



April 2014

Next General meeting April 23rd

President's Notes April 2014

As I write this we are only a week away from our first Young Eagles rally of 2014 (Saturday, April 19.) The picnic area is filled with well packed base rock. It was decided not to go any further until we had time to both put down a layer of sand and lay the Astroturf on top (the rock will stay in place, whereas the sand would be scattered everywhere!) Our new banner is proudly displayed at the edge of the golf course, right in the intersection of Diamond and Concord boulevards. The FBO's have once again agreed to sell avgas at a discount to replace the fuel used during the flights.

We have 14 pilots signed up to fly the Young Eagles, but we still need more volunteers on the ground. Please consider spending a few hours at the rally. People will be needed throughout the day. Latecomers would be welcome to close up shop and clean the clubhouse, as some folks will have been there since early in the morning!



393 General Meeting Notes

3.26.2014

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order in the clubhouse great room.

We had 18 members in attendance who enjoyed another delicious Rich's roast chicken dinner and our general meeting.

Guest Dave Walters from the Placerville Hangtown chapter 512, invited members to their pancake breakfast. First Saturdays May thru October – 0800 to 1100. Save .25/gallon on fuel. WWW.Hangtowneaa512.org.

Bill reminded the group of the board's action granting John Davi a lifetime membership in thanks for his generous financial and time contributions to this chapter. Ken and Linda McKenzie have sold their Walnut Creek home and are moving to Marin. By May their furniture should be out of their KDVO hanger and the VariEze can be accommodated.

Treasurer – Bob Belshe reports we have a bank balance of \$5,668 plus

General Meeting Notes Cont.

plus \$1,470 in young eagle credits.

Secretary – Pete Mitchell reported 48 paid members, 7 due for 2014 and 3 lifetime for a total of 58.

Bill reports that rock has been installed, compressed and rain dampened in the picnic area, sand still needs to be applied before the turf installation. Work is progressing with the hope it will be ready for our first young eagles flights April 19th. Two 4 x 6 20' poles need to be set in 5 foot holes just off the golf course. Tracy has ordered the “Kids Fly Free” banner, it will be visible from Diamond Blvd and Concord Ave. MDPA and 393 board members completed the swap of storerooms. MDPA has the garage room with their two refrigerators, 393 the office off the fireplace room.

Young Eagles – Renee and Jack are preparing for our first young eagles flights April 19th. Pilots should report by 08:30, ground crew by 09:00. Tracy expects about 20 boy scouts, it should be a busy day. The airport fire truck should put in an appearance. Ground and pilot volunteers can announce their availability by calling 925.338.7612, or email J Davi at JohnDavi1301@comcast.net.

Tracy is interested in the hot dog concession for Wings over Wine Country Air Show (STS) September 20 – 21, it would be a warm-up for Watsonville Oct 10 – 12. Tracy showed this month's chapter video, the riveting seminar was moved to the April meeting. Bill reminded everyone that the board meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM and everyone is welcome.

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Board Meeting Notes

April 2nd 2014

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 19:00 in the clubhouse great room.

Present were Bill Reining, Tracy Peters, Pete Mitchell, Vi Egli, Bill Bower, John Davi, Rich Bourgeois, Phil Jenkins, Rich Sperling, Guy Jones, Harvard Holmes, Scott Achelis and guest Tim Albert representing CAP

Bill attended a “Grass Roots Pilots Tour” program at the Hiller Museum in San Carlos. Chaired by Jeff Skiles, now an EAA vice president. Bill said Jeff put on a “superb” presentation.

Secretary – Pete

We have 51 paid members, an additional 7 have yet to renew.

Treasurer – Bob Belshe

Our bank balance is \$5,745 and we have \$1,470 young eagle credits available for this year's air academy candidate.

April 23 General Meeting – Tracy

The riveting seminar will be held in April using Van's RV kits. Rich reports the dinner menu will be a New England Boiled Ham, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, dessert, coffee and drinks. Tracy has prospects for May and June, July is picnic month. Bill has a potential speaker, who is building a human power aircraft.

Board Notes Cont.

More Board Notes

Picnic Area Improvements – Scott

The area is ready for sand just before covering with Astro turf. Many hands will be needed as the Astro turf is spread out. Defective areas may have to be removed; the resulting strips need to be seamed/glued together. The finished turf will be raked then fill material worked in, stakes/nails driven to secure. The schedule depends of Scott's workload. The fence will follow the Astroturf installation. The banner post hardware is scheduled for Friday. The 8 x 12 banner is due Monday.

Young Eagle Rally preparations

John has press releases ready for insertion in local newspapers. Rich's daughter Simone has made up artwork to be displayed by local merchants. John and Guy have moved chairs from PSA. Several pilots have indicated they will be available. Both ground crew and pilots are vital to our rally. Email John Davi at JohnDavi1301@comcast.net or phone 925.338.7612. The new banner is due Monday. Harvard is ready to update to ramp markings. Phil Jenkins is our new ramp marshal. Tracy has about 20 boy scouts scheduled for merit badges beginning 08:00. Part of his program will use the clubhouse garage; some activity will use the great room. A tour of the tower and airport fire truck are planned. CAP will have their Skylane on the south pad.

Air Academy – Bill Bower, Scott & Tracy

Tracy has recovered his young eagles database and will send it to Bill Bower who will sort and send out academy letters to the eligible females. Scott will help sort the résumés.

Miscellaneous

Outdoor speaker – Tracy has a speaker, needs to replace damaged wiring.

Hot dog cooker – Tracy answered a Craigslist item for a hotdog cooker and left with three 50-dog cookers..."the deal of the century". Tracy has inventoried the major tools from the Dick Rhin donation, will give Harvard a list with pictures. Tracy has a large shelving unit to install in the office.

Meeting adjourned 21:00

Chapter393 Library

Did you you that we have a library? Yes we have a library filled with hundreds of books covering all subject matter of aviation. You will be able find books on Aviation history, theroy , home building and aircraft construction.

Feel free to take check out books that interest you and keep it as long as you need. We promise no fines or penalties.

This library would not be possible without the contributions from Jack Davi who contributed his personal library as well as sat it up at the clubhouse. Take a look and see what spikes



List of future Air Shows and Aviation Events

- Blackbird Airpark Open House
 - Palmdale CA April 26th
 - <http://afftcmuseum.org/blackbird-airpark-open-house-event-set-april-26/>
- Oceano Airport Celebration
 - Oceano CA May 9th
 - <http://friendsofoceanoairport.com>
- Hanger 24 Airfest 2014
 - Redlands Airport May 16th
 - <http://www.hangar24brewery.com/airfest.htm>
- FiFi B-29 Flyin
 - Fox Field Lancaster CA May 19th
 - <http://www.airpowersquadron.org/#!lanaster-ca/c9pk>
- Golden West 2014
 - Marysville Airport June 6, 7 & 8th
 - <http://www.goldenwestflyin.org>
- Travis AFB Open House
 - Thunder Over Solano May 3 & 4th
 - <http://www.travisfss.com/openhouse/>
- Planes of Fame
 - Chino CA May 2-4th
 - <http://planesoffame.org>
- Hollister Airshow
 - Hollister Airport June 14-15th
 - <http://www.hollisterairshow.com>
- Tahoe Truckee Air Show
 - Tahoe Truckee Airport July 12th
 - <http://truckeetahoeairshow.com>
- AirVenture 2014
 - Whitman Field Oshkosh WI
 - July 28-Aug 3rd
 - <http://www.airventure.org>



Partnership Available

I am looking for a partner to have 1/2 share in a fixed gear Questair Venture. Maybe I can get the info out to 393. 220 KTS, IO 550. Share about \$40K. Airplane has about 70 hours on it. Wings, horiz. stab and engine are off for transport. Needs some panel improvement. Thanks, Bruce Milan

Flying Physicians Favor Medical Reform

The Flying Physicians Association (FPA) recently polled its members and found that the flying docs overwhelmingly support the bills in Congress to reform the third class medical system.

As I'm sure you know, the General Aviation Pilot Protection Act introduced in both the House and Senate would allow pilots to fly most piston airplanes, including twins and retractables, using a driver's license as evidence of medical fitness.

Over 81 percent of the FPA members responding to the query support implementation of the new policy. Interestingly, of the 18 or so percent of the doctors who disagree 9 percent of those don't believe the proposed law goes far enough. Specifically that group of doctors want to see IFR flying allowed while the bill in Congress would limit pilots flying with a driver's license to VFR only.

Add it up and 90 percent of the flying doctors in the FPA survey believe the third class medical system as it exists is not necessary, does not add to safety, and can be eliminated for private flying.

The FPA is 60 years old and is dedicated to promoting safety, education and research. The group has also worked hard to promote the use of aircraft in support of medical services and emergencies.

Like all of general aviation activity FPA membership has declined in recent years. However, new invigorated leadership has reversed the membership drop and now more doctors are joining than departing.

I've been fortunate to be invited to speak at several FPA events over the years and it is always a gratifying experience. The flying docs are very serious about their aviating as well as their medical practice. Despite the old saw about doctors and Bonanzas they fly a huge variety of airplanes.

A significant number of FPA members are also AMEs. When the topic of the medical certificate comes up the FPA members that I have spoken with usually split along the lines of AMEs supporting the requirement while the other flying docs do not.

The easy target to ridicule within the FAA medical system is the concept of sudden incapacitation. The idea that a third class exam assures that a pilot will not only survive, but be healthy, for the next two years is ludicrous. When I ask non-AME doctors how long they "guarantee" their patients will live they usually say something like "I think they can make it to the parking lot."

But the thoughtful AMEs—and there are many—also discount the effectiveness of the medical certification in avoiding a sudden pilot incapacitation event. They know the entire medical industry is not capable of predicting who will be struck by a sudden illness so the third class medical exam essentially has no chance of succeeding.

But what does worry every AME who is an FPA member that I have chatted with is changes in a pilot's cognitive ability and overall physical functioning capability, particularly as we age. Who will be there to tell us when it's time to close our logbooks if there is no regular exam and no required visit with a medical professional?

That is a valid concern. Families face that same question when it comes time to decide if elderly parents are still fit to drive. And those decisions on how long an aging parent should drive seldom revolve around specific medical conditions as the FAA medical certification system does.

Medical reform cont.

But, FPA members are all pilots and are all physicians and the huge majority reach the same conclusions about the third class medical as the rest of us who are pilots but not docs. Doctors who fly agree that the third class medical is adding a burden with very little benefit.

It will be interesting to see how the FAA defends its medical certification procedures when even a big majority of doctor-pilots don't believe they work.

As for the really tough decision about when to close the hangar door for the last time, well, that should be made by those of us who fly with the help of people we know and trust.

Wednesday Fly Outs

By Harvard Holmes

To maintain 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, its also fun to see and ride in our members aircraft. The e-mail address is wed-flyout@eaa393.org. You may contact Harvard Holmes at harvardholmes@comcast.net or Renee Robinson webmaster@eaa393.org to be added or removed from the list.

Generally, someone who wants to go flying will send a suggestion to the list a day or two before. Those who can go will respond, and a destination selected. Recent destinations have include: Half Moon Bay, Petaluma. Santa Rose, Ukiah, Boonville, Shelter Cove, Willows, Auburn, Sacramento, Lodi, Stockton, Merced Watsonville, Lake Tahoe and Salinas. If the weather is poor a selection may be made as late as Wednesday morning.

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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Chapter meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 200 Sally Ride Dr Concord Ca. Meetings are open to anyone who loves aviation and wants to learn more.

All are welcomed.



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Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
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April 23	General Meeting	06:30 PM		
May 7	Board Meeting	07:00 PM		
May 17	Young Eagles	06:30 PM		
May 28	General Meeting	07:00 PM		
June 4	Board Meeting	07:00 PM		
June 6-8	Golden West Fly In			
June 21	Young Eagles			
June 25	General Meeting	07:00 PM		
July 2	Board Meeting	07:00 PM		
July 9-13	Arlington Fly In			
July 28-Aug 3	AirVenture 2014			
Aug 6	Board Meeting	07:00 PM		
Aug 16	Young Eagles			
Aug 27	General Meeting	06:30 PM		

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 the newsletter for arrangements

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