

200 Buchanan Field Road, Buchanan Field, Concord, California



February \*\*\*\* 2022

## NEWSLETTER



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### *Upcoming Board Meetings:*

Wednesday, March 2nd - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 6th - 6:30 pm

### *General Meetings:*

Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting

Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting

Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting

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393 Board Minutes  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022  
Clubhouse Fireplace Room

**Present**

President – Ron Lem  
Vice-President – Ryan Baillie  
Secretary – Pete Mitchell  
Treasurer – Scott Davis  
Newsletter Editor – Bill O'Brian  
Web – Rich Finkle  
Dinner Coordinator – Needed  
Amazon Prime / eScrip – Needed  
Lucy Hart – Social Director  
Jim Madison  
Rich Cunningham  
Harvard & Sara Holmes  
Chet Heyer

**Absent**

Tech Counselor – Peter Friedmn  
Tech Counselor – Jim Agua  
YE's Coordinator & Clubhouse – Tracy Peters  
Membership Coordinator – Bennett Ashley  
IMC Coordinator – Paul Millner  
VMC & Chapter Photographer – Greg Kar  
Bill Bower – Past President  
Tools – Lee Teicheira  
Rich Bourgeois

Present Membership is 93 with 43 unpaid. 2022 dues were due January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cleco – Send your photos or stories to Bill O'Brian at [Obrian@yahoo.com](mailto:Obrian@yahoo.com)  
Bill wants material within ten days of a meeting.

Motions

Harvard H, Motioned Jim Madison as a Young Eagles Coordinator. MSC  
Ron Lem, Motioned the Academy Committee be empowered to select two candidates for the 2022 session. MSC

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When you shop at <https://Smile.Amazon.com/ch/65-1197798> , AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchases to Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 393 of Concord CA at no cost to you! Last year that was close to \$100 dollars. It could be much higher...

February 23<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting

Our speaker will be Rick Arias CFII, "A Farewell to Arms!" Dinner will be Pot Luck, with 393 providing Chicken Picata with Lemon Butter and Capers and Beverage. Five dollars with a side dish, Ten dollars without.

Facebook – Bennett Ashley

Here is the link to our EAA 393 Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ea393>  
Send material to Bennett at BennettAshley925@gmail.com

Adjourned 21:10, PJM

## *YOUNG EAGLE TAKES FLIGHT THEN BECOMES TEENAGE PILOT*

Alexander (Zander) Lieske developed an interest in flying at a young age which led him to the Civil Air Patrol. He joined Squadron 44 (Buchanan Field in Concord) at age 13, and he loved volunteering as ground crew to assist with the Young Eagle Flights that EAA Chapter 393 provides.

In 2017 Zander applied for and was selected to attend a two-week CAP flight academy in Fremont, Nebraska. While that was an amazing part of his summer, the real highlight for Zander was receiving the Chapter 393 scholarship to attend the EAA Air Academy at Oshkosh. That week was filled with great activities and experiences that solidified Zander's desire to pursue a career in aviation.

Zander continued his flight training at Oakland Flyers, and he completed his training at Sterling Aviation in Concord, where he soloed at his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday and obtained his private pilot's license. For his senior project at St. Mary's College High School in Berkeley, Zander decided to participate in a Young Eagles Flight day, which culminated in him providing flights to kids at a Young Eagles event at the airport in Byron, California in April 2019. From a volunteer on the ground to a pilot in the air in two years is an accomplishment of which Zander is very proud.

After graduating from high school in 2019, Zander moved to South Carolina where he attended Clemson University. Zander received a US Air force scholarship to attend Clemson University, but chose to follow a civilian path to aviation. While at Clemson, he continued his flight training at US Aero Flight in Greenville, South Carolina. There he obtained his instrument rating and his commercial license. Zander is currently attending Liberty University, where he is pursuing a degree in Aviation Management. He is also working on obtaining his certified flight instructor's rating.

The experience at Oshkosh that was made possible by Chapter 393 was an incredibly important and pivotal part of Zander's aviation education, and is another great success story for EAA Chapter 393.

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*Here are some people at Buchanan Field and what they are up to, thanks to roving reporter Ron Lem:*

Longtime EAA Chapter 393 member Duane Allen hanging out at his hangar.  
Picture taken January 29th, 2022





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## *Up Next:*

EAA 393 member Kevin Olson showing off the carbon fiber parts that he has fabricated in his hangar on the east ramp. Kevin is working on a Kitfox and recently joined our chapter. For those of you who are building a kit at this time, he recommends joining the following facebook group which he says helps motivate him and is a source of Information from fellow builders: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/experimentalaircraftchannelGROUP/>

By the way, our chapter is part of this group and can be found by entering EAA chapter 393 in the facebook search line!



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*AND NOW, NEXT, TWO RECENT VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR AND  
THEIR BUILD:*

Lee Teicheira and Bill Lawrence working on Lee's Bearhawk. Both Bill and Lee are dedicated individuals and work on their project regularly on the northwest side of the field. Here they are prepping the plane to work on the belly panels underneath the front of the cockpit. This Bearhawk is a heavy duty model with tandem seating.



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Kitfox owner Ben Shreve working on a condition inspection on his Kitfox on the northwest side of the field. Ben operates corporate jets and has an office at Pacific States Aviation. He routinely sends me texts and emails from the Bahamas, Europe and other exotic locations! I've been trying to get Ben to join our chapter for a while...when are you going to join our chapter Ben?!

Ben is interested in taking on partners in his beautiful Kitfox, you can contact me and I will use this as leverage to get him to join...Ron





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EAA Chapter 393 member Lance Sasser and Pete Wiebens working on Lance's Glasair which he acquired from the late Ron Robinson who was a major player in our chapter. Lance is a member of the composite group which is not to be confused with the "Metal Heads" who are building aluminum airplanes. Also pictured is Pete Wiebens who is president of the Buchanan Airport Hangar Owners Association on the northwest side of the airport. Pete built a Glasair III which is a bit of a rocket and has been seen climbing out of KCCR at a high rate of climb!



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EAA chapter 393 member Phil Jenkins removing the prop on his Glasair. Phil built this plane himself and has put many hours on it. Phil can be seen at the northwest hangars almost daily! I can attest to the fact that every time I go to my hangar Phil's red Mustang will be parked outside his hangar! Wait! what about those parking rules...





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Alex Di Sessa posing with his Kitfox which is named the Red Fox. Alex keeps his plane at the northwest hangars and has a significant youtube following. Alex is into drones amongst other things and has fantastic youtube videos of his off airport adventures.



Alex was getting ready to fly to Las Trancas, a private strip about 400' long just above Las Trancas Beach which is just north of Davenport. Hey Alex, when are you going to bless our chapter with your membership?!

Just a little prodding there as I know that Alex is a busy man and has many professional and personal interests. All the best to Alex!

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This is the “The Financial Team at work assimilating data from Secretary Pete Mitchell in order to be able to send out notifications on the chapter’s new Wild Apricot system regarding dues.” Present are from left to right: Secretary Pete Mitchell, Treasurer Scott Davis, Webmaster Rich Finkle and Web Advisor Rich Cuningham”



## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS !!

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*NOTICE to AIR MISSIONS: 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?????*



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## *Our meetings are open to the public.*

Join us for dinner at 6:30 pm (\$10 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. You may contact [HarvardHolmes@comcast.net](mailto:HarvardHolmes@comcast.net) 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, Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Boonville, Shelter Cove, Willows, Auburn, Lodi, 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 George Grech, Harvard Holmes, Stu Schuster, Bob Tucknott, Carol Healey, and Clint Beacham. Pilots sometimes advertise that they have empty seats, but not always. Harvard Holmes, Carol Healey 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.

*AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL THE NEWS FOR NOW,  
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Keep Going readers;

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coming up!

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