



## Chapter Meeting: October 24, 2012

**Speaker: Bud Lembke**

Subject: Experiences on a B-17...

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### Speaker's Bio

Bud Lembke is a retired journalist who served as a radio operator on 36 B-17 Flying Fortress missions over Southern Europe in World War II.

He was with The Los Angeles Times for 21 years, including 13 years as bureau chief in San

Francisco, covering Northern California and occasionally, the Pacific Northwest. He also worked for a number of other newspapers, published a statewide political newsletter based in Sacramento and a weekly newspaper in Southern California. His journalism career spanned 50 years.

Since retirement, he has devoted more time to his hobby of writing plays. A reading of his play, "Arthritis Be Damned," a parody of life in the giant Walnut Creek retirement community of Rossmoor, drew 320 paid admissions at three shows last July. He celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at a party last May at which the program included a reading of his one-act play about the dispute that broke out at the meeting to plan a memorial service for deceased member of the family.

Lembke and his wife, Mary, have lived in Rossmoor for five and a half years after moving from Sacramento, where they lived for 22 years. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

### We Are Moving

As of November 1, we will be using our new clubhouse. The address is 200 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA 94524

### President's Notes

By Bill Reining

The Clubhouse is now in the home stretch - as this is being written the walls are being painted! The new floor is scheduled to be installed during the first week in November. As a consequence, MDPA served notice to Sterling that they (and EAA 393) would no longer use the room at 161 John Glenn Drive as of the end of October. Thus EAA 393's last meeting in the Sterling facility will be on October 24. Our first meeting in the reno-

vated Clubhouse will be on November 28, the week after Thanksgiving.

The Clubhouse renovation has been a labor of love for many MDPA and EAA 393 members. There are some standouts, but many have contributed. A tally of man-hours as of October 1 came to 1250, with more to come. Our "rent" of the office and garage storage room has consequently been reduced to a mere \$5 per month, per club.

With growing confidence in its completion, the Clubhouse now looks almost certain as the location of our Holiday Party, scheduled for Saturday evening, December 8. The menu is now being finalized with Sunrise Catering. The cost per person will be about \$40. This will be a little more than what we paid at the Black Angus, but the satisfaction of using the Clubhouse should make up the difference!

Many of you have probably heard about the "Eagle Flight" program by now. Initiated at AirVenture in Oshkosh this summer, this program is somewhat different than the Young Eagles program. It's primary intent is to provide an introductory flight experience for adults. Any person 18 years of age or older "who has expressed an interest in learning to fly" is eligible. Eagle Flights are not handled like Young Eagle rallies. The emphasis is to provide a one-to-one, hands-on experience, with more time spent both during pre-flight and post-flight. Scott Achelis has volunteered to coordinate the Eagle Flight program for our chapter. If you know of an adult who meets the description provided above, please let Scott know. He will pair the individual with one of the pilots in the chapter for the flight experience. It is hoped that this program with add new members to our chapter, and perhaps keep the neighborhood Flight Instructors busy.

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### **Young Eagles Events**

By Renee Robinson

Our last Young Eagles rally of the year is almost here. We expect 40-45 Boy Scouts on October 20th. I need all the help I can get to make this

run smoothly. Please sign-up as a volunteer! Let's finish the year with a great rally!

Thanks, Renee Robinson

### **Donate your old laptop computer!**

We can use a few additional laptop computers for the Young Eagles events. The only software required is a relatively recent web browser, so Windows, Mac, and even Linux is acceptable.

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### **Dinner Menu**

By Rick Bourgeois

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

- Lasagna
- Garlic Bread
- Green Beans
- Green Salad
- Dessert
- Coffee and drinks (water & soda)

Let Rick know your suggestions for future meals.

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### **October 3, 2012 Board Meeting Notes**

By Harvard Holmes

#### **Attending:**

President Bill Reining, Vice President Tracy Peters, Treasurer Bob Belshe, YE Coordinator Renee Robinson, YE Coordinator Jack Davi, Past YE Coordinator Dick Sperling, Meals Coordinator Rick Bourgeois, Tools Coordinator and Photographer Tom Howard, Guy Jones, Harvard Holmes, Scott Achelis.

#### **Treasurer – Bob Belshe**

We have 56 paid members. Our bank balance is mostly unchanged since the last general meeting. In the second quarter (July, August and September), we had income of \$424 and expenses of \$1792. Our expenses include spending on the tool library, rent, meeting expenses, speakers, and Air Academy.

Bob noted that we need to pay our expenses for the new clubhouse by November 1, 2012 (\$450

damage deposit, \$50 annual contribution to supplies, and \$10 for 2 months rental of storage space). We owe MDPA for our October rent.

### **Young Eagles – Jack Davi + Renee Robinson**

Jack Davi and Tracy Peters estimated attendance at the October 20, 2012 Young Eagles Rally to be 40 to 45 Boy Scouts and some small number of the general public. We will NOT put up the sign inviting the general public in the hopes of keeping attendance at manageable levels. We (Tracy Peters and Dick Sperling) will be certifying Aviation Merit Badges for the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts will get a tower tour and a tour of the Airport's fire fighting equipment.

As we pass out registration numbers for the kids, we will reserve numbers 1-50 for the Boy Scouts and 50+ for the general public. Members of the general public who register before any Boy Scouts will thus be put at the head of the line for flights, but once the Boy Scouts start registering (after their classes), they will get priority due to their lower numbers.

Jack guesses that we'll have 5 pilots/planes, carrying 3 passengers each. Dick Sperling agreed to be the briefing officer for October 20 until 10:30 am. After that, he will be busy working on Boy Scout merit badges. Sterling is providing discounted fuel for YE pilots. We need a food volunteer to order pizza from Sam's. The Boy Scouts will cook their own food, using MDPA's BBQ. Guy Jones and Jack Davi will set up the room.

### **Eagle Flights – Scott Achelis**

Scott has agreed to be the coordinator for our Eagle (adult) Flights. He described the EAA Headquarters motivation as being strongly focused on people intent on learning to fly. There will be little outreach; we expect highly motivated people will find us. The flight experience will be more one-on-one, perhaps including people on our Wednesday fly-outs. Scott and Jack Davi will alert the Flight Schools at PSA and Sterling about the program.

### **Clubhouse – Scott Achelis**

Scott Achelis reported that the Clubhouse renovation was going well. It will be ready for flooring (the last step?) at the end of October if all goes well. Julie Conti in the Airport's office has been asked to schedule the floor installation. Scott would greatly appreciate a volunteer to write up weekly progress on the renovation and share it with the Chapter members. Tracy may be able to look into doing this; it might be a shared effort with MDPA.

The renovation could now use 3 members with painting experience...

The Airport has purchased nine rectangular tables, each 8 feet long (for meeting use), and four rectangular tables, each 6 feet long (for serving meals). These are white plastic tables from Sam's Club.

Bill Reining has been pursuing Internet access. He has ruled out Astound and Comcast, and is considering AT&T U-verse most seriously at this time. Steve Kennedy of MDPA was identified as an AT&T executive who may be able to help us.

MDPA has given notice to terminate our rental of the room from Sterling on October 31, 2012. Scott Achelis noted that MDPA intends to cut its dues in half to \$49 per year in recognition of the reduction in rental expense. As MDPA builds a financial reserve, they expect further cuts in the membership dues.

Scott Achelis noted that clubhouse renovation expenses would likely not exceed \$1000 each for MDPA and the Chapter.

There was a discussion of moving storage items out of the Sterling space to the new Clubhouse. Tom Howard offered inexpensive shelves and/or lateral file cabinets to the Chapter. Tracy Peters and Tom Howard will move stuff out of the Sterling space to Tracy's hanger to store until the Clubhouse is ready.

### **Holiday Party Plans – Harvard Holmes**

We are on track for having our Holiday Party in the new Clubhouse. Sara Holmes is trying to get a few answers from Sunrise Catering, and then we will send them a deposit of about \$280 as decided at previous board meetings. Harvard passed around menus for the “Light Dinner Menu” from Sunrise Catering, and asked those present to mark them with their suggestions for buffet choices for the holiday party. Harvard collected them at the end of the meeting for later analysis. The light dinner buffet is likely to cost about \$40.

We plan to hang onto our Black Angus reservation (at no cost) until after the November 7 board meeting, and then cancel if appropriate.

### **Air Academy 2013 – Tracy Peters**

Tracy has applied for an Air Venture slot for just before AirVenture. He suggests sending email to our Young Eagle participants who are in the right age group, among other outreach activities.

### **Dinner Menu – Rick Bourgeois**

Dinner menu: Lasagna, Garlic Bread, and the usual accompaniments.

### **Speaker - Tracy**

Tracy reported that our speaker for October was a B-17 radio operator, Bud Lembke, who wrote Ups and Downs in a Flying Fortress.

### **Future Speakers – Tracy and Jack**

For November, Tracy hopes to have a metal workshop, perhaps in the clubhouse. No January speaker has been arranged yet.

### **Cleco for October – Kevin (Absent)**

Please submit Cleco material by October 10, 2012.

Bill Reining expressed concern that the Cleco was being published quite late, likely a function

of late contributions to the editor. How can we improve the Cleco production?

### **[Editor Response]**

We've been having the board meeting on the first Wednesday. In keeping with the previous schedule, the deadline for submissions was the weekend before the third Wednesday. Since we print the Cleco for some people, we try to get it in the mail a week before the general meeting. That only leaves about 3 days to put the Cleco together in a perfect world. As this world isn't perfect, there's plenty of blame to pass around. It's true that sometimes I don't have contributions on time. Other times I get caught up in other things. If we move the deadline up to the second Wednesday, then it gives me a little more time to deal with problems.

### **New Business**

Tracy Peters and Jack Davi discussed an airplane for the YE program. They need carburetors...

Jack Davi wants to consider selling hot dogs at the Watsonville fly-in on Labor Day in 2013 as a fund raiser. We have the equipment...

Jack proposes that we schedule Young Eagles for a consistent Saturday during the months that we fly Young Eagles. This would be the second or third Saturday of the month. It was moved by Jack and seconded by Rick Bourgeois that we do this. Our sign could thus be generic and we could just leave it up. The public could plan better. We would take the sign down after the September rally, and reserve the October rally for Boy Scouts (mostly). Bill Reining suggested that we consider doing rallies through the entire year. Jack expressed concern about burning out the volunteers. The motion to schedule rallies on a fixed Saturday from April through October (without advertising for October) was passed.

Shall we have a combined pancake breakfast with MDPA? Tracy will check with MDPA.

Meeting Adjourned...

**Wednesday Flyouts – Photographs**  
By Tom Howard



# EAA 393 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

**Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 6PM**

Join the festivities at the Clubhouse, 200 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA

**Social Hour with Hors d'oeuvres (6 PM)**

**Teriyaki Meatballs &  
Flatbread with Brie, Caramelized Onions & Pears**

**DINNER INCLUDES: (Served at 7 PM):**

**Caesar Salad**

**ENTRÉE CHOICES:**

**Ham with Kentucky Bourbon Sauce**

**Sliced Turkey Breast, Gravy**

**Vegetarian Cannelloni**

**Roasted Red Potatoes**

**Roasted Vegetables**

**Fresh Baked Whole Wheat, Egg & Herb Rolls, Butter**

**Dessert & Decaf Coffee & Hot Tea Station, Biscotti**

All this for \$40 per person!!

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Please send us your money by December 1, 2012 or bring this to the meeting Nov 28th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Ham [ ] Turkey [ ] Vegetarian Canelloni

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Ham [ ] Turkey [ ] Vegetarian Canelloni

Members & guests: \$40 each. Renew membership: \$30. Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Wednesday Fly-outs - Information

By Harvard Holmes

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. The email address is [WedFlyOut@eaa393.org](mailto:WedFlyOut@eaa393.org). You may contact Renee Robinson [webmaster@eaa393.org](mailto:webmaster@eaa393.org) to be added to 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 destination may be selected 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.

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## Newsletter Format

By Kevin Hoos

You probably noticed a few changes to the Cleco.

I'm working on a better template to help me keep things consistent, and looking better. You will notice the Table of Contents on the first page. It's there to give you a brief overview of the Cleco, and help you find the parts you want faster. I hope everyone enjoys the changes.

Note, there may be more changes in the future...

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## Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
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Oct 3	Oct 20*	<b>Oct 24</b>		
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Nov 7		<b>Nov 28</b>		
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Dec 5				
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<i>Holiday Party</i>				
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Jan 2		<b>Jan 23</b>		
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Feb 6		<b>Feb 27</b>		
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Mar 6		<b>Mar 27</b>		
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(\* Event for Boy Scouts)

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.

Beginning Nov 1, we will be having out meetings at our new clubhouse. The address is 200 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA.

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

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