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Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 393

200 Buchanan Field Road, Buchanan Field, Concord, California

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## NEWSLETTER



### Upcoming Events:

#### *Board Meetings:*

**Wednesday, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7 pm**

**Wednesday, MAY 8th - 7 pm**

#### *General Meeting:*

**Wednesday, APRIL 24th - 6 pm**

**Wednesday, MAY 24th - 6 pm**

*FIRST YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHT DAY OF 2019 IS MARCH 23  
AT BYRON WITH PATRIOTS JET TEAM*



*PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, Saturday, March 16*

Today was a successful end to a very successful weekend. Amazingly we did 22 flights so the weekend total comes 63 flights.

I want to thank everyone who came out to help. Without you we could not have done so well. I want to also thank Pacific States Aviation, John Earl and his staff. Their help and willingness to do whatever it took to help make this weekend a great success is very much appreciated. We also had a great barbecue after we finished and got everything put away back at the Clubhouse.

I know the Tri-Motor crew were happy with how this weekend was an amazing stop for the Tin Goose.

I don't have the money totals yet, but I am certain it will make our treasury balance take a large jump.

Again thanks everyone for your hard work. I really thank you all.

Bill Bower  
Chapter President  
EAA Chapter 393



*Young Eagles* coming up are March 23 at Byron Airport  
and  
April 20 at Buchanan Field.



*How about some pics from the FORD Tri-Motor visit?*



*Lucy, Stephen and Renee, delighted to be Tri-Mortoring.*





*One happy customer flying over concord.*



*Chapter 393's very own Real Stewardess member, showing her metal!*







*Directly above, Renee does her professional airplane directing routine.*

*Directly above Renee and Tri-Motor, the local period costume customers happily show their stuff before the plane and fans.*

**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*

In other news about a longtime local EAA member:



Randy Alley  
Feb. 26, 1930 - Dec. 13, 2018  
Concord

Randy passed peacefully, surrounded by his family. Randy is survived by his daughters Tracey (Jim) and Shannon (Erin), grandchildren Nicholas (Catherine), Jamie and Adam (Chante), 2 great grandchildren Bentley and Carter, niece Jill and nephew David. Randy is most remembered for his love for his departed wife Mary Lou, westerns, animals, building and flying airplanes, and time with his family in the cabin he built for them to [enjoy](#) at Donner Lake. Private services for Randy will be held in Truckee this summer.

*KIDS FLY FREE! HAPPY FLYING KIDS!*





### *Stephen's Story*

My name is Stephen A. Tucker. I am a member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) I am an FAA Commercial Pilot and an A & P Mechanic, Air Force Crew Chief and test pilot. Worked for General Dynamics, and NASA in Test and Development. Also part of the Space Shuttle Program. My Wife and children are Peruvian, I have been to Peru now 21 times and all added up more than 5 years there. I consider myself and have asked to be Peruvian. I was married in the Cathedral of Chiclayo 16 January 1999, now just over 20 years.

23 years ago I saw a statue of a pilot leaving Chiclayo going to Pimentel. I asked my then girl friend who was that and she explained to me about Peru's Hero Pilot Capt. F A P José Abelardo Quinones Gonzales. I also asked about General Aviation in Peru and was told there is really non. Two years ago I saw there was a EAA Chapter 1572 in Lima and I contacted them in May 2018 to say I was coming to Peru in July and they invited me to visit. I was able to go flying with them and after talking with them was told about a project to restore the NA 50 that was on a Pedestal over Peru's Pilot Hero José Abelardo Quinones Gonzales Tumb, and would I like to be a part of the project, and would I go to speak with the General of SEMAN to ask permission to remove the NA 50 and start the project to be able to restore it to fly for the 200 Anniversary of Peru's Independence on 28 July 2021.

So we had our meeting with General Carlos E. Chavez Cateriano Gerente General SEMAN. After the meeting he approved our project to move forward. Also on 21 July 2018 EAA Chapter 1572 had their Young Eagles Event flying 80 Orfans ages 8-17 on Las Palmas Airforce Base. I returned to Peru with my friend Peter Friedman in December 2018. Peter has a vast knowledge of Aviation and Restoration and is an Advisor with and to the FAA. On December 10th we opened the cockpit after 57 years sealed, of

the NA 50 and inspected it.

General Chaves was the first to get into the Pilot Seat, Peter was the Second and I was the Third. On Dec. 11 further inspection. On Dec. 12 we put the wheels down. On Dec. 13 meeting with Comandante General F A P Rodolfo Garcia Esquerre to ask permission to remove the NA 50 and we set the date for Saturday the 15th. On 14 December 2018 Friday I spent all the day with Comandante General Rodolfo Garcia Esquerre and the President of Peru. What a wonderful day for me. And the next day to remove Peru's National Treasure and Holy Grail of Aviation the NA 50. This is a Great Honor and Privilege for me. A One In A Lifetime Event. Today the Pedestal is Empty it is crying out, the NA 50 is Alive Again and will Fly for the 200 Anniversary of Independence of Peru on July 28th 2021. Thank you.



*The plane*

*The big three*







*The Peruvian crew*

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Your Newsletter Editor, Bill*

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## *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 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](mailto:WedFlyOut@eaa393.org) You may contact [HarvardHolmes@comcast.net](mailto:HarvardHolmes@comcast.net) or Renee Robinson [webmaster@eaa393.org](mailto: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, and Clint Beacham. 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 11:00AM and return by 3:30pm.*

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**Goodbye, FORD TRI-MOTOR, CONCORD, 2019!**

**Thanks for the memories!**



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*BYE BYE, FOLKS!*

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*Yo tax dollars at work!*

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*That's all, folks.*

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*You made it to the end of the newsletter. I hope you  
enjoyed it! Keep on Flying!*

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