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CHAPTER MEETING - WEDNESDAY APRIL 24, 1985 at 7:30 p.m.  
Buchanan Field Terminal Building - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!

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PROGRAM - Chapter member Tim Roberts will present a program aimed at Safety and Health Hazards in Homebuilding. Tim will give us some ideas on how to complete the project without finishing of the bod!

POPE VALLEY - Don't forget to mark June 1 and 2 on your calendar! The Pope Valley Fly-In shouldn't be missed. The work parties are scheduled for either May 11th or 18th--sign up with Rich Kelly (820-5955).

We want to thank two of our members, Bob Graves and Dick White, Sr., for the time spent on the Contra Cost Airport Alliance, meeting with the group to see what be put together. Bob, especially, has been really working to make this multi-purpose building a reality, and has been trying to bring a cool-headed approach to the whole deal. Thanks, Bob & Dick!

Our Chapter would like to put together a list of suppliers. To see if there is enough interest in sharing this information, bring us (or mail to us) the name and address of one or two (or more) of your favorite source, especially if they seem "tuned in" to the aircraft scene. We'll see if we can compile a list to make available to all. There will be some duplication of course, but it may uncover some gems!

Those of us who have been around Buchanan (and Sherman) Field for lo' these many years remember the 'Fuller' Mallard, a Bonanza and various other aircraft piloted in and out by jovial John E. McKee. John has been a good friend and a welcome helping hand at both Fields. Sadly, John passed away on March 23, 1985. He will be missed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family and many friends.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you can see from this Newsletter we are still without the help of one of our most active and contributing members. Kay Smith is still out of circulation with a bad bout of back trouble. The old adage "You don't miss the water till the well runs dry" is certainly applicable in this case. The President's job has been made considerably easier over the past 15 months with Kay's help. Her unique title RAE (Reserve Alternate Everything else) fits her to a tee. She carries a full load as Vice President of the Chapter, but anytime there is a need she always steps in to pick up the slack. We hope she is back in full swing soon. Not only do we miss her smiling face, but her real contribution to whatever success Chapter 393 has had. Hurry back Kay -- Dick White

## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HERE AND THERE

Hello to everybody! The almost summer weather is here and it is beautiful - just perfect for epoxy set up and superb for airplane work.

I have observed lots of productive activity on both sides of the airport. Rob Cook's Vari Eze is going to be an award winner -- keep on with the good work, Rob! Lyle Powell's replica 1955 Porche is almost complete. As you are reading this report Lyle is probably driving his open cockpit room around, and just imagine, it will be RED, RED, RED. (Lyle are you checked out in this?)

Our President, Dick White's house is done and it looks just as professional as his airplanes. Carlos Amspoker is busy with his annual on the Eze and additional work on other people's props who were lounging around in Honolulu, (I do not want to mention their names). (Plus, he even defrosted their fridge!)

Enough of this and back to the Right Stuff. Norm and Jean Spitzer's Glasair is done, striped, upholstered, gleaming in the sun and READY!! If the FAA were able to inspect the plane sooner, Norm would be flying around -- it is now days, Norm!! Good luck and a safe flight.

The airforce of Randy Alley keeps him busy. Randy just annualized the Cherokee. The Starduster has both wings on, and the plane looks beautiful. It will be another air show winner-- there is lots of talent in this Chapter! Rich Lambert is working on the Glasair with his usual precision. Lou Ellis keeps his Eze in air show winner quality, flies his Baron, and his Glasair is progressing.

Norm Alumbaugh's Glasair is finished and READY for the first flight. His Cessna is flying and the Luscome is annualized. Norm is also getting his airport ready for the Chapter fly-in in June. (A spy Van Eze buzzed the airport and reported back all this activity. Where Norm gets his energy we do not know.

Bill De Prosse has finished repairing his BD amphibian and should be soon ready for taxi tests.

This reporter substitute would like to say that lots of the rest of us are very active in terrorizing the traffic pattern. The airplanes are flying with the exception of one Cessna 150, which (I am sad to report) is not.

Kay Smith is ill. She has serious back problems and has already spent considerable time in the hospital. She is now under care of the best back physician - pilot Dr. Norm Livermore. Call Kay, send cards, flowers - but please no parts of an airplane to work on.

The Fly Ins are coming sooner than we anticipated. Below is list of motels, where some members are staying:

Watsonville Air Show -- Rio Sands Motel in Rio Del Mar  
Phone: 408/688-3207 (we stayed there last year).

Columbia Air Show ----- Columbia Inn - Phone: 209/533-0446  
or Columbia Gem Motel - 209/532-4508

Safe flying to all of you -- and please count your landings!

Respectfully,

"The Substitute"

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION  
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1985  
CALENDAR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2nd Wednesday of every month  
President Dick White's home  
301 David Drive, Alamo  
All members welcome - 7:30 p.m.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

4th Wednesday of every month - 7:30 p.m.  
Buchanan Field Terminal Building  
Bring chairs - Bring chairs  
EVERYONE is Welcome

MAY

Board: May 8th  
Chapter: Pope Valley Fly-in! Chairpilots are Rich Kelley, Rob Cook and ???  
Scheduled for June 1 & 2 - a GREAT time was had by one and all last year!!  
Activities: Columbia Luscombe Fly-in - May 17-19  
Nut Tree Swap Meet - May 19  
Watsonville Fly-in/Airshow - May 24-26

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\*POPE VALLEY WORK WEEKENDS\*  
\*May 11 and May 18\*  
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JUNE

Board: June 12th  
Chapter: June 26th - Oshkosh 1984 Video  
Activities: Merced Fly-in/Airshow - June 7-9 - THE BEST IN THE WEST!  
Columbia Fly-in - June 15-16 - a laid back good time.  
CAFE 400 - June 21-22 - THE FASTEST in the West.  
Truckee Fly-in/Good Guys Airshow - June 22-23 - 'party time'.

JULY

Board: July 10th  
Chapter: PRE-OSHKOSH PICNIC - JULY 17th (one week early) - Sasha has again volunteered to Chairpilot the bash and Dwain promises to assist...with a team like that, we can't loose! We need AT LEAST 5 chili cookers so we don't rung out AGAIN - please call Sasha or Dwain. Also, for a little extra 'entertainment', the 'SPY' tells me that Norm Spitzer has promised to groundloop his Glasair.....  
Activities: Hollister Fly-in - July ? (anyone know when?)  
OSHKOSH - July 26 through August 2 - if you have not made your pilgrimage to MECCA, this is a MUST! Some of us have little chance anyway, but you will never make it to Heaven if you have not been to Mecca first - this IS Heaven!!!!

AUGUST

Board: August 14th  
Chapter: August 28th - Fred Harris on the flying wing - moved from January as Fred had the bug.  
Activities: Abbotsford B.C. Airshow - August 9-11  
Cloverdale Fly-in - August 17-18  
Georgetown Superchicken Fly-in - August 31 - September 1

SEPTEMBER

Board: September 11th  
Chapter: September 25th - \*\*SEE BELOW\*\*

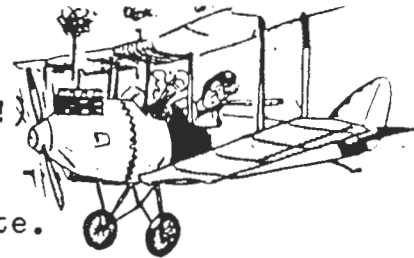
Activities: Reno Air Races  
September 12-15

OCTOBER

Board: October 9th  
Chapter: October 23rd - Hal Wight, Airport Manager, - Program on "What's in store for Buchanan Field".  
Activities: Rio Vista Fly-in???? October 5-6????

## THE SPY IN THE SKY

(Sees ALL - Knows ALL and plans to Blab more & MORE!)



As usual, your invisible SPY has been doing quite a bit of wandering around our aerodrome of late.

We've all noted that the Captain of our 'Collective Fleet' (soon to be a student pilot, again?) is still among the missing! One does wonder: is he redoing the Cistine Chapel, painting the White House ala Salvador Dali, or is he just slower than the 60 year itch? Rumor has it that the 'old boy' has a birthday - he swears its his 45th - coming up in April. However, having snooped into confidential records available only to your SPY, I am aware that #1 son recently turned 'THE BIG 40!' - does this mean 'ageless' (?) President is amazingly precocious or possibly only shaving a year or two off the old calendar? None the less, Happy Birthday and very best wishes for many more (years of Happy Flying) to President Dick White, Sr.

Crept under the door the other day for a quick peek at the goings on with Randy Alley's fleet - both the Duster and Glasair are progressing with remarkable speed and outstanding craftsmanship!

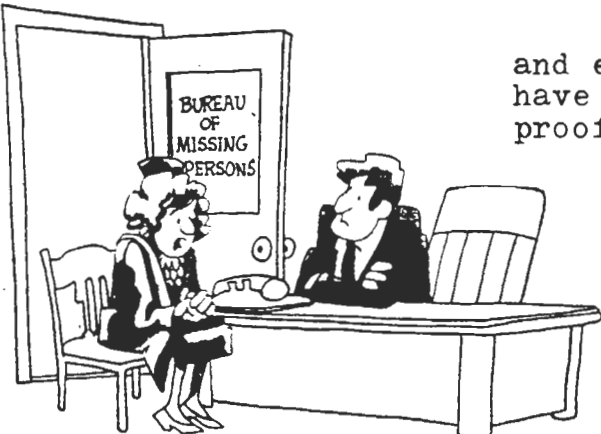
Also speeding along towards a first flight (very shortly, pending something somewhere near reasonable co-operation from our friendly Federal Fuzz) is Norm Spitzer. I hear that Norm has been spreading a bug (which shall remain nameless, pending possible law suits) among his many (possibly former) friends around the old aerodrome during the last couple of weeks! Since he has by now (no doubt) shared the bug with his lovely bride, your SPY hopes they are feeling 'Tip-top' very soon. Also, GOOD LUCK with 'you know who' and we hope to see your new speed machine in the air 'post-haste'!

More rumors: I hear that our V.P., RAE, Newsletter Editor (usually) and all around pesty individual (aka: Ramp Rat) spent the last couple of weeks in March loafing in the (probably mental) hospital. She is reportedly currently confined to bed at home - enjoying (the dirty old lady) the 24 hour per day services of a 21 year old male nurse! Ah-Ha! You thought this was going to be an interesting bit of juicy gossip, didn't you? The 'nurse' is her son Richard, who has returned home to care for 'Old Mom'. She says "after 21 years, its HIS turn!". Anyway, after paying for a new Mercedes for each of her several Doctors, they say she will be up, around and as obnoxious as ever in a few weeks.

Anyone else noticed the customary speed and efficiency with which the 'powers that be' have installed the new 'security gate' (MX Missile proof, no doubt) on the East (Glitter Gulch) Ramp? How about the gold plated (at \$30 a whack) new passes? Just wondering.....

Keep the Greasy Side Down,

SPY



*"The last time I saw him, he was down in his workshop making a silly pair of wings."*



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General Meeting  
March 27, 1985

The meeting was opened by President Dick White at 7:35 with greetings to all and a welcome to special guest, George Periera. There were 49 attending. After front counter mail review, newly renewed membership cards were handed out. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter, and Treasurer's report given and approved. There was some discussion concerning how the chapter is spending money - whether it is being spent prudently and for things most of the membership wants. Generally favorable comments, summed up by Dwain Duis - "The money is there for spending on our good will and fun, for all of the members to enjoy." There was a motion made affirming confidence that the Board of Directors is spending correctly, seconded and carried. There was no official Airport Advisory Committee of California Aviation Council report, our member-representatives unable to attend. Dick White gave an update on the multi-purpose airport building - how the various groups are submitting budgets, tool lists and space requirements. He also read a letter to the Chapter from Lyle Powell, the essence of which being that the Chapter should not get involved in any venture that will complicate the basic premise of the club - that of meeting once a month and sharing ideas and talking about airplanes, unencumbered with the trouble of running an operation such as a hanger. Much discussion followed, most of it following along the idea that as long as no financial commitments are made, we should take as close a look as possible. Dwain pointed out an example of Woody Pusher, where if nobody had stuck his neck out, the club wouldn't be in the good financial position it is presently in. Dick called for some sort of statement of unity. Motion made and carried to direct club to: examine the whole thing at close range and in financial detail without making any commitment to contracts or the like: procede, but cautiously. Bob Gonzales is trying to nail down a date for the Travis Air Museum Fly-in, now looks like later in fall, Sept.-Oct. or thereabouts. Pope Valley - those people who signed up to help whip things into shape for the Fly-in contact Rich Kelley (820-5955) to let him know which weekend you can make, and likewise for those of you who would like to contribute. Norm Alumbaugh is remodeling things right now at Pope Valley and thinks there will be lots of details that the work crews could do to make the Chapter Fly-in the best yet. Lou Ellis added a couple of comments from the tower controllers about Experimental Aircraft that were skipped at last months program, among them that experimentals need better radio communication, earlier call-up due to higher speeds and following standard patterns important due to smaller size making visibility difficult.



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Rich Kelley's library project now has the index for past issues of Sport Aviation, but the collection needs a lockable, large cabinet for storage of the present books and magazines. Perhaps a donation from an area merchant or chapter member? Introductions followed the coffee break, and George Periera gave an excellent talk about the design and construction of his latest design, the GP-4, a 200 hp retractable capable of cruising 240+ mph. George had some trouble explaining the construction of his wood airplane to a chapter of plastic airplane builders.....  
Adjourned at 10:15.

Rich Powell, Secretary

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