



May 2014

Next General Meeting May 28th

## President's Notes May 2014

I must admit that Young Eagles and Astroturf have been on my mind these last several weeks. Each has shown impressive progress, despite some real challenges.

Our April Young Eagles rally was a challenge in coordination. We simultaneously flew 78 kids while training 30 Boy Scouts to receive their aviation merit badge. Both objectives were met in style. It couldn't have been done without some really busy and dedicated volunteers - many thanks to all of you!

The Astroturf has proven to be a much bigger project than we ever realized. It is now in place, awaiting taping of the several pieces and nailing (yes nailing!) in place. Grading the area, distributing and compacting the base rock, adding a level of sand, and then manipulating the heavy (over one ton each) rolls of turf into position could not have been done without the considerable talents of Scott Achelis and his Bobcat (not to mention numerous assistants). Thank you Scott!

In between all these efforts, our tireless Vice President, Tracy Peters, has kept us entertained with a variety of speakers and activities. Our speaker later this month of May will be the designer of a human-powered aircraft. Talk about experimental aircraft - Wow!



## 393 General Meeting Notes

April 2014

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order in the clubhouse great room at 19:40. Nineteen members and guests were present for Rich's boiled ham, cabbage, potato and carrot dinner.

Secretary - Pete Mitchell

We have 53 members plus five still due for 2014.

Treasurer - Bob Belshe

We have a bank balance of \$5,730 plus \$1,470 of young eagle credits.

Inventory - Harvard Holmes

The membership approved Tracy's motion to eliminate several old, none functional laptops.

Young Eagles - John Davi

John recommends a meeting of volunteers a week prior to a Young Eagles event. A total of 78 young eagles were flown. Tracy processed 38 scout merit badges.

Golden West - Bill Reining

The Golden West Air Show will again be sponsoring the EAA Chapter vs. Chapter Aircraft Competition at Marysville (KMYV) on Sunday, June 8. The event is open to all EAA Chapters, and is being organized and conducted solely by EAA volunteers.

The format for the Golden West Air Show will change this year with Aerobatic Performers flying on Saturday only. Sunday will be a display day that is open to the public, and will allow our competition to expand the level of activities. In addition to the traditional aircraft judging, there will be a Spot Landing and Bomb Drop contest. (Tracy says the safest place...is in the barrel) The Chapter with the highest point total (including Bomb Drop and Spot Landing) will be declared the winner.

The winning Chapter will be awarded a 1st Place Photo/Plaque plus Prize Money, which has been

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increased to \$300 for 2014. Each Competitor (and their passengers) will receive a Sunday breakfast voucher and Airshow passes for the day, all courtesy of Golden West.

This year's contest will include 4 judged entrants per Chapter: 3 Home built and 1 Antique thru Contemporary. If they so choose, each Chapter will be allowed one additional non-judged entrant (of any year make or model) to compete in the flight contests, for a possible total of 5 entered aircraft. Note that the flight competition will involve a total of 2 aircraft from each Chapter .



## Board Meeting Notes

May 7th 2014

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 19:05.

Vice President Tracy Peters submitted his resignation. His workload has increased and does not allow time for this activity. He has lined up speakers for the Chapter meetings through August, and he expects to continue helping with hot dog sales for fundraising.

Future Speakers – Tracy Peters

Our speaker for May is Alec Proudfoot, "Human Powered Airplane Project" at Stanford. For June we hope to have a FAA Team member talk about fuel and oil analysis.

The last general meeting had a practice riveting session. Reaction was mixed with some members leaving early to go home and others staying to work on the practice kits.

Secretary – Pete Mitchell

We have 58 members (inc. 3 lifetime). Five members from last year have not renewed.

Treasurer – Bob Belshe

Our current balance is \$3758 in cash, \$1470 in Young Eagle credits and \$2000 in our Picket Fence fund.

Our unreimbursed/upcoming expenses include:

Sign lumber:	\$200
Astroturf installation:	
Sand	\$300
Bender board	\$100
Fitting	\$150
Glue	\$250
Air Academy tuition and airline ticket	\$1250
July Picnic expenses	\$125
Young Eagles newspaper ads	\$400

After these expenses, we will have about \$1200 in our general fund and \$2000 in the Picket Fence fund.

## Board Notes Cont.

## April Young Eagles Rally – lessons learned

- The aircraft parking went OK (less airplanes than originally expected).
- We had more Boy Scouts than expected.
- We set up registration in the fireplace room and dispatch in the garage to accommodate classes for Scouts in the main room.
- Registration in the fireplace room did not leave room for hot dog sales.
- CAP did well.

Some people “jumped” the ropes; we need an adult to confront them.

## May Young Eagles Rally – schedule

- See Jack Davi’s schedule.
- Jack will coordinate with CAP – Tim Albert.
- We will move up the pilot briefing to 8:45 (Bill Reining). Bob Belshe will brief pilots who arrive later.
- We will start registration at 8:30 am if possible.
- We are hoping for a good turnout of volunteers.
- Tracy reports getting about 35 calls and 15 messages forwarded from our “Google” number.
- We will remove our “Kids Fly Free” sign from the golf course after the June event (Scott Achelis).
- Sterling will provide discounted fuel for the May event.
- Harvard has inventoried our computers; we have a good selection of nice computers to use. Harvard has looked at setting up Flight Simulator; this needs a person to manage it during the event.

Tracy is almost done with an “Eagle Flights” poster (for adult pilot candidates) for display at our Young Eagle rallies.

## Air Academy candidates – Bill Bower

Sixty invitations were mailed, with a deadline of May 10. CAP was also suggested as a source of candidates. We are sending a female this year.

## Emergency Services and Response time

Since one of our members required assistance at the last rally, we inquired how to improve the response time. Tracy talked to the fire department and the operations staff. Calling operations is recommended, although the general public will call 911. The long response time was due to confusion about the “clubhouse”. The county responders went to the golf course (which also has a “clubhouse”). The Airport will also install signs and a Fire Extinguisher [done].

## Golden West Chapter Aircraft Competition (Sunday June 8)

Harvard Holmes reported a lack of concrete commitments for display aircraft, and no experienced candidate for the spot landing and flour bombing competition. The competition needs 3 experimental and 1 “classic” aircraft for judging plus an aircraft for the flight competitions (which could be one of the judging aircraft). We think a 1966 or earlier aircraft will qualify for the classic aircraft. Possible participants include: Harvard Holmes (Lancair IV for judging); Ernst Freitag (RV-10 for judging); Eric Schuldt (Volksplane for judging); Bill Reining (Cessna 182 for classic judging); Phil Jenkins (Glasair II for judging); Ron Robinson (Glasair I for judging); Scott Achelis (RV-6A for judging). We might talk Bill Reining into the doing the spot landing and flour bombing.

## 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.

## List of future Air Shows and Aviation Events

- Golden West 2014  
Marysville Airport June 6,7 & 8<sup>th</sup>  
<http://www.goldenwestflyin.org>
- Hollister Airshow  
Hollister Airport June 14-15<sup>th</sup>  
<http://www.hollisterairshow.com>
- Tahoe Truckee Air Show  
Tahoe Truckee Airport July 12<sup>th</sup>  
<http://truckeetahoeairshow.com>
- AirVenture 2014  
Whitman Field Oshkosh WI  
July28-Aug3rd  
<http://www.airventure.org>
- Mustangs and more 2014  
Nut Tree Airport Vacaville CA  
<https://doolittlecenter.org>
- Thunder over the Valley  
Santa Maria Museum of Flight  
Santa Maria CA Aug 22-24<sup>th</sup>  
<http://www.smmof.org>
- California Capitol Airshow  
Mather Field Sacramento CA  
<http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com>
- Wings Over Wine Country Air Show  
Sonoma County Airport Santa Rosa Ca Sept 20-21  
<http://www.wingsoverwinecountry.org/>
- Reno National Championship Air Races  
Reno Stead Airport  
Reno NV Sept. 10-14  
<http://www.airrace.org/>

## Members hard at work.



## 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

# I'm Not a Pilot, So Why Did I Join EAA?

ChapterGram Newsletter: May 2014

By Bill Farley, EAA 1015015, EAA Chapter 251

Three years ago I saw an announcement in the newspaper about a meeting of the Experimental Aircraft Association at the local airport (Alamogordo, New Mexico). One thing jumped out at me: You didn't have to be a pilot but just have an interest in airplanes and flying. This statement got my attention because I have always had a fascination with airplanes and especially how they are assembled. Maybe I could attend one meeting and see what EAA was all about.

The very first meeting I attended was all it took to decide that this was an organization I could enjoy being a part of. No one questioned the fact that I wasn't a pilot; the members were very gracious and welcomed me to the meeting.

It's been three years and several months since attending that first meeting, and I now know for sure I'm in the right organization. The members have shown me plans of their aircraft they're building, taken me to several hangars, and actually let me see what building an airplane was all about. Best of all, members have taken me up in their homebuilt aircraft to show me how they actually fly them. Oh yes, on the flights, they even gave me some lessons about flying their aircraft. What a thrill!

Since attending a meeting of Chapter 251 and actually joining the ranks of EAA itself, I have fulfilled a lifelong dream to be around pilots and their aircraft. I have been associated with aircraft since my first flight back in junior high school in a PT-19, then on numerous occasions since.

When I married my wife, I would go to the local airport and watch our friend, who was in the National Guard, practice landing his jet fighter. While I was in the Army stationed in Korea, my job allowed me to take many flights - in a Bell helicopter and a de Havill-

land Beaver. The pilots always instructed me on how to fly these wondrous aircraft, so my love of flying grew and grew. Now I am actually a member of EAA and can experience firsthand what it was like to be with these pilots and share in their enjoyment of flying.

So why would a nonpilot like me join an organization of very talented people especially since I knew practically nothing about being a full-fledged pilot? It's simple, really; these guys and gals are proud of what they have accomplished and proud of their abilities to build and fly their own aircraft. They are proud of the Young Eagles program where they fly young people and introduce them to the wonders of flying. This program doesn't require me to be a pilot; it just allows me to help with something I wish I had been a part of years and years ago.

I am no pilot, I have no aircraft, and I only love to be around these wonderful people and participate in their love of a craft - flying!

By the way, I forgot to mention that last July I celebrated my 80th birthday. It's never too late to participate in EAA; maybe someday I'll even be lucky enough to fly to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

**May 14, 2014** - Nominations are now open and encouraged to recognize great EAA volunteers at this year's Volunteer Park ceremony on Sunday, July 27 – the day before AirVenture 2014's opening day. We will add names to the Volunteer Park recognition bricks alongside 2013's honorees: Paul and Audrey Poberezny, and Jack and Rose Pelton.

Making a nomination is simple. Just go to the [online application form](#) and complete it before May 31. It's a great opportunity for EAA volunteers to recognize one of their own who has gone "above and beyond" for many years. And it's just not for Oshkosh volunteers. If there's someone special who has meant a lot to your EAA chapter or the entire organization, he or she is welcome to be nominated as well.

EAA's Volunteer Advisory Committee will review the nominations and make its recommendation by mid-June and will invite honorees to Oshkosh for the July 27 recognition program.

## 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.

## May Young Eagles

In May we flew 43 Young Eagles. We want to thank all who came to help out on the ground crew and pilots . Pilots that flew for the rally.

Bill Reining

Harvard Holmes

Scott Achelis

Tim Bloodgood

Tom Hammitt

Stewart Schuster

Alex Sassa

A special shout out to Sterling Aviation for fuel and Rick Bourgeois and his food crew.

## The Experimental Aircraft Association

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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.**

### Menu for May 28th General Meeting

- Roast Chicken
- Potatoe salad
- Corn
- Drinks and dessert



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### Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
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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		
Sept 3	Board meeting	07:00 PM		
Sept 20	Young Eagles			
Sept 24	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

We are on the Web!

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