, as well as to help out. Unfortunately this chapter doesn't run itself; it takes the time and effort of the members to make it the successful operation that it has been for the last 40 odd years. And if this doesn't appeal to you there are many other opportunities available to help. Just grab me at the meeting and I'll be happy to discuss the possibilities. You'll be glad you did.

EAA Chapter 393 Perpetual Award

This award is one of the best ways we have to recognize our outstanding members. Each year the last three recipients have the honor to choose the next year's recipient. Since the recipient keeps it until the next year, many of you may not have gotten a good look at it. For your edification, the inscription and recipients are:

EAA Chapter 393 Perpetual Award Presented Each Year to Those Who Most Represent the Traditions of Chapter 393	
1980 Stan Markey	1981 Dick White
1982 John McCombs	1983 Carlos Amspoker
1984 Lyle Powell	1985 Kay Smith
1986 Rich Powell	1987 Randy Alley
1988 Lou Ellis	1989 Norm Spitzer
1990 Gerry Greth	1991 Pete Wiebens
1992 Jordan Coonrad	1993 Will Price
1994 Lisle Knight	1995 Ken & Linda McKenzie
1996 Louis Goodell	1997 Fred Egli
1998 Bruce Seguine	1999 Ron Robinson
2000 Pat Peters	2001 Duane Allen
2002 Tracy L Peters	2003 Guy Jones
2004 Harvard Holmes	2005 Rick Lambert
2006 Scot Stambaugh	2007 Dick Sperling

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1986 Rich Powell	1987 Randy Alley
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Dinner Coordination by Rick Bourgeois

The response at the last meeting concerning our pre-meeting meals showed that members prefer catered, as opposed to

pot luck, dinners . I will be working on this. I still need food preferences from the members. As you provide ideas, keep in mind that there is no staff for cooking the meal; there is only the ability to do a little warming (like the hot dogs) and setting out the pre-cooked food. Also be aware that more elaborate food ideas are likely to increase the suggested meal donation.

Please let me know your ideas for the pre-meeting dinners.

Thanks, Rick

EAA Calendars by Ray Nilson

I sold 15 calendars at the October meeting, which leaves me with about 30 to sell. Last year I ran out, with several people asking for one, so I bought 48 this year. And why stop at one? They make good gifts for your flying friends. At the meeting last month, one man bought four.

But the real reason to invest in one is to enjoy the pictures. There is a truly experimental Delta Dyke to look at for 31 days in March and a PT 17 in my birthday month. I remember them from my youth as they flew from the Livermore Naval Air Station over the high school and the fields where I was working.

In June, watch the Pitts and imagine how it can turn you every way but loose. Do you remember the Supermarine float plane of the late thirties that held the world's speed record and probably influenced the Spitfire? Its successor, the Grand Champion yellow RV 7 on floats will be in your Christmas dreams in December.

This is a well spent \$10.00 and the profit goes to EAA 393. $48 - 15 = 30$? Don't forget the 3 that I will buy.

On the Radar Screen

Cory Emberson of First Light Aviation Group in Livermore reminds our readers of their Corvair College Prep event on **Nov 15**. It is described in more detail at:

<http://web.mac.com/flaglvk/iWeb/GlaStar/ccol.html>

You may also want to see

<http://www.flaglvk.com/> for more information

about their builders' workshop. The Corvair engine is one of their areas of expertise.

Young Eagles by Dick Sperling
An OVERWHELMING SUCCESS !
GREAT JOB EAA Chapter 393!!

We were blessed with another great day with CAVU (ceiling and visibility unlimited) weather. We got an early start with a group from Sacramento, and then the Boy Scouts from Troops 57, 146 & 302 started to arrive, accompanied by parents, Boy Scout leaders and the Aviation Merit Badge Counselors. There were 33 scouts and over 50 total people filling the old terminal building. Tracy Peters, our Aviation Merit Badge team chief, provided a very professional presentation covering all the required Aviation Merit Badge information to the Boy Scouts, parents and leaders.

Marilyn Sperling handled registration, a BIG job for the day, in the back of the classroom. Our pilots were: Pat Peters, Harvard Holmes, Scott Achelis, Bob Belshe and Bill Reining.

The group from Sacramento's Kit Carson Middle School were guided by CCR Tower Controller James Swanson. His mother-in-law was leading a convoy of three vans but ended up at the county operations office on the wrong side of the airport, hopelessly lost! A brief phone call somehow solved the problem and they were escorted across the inner airport by a fire truck! The kids loved it, but perhaps James had a few questions to answer later! His small group had somehow increased to a total of 18 MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) kids wanting a Young Eagle ride.

The core ground volunteers, Guy Jones, Rick Bourgeois, Charles Hester, Pete Mitchell and Bruno Motta did an outstanding job handling Young Eagles Flights for two large groups, both of which had nearly doubled! Both groups also visited the Concord Tower and Cal-Star Medical Evacuation Helicopter Operations all in the same day.

The bottom line for Chapter 393 Volunteers: we accomplished all our objectives, with a final total of 48 Young Eagle Flights, 33 Aviation Merit Badges and 18 MESA kids all going away with big smiles.

My small staff of volunteers put in a long and difficult day but made it another great success! We also exceeded our 2008 goal of 100 YE by eight (a total 108)!

I owe this dedicated group of volunteers a GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" for another job well done!!!

Best Wishes, Dick Sperling
EAA Chapter 393 Young Eagle Coordinator
Boy Scout Asst. Scoutmaster, Troup 221
Aviation Merit Badge Counselor

THANK YOU LETTERS...

Dear Dick and all the other great EAA volunteers,

Your dedicated fleet of volunteers did a great job today, and on behalf of Troop 57, I want to say a very BIG thank you to all of you. Until I saw the event, I didn't realize how many people it would take to make it happen, and you are all very generous to donate your time and resources to this effort. The boys got a lot out of it, and the parents who attended enjoyed it very much also. It was fun to see the boy's faces as they got off the planes, and to hear them talk about it on the way home. It was a day they will never forget, and we all appreciate your kindness.

Thanks so much for everything,
David Finger, Troop 57, Orinda

Dear Mr. Sperling,

Thank you very much for coordinating the Young Eagles event. Eleven scouts from Troop 146 were able to earn their aviation merit badges. One additional scout, who was doing high school testing during the classroom portion of the day, was able to fly. It was great to see the smiles of our scouts after they were able to experience the thrill of flying.

Thanks again,

Richard Burton, ASM, Troop 146, El Sobrante

Fly-outs by Scott Achelis & Tom Howard

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 email from EAA.393.Flyouts@Gmail.com; and be sure to give us your email if you haven't been receiving fly-out information.

We are seeking ideas for new fly-out destinations.

[Editor's note: Informal fly-outs also occur on irregular Wednesdays. Email HarvardHolmes@comcast.net to get on the list if you are interested. Often there is a spare seat for wingless aviators.]

EAA 393 General Meeting Report October 22, 2008

President Ken McKenzie opened the meeting with a welcome for members and guests. Guests included (apologies in advance for mangling these names) A J Tupper, Tom Belisle and Joe Senatori. A J Tupper moved here from Colorado, where his uncle built an RV-6A. Tom Belisle is the president of the Stockton EAA Chapter. Joe Senatori is here from Sequim, Washington for a month. Carl-Erik Olsen has a friend visiting who has rebuilt several aircraft, including a PA-11, a Fairchild and a Piper.

Business:

Cory Emberson reminded readers of the abbreviated Corvair College, noted elsewhere in this issue.

Louis Goodell, our treasurer, noted that we have \$388.94 in our checking account and \$2650.41 in our savings.

Dick Sperling gave a Young Eagles report. See the article earlier in this issue. Dick also noted that he had sold almost all of the Young Eagle patches that he had purchased. He will also be ordering red shirts for those pilots and ground crew who want them. We have flown 108 Young Eagles this year.

Sara Holmes reminded attendees of the Holiday Party this year on December 6 at Marie Callender's. See the insert to reserve your place.

Tom Belisle invited members to attend a fund raising event at Stockton airport to raise money for injured veterans. All of the money goes to help the veterans; their overhead expenses are covered by sponsors. There were airplanes to view, a band, food and other entertainment.

J.R. Gibb announced that he has a 4800 square foot hangar available for use in the Reno area.

Ken McKenzie reported on a meeting at the airport to review the draft Buchanan Field Airport Master Plan. The meeting was conducted by county supervisors Susan Bonilla and Mary Piepho. Commenters included Jerry Alves, who stated that he was working on a foundation to put up an Aviation Education Center at the airport. The EAA would be a most appropriate organization to administer it. The goal is for a building shell to be provided by Silver Pacific, the hangar developer for the 10 acres where MDPA used to be. Individual groups at the airport would be responsible for completing the interior of the building. It would accommodate up to two construction bays for experimental aircraft and up to 150 people for meetings.

Ray Nilson still has EAA calendars for sale.

Presentation: Hangar Tour

The members carpoled to projects in progress by Ray Nilson, Pete Wiebens, Rick Lambert and Harvard Holmes. Ray Nilson's RV-9 below:





Pete Wiebens' Glasair III reconstruction:



Carl Johnston's Europa below with construction help from Rick Lambert. The top shell of the fuselage has yet to be attached to the bottom:



Harvard Holmes talks about his Lancair IV-P



EAA 393 Board Meeting Notes

November 4, 2008

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

1. Treasurer's report (Louis Goodell) - \$686.45 in checking; and \$2650.63 in savings. Wells Fargo has started charging us \$10/month for our checking account; Ken McKenzie will investigate getting this removed.

Harvard Holmes has promised to work on a budget.

2. We will meet at 181 John Glenn this month due to a prior reservation for the space at MDPA.

3. Bill Reining has arranged for Dave Saylor from *AirCrafters* in Watsonville to speak in November.

For February and beyond, Bill has some ideas from the San Jose Chapter, received at the recent Oshkosh Leadership Forum. Other possibilities are Jim Weir from RST engineering on antennas, Frank from Sterling Avionics on avionics for homebuilders, a Watsonville avionics expert also on avionics for homebuilders, maybe an update on the demise of leaded aviation fuel, and perhaps a talk from a local AME.

4. Dick Sperling covered Young Eagle plans. He has postponed the Sea Scouts event until next year, maybe April 18, 2009. He is planning at least two good sized YE events next year.

5. Ken had a flyer describing a Buchanan Field Open House on Father's day, June 21, 2009 from 10 am to 4 pm. We are described as participating, although no one reported any official contact from the organizers (Diane Cole?).

6. Ken announced that Bill McCoy was unable to continue as membership coordinator, so we need to find a replacement. We need a visitor package for new/prospective members, including EAA National and Chapter information, an example Sport Aviation magazine, a recent Cleco (newsletter), and a membership application. We also need member volunteers who can be "buddies" to new and potential members.

7. Business cards are desirable for Board Members and key volunteers. Bill Reining will follow up on inexpensive possibilities.

8. We are still waiting to see if we are chosen to host the B-17.

9. We will seek membership input on whether to continue our membership in the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce.

10. Rick Bourgeois noted that dinner donations fell behind the number of meals eaten. We need better scrutiny of the donation amount.

11. Ken briefly reviewed advantages and disadvantages of 501(c)3 organizations.

Kit Fox Series 3 by Ken McKenzie

The Golden West Aviation Association has a Kit Fox Series 3 kit for sale (does not include firewall forward.). It includes a large build table on wheels as well as both the round bump cowl and the standard cowl plus engine mount. We believe the kit to be complete but we are selling it as is. The factory has confirmed that any missing parts are currently available. Construction has not been started. We are asking \$6000. Current kits are \$19,000 (with some improvements). The kit is located at the Marysville airport. For more info go to: <http://www.kitfoxaircraft.com/> or contact Ken McKenzie (925) 283-3119. Additional pictures are available.





EAA 393 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 6, 2008

Join the festivities at Marie Callender's, 2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA

Social Hour with No-Host Bar (6 PM)

**Dinner Includes: Caesar Salad, Cornbread, Fountain
Drinks, Iced Tea or Coffee, Wine with Dinner
And choice of Entrée and Dessert
(Served at 7 PM)**

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

Pepper-Crusted Hand-Carved Tri-Tip
Fresh Lemon Pepper-Crusted Salmon
Artichoke Mushroom Chicken

DESSERT CHOICES:

Apple Pie
Chocolate Cream Pie
Lemon Meringue Pie

All this for \$35 per person!!

Please send us your money by November 26, 2008 or bring this to the meeting Nov 19th.
Seating is limited to 64 total for members and guests, 1st come, 1st serve for reservations.

Name _____ [] Tri-Tip [] Salmon [] Chicken
[] Apple [] Chocolate Cream [] Lemon Meringue

Guest _____ [] Tri-Tip [] Salmon [] Chicken
[] Apple [] Chocolate Cream [] Lemon Meringue

Members & guests: \$35 each. You may fold and tape this sheet with your check inside.

Amount enclosed: _____

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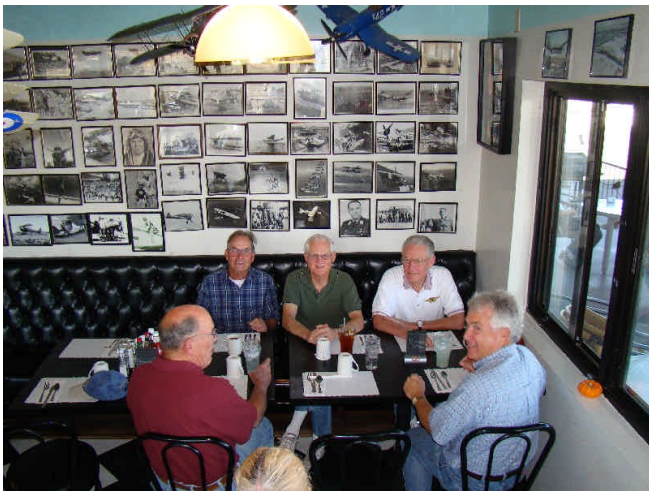
West Side Irregulars fly to Petaluma

October 29, 2008

Phil Jenkins, Bob Belshe, Bill Reining, Ron Robinson, Bob Sinclair, Harvard Holmes (not shown)



Lunch at the Two-Niner Diner:



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Meeting Schedule (2008/2009)

General (Wed.)	Fly-out (Sat.)	Board (Tue.)
Nov 19	Nov 22	Dec 2
Dec 6, Holiday Party	Dec 27	Jan 6
Jan 28, 2009	Jan 31	Feb 3
Feb 25	Feb 28	Mar 3
Mar 25	Mar 28	Apr 7
Apr 22	Apr 25	May 5
May 27	May 30	Jun 2
Jun 12-14, Golden West Fly in, Marysville, CA		
Jun 21, Buchanan Field Open House (tentative)		
Jun 24	Jun 27	Jul 7
Jul 18, Picnic	Jul 25	Aug 4

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 old camaraderie.

Our normal meeting time is 7:30PM on the 4th Wednesday of the month (except July, November and December) in 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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