

# Experimental Aircraft Association

## CHAPTER 393

### Concord, California

June, 1988

#### CHAPTER MEETING

June 23, 1988      Thur. 7:30 PM  
Buchanan Field      **BRING CHAIRS**  
Terminal Building    **BRING CHAIRS**

#### PROGRAM

Dick VanGrunsven and the RV's

Dick VanGrunsven, the designer of the RV-3, RV-4, and RV-6 will be our speaker for this special THURSDAY night meeting. Don't miss this opportunity to find out more about sport aviation and these popular planes.

Remember, that's Thursday the 23rd of June.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Go fly!!!

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#### MINUTES OF MAY MEETING

We had thirty four people attend the meeting, including one guest. The minutes and treasurers report were approved. We discussed some old business, then some new business. Thanks go to Hank Hirtzer and Stub Pilotte for educational and entertaining talks. Thanks guys.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

No new members this month.

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#### MODE C UPDATE

The comment period for NPRM 88-2 has been extend till July 12th. So if you didn't write your congressman, senator or the FAA by the last deadline now is the time to ease your guilty conscience and put pen to paper. Don't leave it up to the "other guys" you are PIC. Our elected officials need prodding. So far their responses seem to be PRO mode C and TCA. So much for representing constituency. Remember that during voting season.

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#### CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 263

"Aviation Improvement Act"

SB 263 would provide state financing for airports by using the state sales tax revenue collected from the sale of jet fuel. An estimated \$100 million in new funding for airport maintenance and development will be made available if SB 263 is signed into law. These tax dollars are already paid by the aviation community, but they are currently lost to the general revenue fund. Under SB-263, the money would instead be deposited in the state aeronautics account.

Please write to your Assembly Member and encourage them to support SB-263. Be sure to send copies of your letters to Gov. Deukmejian or better yet, write him directly.

You may write to them at the following addresses:

Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
California Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable George Deukmejian  
Governor  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Your Assembly person is probably one of the following:  
Phillip Isenberg, Robert Campbell, Tom Bates, Elihu Harris, Johan Klehs, William Baker, Willie Brown, Jr. or Delaine Eastin.

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### AVIATION GROUP NEWS

Contra Costa Airports Association otherwise known as CCAA, is now official. CCAA is composed of and for the users of Buchanan Field. One of it's major purposes is to present a "unified voice" against threats to aviation in our area. More info next month, ie., dues, meeting, etc.

Airport Day is June 19th. If you have any old or new aviation magazines that you are done with, please donate them to the chapter so we can use them as "give aways" during Airport Day. They help to get people interested in aviation. Any leftovers will be discarded at the end of the day, so keep anything you don't want to lose. Thanks for your help.

The AAC will meet on Tues. June 21st. The Noise Ordinance is on the agenda. Pilot representation at the meeting is requested if you can make it. It all helps.

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### VIEWPOINT

Building or even rebuilding an airplane is a huge commitment of resources including time, money,

space, cooperation and not least enthusiasm. This last item is often the first thing to fade. I know that mine varies from time to time. I have also found a pretty good way to rekindle my interest. Work on someone else's project for a couple of days. I recently had the chance to help a friend with the final assembly of his T-18. All the parts were complete and newly painted, it really looked like an airplane. I'm not sure if it was the new paint or knowing this was the last time all the parts had to go together, or perhaps the combination, but, the one thing I did know was that we were making progress. It was now easy to imagine his bright red plane, as well as mine, zipping over the green hills of California on a sunny afternoon. Another important benefit, for me anyway, was learning the order, mostly by trail and error, in which everything had to go together, something not covered in the plans. Anyway it got me enthused again and as soon as the house is done I will be working on my plane again.

If you would like to comment on a subject related to aviation, send your opinion to Jordan Coonrad, P.O. Box 2878, Alameda, CA 94501.

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### THE LOST LOGO

The new logo is "still on the drawing board" as we say.

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### CALENDAR

- June 17-19  
Columbia Fly-In
- June 19  
Buchanan Airport Day.
- June 21  
AAC meeting
- June 23  
Chapter 393 meeting.  
Thursday not Wednesday

June 24-25

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June 26-27

Truckee Air Show.

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July 6

EAA 393 Board meeting

July 15-17

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July 20

Chap. 393 Picnic

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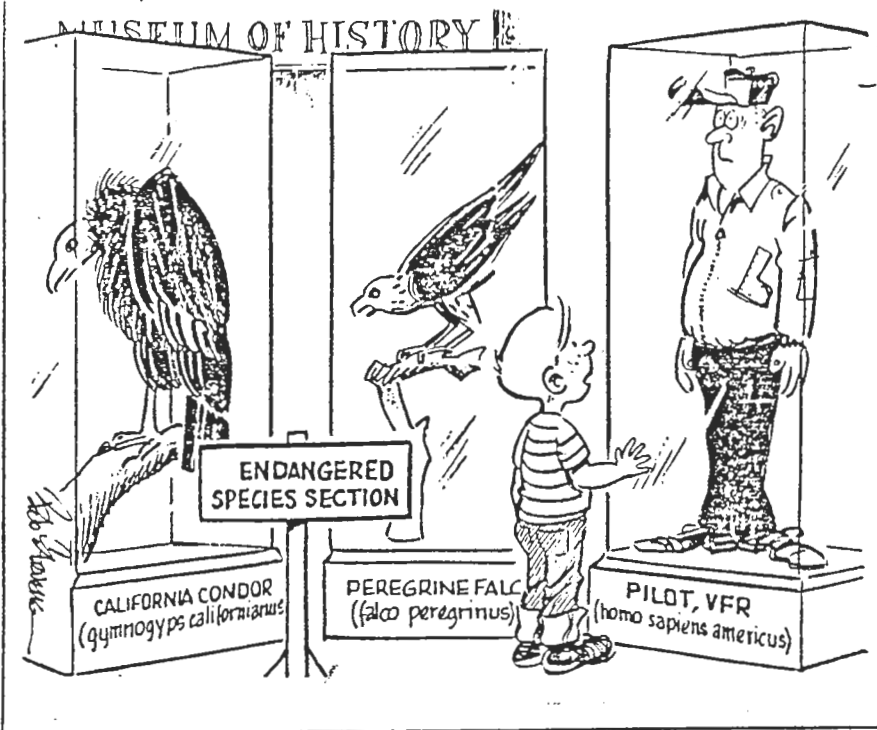
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