

The Cleco

Aviation Education & Recreation From EAA Chapter 393



Chapter 393's 50th Anniversary celebration!

Join us on May 14th at 5pm for an evening of memories, great food, silent artwork auction, and the history of EAA 393.

The event starts at 5pm with a lovely dinner at 6pm of beef wellington and salmon hollandaise. Accompanied with friends and family of the chapter, talks from EAA National, members of the chapter, and silent auction from an anonymous donor of vintage framed and signed artwork.

Seats are limited so if you have not had a chance to purchase tickets, [head over to our website!](http://www.eaa393.org)

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Tickets available at our website, www.eaa393.org. Hope to see you there!

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EAA Chapter 393 is celebrating 50 years of service at Buchanan Field. Join us on May 14th, 2022 to celebrate our Golden Anniversary. Social Hour starts at 5:00 PM - Dinner served at 6:00 PM. REGISTER NOW - Attendance is limited to 100 attendees.

Dinner
Beef Wellington & Salmon
Hollandaise & Demi Glacé
Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Menu
Fresh Vegetables
Rolls & Butter
Cake

Social Hour
Chips & Dips

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www.eaa393.org

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Concord, California

President's Newsletter

GREETINGS AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS!

Spring weather brings clean, blue skies, and puffy white clouds — too much to resist for us pilot types. Many times during the day I find myself looking up and picturing flying above and around the cumulus clouds instead of doing whatever it is that I'm doing at the time (usually earning avgas money!). Ok, now on to business.

Much preparation has gone into the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration which will be held this Saturday, May 14th at the clubhouse. Social hour is at 5 p.m. with dinner commencing at 6 p.m. followed by a brief program. Kudos to the planning team which consists of Scott Davis, Lucy Hart, Rich Finkle, Rich Cunningham, and myself.



Additionally, our chapter held a combined work party with the MDPA last Saturday with 14 people showing up to help clean up around the clubhouse, clear out the weeds, and remove thorn balls that like to penetrate the soles of your shoes and hurt ya!

It was interesting to meet one of our new volunteers, Greg Baer the new airport manager. Greg is a very approachable guy and had no problem jumping in and pulling weeds! Greg stated that he really enjoyed the special meal prepared by Chef Scott Davis.

The damage done by the gophers in the astroturf has been cleaned up, new flowers planted in the flower bed, and the county supplied blinds installed in the fireplace room. On behalf of chapter 393 I want to thank all the volunteers, thank you all!

An anonymous individual has donated five autographed and framed prints which will be sold at a silent auction during the event. Bill Bowers will come down from Washington to be the master of ceremonies and give a history of EAA Chapter 393 at Buchanan Field. Charlie Becker, Chairman of Homebuilts at EAA National, will give a video presentation acknowledging our chapter's rich 50-year history. There will be more as the final program has not yet been set.

There will be a Young Eagles event at the clubhouse on May 21st at the clubhouse. Tracy Peters is the coordinator and will be looking for members and non-members alike to assist on the flight line marshaling airplanes, escorting the passengers and pilots to and from their planes, and intaking the passengers as they arrive. This is a great rewarding time with everyone benefiting from the experience.

Peter Baker will be taking the reins of the Cleco starting this month until we can find a permanent Cleco editor. Peter brings a wealth of tech experience to the Cleco and you will see a fresh new look (if you take the time to read it!). Much appreciation and respect to Bill O'Brian who was the Cleco editor for the last five years. Thank you Bill!

So much more to write and not enough time to write it. I will leave you with this: Visit the eaa393.org website, take a gander at the different components of the website one of which is the Cleco. Read the Cleco and be amazed!

Blue Skies,

Ron Lem
President EAA393

Interview with Vi Egli Jenkins. Longtime EAA Member

Submitted by Sara and Harvard Holmes – long time friends of Fred and Vi Egli Jenkins

Sara and Harvard Holmes volunteered to interview Vi Egli Jenkins, as Vi (and her late husband Fred Egli) have been EAA members since 1979, and at age 94 Vi still active in the Chapter 393 activities.

Vi first wanted to recount all of the past EAA Chapter members who were building airplanes in the 1980's: VariEze, Glasir, RV's, restoring a Swift, Bellanca, Glastar. She observes that there are far fewer members building aircraft currently.

Vi and Fred were both raised in Berkeley, CA, and they lived a few blocks from one another. Their birthdays were 2 days apart. They went to the same high school, El Cerrito, but did not get together until graduation day at an after party event when Vi noticed that there was alcohol and she said she wanted to leave and Fred offered to take her home. They married when Fred started attending UC Berkeley, where Vi was attending pre-med classes. Later Vi was a teacher after getting her college degree. She taught first and second grade, but was struck by how much divorce affected the young children. As a result, she went back to get her master's degree in Clinical Psychology and worked as a therapist in schools as well as a therapist in private practice until age 70.

Vi began by telling us about Fred's life: school, career, military, etc. Vi and Fred's first introduction to aviation was when in 1970 Fred decided to restore a 1947 Bellanca Cruisair. The parts were scattered at various locations in SF. This project took place in their home in Walnut Creek in one of the garage stalls, so Vi helped while also managing to raise three children. They built the home themselves, including a swimming pool! The Bellanca was completed and flew in 1974.

Fred's second aircraft, another Bellanca (with a Lycoming engine), also needed restoration, which also took place in their garage in Walnut Creek. Vi helped with this project too, which took 11 years.

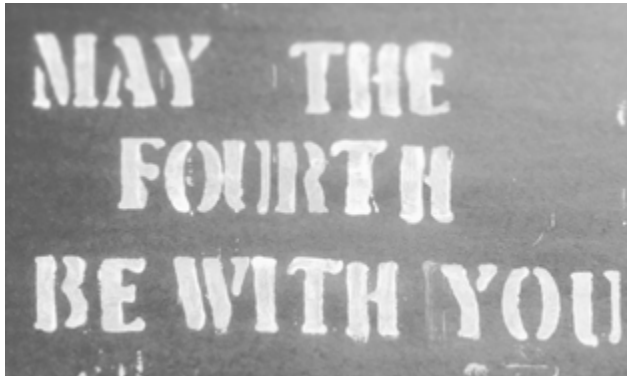
Vi and Fred flew often when they could. They flew to Oshkosh multiple times, and found the landing with so many other airplanes exhilarating. Fred went alone one year to Oshkosh. He was so impressed with the Lancair IV airplane that he put a deposit down on a kit. Vi and Fred began construction on their Lancair IV in 1993.



Fred was the Chapter 393 President in 1994 and 1995. During this time Vi began volunteering with the Young Eagles program. She enjoyed this very much, especially talking with the parents.

After they had completed closing out the wings, and they had returned from a travel trip, Fred suddenly had to undergo a triple heart bypass. Vi asked him if he still wanted to continue constructing their Lancair IV. He said YES! He also said that Vi might consider getting her pilot's license, so this way she could fly as the PIC, if Fred was not able to continue with his medical. At age 69 Vi got her pilot's license. She said that it was one of the most difficult things she had done, given her interest in biologics, rather than mechanical things. They completed the Lancair IV in 1998 and enjoyed flying to many places with others friends in their airplanes.

After Fred's death, Vi continued to go on the flyouts to lunch, sometimes riding with us in the Lancair IV that we (Harvard and Sara Holmes) bought from Fred and Vi just before Fred died in 2008. She also sometimes flew with Phil Jenkins in his Glasair that he built. Phil was a widower, and Phil and Barbara had gone on flyouts with the group. Vi and Phil went together for a number of years before marrying 8 years ago!



May 4th 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Once a month our illustrious board members assemble to discuss EAA Chapter 393 matters

PRESIDENT : RON LEM

Called the meeting to order at 19:55, at Magoo's Restaurant, Pleasant Hill.

TREASURER - SCOTT D

Bank Balance, \$61,207.

SECRETARY – PETER M

Membership is 93 with 18 unpaid.

NEWSLETTER

Needs volunteers, please contact any 393 board member.

AIR ACADEMY – BILL O

Our male candidate had to withdraw due to conflicts with his fall college schedule. A well qualified girl was chosen. We now have an all girl crew. Their paperwork has been excepted by national, air fare chosen, tickets purchased and transfer from destination airport to and return from the academy scheduled.

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MAY GENERAL MEETING 2ND

Saturday May 14th, in celebration of 393's 50th year, an open house featuring our history on Buchanan Field.

FACEBOOK – BENNETT A

Here is the link to our EAA 393 Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ea393

Send material to Bennett at BennettAshley925@gmail.com

ADJOURNED - PETE MITCHELL
Meeting concluded 03:45z

Board Members in attendance

PRESIDENT : RON LEM

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TREASURER : SCOTT DAVIS

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From left to right: Eric Schuldt, Airport Manager Greg Baer, Scott Achelis, Lucy Hart, Pete Mitchell, Elaine Yeary, Scott Davis, Natasha, Doktorva, Bmitriy Kosovski.

A big thanks to the Clubhouse crew!

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Rod Mickels, and Stu Sims (not shown) did a great job beautifying the clubhouse with new flowers. Tom Hammett had removed all the thorns from this area so that Rod and Stu could do their job. Teamwork!

MAY 18TH SAFETY WEBINAR FROM NAFI

Learn from a tragic crash this year on how to apply risk management in your own flying. Join the National Association of Flight Instructors in this discussion on this sad event, what went wrong, and what we can learn from it.

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Chapter happenings

Let's see what are friends are up to in the last month!



Tom Hammett making significant progress on his Vans RV-14!

Here is Tom riveting aileron hinge supports and standing next to those beautiful wings!



Formation Flying Inc (FFI) clinic on April 28 - May 1st in Madera (KMAE). See a short video of the formation! youtu.be/XSCJc0s_TLk



Ron Lem picking up daughter **Mary** from University (above) and getting sideways in Ron's Vans RV-6 (below)



Ed Neffinger gets checked out in a bird (above & below)





Kevin Olson's tail feathers for his KitFox Series 7. See the latest video update from Kevin at youtu.be/rrBVDS6A2Ko



Lee reports that the Bearhawk windscreen which they are in the process of fitting comes out very nicely from the factory. It's almost a perfect fit right out of the box. Lee's helper **Bill Lawrence** is assisting on the filling of the screen. More to report later.



Alejandro Levin taking lessons in Argentina! You can see a short clip from his instructor as he is doing his practicing. youtube.com/shorts/DKOLUdxjRdc

QUICK UPDATE FROM ALEJANDRO

I did 15 hours so far and feel incredibly good!!

Lots of touch and goes and many without any comments...

The last day he covered the pitot tube with tape, so that I would have no speedometer and then he covered the altimeter. He said that I should be able to fly without them, and he was right!!!

We practiced emergency landings in the countryside, without touching the ground.

He would say: "you've just lost the engine, what will you do?" So I would look for a place to land after setting gliding speed/attitude, and then go to land aborting the landing just before touching down.

It was so much fun!!

I'm happy as a dog with two tails.



Donor car needed for Bryant Field (O57)

The fishing season is upon us. In years past we have had access to a vehicle which was parked at Bryant Field (O57) in Bridgeport California. There is stream fishing, lake fishing and lots of camping nearby.

If you have a vehicle that is not being used and in serviceable condition which you would be willing to let Buchanan Field pilots use at Bryant Field please contact Ron at rjlbap@gmail.com.

"Beater Cars" Are acceptable as long as they are in serviceable condition and are legal to operate.



George Grech, Isabel Beecham, Clint Beecham, Sara Holmes, Harvard Holmes, Bill reining, Carol Healey and Unknown at Hollister on the 5-11-2022 fly out

4-27 Fly Out (below)



Wednesday fly-outs

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 to be added to or removed from this list.

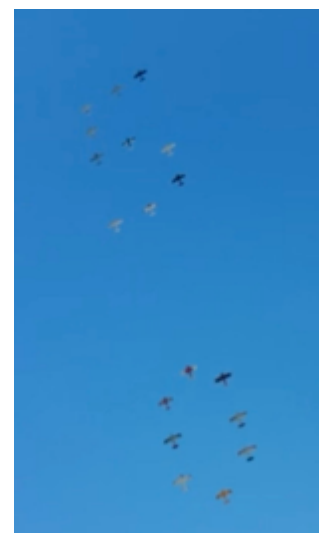
Generally, someone who wants to go flying will send a suggestion to this list a day or two before. Those who can go will respond, and a destination gets selected. Recent destinations have included: South Lake Tahoe, Half Moon Bay, Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Boonville, Shelter Cove, Willows, Auburn, Lodi, Watsonville, 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.

Formation flying clinic

On the last week of April of this year, Formation Flying Incorporated held its first annual formation flying Clinic since Covid started. Over 50 planes and pilots participated with experience levels ranging from beginner to advanced to carded wingmen, leads and check pilots.

This years "All Up" consisted of 38 planes preparing for a 50 ship flyover which will occur at Airventure this year. The 50 ship flyover is to commemorate Vans Aircraft 50th year of building kit planes! This is just one more reason to go to Airventure which is from July 25th, through July 29th. Many 393 members regularly attend this event which is located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



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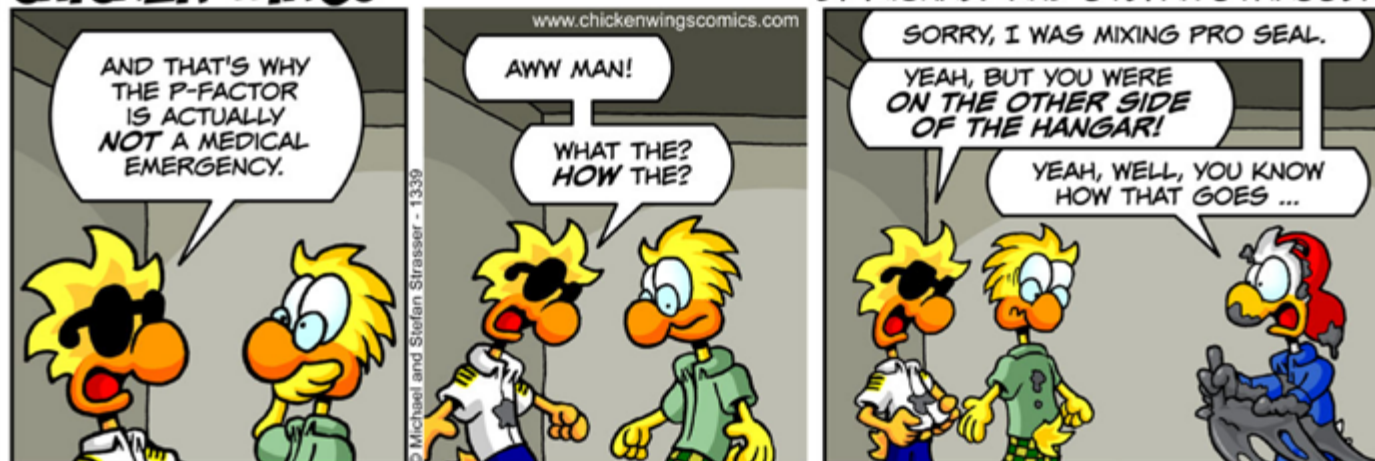
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