

Presidents Message:

Well, the rainy weather has made for a few good sunsets, and we got a good one coming back from Monterey after a short day trip. We returned up the coast by Half Moon Bay and over the Golden Gate Bridge, and saw Embarcadero Center outlined by its lights in San Francisco. A recommended route; just watch the altitude as you go by Fort Funston.

I guess we are now officially into the 100th year of aviation. There are lots of anniversary activities, but for me, none that has overcome the psychological cloud that the TSA and others have put over us after 9/11. I have never seen such a CYA mentality. No public servant will lighten up on the irrational demands for security for fear that if anything happened on his watch, he would never be excused. The biggest disappointment is the lack of analytical brain power in such a large number of American citizens. It seems like any statement that is repeated often enough is taken as

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MEETING REMINDER:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday **January 22, 2003**. The meeting is being held at the Buchanan Field Terminal Building located at the end of John Glenn Drive in Concord and will begin at 7:30PM. **Visitors are always welcome.**

Board Meeting:

Next meeting is February 6th at 7:30pm at CCR Terminal. Members are welcome to attend.

EAA Chapter 393 Holiday Party
Saturday, December 14, 2002
Marie Callender's, Concord, CA

This annual event was a great success, thanks to the hard work of Louis and June Goodell, Guy and Linda Jones, Ray and Mary Lou Nilson, Pat, Evangelene and Tracy Peters, my wife Sara, and others who are not present in my frail memory at the moment. These wonderful people handled the decorating, the name tags, and the raffle, and helped with the presentation. The food was good, the company delightful, and the presentations not overly long. We were pleased to have as our guests Deborah Dew, Frank Thomas and Will Witaker from the CCR Tower. We were able to recognize the Chapter officers for their work during the year (President Harvard Holmes, Vice President Guy Jones, Secretary/Treasurer Louis Goodell, Young Eagles Coordinator Pat Peters, Newsletter Editor Bob Rudolph, Web Editor Bruce Hobbs, and Technical Counselor Rich Lambert). We were able to recognize Ernst Freitag, who made his RV-8 first flight in August; other first flyers not in attendance include Ken Wiley with a Glastar, Mike Reinath with a Lancair 360 (not an official member, but we'll claim him as he flew first at CCR), Marsh Freeman with a Glastar, and Randy Garrett with an RV-6A. Pat Peters, our Young Eagles coordinator, was able to recognize about 21 pilots who have helped him fly Young Eagles during the year.

fact by a large fraction of the populace. Get involved with your local schools and promote clear, critical thinking!

Fortunately, some cooler heads have prevailed and the actual prohibitions are minimal and no big deal for most of us. In this case, the bureaucrats have made a lot more sense than the politicians -- probably worth remembering the next time you get ramp checked.

On to business... The Holiday Party was a great success, thanks to Louis Goodell and all the rest who made it so. The Board is considering where to hold the next party, so let us know what you think. (Some possibilities are mentioned in the Board Meeting Notes.)

In the coming year, mark your calendars for our meetings, for Golden West, for Air Venture, and all the other fun things that you might want to fly to. One that is coming up soon is the Hayward Proficiency Air Race. Bob Belshe with Fred Baron, and Harvard Holmes with Nat Kingsley took 9th and 8th places in that race last year. I wish more chapter members would go and show the crowd how it's done right! Ask Bob (or me) for more details, or visit <http://www.hwairrace.org/>.

When I started flying our Mooney, I noticed that it didn't have the fancy take off charts that the Cessna had. I thought "that'd be nice..." and it was off to spreadsheet hell. With the bad weather in December I actually made some progress (4 years after we got the plane), so a first draft appears elsewhere (that's the plan, anyway). Tell me what you think about such stuff.

Finally, it's time to pay the annual dues. There is no better bargain anywhere than EAA National and EAA Chapter membership. Please send your checks to Louis Goodell, or bring them to the next meeting. We try to keep track of the following vital information -- please let us know if it has changed: name, address, phone, phone2, project, spouse, EAA_National#, and email.

Fly safely, Harvard

393 Internet Updates:

As always you can find back issues of the Cleco on the webpage at <http://eaa393.org>
Thanks for all the hard work Bruce!

This Months Speaker:

Matthew O'Connor, a model airplane builder will be the speaker this month.

Treasurers Reports:

Bank Statements: As of January 15th.

Checking: \$2,216.99

Savings: \$2,527.85

Total: \$4744.84

\$50.00 was transferred from savings to checking to avoid closure due to inactivity in the savings account.

Badges, we have lots of badges.

Please check with Louis to see if your badge is still floating around. Thanks!

FOR SALE:

Lou Ellis and Randy Alley are restoring a 1942 Army Taylorcraft L-2. At the time of completion Randy will be selling his half of the plane. We hope to have it done by the summer. Please come by the hangar E16 on the east ramp and check it out. Phone 925-825-1247(home), 925-825-7278 (hanger)

For those E-Bay'ers out there a couple of members have items for sale, their profiles are: PacificFlyer (Tracy Peters) and Achelis@pacbell.net (Scott Achelis)

If you have items you wish to advertise please contact Jordan Jones at jones.jordan@attbi.com so they may be added to the newsletter.

EAA Chapter 393 Board Meeting Informal Notes

Thursday, January 9, 2003

Attending: Harvard Holmes, Pat Peters, Tracy Peters, Guy Jones, Louis Goodell, Bob Belshe, Scott Achelis, Jordan Jones

1. A review of the Holiday Party revealed some good aspects (convenient location, friendly staff, good food), and some limitations (small, no place to mingle, no AV equipment, not special; people would have stayed longer if there had been more space to mingle). Financially, we had 52 paid attendees and 3 guests and we came out slightly ahead by a few cents per person. If we were to use Marie Callender's again next year, we should be sure to also reserve the lounge area adjacent to our banquet room.

For next year, discussion focused on

- a) Marie Callender's
- b) Mira Vista Country Club (too expensive (\$35 to \$40) and a long drive for some members)
- c) Contra Costa Country Club (too expensive \$40 to \$45)
- d) MDPA with catering from Strings (available Sat Dec 13, cost is right, plenty of space). The MDPA party was done this way, with each table decorated by a different person. A very enjoyable by those who attended.
- e) Hungry Hunter

Yours truly (Harvard) likes the MDPA plan best at this time. Express your opinions!

2. Scott Achelis informed the Board that his hangar neighbor and long time member Norm Spitzer was "getting our of the airplane business."

Norm proposed that Scott take a bunch of equipment that Norm no longer wanted and "raffle it off to the EAA393 members." Scott proposed that the Chapter would get a lot more bang for the buck by selling the stuff on Ebay. It was moved, seconded, and approved that Scott should do this and donate the appropriate (considering his expenses) portion of the proceeds to the Chapter.

3. Pat Peters was asked about the Young Eagles schedule. He's working on it. He has a church group and Boy Scouts to plan for. He is debating the wisdom of a regular schedule like first Saturday in the summer months. He's also working on deploying the hot dog cookers that were obtained for such gatherings. He's sounded out Nob Hill to donate supplies and they are receptive.

4. It was reported that the CCR Airport Appreciation Day is uncertain.

Mike Bruno was chairmanning, but at odds with the Chamber of Commerce (micromanagement issue?). Also the Airport Manager wanted an outrageous amount of money for use of the airport (more than \$10,000!!!!). This note taker thinks they got it backwards -- the airport should be willing to pay for such a PR scoop! What better way to show the taxpayers what a great thing the airport is. At any rate, all parties know that because of the scheduled Golden West event, only a few planes and staff (owners) to protect them are available from EAA 393.

5. The Collings Foundation B-17 will be touring the West Coast this year. The EAA B-17 will not make it to the West Coast this year, partly due to financial problems at United Airlines. (United helped with maintenance on the EAA B-17.) The Collings B-17 will not be at Golden West. There have been no feelers from them on an appearance at CCR.

6. Raffle Chairman -- we will phase out the raffle over the next few months and then let it rest until someone wants to resurrect it.

7. Harvard wanted to modify the bylaws to conform to our bi-annual elections. It was suggested that it would be no more work to adopt standard bylaws as provided by EAA National. The benefit would be that getting our 501 (c) 3 status would be easier. Tracy would be contacting Bob Mackey, and would mention it.

8. Fly out ideas (thanks guys!):

- a) Columbia (in March or so, closed in winter?)
- b) Mariposa-Yosemite (need a bus, Tony Tiritilli gave me a lead on one)
- c) Chino (far away, but lots of neat planes in the CAF)
- d) Castle ex-AFB (nice museum)
- e) South County (museum across the road, no food)
- f) Santa Rosa (museum, food, CAFÉ Foundation, EAA chapter has hangar with displays)
- g) McClellan (museum, food)

Here are some pictures from the Holiday Party. Do you recognize these people?



- Harvard Holmes and Pat Peters



- Harvard Holmes and Guy Jones



- Members and Guests enjoying good food.





- Harvard Holmes and Tracy Peters



- Rick Lambert and Harvard Holmes



- Bruce Hobbs and Harvard Holmes



- Harvard Holmes and Louis Goodell



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December 31, 2002

Pat Peters
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Dear Pat,

Just a note to thank you for inviting Frank Thomas and I to your Annual Christmas Party. We had a great time! Thank you for thinking of Concord Tower during the holiday season. It is my desire for the staff of Concord Tower to provide quality service to all users throughout the year. It would be our pleasure to assist your club in any way possible to continue to foster a safe and friendly environment at Buchanan Field.

Our doors are always open for dialogue, feel free to call or stop by. I look forward to speaking for your group in February reference the upcoming radar implementation for the airport.

Again thank you for thinking of us and have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,


Deborah A. Dew
Air Traffic Manager

- Thank You note from the folks in the Tower

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E-Mail Address _____
Project/ Plane _____
Hanger # _____ East _____ West _____
Hanger Phone _____
EAA National # _____ Exp Date _____

All persons interested in aviation are welcome to join or visit our chapter. You do not have to own an airplane or be a pilot. In addition to monthly chapter meetings, we hold monthly fly-outs to other airports. Seats are often available for those who do not have their own plane.

Members of the chapter enjoy the camaraderie of a common interest in aviation, flying, and sharing technical information about homebuilding.

Chapter dues are \$20.00 a year. This covers the cost of the Cleco, our monthly newsletter. The Cleco mailing label shows when your dues expire.

In order to keep our insurance in force, all chapter members must also be members of the EAA National. National dues are \$40. See the EAA website (www.eaa.org) for more information. If you are joining the EAA for the first time, please get an application from the Treasurer, so the chapter will be credited.

Make check payable to Chapter 393 and bring this application to a meeting or mail to:

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Chapter meetings are held at 7:30PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Buchanan Field terminal building (next to the tower).



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