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Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 393

200 Buchanan Field Road, Buchanan Field, Concord, California

August *** 2019

NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events:

Board Meetings:

Wednesday, September 4th - 7 pm

Wednesday, October 2nd - 7 pm

General Meeting:

Wednesday, September 25th - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 23rd - 6:30 pm

PRESIDENT'S NOTES FOR AUGUST By the Honorable Bill Bower

August 2019

Airventure 2019 is in the books. Despite the weather trying to disrupt the event the perseverance of all the volunteers made it a great success. Final tally on attendance was 642,000 an increase of 8% over 2018. Chapter 393 made our appearance as well. On Thursday we gathered as a group at the Blackhawk Commons to remember Don Baldwin. He always loved his Buffets. The nightly air shows were spectacular. The best I have ever seen over the years.

The amazing thing about Airventure is how it unites the world when it comes to General Aviation. The number of International visitors was also at an all-time record. Talking with people those from other countries, they were amazed at how close they were able to get to the action during the air shows. That never would have occurred in their home countries. Just the amount of things to see at Airventure itself is overwhelming.

Not only walking the grounds and taking in everything there is lots to learn by attending all the forums and educational opportunities available. I attended one put on by members of Chapter 1572 from Lima Peru about putting an important part of Peru's history back into flying condition for the upcoming Bicentennial of Peru's independence. They are the chapter that is working on the NA-50. Stephen Tucker and Peter Friedman have made trips to Lima to help them get this. Chapter 393 as well donated \$250 to help them in their quest. I must say after I attended this forum put on by Pablo Valdivia and John Cavero, I was very impressed by both gentlemen.

Pablo is an Aeronautical Engineer. He was educated in Berlin Germany and worked in Europe for a period of time. Due to a family reason he went back to Peru. Unfortunately there are not many job opportunities for an Aeronautical Engineer due to a very minimal aviation industry in Peru. When Pablo and John created EAA Chapter 1572 in 2015, they did so with the intent of bringing aviation to the people of Peru.

Peru is a lot like Alaska where a majority of the villages have no access to the main road or highway system. When a remote village needs some medicine they must make a 3 day trip down the river. If the infrastructure was available it could be there in a hour. When they do Young Eagles Rallies they personally go into the poor areas to bring children who would never have the opportunity to take a flight or learn about aviation. They also are setting up a program where EAA members can come down to Peru where they will help with a different way to visit Peru and all their country has to offer.

So if you are thinking about going to Peru, this may be a better way to go. They also have the NA-50 on its way to get back into the sky with help from Chapter 393 and other EAA Chapters as well as some interns from Perdue University. So I am satisfied that the contribution that members voted for has gone to a good cause.

The Sonex project is progressing well with the hard work from everyone involved. Thank you to Lee T for leading the project and keeping it on course. I am looking forward to see it flying in the future.

The general meeting is scheduled for August 28th. We are looking at holding it at the Sonex hanger so members can see the progress that has been made. Once things are set up I will send out a e-mail finalizing the location. Hope to see everyone there.

Finally I would like to send out a big thank you to everyone who came and worked on the Clubhouse on August 10th. It was a lot of work cleaning up the weeds, trimming trees and minor maintenance projects. Thanks to Tracy and Renee for putting together the shelves in the shed. Thanks to Tracy for coordinating the work day. As well to Scott Achelis, Ron Lem. Bill O'Brian, Greg Kar and Mike Cunningham for all your hard work as well. As well to anyone else I may have missed. The Clubhouse is looking good.

Cute Young Eagle



- 393 Board Minutes
August 8th, 2019

President – Bill Bower Present
Vice-President – Ron Lem Present
Secretary – Pete Mitchell Present
Treasurer & Tools – Harvard Holmes Present
Newsletter Editor – Bill O’Brian Present
Tech Counselor – Peter Friedman Absent
Web – Renee Robinson Absent
YE’s Coordinator – Rose Desmond Absent
YE’s Coordinator – Stephen Tucker Absent
Dinner Coordinator – Rich Bourgeois Present
Membership Coordinator – Vi Egli Absent
Chapter Photographer – Greg Karamanougian Present
Amazon Prime / eScrip – Lucy Hart Present
Tracy Peters – Club House Present
Frank Kelly & Guy Jones Present

President Bill Bower called the meeting to order at 19:00 in the clubhouse great room on a Thursday to accommodate a member.

Treasurers Report – Harvard H

Our bank balance is \$12,081. AT&T emailed Harvard with a price increase. After conversations with several agents they found a mistake and agreed to give us more speed, 25mbps to 45mbps for a better price, from \$55.50 to \$40 a month, including a new modem to be installed later this month. Zelle was discussed as a means to transfer money (dues) from a member’s bank to 393’s account. No transfer fees for either party. Greg K motioned, Rich B seconded that we try Zelle. MSC

Secretary – Pete M

Membership is 83, with new member Bennett Ashley. BennettAshley925@gmail.com

Young Eagles

Pete attended a forum about new Young Eagles software that is being developed with the support of National, that will schedule YE’s in advance handle all the details and forward everything electronically. Bill Bower recommended we try the new YE’s software, Ron Lem so motioned. MSC During discussion there was a question about the ten YE minimum requirement for credit, we were told the minimum has been eliminated starting this year. Every YE flown will be counted!

- Annual Picnic July 13 2019 – Rich B

The picnic had about twenty to thirty members attend and brought several types of side dishes as well as ice cream and cookies we setup the griddle at the back double doors and cooked the hamburger/cheeseburger and hot dogs to order. We also had a member of the Patriot team from Bryon. Renee setup her virtual reality flight simulator and let members try it, and it was a big hit. I hope she brings it back. It ended around three in the afternoon cleanup was quick and we were all gone around four. We are considering moving the 2020 picnic to August, possibly combined with MDPA.

AirVenture 2019

A record year 642,000 attendance. Known 393 members attending, Bill Bower, Ron Lem, Pete Mitchell, Lucy Hart, Tracy & Everett Peters, Darrick Gebhards, Paul Millner, Bill Reining, George Grech, Ernst Frietag, Bennett Ashley, Tyann Sorrell.

VMC/IMC

“The purpose of IMC and VMC programming is to promote flight proficiency and safety. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency in VFR or IFR. EAA chapters can adopt an IMC or VMC program, which offers monthly meetings where pilots can network and share knowledge and experiences.”

Sonex Report – Frank K

The panel has cutouts ready for equipment install. One wing rib needs to be adjusted. The autopilot has been sold and a new one purchased that is compatible with the new electronics. Ron Lem motioned \$1,200 miscellaneous expenses with a detailed list to be presented to membership for approval.

Greg K motioned \$250 for two additional months hanger rent. MSC

Facilities – Tracy P

Up dates are planned to our Audio-Video system soon. A new equipment box is being assembled. It will be hard wired to the projector etc and locked. Controls will be in front and labeled. A Saturday workday is scheduled for weed removal, repairs to both gate latches, freezer defrost etc. Volunteers needed.

Chapter Officer Election – Greg K

Ron Lem has agreed to run for President; Mike Cunningham for Vice-President the balance of the Board has agreed to continue in office.

Meeting Adjourned 21:17

PJM MSC (denotes Motion, Seconded, Carried)



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS !!!

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NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

In April of this year Tyann Sorrell joined Concord's EAA 393. She is pictured below with her husband Cliff and her son Nicholas, who was chosen as our club's student candidate to Oshkosh this year. He is home schooled and also takes classes at Contra Costa College in San Pablo.

Tyann is an artist creating mostly with painting and mixed media art. She was a stewardess twenty years ago for three years. Presently she is taking flying lessons at Pacific States Aviation.

Cliff is a project manager in architecture, building retail stores and restaurants.



And here are our fine feathered flying friends dining out at Oshkosh 2019!



Young Eagles Flight Stats For August 17th, 2019:

We flew over 70 young people with six airplanes and pilots.



Nicholas showing a Young Eagle how to fly the flight simulator.

More Eagles from August flights plus pilot.



Harvard and Young Eagle friends.



Early Buchanan Field

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Well, folks, you have probably read or heard this poem before, but good poetry lives a long time. And why not read it again, and re-infuse yourself with its passion ? ?

In fact, the best thing to do is read it aloud and listen to the magic of the words of the experience.

"High Flight" by [John Gillespie Magee, Jr.](#)

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air....

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace.
Where never lark, or even eagle flew —
And, while with silent lifting mind I have trod
The high un-trespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.



Another fine eagle flight.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

October is the month we vote for 2020 officers for our club. Please consider any new candidates for these offices and bring to the attention at the board and general meetins.

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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you!*



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NOTICE to AIRMEN: Please send me any old aviation pictures you have of yourself, your planes, and EAA events, a sort of look back at history.

Your Newsletter Editor, Bill

Thank you to all our Young Eagle pilots!



*And, how could we forget this very
consistent sponsor?????*



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 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, 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 4pm.

BYE BYE, FOR NOW.



Yo tax dollars at work!

That's all, folks.

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

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