

200 Buchanan Field Road, Buchanan Field, Concord, California



*August 2018*

## *NEWSLETTER*



***NEXT GENERAL MEETING:  
AUGUST 22ND***

**Upcoming Meetings:**

***Board Meeting: September 5<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm***

***General Meeting: September 26<sup>th</sup> – 6pm***



*Oshkosh and Ron's RV*

## **President Bill Bower's Monthly Notes:**

President's Notes  
August 2018

Welcome to August everyone. We are in the middle of summer and the heat. Lots to talk about this month.

First, the annual picnic was a great success. About 40 people attended and had lots of great food. I want to thank Rick and his daughter for all their hard work getting everything together. As well I want to thank everyone who showed up early to help set up and those that were able to stick around after to clean up.

It was another great success at Airventure 2018 in Oshkosh. Attendance was 601,000, an increase of 2% over 2017. Chapter 393 was well represented. I unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute due to not having enough vacation time. But Pete Mitchell was there a couple weeks early volunteering to help get things ready. As well as Ron Lem, Renee Robinson, Bill Reining and others who attended. The night airshows were amazing watching them on the internet. They also had the unveiling of the memorial brick at the Brown Arch for Don Baldwin. Unfortunately there were a couple crashes of folks who were on their way to Airventure. Other than a couple incidents it was a very safe week.

Our next Young Eagles Rally is August 18<sup>th</sup>. At the last board meeting the consensus was to watch the weather due to all the smoke we have been experiencing causing visibility issues. As it gets closer we will be keeping an eye on the smoke patterns and if visibility is not 6 miles or more we will cancel this month's rally.

Let's make sure as the summer continues as pilots to keep an eye out on the weather and the fires. Make sure you do your density altitude calculations and your W&B. Let's make sure all our flights are safe and uneventful. As the saying goes, "better to be on the ground wishing you were up there, instead of being up there wishing you were on the ground." Our hearts go out to the families of those lost recently in Orange County on a flight that originated from Buchanan Field.

Our Monthly General Meeting is Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rick has a great dinner lined up. Ron Lem has a great speaker lined up as well. Also hopefully Jaime Finn who was our Scholarship winner will be able to make it to talk about her experience at the Advanced Air Academy in Oshkosh. We will also be having a discussion about the Teenie Two and Sonex that the Chapter recently were informed we are receiving from Don Baldwin's estate. So hope to see everyone there.

Bill Bower  
Chapter President

*Here are some other Airshows to add to your list this summer:*

Sept. 21-23rd California Capitol Airshow Mather Airport Sacramento Ca.

Sept 29-30 California International Airshow Salinas airport Salinas Ca.

Oct 5-7<sup>th</sup> San Francisco Fleet Week.

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### August 8<sup>th</sup> 393 Board Meeting Minutes:

#### ATTENDING:

President – Bill Bower Present

Vice-President – Ron Lem Present

Secretary – Pete Mitchell Present

Treasurer & Tools – Harvard Holmes Present

Membership Coordinator – Vi Egli Absent

Newsletter Editor – Bill O'Brian Present

Tech Counselor – Vacant

Web – Renee Robinson Present

YE's Coordinator – Stephen Tucker Absent

Dinner Coordinator – Rich Bourgeois Present

Eagle Flights – Vacant

Guy Jones Present

Tracy Peters Present

Guest, Greg Kar, a YE's ground volunteer.

Bill Bower called the meeting to order at 19:05.

The Ford Trimotor is expected on the west coast, summer of 2019.

### **Treasurers Report – Harvard**

Our bank balance is \$15,663 .

### **Secretary – Pete**

Membership stands at 79, 14 owe 2018 dues.

Dues are \$30, payable January 1

by mail to EAA 393, Box 6524, Concord CA 94524-

1524 or at any Board or General Meeting.

### **Young Eagles – Stephen/Rose Desmond**

Stephen will be out of the country during August. Rose Desmond will be responsible for YE's activities during Stephens absence. Our next Rally is August 18th. So far we have 7 planes confirmed. If you are available and have not had a chance to confirm with Rose please do so ASAP. Due to the fires and smoke we will be watching the forecasts a couple days prior. If the visibility does not look like it will be 6 miles or greater we will be canceling the Rally.

### **Facilities – Tracy**

Airport staff wants a detailed report of materials and costs of the shed interior before allowing its use. Make sure to record hours spent on clubhouse repair or maintenance.

- **Aviation Fly Market – Rick**

Rick proposed an annual fly market as a chapter fund raiser.

**Sonex**

We will need input from members during the General Meeting on hanger space and assistance in finishing Don Baldwin's Sonex. His estate is donating it to 393 per Don's will.

**Picnic – Rich**

“We had 39 confirmed probably more. Lee Teicheira was the grill master cooking the chicken, Simone cooked the corn and did a lot of prep work. I cooked hamburgers on my griddle. We had chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs , chili, corn on the cob, potato salad plus all that was brought by the members. Our entertainment we had was watching the grill master do his thing”.

**Future Speakers – Ron**

August, Ron Darcey a pilot and member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Ron will speak on risk management, including a recent fatal twin accident.

September Dewitt Hodge will speak on DART. The Disaster Aid Response Team (DART) is an organization of citizen volunteers trained to assist public agencies in emergencies.

**Dinner – Rich**

Roasted Chicken, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Salad, Rolls, Dessert and Drinks.

**NLE – Bill O'Brian**

Bill welcomes members Airventure photos. Please include annotation.

Adjourned 20:45

**Reminder:**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** is the next **Young Eagles flight day** and takes place  
at the **Buchanan Airport**

*Below are Pictures from August 18<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles Flights:*



**above: The usual suspects, kicking it between flights**





*Above: Bill Reining and happy young eagles after flying*



*Above: Alex Di Sessa and young eagle  
Below: happy fly girls, Renee and friend*



**August General Meeting speaker is guest Ron Darcey.**

**Below is his biography:**

Ron Darcey joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary as a pilot in 2003 responding to the Auxiliary's need to expand its aviation capability and increase its fleet of general aviation assets. Earning his Auxiliary pilot's wings in 2004 he flies his Luscombe Silvaire from Livermore Airport on monthly Coast Guard operations along California's coastline, the Bay and throughout the complex San Joaquin delta region.

He served from 2007 to 2015 as Coast Guard District 11 aviation training officer and remains a squadron staff officer. His presentation this month is to introduce the Risk Assessment Matrix used by military aviation that he believes to be an important element he also applies to his personal flying and a consideration for general aviation. His discussion shall also include how Auxiliary aviation integrates Crew Resource Management (CRM) that compliments Risk Assessment in flight operations. The Risk Assessment Matrix will be provided.



He is a former member of EAA, member #35398 and built and completed a Keleher JK-1 Lark in 1975 that he still flies. In 2015 he opened an aviation oil operation at the Livermore airport selling Aeroshell and Phillips.

*End of Darcey Biography*

*Below is information regarding the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Aviation:*

## **DISTRICT AVIATION OFFICE**

### **[AuxAir on Wow Site](#)**

**Welcome to USCGA District 7 Aviation.**

AUXAIR is an Auxiliary operational program. AUXAIR aviators have varied aviation backgrounds and many have prior military experience. AUXAIR aviators volunteer their aircraft for use as facilities, just as surface operators volunteer their boats. All Auxiliary aircraft meet strict U.S. Coast Guard and Federal Aviation Administration requirements. These aircraft are inspected annually per the Commandants instruction.

#### **Missions**

AUXAIR participates in many Coast Guard missions including Search and Rescue, Port Over Flights, Waterways and Coastal Security, Marine Safety, Pollution Response, and Aids to Navigation. It also conducts Logistic Transport Missions. AUXAIR is an integral part of the Coast Guard search and rescue team and its homeland security forces.

As with surface operators, air facility operators are issued patrol orders. Orders are issued based on the needs of the Coast Guard and the availability of crews and facilities. Coast Guard Air Stations are the Order Issuing Authority for

AUXAIR. This alignment of Auxiliary aviation assets in a district with an Air Station is known as the "squadron concept", because aviation orders and direction flow directly between the Air Station and the district aviation staff.

Auxiliarists involved in AUXAIR take Auxiliary aviation training, completing the syllabus for their level of qualification. After having their knowledge and skills approved by an Auxiliary Flight Examiner, they may be certified by the District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) as Pilots, Observers or Air Crew in the AUXAIR Program.

**WANTED!**  
**HANGAR SPACE FOR RENT**

This local EAA Chapter 393, Concord (Buchanan Field), California is looking to rent a hangar  
  
large enough in which to build a kit plane.

Anyone who has any information regarding this plan, please contact this person:

*Ron Lem*  
*925 395-0672*



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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 200 Buchanan Field Road. Enter from the west side of the building, on the west side of the airport. We always have various speakers and presentations of interest to aviators, after dinner.

Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See the following article explaining them:

### *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: South Lake Tahoe, 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, Renee Robinson, Stu Schuster, Clint Beacham, David Thacker. Pilots sometimes advertise that they have empty seats, but not always. Harvard Holmes, Bill Reining and Stu Schuster 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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