



May 2015

Next General Meeting May 27th

## Presidents Notes

Way to go Chapter 393! A fantastic Tri-Motor visit! A record-setting Young Eagles rally!

The final results are in for the Tri-Motor visit. We sold 454 seats over four days, which is well over \$30,000. There were an additional 38 free passengers, between media, volunteers, FBO staff, etc. That's about 55 flights total. No wonder we were so busy. Best of all, the chapter received \$5 per ticket sold, plus a 10% commission on souvenir merchandise sold, which worked out to a total of \$2,306.51.

We could not have done it without all the hard work and good will of many people. Bill Bower, our tour coordinator, and Stephen Tucker, who handled publicity, are to be particularly thanked – they spent long hours even before the aircraft arrived. Pacific States Aviation (PSA) was the perfect host, providing a hangar for the aircraft from the Monday before until the Thursday after the event, giving us their rooms for ticket sales and passenger briefing, allowing the Tri-Motor to be parked in their premium ramp space, providing restrooms, and many other small services. Rick and Tracy setup and ran hot dog sales for a tidy profit. And most importantly, the chapter members showed up each day to support the event. Well done everyone!

## Presidents Notes Cont.

Our Young Eagles rally just two weeks later was equally successful. We flew a record-setting 92 kids! It couldn't have been done without the record number of pilots and airplanes that showed up, as well as a hard working ground crew. Rick and his daughter Simone provided a hot hamburger lunch while selling to the public. Renee showed up at the crack of dawn and finished cleaning up after 3pm. Thanks again to everyone!

Please mark your calendars for a special event on Saturday, June 20 after the Young Eagles rally. A memorial will be held at 4pm in the Clubhouse for Ray Nilson, long time chapter member. Ray's recently completed RV-9 will be on display. It was finished in the last days of Ray's life by several of our chapter members. While too weak to fly, Ray did get to see his airplane fly before he died.



## 393 Board Meeting Notes

May 6, 2015

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order in the clubhouse great room, also present Pete Mitchell, Bob Belshe, Richard Bourgeois, Harvard Holmes, Guy Jones, Scott Achelis, Tracy Peters and Jack Davi.

Secretary & Treasurer – Pete Mitchell & Bob Belshe

Membership stands at 60 with 13 still owing 2014 dues. We received a first quarter check from SHARES of \$46.71 for a program total of \$404.04. The chapter has received Three Thousand dollars from an anonymous donor. Our bank balance is \$5,726. We made \$354 from hot dog sales and \$344 from the raffle during our Ford Tri motor event. Tracy reports our \$400 deposit for the Wings Over Wine Country event has been returned. Our share of the Tri-Motor flights has been estimated at about \$2000.

### May General Meeting

Rick is planning American Chop Suey, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Drinks and Dessert. Our planned speaker is Fred Abrams of Abrams Aviation Seminars a nationally known aviation lecturer, humorist, veteran instrument instructor, volunteer FAA Team Representative, and technical writer. His aviation career began in the U.S. Air Force as a KC-135 simulator operator. After completing his military service in 1965,

Fred joined a national flight school and trained GA pilots throughout the U.S. He has given more than 5,000 hours of instrument flight training and more than 7,000 hours of instrument dual in flight training devices and simulators plus an additional 8,000 hours of classroom training and one-on-one tutoring. His presentation will be on “SRM Single Pilot Resource Management (works for married pilots too)”

### Young Eagles May 16

Preparations include clubhouse keys Pete Mitchell; fuel discount and publicity Stephen Tucker; volunteers and pilots Tom Barlow; setup furniture and signs Pete and Guy Jones; reservation computers and CAP utilization Renee Robinson. Tracy has 21 Boy Scouts signed up for June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Young Eagles Report May

#### Volunteers Position Flights

Davis, Scott N1407U 16

Holmes, Harvard N1228E 12

Johnson, Richard A N13456 5

Kemp, Drew N21887 15

Reining, Bill H N3118F 15

Schuster, Stewart A N900KK 10

Seegerstrom, Will C N2966N 4

Tiritilli, Tony N8679W 12

Total: 92

Thanks to all the ground support staff who showed up to help. A new record for Chapter 393.

## General Meeting Notes 04/22/2015

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the clubhouse meeting room.

Bill expressed our thanks to Rick Bourgeois for dinner arrangements.

Secretary Pete Mitchell was unable to attend but reported via email that we had **46 paid members** and 14 immediate past members who had not renewed yet.

Treasurer Bob Belshe reported **\$1831 in the bank** with few outstanding income or expense items.

Young Eagles chairperson Renee Robinson reported that **we flew 53 Young Eagles** on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We had 10 pilots. We had a reporter from the Bay Area News Group, which publishes the San Jose Mercury, the Oakland Tribune, the Contra Costa Times and lots of neighborhood newspapers.

Our next big event is the **Ford Tri-Motor visit** on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Tri-Motor will actually arrive Monday from Fresno after a 100 hour inspection. It will start revenue flights on Thursday. Adults are \$75, or \$70 for advance purchases. Kids (17 & under) are \$50. The co-pilots seat is \$125. The Chapter has purchased a co-pilot seat and will raffle it off for \$20 per ticket, with a maximum of 50 tickets sold. Bruno Motta volunteered to sell tickets at the meeting. Dick Sperling and Ron Lem also volunteered to help. The winner will be announced Thursday evening, so they have time to plan their flight. Bob Smith, a former member, now at Napa, reported that for Napa's Tri-Motor tour, wineries were being approached as sponsors, with a Golden Gate tour for \$2000, and a Sunset tour for \$1500.

## General Meeting Notes Cont.

Our Captain will be Rand Siegfried, who lives in the Bay Area. Ticket sales will be handled by a couple who are flying out from Wisconsin by EAA.

Tri-Motor visit coordinator Bill Bower reported that Ford dealerships have been unwilling to sponsor the Tri-Motor event. We will be relying on ticket sales to cover the cost of the visit. Bill has sent lots of material to the press, including TV stations, and he has arranged for the Mayor of Concord to show up on Thursday. Bill circulated a sign-up sheet for ground volunteers. Those who volunteer should watch the training video. Volunteers are also needed for set-up on Wednesday from 3 to 6 pm. Bring your pickup truck! We have 7 banners to put up in various locations. Banners in city areas will need permits. Volunteers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday should park in the parking lot adjacent to Sam's Club, reserving space at PSA for those with mobility issues.

### Evening Presentation

#### Major Tim Albert gave an Introduction to the Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

The CAP is: A Congressionally Chartered, Volunteer Membership, (Publically Owned), Non-Profit Corporation. (Whew!). They are a 501(c)3 organization. The group at Concord Airport has a Cessna 182. They meet every Monday evening at the Terminal Building.

The CAP has a heavy emphasis on youth participation as well as search and rescue and other service operations. They have 25,000 cadets across the country. They help youth focus on STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering and Math) skills.

CAP was recently recognized by Congress for their service during WW II. This was primarily “coastal patrols,” but they actually sank two submarines.

CAP performed over 660 search missions last year, saving 85 lives. They are dispatched by the Air Force Coordination Resource Center, which receives ELT notifications in the United States. Their aircraft have equipment to detect a variety of radio transmissions, including cell phones, as part of their search and rescue operations.

Other CAP operations include serving as simulated intruders for training in interception procedures. Their aircraft can also be fitted with camera equipment equivalent to that used on Predator drones. This is a less expensive platform for training camera operators. They also perform photo reconnaissance to identify, for example, people who are stealing water. They are limited to public lands for their reconnaissance to meet legal restrictions. They provide support for drug enforcement operations, where their “low and slow” capabilities are helpful.

CAP receives about \$30 Million (half its budget) from the Air Force. The rest of their budget is from corporate sponsors. CAP has 550 aircraft in the 50 states and Puerto Rico. This is the largest piston engine fleet in the world.

Community Service is a big part of CAP, especially for cadets. This motivates helping at our Young Eagle events. CAP also has a big presence at EAA’s AirVenture. It is an opportunity to educate young people how to contribute to their community. Kids as young as 12 years old can be members of the CAP. In California the CAP has 1800 adults and 1400 cadets.

CAP’s community volunteer service is valued at \$158+ Million. CAP membership is fairly stable, with a slight decline in cadets in the last 5 years. The CAP Foundation has scholarship opportunities for cadets for pilot training and other training areas.

Thanks to Major Ted Albert for his presentation!

The evening ended with **viewing the EAA Chapter Video Magazine**. This is volunteer appreciation month.

### **Tri-Motor Tour Stop**

As reported in the Presidents Notes the stop was a complete success. It would not have been possible without the help of all the Chapter volunteers who came out during the weekend to lend a hand. To all of you I say thank you for all your hard work

I also want to thank the Diablo A’s who brought out their antique Model A’s and T’s to the show. As well as all the folks who showed up in period dress. A big thank you to Rick, Tracy and Pete who handled the hot dog stand .

I want to recognize the following volunteers— Stephen Tucker, Bill Reining, Renee Robinson, Tracy Peters, Bruno Motta, Pete Mitchell Scott Achelis, Harvard and Sara Holmes, Ellen Bower, Guy Cole, Jack Davi, Ron Lem, Rich Bourgeois, Dick Sperling, Dave Ausman. If I missed anyone please know I am grateful for all your help.

A big thanks to the management and staff at Pacific States Aviation.

### Tri-Motor Tour Pictures



## FAA Reauthorization Brings Talk of Big Changes

**May 18, 2015** - Every few years, Congress is required to enact legislation that sets the FAA's priorities and authorizes its funding. The current law was passed in 2012 and expires at the end of September. Congress goes into the summer debating not only the FAA budget, but also how the agency should be organized.

Many ideas are being discussed, from continuing with the status quo, to privatizing or corporatizing the air traffic system, to privatizing the entire FAA. Buried within that debate are divisions over funding levels, revenue collection methods, who shoulders the burden, and whether funds are well spent. One thing is clear: funding the FAA and our air traffic system is a struggle in an environment where budgets are not passed and the agency does not know from month-to-month whether it can continue operations, plan, issue contracts, and execute large-scale programs.

That dysfunction sparks debate over whether the FAA should even be funded within the federal budget. Corporatization and privatization might sound appealing. A significant risk is that the funds to operate the FAA and/or air traffic system still have to come from somewhere; if not the federal budget, then directly from system users. With the discussions not limited to the air traffic system but to the entire FAA, this might mean more than new ATC user fees.

There is the potential threat of charges for every function the agency performs, many of which pilots and aircraft owners are required by regulation to use.

It is unclear the degree of possible change that is coming, if any. Given the very short time remaining before the end of the fiscal year, it is difficult to envision a massive overhaul of the FAA or ATC system in that time, but anything is possible. If the debate continues past September, it could mean a morass of short-term continuing budget resolutions that have previously been so disruptive to the system.

EAA is listening intently to all sides of the debate. We're engaging with key policy-influencers and decision-makers in Washington to ensure that our interests as customers and stakeholders of the FAA and ATC system are heard and carefully considered. It is too early to tell what direction is taking shape, but EAA will keep you informed and look out for the best interests of those who enjoy and love personal and recreational aviation.

<http://www.eaa.org/en/ea/ea-news-and-aviation-news/advocacy/2015-05-18-faa-reauthorization-brings-talk-of-big-changes>



## 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](mailto:wed-flyout@eaa393.org). You may contact Harvard Holmes at [harvard-holmes@comcast.net](mailto:harvard-holmes@comcast.net) or Renee Robinson [webmaster@eaa393.org](mailto: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 finalized. 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.

Young Eagles-Next Rally scheduled for June 20, 2015. Rally schedule for 2015.

June 20

August 22

September 19

October 17

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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 27th Meeting

- American Chop Suey
- Salad
- Dinner Rolls and Dessert
- Coffee and drinks.



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### Meeting and Event Schedule

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General Meeting May 27, 2015  
 Board Meeting June 3, 2015  
 Young Eagles Rally June 20, 2015  
 General Meeting June 24, 2015  
 July 20-26 AirVenture 2015  
 Board Meeting Aug 5, 2015  
 Young Eagles Rally Aug. 15, 2015  
 General Meeting Aug 26, 2015  
 Board Meeting Sept. 2, 2015  
 Young Eagles Rally Sept. 19, 2015  
 General Meeting Sept. 23, 2015  
 Board Meeting Sept. 3, 2015  
 Reno Air Races Sept. 16-20, 2015  
 General Meeting Sept. 23, 2015  
 Board Meeting Oct. 7, 2015  
 General Meeting Oct. 28, 2015

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.