



December 2013

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President's Notes December 2013

As the year draws to a close one has to stop and reflect on what we have done, and where we might be going. I think we have had a pretty terrific year. We have learned to use the Clubhouse, not only as a meeting place, but as a party venue, Young Eagles operations center, and aircraft staging area. It works well in all regards. True, there are some things that could be made better (more on this in a moment), but overall it has proven to be an excellent asset. Thanks again to all the volunteers who made it so!

We can look forward to another busy and rewarding year. In addition to general meetings and plenty of Young Eagles, we look forward to hosting the EAA Ford Trimotor. While it may not be a big money maker (we get \$5 per ticket) it should be a very popular and interesting experience - one that should gain recognition for the chapter throughout the local community.

We (together with MDPA) were asked by the airport to assemble a list of desired Clubhouse improvements that the airport might be able to pay for with some unused budget. It was an interesting exercise, as it made us really reflect on what was needed and what it might cost. We submitted the following ideas, in order of priority:

Cover the picnic area with used AstroTurf

- Put curtains on the windows
- Improve the air conditioning in the main meeting room
- Improve the air conditioning in the fireplace room

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- Replace the windows in the kitchen
- Hire a cleaning service for a year-end thorough cleaning
- Cover the ground on the west and south side of the building with free wood chips

The airport had their budget review and reported that they could pay for the base rock and decomposed granite required as part of the AstroTurf project, and the cost for curtains and rods (about \$1800). While far from satisfying our whole list it certainly is to be appreciated. So in addition to the activities mentioned above, we can look forward to several working parties as we prepare the picnic area, sew and hang curtains, and spread mulch. While it may sound like a lot of work, I believe all the volunteers who worked on the Clubhouse previously will agree that the work both builds morale and provides a real sense of accomplishment.

Minutes of EAA Chapter 393 General Meeting

November 20, 2013

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 19.30 in the clubhouse great room. Seventeen enjoyed Rick's roast chicken dinner. We have a new member Jim Coupe, working on his commercial. Bill reports he completed our chapter insurance form online and promptly received a bill of \$345, up five dollars from last year. Bill has

General Meeting Notes Cont.

arranged to pickup our astro turf. He and Tom Howard will use Tom's truck and trailer to make the delivery. The airport may have some funds left to help with one of our clubhouse projects. Duane Allen reports Bill McCoy is recovering from a heart attack and pneumonia, he is in Kindred Hospital 2800 Benedict Drive, San Leandro, 94577-6840, the hospital phone number is 510 357 8300, Bill's cell is 925 848 7070

Treasurer – Bob Belshe reported a bank balance of \$4,300.

Secretary – Pete Mitchell, membership is up to 57. Name badges will be ordered in time for the Christmas dinner.

VariEze – Ken McKenzie has arranged for the San Rafael chapter to adopt the VariEze project.

Airport Advisory Committee has recognized 393 & MDPA as Tenants of the Year. We need a place to display our plaque.

Clubhouse needs include ground cover on the south side additional air-conditioning for the great room. Air conditioning for the fireplace room, window covering for both rooms. Double pane windows for the fireplace room.

Holiday party – Tracy, the club will provide the "protein", New York strip roast, turkey, salmon and three cheese lasagna, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes and gravy. Dessert as well as table coverings, dishes, plates, silverware and glassware. Guests should bring a side dish, such as an appetizer, salad, or vegetable.

Cleco – Bill Bower had a request for larger type size. The reader can change the print size as needed. At the top of the PDF form, choose the print size (shown as a %) that works for you.

Internet – Bill Reining, our Internet is scheduled to increase in January, Bill is negotiating with AT&T for a better rate.

Entertainment – our speaker was unable to attend, Tracy provided a video of Jeff Skiles flying the "Classic" Sweepstakes Fairchild 24H.

Board Meeting Notes

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 19:15 in the clubhouse fireplace room.

Present Bill Reining, Tracy Peters, Pete Mitchell, Bob Belshe, John Davi, Rich Bourgeois, Tom Howard, Guy Jones, Scott Achelis and Harvard Holmes.

Treasurer – Bob Belshe

Our bank balance is \$4,877.

Audits – Financial Tracy and Equipment Harvard
Tracy's audit of our finance's is in progress.

Harvard has a spreadsheet with names and categories listed, tools, Tom Howard, young eagles equipment, Renee, audio video Tracy, networking Bill, food equipment Rich, hotdog trailer Tracy.

Young Eagles – Tracy

Tables and chairs are scheduled to be returned to PSA.

Holiday Party Planning – Tracy

Thirty-three have signed up, Tracy expects around 50. China, glassware, silverware and table coverings for 70 have been ordered. Bill Reining is bringing the wine, Tom Howard will run the raffle, John Davi will be the greeter, Rich and Simone will cook the roast. Bentelino's Catering will provide the turkey, salmon, lasagna, rice pilaf and potatoes. Alpine Bakery is providing dessert. Tom Howard requested, Bob Belshe motioned and the board approved we donate one of our laptops for the raffle. Rich Bourgeois will bring a player piano; Tracy will have photos and background music for entertainment. George Achelis is in charge of decorations with help from Vi Egli, Marilyn Sperling and Patty Howard. The perpetual trophy has been updated. Decorations will be left for the MDPA party.

VariEze – Ken and Jack

The VariEze will be moving to the San Rafael chapter.

Louis Michael Ellis DDS

Louis M. Ellis, DDS
Resident of Concord



Louis Michael Ellis, 89, died November 19, 2013 surrounded by family in Walnut Creek.

Lou was born in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from the [University of Minnesota](#) in 1948. He served his country in the [U.S. Navy](#). Dr. Ellis taught at several dental schools including Diablo Valley College, where he was an instructor in Dental Hygiene and the University of California as an instructor in Practice Management. He had a successful General Dental Practice in Concord from 1953 - 1991. Lou was a member of Contra Costa Dental Society for 60 years, serving as President and Chairman of the Ethics Committee. He was a member of Diablo Dental Academy and California Dental Association. Dr. Ellis was named a Fellow in the American College of Dentists in 1982.

Flying was a passion in the Ellis Home! Lou held many certificates; Private Pilot, Commercial Rating, Instructor and Air

Transport Pilot to name a few. He built experimental aircraft and won awards in several air shows. Lou was a member of Experimental Aircraft Association. He was a founding active member of St. Bonaventure Church.

Lou is survived by his wife of 68 years Grace Ellis, daughter and son-in-law Patricia and Cameron Carrington, son and daughter-in-law Drs. Ted and Diane Ellis, daughter-in-law Erma Ellis, grandchildren Laurel, Venus, Maegan, Nicole, Hannah, TJ, Grace, Mary and Kathryn and three great-grandchildren as well as a brother Richard Ellis and a sister Rita Garmon. He was predeceased by daughter Catherine in 2004 and son Michael in 2009.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 23, 2013 commencing at 6:30 PM with Funeral Liturgy at 7:30 PM at St. Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord. Private interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette. Memorials may be made to St. Bonaventure Food Pantry in memory of Dr. Ellis.



Charles Hull

Charles E. Hull Jun. 7, 1918 - Oct. 7, 2013 Resident of Benicia Charles (Chuck) died peacefully the evening of October 7th in the arms of his loving wife Marge. Chuck was born in Frankfort, South Dakota, the eldest of six, in a very loving family. After a long career in the Army and the Air Force he retired as Chief Warrant Officer and was awarded the [Bronze Star](#). He served in [World War II](#) and Korea. After his retirement he moved to California where he worked for Chevron USA as an electrician and eventually met and married his wife Marge Hooper. Chuck is survived by his wife Marge Hopper Hull, his brother Gordon (Nadine) Hull of Redfield, South Dakota, sister Marian Cramer of Bryant, South Dakota, sister Elna (Norman) Swaney of Willis, Texas and a large extended family of grandchildren and great grandchildren

and many beloved nieces and nephews and a host of friends. He was predeceased by his son Rano, and his brothers Henry

In Memory of

EAA Chapter 393 Members

Gone but never forgotten

and Vernon. Chuck was an active member at Community Congregational Church of Benicia, Retired Officers Association, Sirs Branch 19, Chevron Retirees Association and was a Chaplains Assistant bringing good news and the love of Christ to prison inmates throughout the state of CA. Chuck loved the outdoors especially the birds, and his manage cat. He and Marge loved flying in his airplane, travelling in their RV and exploring new places, going as "far as they could go." A service of Celebration and Remembrance of Chuck's life will be at Community Congregational Church, 1305 W. Second Street, Benicia, on Saturday, October 19th at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the church in his name .

EAA Hails Bill to Cut Third-Class Medical for Many GA Pilots

December 12, 2013 - Reps. Todd Rokita (R-IN) and Sam Graves (R-MO) introduced a bill in the U.S. House Wednesday that seeks to abolish the third-class medical certificate for many pilots who fly recreationally.

[The General Aviation Pilot Protection Act of 2013](#) (HR 3708), co-sponsored by Reps. Bill Flores (R-TX), Mike Pompeo (R-KS), Collin Peterson (D-MN), and Richard Hanna (R-NY), would require pilots who fly recreationally to hold a valid driver's license in lieu of a third-class medical certificate and operate under specific limitations. EAA and other aviation associations worked with Rep. Rokita to develop and promote this legislation as part of a continuing commitment to lowering barriers to aviation participation.

"This legislation addresses two goals EAA has long advocated: eliminating excess red tape in the medical certification process while maintaining a safe way to keep pilots flying," said Jack Pelton, EAA chairman of the board. "Our members and the general aviation community have long supported a change in the medical certification process. This proposal will maintain safety, reduce costs for pilots and the federal government, and allow people to pursue the unique freedom of flight in the same way they can pursue other powered recreational activities." The proposed legislation would allow pilots to use a valid state driver's license in place of the traditional medical certificate if the flights are:

- Not for compensation
- Conducted in VFR operations only, at or below 14,000 feet MSL
- No faster than 250 knots
- In aircraft with no more than six seats and no more than 6,000 pounds' gross takeoff weight.

In addition to allowing pilots to operate common GA aircraft for recreational flying without a third-class medical, the bill mandates that the FAA prepare and send a report to Congress detailing the impact of the bill's passage on general aviation safety within five years of the bill's enactment.

"The third-class medical certificate does little to evaluate the day-to-day fitness of pilots flying recreationally," said

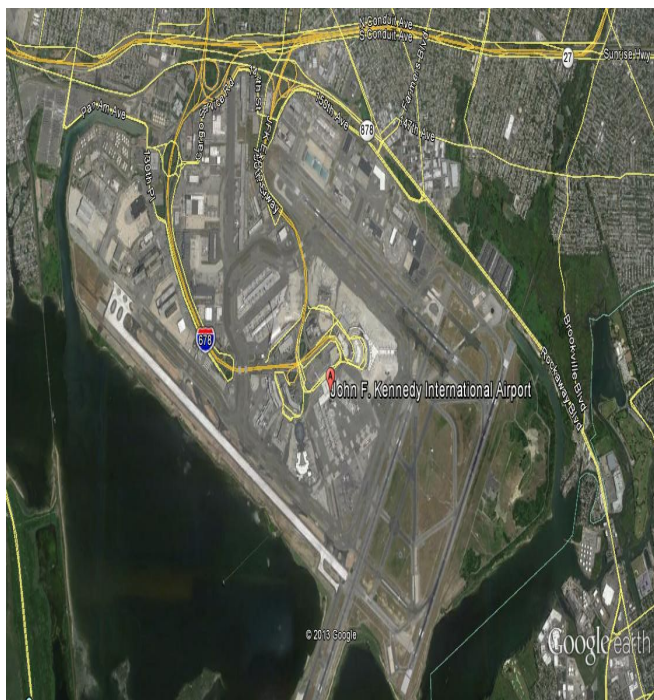
Sean Elliott, EAA vice president of advocacy and safety. "There are better ways to maintain high medical standards for aviation and allow individuals the freedom to enjoy the world of flight."

As Congress this week winds down its 2013 session, EAA, AOPA, and other groups will be urging their members to voice their support to their elected officials later in January, to ensure the message isn't lost during the holiday recess. Stay tuned for ways that you can participate in letting Congress know the importance of this measure to the future of flight in the U.S.

The bill continues EAA's effort to maintain aviation safety while growing participation in aviation. EAA and other aviation groups have regularly petitioned the FAA for medical certification updates and changes, most recently in the joint EAA/AOPA third-class medical certificate exemption request in March 2012. The FAA has yet to move on the request, despite more than 16,000 supportive comments to the docket during the public comment period - a fact not lost on members of Congress who have been monitoring the issue. EAA is grateful for the support of Congress on this issue, which is critical to pilots everywhere, and will work tirelessly toward passage of the bill.



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Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 200 Sally Ride Dr Concord Ca. Meetings are open to anyone who loves aviation and wants to learn more.

Wednesday Fly-outs

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 You may contact HarvardHolmes@comcast.net or Renee Robinson 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.



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Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
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Dec 14 Christmas Party Airport Club House
 No General Meeting in December

Happy New Year
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Jan 08 Board Meeting

Jan 22 General Meeting

Feb 5 Board Meeting

Feb 26 General Meeting

Mar 5 Board Meeting

Mar 26 General Meeting

July 28– Aug 3 Air Venture 2014

Aug. 7 Board Meeting

Aug 27 General Meeting

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 Club House 200 Sally Ride Dr. Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See page 5 for details.