



May 25, 2011

This Month's Speaker

Brien Seeley will speak on CAFE Foundation projects.

CAFE Foundation's plans for the Green Flight Challenge in July at Sonoma County Airport: We will have 14 new experimental electric and hybrid aircraft from all over the world going after the largest ever prize for GA--\$1.5M from NASA. They must achieve more than 200 passenger MPG to win. The presentation will also touch on the April 29-30 5th Annual CAFE Electric Aircraft Symposium in Santa Rosa.

http://cafefoundation.org/v2/main_home.php

The Green Flight Challenge will be an historic event. Part of my presentation is to recruit volunteers to help staff it, and 393 has always been a stalwart source of volunteer support of past CAFE 400 races and events. My father-in-law, the late Lyle Powell, was an active member in 393. There is no spectating at the Green Flight Challenge--only ramp volunteers are allowed onto the campus to get up close and personal with the racers. And the ramp volunteers get a ringside seat at history.

EAA Green Flight news articles:

<http://www.eaa.org/ehotline/issues/110506.html>

Upcoming Speakers and Topics

If you know of an interesting speaker, let Tracy Peters know.

President's Notes

By Bill Reining

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Kudos to all who helped, in whatever way, in making the B-17 visit such a success. Jack Davi was everywhere, planning, organizing, cajoling and smoozing. Rick Bourgeois and his daughter Simone fed us hot dogs during the day and a gourmet meal at night. Dick Sperling gathered veterans from far and wide. Tom Howard hung banners, took pictures and etched wine glasses. Tracy and Pat Peters got signs and banners made, set up the hot dog tent and dealt with the County Health Department. Ken and Linda McKenzie lent their car to the crew, drove all the way to Marysville to pick up tents and tables, filled sand bags to hold down the tents, and set up and took down the tents and tables every day. Pete Mitchell was in charge of the raffle. But the list goes on – there were many members who quietly showed up and did their duty, whether escorting the public, guarding the perimeter, or setting up signs and barricades. A myriad of details were quietly and efficiently handled. So well done everyone!

There was a personal side to the B-17 visit as well. All of us had a chance to listen to the WWII veterans who crewed the airplane, to see the light in their eyes (and tears too) as they recalled their experiences (some of this was published in a couple of nice articles in the Contra Costa Times). I even met a quiet, distinguished gentleman who was on the receiving end of the B-17's mission, watching the bombs fall on his country as a young teenager. The EAA crew who brought the airplane to Concord were swell fellows, full of interesting details about the airplane and its impact on the many visitors at each stop. We also got to know each other better, developing what I would like to call a

certain “esprit de corps”. You could tell by our sunburned faces and aching feet!

We were not able to locate any kids to send to the Air Academy before all the sessions filled up. We'll have to start earlier next year. In the meantime, we can use the credits we earned last year to either purchase support gear for our Young Eagles rallies, or donate our credits to another chapter who may be sponsoring someone.

Our first Young Eagles Rally is fast approaching: May 21. Renee Robinson is taking charge, giving Dick Sperling a well-deserved rest. Both Dick and I will be unavailable May 21 (my wife and I should be half way to Alaska by then, driving a 31 foot RV along the Alaskan Highway.) Please consider coming out to help, whether flying an airplane or escorting kids on the ground. There will be plenty to do. Renee will be sending out email messages asking for your help – please respond directly to her.

The membership approved our increased rent payment to MDPA at the May 4 meeting. We will now pay them \$100 a month, beginning April 1, 2011. At the same meeting a small change to the bylaws was approved by the membership (to add the word “of” to the official chapter name “EAA Chapter 393 of Concord California” and the addition of a statement by the current Chapter Secretary that the bylaws as printed are the current version). With these changes we have completed all the steps necessary to submit our application for 501.c.3 status as a charitable organization. The application was mailed to the authorities on May 11. Many thanks to Bob Belshe for completing this task.

May 25, 2011 Dinner Menu

By Rick Bourgeois

Dinner is served at 6:30pm – Donation is \$7:

- American Chop Suey
- Green Salad
- Dinner rolls
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Ice Cream
- Coffee and drinks (water & soda)

Let Rick know your suggestions for future meals.

Young Eagles Events

By Renee Robinson and Dick Sperling

Our tentative schedule for Young Eagles rallies in 2011 is:

- May 21
- June 4
- July 9
- Aug 13
- Sept 10
- Oct 15 or 29

Get ready for this year's first Young Eagles Rally soon after the EAA B-17 departs. This first one is also known as International Learn to Fly Day! It's a worldwide event. Renee Robinson will be in charge for the first time since I'll be out of town. Please give Renee your full support to make this a successful day.

Thanks, Renee Robinson and Dick Sperling

B-17 Concord tour stop May 2-5, 2011

By Jack Davi

We did good!



The B-17 stop in Concord went very well. There were 38 paid passengers, 623 people toured the aircraft, 6 WW II Vets flew and over 62 Vets registered with Dick Sperling. I want to thank the 33 volunteers who worked during the tour with a special thanks to Rick Bourgeois for preparing a great dinner on Wednesday night; boy are we

lucky having Rick around, and the McKenzies out did themselves in handling the field set-up. Thanks to the B-17 committee, Dick Sperling (Vets), VP Tracy Peters (Signs & Hot Dog Stand), Rick Bourgeois (Food), Pete Mitchell (Ticket Sales), Ken and Linda McKenzie (Site Set-up) and our President Bill Reining who was there every day and worked hard. Thanks to Pacific States for parking the B-17 and using their facilities. Thanks to the Airport Staff, particularly K.C. Coyle, for all their help. If we want to have the B-17 back again next year, we probably can. I know that we made some money, perhaps \$1,000.00, but having that great plane in Concord and watching those B-17 Vet's eyes light-up was well worth the effort. Thanks again to all, let's do it in 2012. The highlight for me was when Marilyn Sperling won the drawing for the B-17 ride. I never saw anyone so happy as her husband Rich. He had a smile that lasted for an hour.

P.S. I understand George Daubner, B-17 Program Manager, was very pleased with the Concord Tour Stop.

May 4, 2011 General Meeting Notes

Business

The meeting is occurring at an unusual time to coincide with the B-17 Tour Visit to Concord.

Thanks to Rick Bourgeois for an excellent dinner.

Guests were recognized, including the MDPA Board of Directors. Welcome!

The members were asked to approve a new rent agreement with MDPA for our meeting room. This was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

The members were asked to approve two minor change of bylaws: 1) add "of" to conform the bylaws name with the Articles of Incorporation; 2) add a paragraph for the Secretary to sign, certifying the Bylaws as true and valid.

The award for Outstanding Member was presented to Renee Robinson.

Members were reminded of the next Young Eagles events on May 21 (35 kids) and June 4.

Jack Davi reviewed our successful B-17 event and thanked all those who made an extraordinary effort to help.

Speaker

President Bill Reining introduced members of the B-17 crew and asked them to tell us a bit about themselves and about flying the B-17.

They gave three perspectives on flying the B-17: From a technique point of view, in a crosswind it can be like "herding cats" – all over the place! From a Tour perspective, it takes you all over the country – in this area, to the Golden Gate Bridge, over the south end of Alcatraz, and to other Bay Area sights. From an historical perspective, it's an opportunity to meet and thank veterans for what they did, and to remind people of the historical significance of the aircraft.

More Business

Tom Howard presented the B-17 crew with personalized wine glasses, etched with a picture of the B-17. A picture of the B-17 was auctioned off to Marilyn Sperling for \$110 to benefit the Chapter.

We'd like to thank "KC" Coyle of the airport staff for his assistance in conducting a safe and enjoyable B-17 event, and for his assistance to photographers in getting that "perfect shot."

We drew names for seats on the B-17 flight to Hayward for the next day. At Tom Howard's suggestion, those who could not go gave their seats to others for a donation to the Chapter.

The eventual riders were: Vicki Upton, Ray Nilson, Tracy Peters, Bruno Motta, Dave Walters, Jim Madison, and Tom Howard.

Afterward

The next day, Bill Reining, Bob Belshe and Harvard Holmes flew down to Hayward and

brought the lucky riders back to Concord. Then several of us went to lunch at Half Moon Bay.

April 27, 2011 Board Meeting Notes

By Pete Mitchell

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Present were Bob Belshe, Rick Bourgeois, Tom Howard, Pete Mitchell, Tracy Peters, Bill Reining and Dick Sperling. Absent were Rich Cunningham, Vi Egli, Harvard Holmes, and Renee Robinson. Guests were Jack Davi, Guy Jones and Ken McKenzie.

Treasurer's Report – Bob Belshe: combined Bank Balances of \$6,050. Tracy Peters has purchased a new projector for Clubhouse use.

To cover our share of increased Clubhouse rent, Tom Howard motioned to pay MDPA an additional \$50 a month toward their rent; seconded by Rich Bourgeois; approved (7-0). To be voted by the Membership during our next meeting.

Dinner Report – Rich Bourgeois
For the next meeting: American Chop Suey, Garden Salad, Beverage, Cookies and Ice Cream.

Young Eagles
May 21 is our next Young Eagle's event; so far over 50 are expected. June 4th is over 30.

B17 Discussion
Pat and Tracy Peters are providing the food tent, hot dog cooker, and condiments. A 2011 Food Handlers Permit will be issued by the Health Department.
Ken and Linda McKenzie will be providing tents, ropes, security stanchions, sandbags and other materials. Some of the equipment is loaned from Golden West. Ken and Linda will also provide a vehicle for use by the B-17 Crew. Jack Davi has 36 volunteers signed up.

The B17 Drawing was won by Marilyn Sperling, with a backup of Pat Howard. A total of 78

tickets were sold, including a \$10 donation, for a total of \$790.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

B-17 Pictures

Photography by Tom Howard, Pat Peters, Pete Mitchell and Harvard Holmes







Wednesday Fly-outs

By Harvard Holmes

Photographs by Tom Howard

To maintain our proficiency, a number of pilots get together on Wednesdays and fly somewhere for lunch. Many of the aircraft owners in the chapter participate. Passengers are always welcome. Not only is it a great way to see the Bay Area, it's also fun to see and ride in our members' aircraft. These are not official EAA Chapter 393 events. The email address is WedFlyOut@eaa393.org You may contact HarvardHolmes@comcast.net or Renee Robinson webmaster@eaa393.org to be added or removed from this list.

Generally, someone who wants to go flying will send a suggestion to this list a day or two before. Those who can go will respond and a destination gets selected. Recent destinations have included: Half Moon Bay, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Boonville, Shelter Cove, Willows,



Auburn, Sacramento, Lodi, Stockton, Merced, Watsonville and Salinas. If the weather is poor, a decision may be made as late as Wednesday morning.

The most active pilots on this list are Harvard Holmes, Bill Reining, Bob Belshe, Ron Robinson, and Phil Jenkins. Pilots sometimes advertise that they have empty seats, but not always. Harvard Holmes and Bill Reining are most likely to have extra seats (4 seat aircraft). My advice is to contact a pilot in advance to make sure they have room and to get directions. Typically, you'd get to the airport by 11:30am and return by 3:30pm.

On April 19, 2011, we went to Petaluma.



FOR SALE: 1962 Comanche 250,
Cherry condition, fully loaded, new paint, new annual, always hangared. Call Keith Martz for details and avionics. Available for viewing any day, by appointment, at Buchanan Field. Call Keith Martz, 925-933-1424 (Home) or 925-818-7235 (Cell).

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Contact Harvard Holmes 510 526-5347

Seeking Seaplane partner for 1969 Lake Amphibian N7628L (~\$25K). Moving to Concord. Peter Goldstern
goldsternp@alum.mit.edu

SHARE EXPENSES TO BUILD AN RV-12

I'm looking for someone who wants to build & fly the RV-12 (or something similar in the LSA classification). I have a build location with private airstrip in area.

Contact Tom Shaw (EAA member) for additional information at:

Tshaw@JetsonProducts.com or (925) 370-6531

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Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
Apr 27	May 21	May 25		
	May 21 (also National Learn to Fly Day)			
Jun 7	Jun 4	Jun 22		
	Golden West Regional Fly-In			Jun 10-12
Jul 5	Jul 9			
	Arlington Fly-In, Arlington, WA			Jul 6-10
	Chapter Picnic			Jul 16
	AirVenture 2011, Oshkosh, WI			Jul 25-31
Aug 2	Aug 13	Aug 24		
Sep 6	Sep 10	Sep 28		
Oct 4	Oct 15/29	Oct 26		
Nov 1		Nov 16		
Dec 6				
	Holiday Party at Marie Callender's			Dec 11

Our meetings are open to the public. Join us for dinner at 6:30 pm (\$7 donation) with the general meeting at 7:30 pm on the above dates in the building at 161 John Glenn Drive north of Sterling Aviation. Enter from the airport side of the building.

Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See the newsletter for arrangements.

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