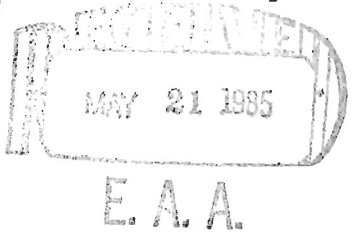


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NO REGULAR MAY CHAPTER MEETING - POPE VALLEY CHAPTER FLY-IN



Experimental Aircraft Association

CHAPTER 393

Concord, California

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Our May meeting is the Chapter #393 weekend Fly-in/bash and picnic/campout at the Alumbaugh's Pope Valley airport/hideout/farm/ranch/restaurant/motel! SAVE THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 1st AND 2nd!!!! ←
All chapter members, families and friends are welcome. Plan to fly in, drive in, ride in or arrive by your choice of transport (hitch hike?). Re: work party preparation - a great work crew got vast amounts done on the 11th - we're hoping for an equal effort to finish up on the 18th.

For a wonderful time, plan to arrive any time on Saturday - the Almubaugh's Pope Valley Airport is a first class operation - but do plan to bring your own tiedown and chocks - there will be lots of parking space.

A B-B-Q dinner is planned for Saturday evening - we will have chapter furnished hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. The chapter will also supply soft drinks and on Sunday morning, a Continental Breakfast! More food: both Sasha and Kay will brew batches of Chili - we could use two or three more pots of 'brew' - how about it? Also, Rich & Jan Kelley will bring macaroni salad with Dick & Corinne White doing a potato salad. We need more salad - call Rich 820-5955.

Entertainment! Norm has done it AGAIN! We had a fantastic aerobatic routine last year - and he'll be back again this year - outstanding! Also, would you believe a crop duster routine.....in formation!

As noted before, soft drinks will be provided (with the food and utensils). However, after we are all tied down, it is strictly B.Y.O.B. - bring your own booze (beer, wine or the hard stuff and mixes).

Overnight accomodations - very few rooms are available on a first come, first served basis. However, there is lots of room for camping out - campers - and sleeping bag space with a roof over your head. Bring your sleeping bags, linens, towels, bathing suits (nice pool), blankets and whatever you need.

As is usual for all E.A.A. functions, please do plan to clean up after yourself....we will need several folks to be certain we leave our host with a spotless 'jack of all locations'.

Saturday night: we'll have dancing and fun for one and all in the Lodge. If you have any musical ability at all, bring your instruments....we'll even try a singalong! Another idea: bring snacks, chips, dips and munchies.....

EVERYBODY COME - OUR POPE VALLEY FLY-IN WILL BE A WONDERFUL GOOD TIME AND THAT IS A PROMISE!





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NUMBER 393 OF Concord ZIP _____

● A LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION, INC. ●

Regular Meeting
Chapter 393
April 24, 1985

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick White, at 7:35 and a welcome was extended to members and guests. Went over "mail call", front counter stuff including CAFE 400 rules and information, Wag-Aero and EAA catalogs. The "Flight of Eagles" charter flight to Oshkosh is still open - Jim Wilhelm reported when he signed up, there were still some 75 spots still open - at \$419 or so, a steal. Minutes were approved as printed in newsletter, and the treasurer's report given and approved, including transfer of funds back to savings account that were "borrowed" for Christmas dinners. There was no report from our Airport Advisory Committee or California Aviation Council representatives, but it was mentioned that CAC has a regional fly-in meeting May 4th at Pine Mountain Lake and on October 4, 5 & 6 their General Membership will have a meeting here at the Sheraton - mark your calendars.

The Pope Valley work weekends are still May 11th or 18th - pick a day and come out and help ready the place for our Chapter fly-in on June 1st and 2nd. The valley is beautiful this time of year! Contact a chapter officer to sign up. Travis Airforce Base is having their AirExpo on May 25th & 26th - Saturday The Thunderbirds will give their spectacular routine. See John McCombs for info on permission to fly-in. Rich Powell needs a copy of March 1984 newsletter - it has the list of people skills we compiled last year. Also, anyone interested in making a group fly-in for a weekend at the Flying AA Ranch in Northern California (Ruth Lake Area) contact Rich. Introductions followed - the big announcement was that Norm Spitzer flew his Glasair the day before! He has the usual list of first flight problems, but has a fast bird on his hands, showing a cruise of 230 at 8500 ft! Raffle prizes were won by a guest, and also Doug Garfield (you're on for the prize next time, Doug!) Tim Roberts gave a well researched, informative presentation on hazardous chemicals and products we have around the homebuilder's shop - quite a bit of audience participation and experiences shared. Thanks Tim!

**A thank you note has been received from Jack & Sam Bigham: 'Just wanted to let you know that we really did appreciate all of your efforts and assistance last month on your meeting night in helping load my Mustang II on the trailer, the loan of tools and advise, etc. Don't know what we'd have done without ya! Should be back in the air in a week or so. Many thanks'.

Rich Powell, Secretary

SPECIAL REQUEST - SPECIAL REQUEST - SPECIAL REQUEST - SPECIAL REQUEST

Please bring your camera to POPE VALLEY (and to all fly-in activities this summer). Someone on the board (forgot who) had a wonderful idea: we plan to put together a photo essay of our Chapter fly-in at Pope Valley to submit to 'SPORT AVIATION'. Also, we can use the pictures at our Christmas Banquet.

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Chapter 393's first activity and outing for the 1985 season is coming up. The POPE VALLEY FLY-IN will replace Mays' regular chapter meeting. Last years Pope Valley Fly-in was a real winner and this year it promises to be even better! We need your help and support to insure a fun weekend on June 1st and 2nd. The Alumbaugh's are our hosts and last year they did far to much work in putting it together. Don't forget your services are needed for the work parties planned for the weekends of May 11th and May 18th. And, if you get a call to bring something for the Saturday dinner or Sunday breakfast, I urge you to do what you can. This is an opportunity to support Chapter #393 and have fun doing it. SEE YOU THERE!

CALIFORNIA AVIATION COUNCIL

The CAC has been discussed before our membership by its President, Jay White. Ken Edwards was appointed the EAA delegate and things since then have been quiet. That is about to change!

On May 4th, the CAC Directors (EAA #393 has a director vote) met at Pine Mountain Lake for the Spring meeting. Present were approximately 20 people and 13 airplanes, all enjoying Chuck and Mary Heath's lovely runway side home. Following is a brief report of the meeting results:

Treasurers Report: CAC is solvent and has enough funds to make 1985 an interesting year. The officers have made several P/R visits, have established the State Regions and Regional V.P.s'. have been active in Statewide meetings with communities and their representatives and we are still able to approve an \$11,500 budget for 85-86.

Publicity: Several new mailers and handouts are now in representatives hands. The CAC will have applications in three papers with major distribution in California. We are fortunate to have Don Garofalo, the Local region Western Flyer representative here at Buchanan.

Annual Meeting: Sheraton Hotel, Concord - October 4-5-6. Ken Edwards has been accepted to be the local committee person and Jan Nileski is the State Chairperson. **EAA #393** has specifically been asked to host an afternoon (1 hour) workshop on homebuilding, and more generally we have been asked to help with manpower, ladypower and graypower! The other local clubs have also been asked to help with an the expected attendance of between 200-400 members and lots of airplanes...more later.

Membership: CAC has 280 personal members and 45 orgainzed groups representing over 7,000 California pilots....and we're GROWING! It is interesting to note that our state has the only organized pilot group for a common voice. Our regional Vice President is Orin Koukol, Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, 95822, 916/424-1632. We will hear from Orin later.

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California Pilots Political Action Committee: Please note that the PAC group has been successful in defeating two bills this year that were considered NOT beneficial to aviation in particular. "Aviation makes the State grow Sounder!"

Ken Edwards

Question of the month: Has anyone seen Bob Graves? We've been trying (I think) to get together for two days re: an article for this newsletter.....the way he 'Jet Sets', who knows???

UPDATE ** THE FLIGHT OF THE EAGLES TO OSHKOSH 1985: There is still space available for the seven day trip from Oakland to Oshkosh and back to Oakland.....July 26th to August 1st. "OSHKOSH" is the crowning experience of every aviators life. It is the "Mecca" for every person interested in the history and development of aviation technology. It is the greatest showcase of all the types of flying machines ever made by man! The Concorde will make three flights into Oshkosh this year...and will be on display between flights.

The trip includes: round trip air fare (Charter), 7 day/6 night convention tour, round trip motor coach to lodging, in flight meal service, convention lodging, transfers and taxes, paid admission to the aviation center and museum and a preflight party. Based on double occupancy, the total cost is \$419.00 per person. In otherwords, unless you specify a room mate with your reservation, you will be sharing a room with an acquaintance or maybe even a 'new friend' (of the same sex). Also included in the price is shuttle bus service to the convention grounds, lodging assignments complete before departure, free admission daily to the aviation center, convention cafeteria dining at reduced prices and a tour director to handle unforeseen problems.

Time is short! For reservations, call 818/915-8664 or tour director Dr. Curtis at 213/722-3142. A minimum deposit of \$200.00 per person is required with your reservation. Mail your check and reservation to: FLIGHT OF THE EAGLES, 216 Ridge Terrace Lane, Montebello, CA 90640. Note departure from Oakland or L.A., your name (or names for shared room reservations), your mailing address, your home phone number and a message or business phone number. I suggest you call NOW as time is VERY short!

CHAPTER #393 - 1985 CALENDAR

MAY

Chapter: POPE VALLEY FLY-IN - June 1st and 2nd!

JUNE

Board: June 12, 1985

Chapter: June 26, 1985 - Oshkosh 1984 Video

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2nd Wednesday of every month

President Dick White's home

301 David Drive, Alamo

ALL members welcome - 7:30 p.m. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

CHAPTER MEETING (except May & July)

4th Wednesday of every month - 7:30 p.m.

Buchanan Field Terminal Building

BRING CHAIRS - BRING CHAIRS - BRING CHAIRS!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

IMPORTANT

SB-971 - WHAT THE BILL DOES:

This bill exempts aircraft 35 years old or older (or replica) from property tax if the aircraft is not held primarily for resale, not used commercially or for general transportation purposes, and is available for display periodically to the public.

A one time application for exemption is filed with the county assessor with a \$35 fee.

PURPOSE

- To promote the preservation of vintage aircraft
- To encourage the restoration of vintage aircraft
- To promote the display for public enjoyment and education of vintage aircraft

WHY HAVE THIS LAW?

PROGRESS AND PLANS

5 Jan Bill Allen, Lorraine Kivi, and Carl Hays went to San Luis Obispo to meet with a local group on this issue.

Jan Bill Allen and Carl Hays met with Senator Jim Ellis to get an bill introduced.

14 Feb SB 971 introduced by Senator Ellis.

17 Apr Bill Allen and Carl Hays testified before the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. Bill passed. For - Ellis, Ayala, Bergeson, Deddeh, Seymour. Against - Boatwright, Lockyer, Garamendi.

Mid May Goes before Senate Appropriations Committee. Chairman Alquist, Ayala, Campbell, Dills, Maddy, Beverly, Boatwright, Deddeh, Foran. Hays and Allen to testify.

End April Hays and Allen to testify before state association of county assessors. Their support or opposition could be important.

- Summer - Testify before Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.
- Testify before Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill Allen and Carl Hays have spent a considerable amount of time and money to get this bill to where it is now. They need to testify three more times in Sacramento and once in Modesto. They need all the help they can get to accomplish the following:

1. Get letters sent and get others to send letters to the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee before the middle of May.
2. Get letters sent to all Senators, preferably by constituents, by 1 June.
3. Get letters sent to all Assemblymen, preferably by constituents, by 1 July.
4. Help in doing large mailings.
5. Money for travel expenses, mailings, and a lobbyist in Sacramento.

With \$50.00 from everyone with an antique aircraft and letters to their representatives we can eliminate heavy taxation on all of us forever. If you don't do your part, who is going to do it for you? With your help and contribution we can finish the job. Without it we will all get to keep on paying higher and higher taxes on our aircraft.

Send a check today and indicate what else you are willing to do.

Mail to either one below. MAKE CHECK OUT TO CALIF ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSO.

Bill Allen
2727 Camino Del Rio South Ste 250
San Diego, Ca 92108

Carl W. Hays
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JUSTIFICATION

1. These aircraft have been on the tax rolls for 35 years. They have paid their dues.
2. As described in the bill, these aircraft are flown few hour each year and provide little, if any, burden on aviation facilities.
3. These aircraft produce no revenue and provide no transportation to their owners. The only rewards to their owners are flying a piece of history, pride of ownership, satisfaction of preservation, and enjoyment of displaying them to the public.
4. The majority of these aircraft are restored over many years by citizens of modest means. To tax them all along the way is unfair.
5. Antique automobiles are now exempt form tax and have been for many years.
6. Other historical artifacts are not generally taxed because they escape under the general personal property exemption or are unknown the the assessors.
7. Many other states do not tax vintage aircraft through exemption or no aircraft tax at all (Minnesota, Iowa, Nevada, Oregon, Arizona, Etc.).
8. The practice of registering aircraft in other states and not displaying them at airshows fearing assessor notice will stop.
9. Unless we can educate our youth to connect complex devices with simple things they understand we risk raising future generations which cannot build a better one and are fearful of the fruits of our modern technology. Vintage aircraft help bridge that gap in the aircraft and machinery field.
10. Feelings of national pride and a connection to our historical roots are provided to thousands of people at flyins and airshows each year. The cost to taxpayers for this contribution to our quality of living is very small.

IMPACT

Total lost revenue to the state is negligible.

There will be a gain, perhaps substantial, of registrations and the exemption application fee will partially offset that loss.

Valuation of vintage aircraft is difficult at best and requires a disproportionate amount of assessor time.

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The complete mailing address for the above Senators should include the room number, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Please note this committee meets every Monday at 1:30 p.m. in room 4203.

Bob Graves

1985 FLY-INS AND AIR SHOWS

MAY

May 18-19 - Planes of Fame Air Museum Benefit Air Show - Chino
May 19 - Vacaville (Nut Tree) Aviation Flea Market
May 24-26 - Watsonville Fly-in and Airshow
May 25-26 - Travis Air Show (Thunderbirds)
May 31 - Festival at the Lake Balloon Race - Lake Merritt, Oakland

JUNE

June 7-9 - 28th Annual Merced West Coast Fly-in and Air Show
June 14-16 - Tuolumne County Fly-in - Columbia
June 16 - Gansner Field Airport Day and Air Show - Quincy
June 21-22 - CAFE 400 Air Race
June 22-23 - Truckee/Tahoe Fly-in and Air Show
June 29-30 - Redding Air Show (Blue Angels)

JULY

July 26 - August 2 - OSHKOSH
July 27-28 - Livermore Air Show
July ??? - Hollister Fly-in (anyone know when?)

AUGUST

August 17 - O'Hara Foundation Celebrity Balloon Race - Walnut Creek
August 17-18 - Cloverdale Fly-in and Air Show
August 31 - Sept. 1 - Georgetown Air Show and Chicken fly-off

SEPTEMBER

September 1 - Dedication of new Airport, Airfair and Air Show - Petaluma
September 12-15 - Reno Air Races - Stead Field
September 21-22 - Humboldt County Air Show and Fly-in - Eureka

OCTOBER

October 5-6 - Rio Vista Fly-in (Chapter #393) IF we have volunteers.
October 5-6 - Oktoberfest - Benton Air Park - Redding

WANT AD MINI-MARKET

FOR SALE: Partially completed Wittman W-8 Tailwind Project - \$1,675
or best offer - Jim Forbes (209) 625-3020 or 625-8361 (in
Visalia, CA)

FOR SALE: Mark 12 radios - 1 each 360 and 1 each 90 channel - working
when removed from Mooney - includes cables, power supplies
and switch panel - John McCombs (415) 228-7963

FOR SALE: Plantronics MS-50 headset microphone (clips on glasses) -
no push to talk - \$25 - Rich Powell (415) 229-1281 or
935-8822

NOTE: If you have anything you wish to sell, buy, give away, find or
whatever, let any officer know by the second Wednesday of the month.
As long as your request is not of a commercial nature, we'll run your
ad.....

Keep the greasy side down!

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