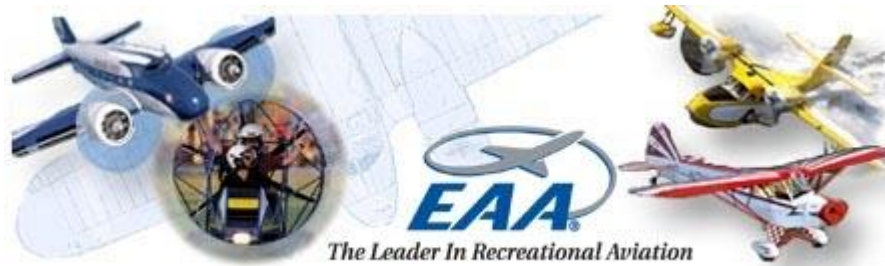


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June *** 2020

NEWSLETTER



RECENT EVENTS:

The board and general membership have been holding ZOOM meetings on the assigned meeting dates.

Meetings will continue this way until further notice.

Upcoming Events:

*Board Meetings
(Starting 4/1/20, meetings on ZOOM, ending, who knows?)*

Wednesday, July 1st - 7 pm

Wednesday, August 5th - 7 pm

General Meeting:

***NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Wednesday, June 24th - 7:00 pm
THIS WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING !***

JULY GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, July 22nd – 7:00 pm

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, August 26th – 7:00 pm

***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE
By the Honorable Ron Lem,
President***

June 4th, 2020

Greetings to All,

To my fellow aviation enthusiasts, it is only appropriate to acknowledge the new crisis affecting our country today: the murder of a black man by a white man while under the color of the police uniform. This has led to peaceful protests, anarchy and looting. For the last couple of nights, I have been sitting in my backyard listening to gunshots, explosions and sirens. I find it to be unsettling to say the least.

Combine that with the Covid19 pandemic which is ongoing and I feel like a fighter who has taken a one two punch. I want to punch back by doing something positive, but find my hands tied in many ways.

Our chapter continues to be adversely affected by the pandemic; the June Young Eagles event has been canceled and it is very unlikely that we will have any in person social activities in the month of June. I am referring to the June General meeting which the EAA393 Board has put on hold until further notice. This is of course by necessity as the county shelter in place order is still in effect. This morning I spoke with Airport Management and they still have to establish and distribute guidelines for groups such as ours before we can use the clubhouse. Judy with airport management could not give me a timeline. Unless that changes, the General Meeting in June will be via Zoom. More about this later.

I think that takes care of the items that I wanted to share with you that are beyond my control. Am I frustrated? Yes, Discouraged? No. Determined? Yes! So, let's get to business.

The June EAA393 Board meeting was held via Zoom, with the following members present: Ron Lem, Mike Cunningham, Harvard Holmes, Pete Mitchell, Stephan Tucker, Rose Desmond, Rene Robinson, Tracy Peters, Bill O'Brian, Lucy Hart, Greg K and after a long absence, Dick Sperling and his wife Marilyn.

According to our treasurer, Harvard Holmes, our chapter is in sound financial condition. That being said, we have been experiencing a negative cash flow since the start of the pandemic. More about this later when I get to the fundraising part on the message.

Pete Mitchell reports that we now have 91 members of which 80 have paid their dues. That means eleven have not paid dues. If you fall in this latter category, please pay your dues. The dues are \$30 to the chapter and \$40 to national. If you have a family chapter membership, it's \$40 to the chapter and \$40 to national. Please make your chapter dues checks out to: EAA Chapter 393. The mailing address is PO Box 6524 Concord CA 94524-1524. Thank you in advance for taking care of this detail.

Discussions continue regarding new Google Chromebooks computers for the Young Eagles Program. Tracy Peters has significant experience in this area and will be putting together a presentation to demonstrate the ability of the chrome books to handle the Young Eagle registration program. The chapter is hoping that we will be able to hold a Young Eagles event in July, but that remains to be seen.

Bill O'Brian who has been doing a wonderful job on the newsletter will be adding your pictures if you send them to him. Send your pictures as a response to this email and I will forward them to Bill.

Lucy Hart was present to discuss fund raising issues and it was suggested that because we can't meet as a group, we could send out a request to the membership asking for donations. That suggestion was discussed, motioned, seconded and passed. We will be sending out an email asking for donations to the chapter. A notice will also be posted in the newsletter reaching out to those who do not accept emails from the chapter. That number (those not receiving emails) borders on 40%. I can't explain it.

Lucy has completed her ground school and is exploring ways to start her pilot training. I wish her good luck in her continuing endeavor!

The VMC Club continues to be an effective format for discussion relating to pilot training and safety. Greg K our moderator for the VMC Club has done an outstanding job. Another VMC discussion is planned for the June general meeting.

Vice President Mike is working on a speaker for the June General Meeting. Mike is an interesting guy, being on the board of NRI Flying Club and actively working to replace the Cessna 182

that was totaled by a fuel truck. Mike is a stickler for details and very well spoken. Our chapter is lucky to have him.

I discussed our clubhouse with Judy from airport management and they are aware that our chapter really cannot get together to do any maintenance on the clubhouse. It doesn't seem that the county will be asking us for money for rent above what we normally pay when we do perform the maintenance on the clubhouse.

The Chapter now owns two Sonex aircraft kits; the Don Baldwin Sonex and the Samson Sonex named after Samson Phan, President of the San Carlos EAA Chapter who generously donated his kit to our chapter. I visited both Sonex projects today and am happy to report that Lee Techeira, Bill Lawrence and Frank Kelly were busy at work fitting the new cowl that they recently acquired. This is the third Sonex building session since the easing of restrictions 10 days ago. Lee has a special motivation to get the Baldwin Sonex complete as he has bought a Bearcat kit and will be picking it up next week. Stay tuned!

The Samson Sonex will be for sale with a complete chain of ownership thanks to Harvard and Sara Holmes. This will simplify the registration process for the new owner. The Samson Sonex is for sale now with a special discount for Chapter EAA393 members. If interested, please respond to this email. If there are no buyers in our chapter, the Samson Sonex kit will be put on the market.

The upcoming Sacramento Airshow has been negatively impacted by the recent Snowbird crash in Canada. Tracy Peters, who has been a facilitator for previous Airshows, reports that if the airshow does not have a jet team onboard, then attendance drops significantly. It was determined that our chapter would continue to prepare for the airshow as a vendor.

A mi culpa: I put out the invitation for the May General Zoom Meeting on the same day of the meeting which caused many members to not be able to attend for a number of reasons. For the June Zoom General Meeting, I will send out the Zoom invitation on the Monday before the meeting, followed by a reminder on the day before the meeting. My apologies to those who wanted to Zoom, but couldn't!

Lastly, I thank those of you who attended the Memorial Squadron's 20 ship flyover honoring our veterans the Sunday before Memorial Day. Honored guests included, WWII fighter ace Dean "Diz" Laird, Vietnam Combat Veteran Richard Sperling a DSC recipient, and Stephan Tucker, F4 Phantom EWO, Vietnam. It was a privilege to honor you!

Ron Lem
President, EAA Chapter 393
RV6A "STUBBS" O320 CS with smoke

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic shelter in place restrictions against group meetings, the clubhouse is closed to group functions. Our Board meeting was conducted via a Zoom video conference.

393 Board Minutes June 3rd 2020 Via Zoom

President – Ron Lem Present Vice-President – Mike Cunningham Present Secretary – Pete Mitchell Present Treasurer & Tools – Harvard Holmes Present Newsletter Editor – Bill O'Brian Present Tech Counselor – Peter Friedman Absent Tech Counselor – Jim Agua Absent Web – Renee Robinson Present YE's Coordinator – Rose Desmond Present YE's Coordinator – Stephen Tucker Present Dinner Coordinator – Rich Bourgeois Absent Membership Coordinator – Bennett Ashley Absent IMC Coordinator – Paul Millner Absent VMC & Chapter Photographer – Greg Karamanougian Present Amazon Prime / eScrip – Lucy Hart Present Tracy Peters – Club House Present Bill Bower Present Guest Dick & Marilyn Sperling Because of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic shelter in place restrictions against group meetings, the clubhouse is closed to group functions. Our Board meeting was conducted via a Zoom video conference. President Ron called the meeting to order at 19:05.

Treasurer – Harvard H Harvard reports \$10,658 in Checking, \$400 in Zelle, \$10,000 in our Academy Fund.

Secretary – Pete M Membership is currently 93 with 10 still due for 2020.

Young Eagles – Stephen & Rose No idea when YE's flight might resume, June YE's is canceled. August is a possibility. Patriots are standing by. The banner will be installed once we have a date to resume. No word from National regarding 35 YEs missing from their credits statement. Tracy P is investigating using Chromebooks for National's Registration Program. He is planning a Zoom demonstration later in the month.

Fund Raising – Lucy H Ford Tri-Motor and B-17 are future fund raising options for next year. Bill Bower motioned we prepare a donation letter to handout to parents at our YE events, an email to membership and mention in the Cleco. MSC

VMC – Greg Will work with Bennett to improve the output of his presentation. Bandwidth and other considerations.

General Meeting Speaker – Mike C Bill Bower motioned we plan the June meeting as shelter in place, if events improve we can revise. MSC

Building & Facilities – Tracy Peters The sprinkler system timer is not working, watering by hand only.

Sonex - Samson Sonex has been transported to Concord. Kit and paperwork appear in great shape.

Sacramento Airshow Discussion Snowbirds are a question after their fatal accident in Kamloops BC. Vendor packs are in preparation for the new October date.

USPS Airmail 100 Year Anniversary – Stephen The Centennial of USPO airmail service flight is due to end at Buchanan, PSA is hosting. DART has been busy transporting COVID-19 medical supplies.

Meeting Adjourned 21:30., PJM

MSC Motion, Seconded, Carried

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HERE IS A PICTURE OF A COUPLE OF HAPPY AIRPLANE BUILDERS, sitting in the country having a picnic, instead of the weekly \$100 hamburger flight.

Any guesses who?



Here is the plane, so maybe you can guess if you have not done so.





Sara in the Pigmy Forest.



And, da pilot and chief builder, Mr. Harvard

FLIGHTS DURING THE PANDEMIC – Harvard and Sara Holmes

Since we finished building our airplane in November 2018 (Sara got her first ride in June 2019, as Harvard was required to fly off at least 25 hours solo), and we are trying to sell our "old" airplane, the plan is to "exercise" one of our airplanes once every two weeks or so.

We pack a lunch and fly to a small scenic airport in California and walk around to explore and then fly back. So far we have been to Little River (near Mendocino) and walked to the Pygmy Forest (pictures attached); Trinity Center (near Shasta) and walked around the small town (picture attached); Bridgeport (near Mono Lake) and did the historic walking tour (pictures attached); Kern Valley (near Bakersfield) and drove into Kernville to look around (pictures attached); Firebaugh (near Fresno) where we walked through town to the San Joaquin River and ate our lunch.

Ron Lem flew in his RV6A and joined us 6' away for lunch ; Shelter Cove where we ate our lunch and walked around before making a quick departure due to incoming fog (picture attached); Red Bluff – there were 3 airplanes (2 were from the Oakland group of pilots) and 5 people. We got take out from the restaurant and ate outside at their picnic tables under the trees. We are fortunate to be able to get away.

Cape Mendocino





ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS !!

If you order ANYTHING on AMAZON, PLEASE go instead and sign in to **SMILE.AMAZON** where you sign up to send donations to our EAA chapter 393. Once you sign up, you are done. THEN instead of going to Amazon, you always buy from **SMILE.AMAZON**, and we automatically get the donations. This procedure is AMAZON'S way of contributing to the communities of the USA. Hey, folks, I just checked yesterday, and when I ordered two more items from Smile. Amazon, I had given so far, since signing up, \$143. Basically, that means our household is spending a lot of \$ there, but it sure helps the club.

YOU CAN TOO!!!! JUST SIGN UP, AND DO IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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and Oke Poke.

*Hey, folks, how about a SHOUT OUT for Miss Lucy for
reaching the club goal of raising \$3,000 for the 2019 year !*

She brought us Smile. Amazon and eSCRIPT.com

*Thank you to our sponsors!
(at various places in NL)*

NOTICE FROM STEPHEN TUCKER:

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 393 of Concord, Calif. and the Mount Diablo Pilots Association (MDPA) believes California State, Contra Costa County and nearby Communities / Organizations, and Local Government will benefit greatly by having access to a local DART chapter. Therefore, it is establishing a DART charter at Concord Airport / Buchanan Field (KCCR).

DART's mission is to organize and provide volunteer airlift and ground support resources and services in response to declared disasters and other emergency events. They will operate in concert with broader emergency response plans, and in support of agencies and volunteer organizations needing airlift assistance.

Airlift services under consideration by EAA's and MDPA include:

Small Aircraft Airlift of food, supplies and emergency workers to impacted areas, as well as evaluation of people and their pets.

Air Reconnaissance Assistance associated with search & rescue, and aerial damage assessments.

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Flight Dispatching & Tracking

Aircraft Movement & Parking

Aircraft Refueling, Loading/Off Loading

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Mutual Assistance to other DART chapters and emergency response organizations across the State

To learn more about the DART, or if interested in helping, please contact Stephen Tucker via email at Stephenf4e@gmail.com or Pilots4 DART@gmail.com or call at 925-586-5977

Learn more about the CalPilots statewide DART program at: <https://calpilots.org/dart/>. Or Google Join CalDart .ORG. We need Ground Workers as well as Pilots. Please consider this great opportunity and help us to be prepared for our next Disaster/ Emergency, Thank You.



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NEXT YOUNG EAGLES:

At this point we do not know, but will keep you informed.

However, here is a pic from a previous YE flight:



GONE TO THE GREAT BEYOND:

BOB BELSHIE, EAA # 444831

Joined 393 March of 1994

Wife Sally preceded Bob

News Letter Editor 1997

President 2000 - 2001

Membership Coordinator 2003 - 2007

Treasurer 2010 - 2015

During his term as treasurer Bob was successful in setting up our 501 (c) (3) non profit status with IRS.

RIP, BOB



WANTED!

HANGAR SPACE FOR RENT

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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



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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.
Yo 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

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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.



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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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