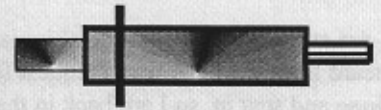


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Notice to other newsletter editors.

Please mail future cooperative newsletters to:

Bob Rudolph
 123 Mt. Kennedy Dr.
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 Bob is the new editor of **The Cleco**.
 This is my last issue as editor.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the production of the newsletter during the last two years while I was editor. Duane Allen

Meeting schedule:

- January 23
- February 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26
- July 13, Chapter Picnic
- August 21
- September 25
- October 23
- November 27
- December 14, Christmas Party**
@ The Greenery, Walnut Creek



President's Column
by Bob Belshe

This is the last time I will be writing as president and I'm amazed how quickly the two years have passed. I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who helped and encouraged me during this time.

The new year should see a renewed interest in promoting aviation and Buchanan Field to the public. The airport coalition and the MDPA are interested in bringing back some type of "airport day" celebration, possibly with Young Eagle rides and other activities to interest the public. I know chapter 393 will be a part of this.

As usual, Louis arranged another fine Christmas party, and it was a great pleasure to see so many of you there. The Chapter 393 Perpetual Award was presented to Duane Allen by last years winner Pat Peters. Congratulations, Duane! Evangeline Peters also received a well-deserved award for her unending support of the Young Eagles program.

Tracy Peters received a special "Blackhawk" award for being the first one in the chapter to attract the attention of the new in-air security flights. In this instance, Tracy was in contact with the tower and the military actually made a mistake by entering the airport traffic area without

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Our meetings are open to the public. Everyone can consider themselves invited. EAAers might make someone else happy by introducing them to our Chapter, getting them involved in projects, flyouts, and just plain good old camaraderie.

Our normal meeting time is 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the old terminal building on John Glenn Drive just south of the tower. Visitors welcome.

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contacting the tower. It must have been quite a shock to be buzzed by that big helicopter.

I am still pursuing my special issuance medical, the last I heard from the FAA was a request for another test, this was done and sent in, so I am back in the waiting mode.

Wishing you all the best and happiest of holidays,

Bob



June Goodell wearing a Christmas Sweater at the Christmas Party. It sure is pretty in color. It was a good party. A bit different this time. Thank you Louis Goodell for all your work in making it happen. [Duane, outgoing editor].



Editor's Column by Duane Allen

The two year period of my tenure as newsletter editor is over. This is my last issue of **The Cleco**.

I am sure the new newsletter editor, Bob Rudolph has ideas about how to make it better. One idea is to put it online to reduce the workload required to publish a printed version. For those who don't have web access, join the modern age and enjoy the pictures in color.

Yes, I started out to put the newsletters on the website after publication of the paper copy, but it just turned out to be too much work for me with all the other work I was doing and all the travel with NASA. Well, now that I am not the editor anymore, it looks like I won't be traveling either. At least not for NASA. My job, when I go back to work after the new year, will be documenting the multi-channel infrared scanner that we were flying on the Navajo last summer providing near realtime imagery of forest fires. Those pictures can be seen at <http://geo.arc.nasa.gov/sgf/fire.htm> Of course that doesn't mean I won't be traveling. It just won't be at taxpayers' expense. Audrey and I are going to a Cardinal Fly-In in Hoxton, Australia in February. Therefore, I will miss the February meeting. We also plan to visit one of the nurses who took care of her when I broke her neck while we were in Townsville in 1993. You do remember that I did low level aerobatics in a Commodore and left it useless? I don't think there was a salvageable part left on that car. If you want to see what is left of a car that has done about three flips and rolls at about 70 MPH, send me an email and I will upload the pictures to my website and send you a hotlink. People still don't believe I didn't get hurt. It just wasn't my time. Besides I had to be well to take care of her. I went to the hospital three times a day to feed her, bathe her, and take pictures of her changing appearance (every few hours for the first week). She looked like a racoon after a few days.

I guess you all notice I didn't take many pictures this year at the Christmas Party. I didn't think I had the time or energy to fill a newsletter with pictures the way I did two years ago. I guess it is called getting burned out.

I am making progress on the house remodel in Milpitas. I hope to be able to move into it within the next month. I proved it doesn't pay to be a good guy when it comes to rentals. I lost my butt on this one. Oh well, we all live and learn.

Thanks to the last three recipients of the Perpetual Award for giving it to me this year. And I do believe I earned it. Thank you all. See you at future meetings. Duane

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Minutes of November General Membership meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Bob Belshe, president.

He introduced the current and future boards of directors.

Harvard Holmes is the newly elected President.

Guy Jones was elected as Vice President.

Louis Goodell was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Bob Rudolph was elected as the new newsletter editor.

Louie gave the treasurer's report.

The savings account balance is \$2557.66

The checking account balance is \$1291.28.

Louie spoke about the Christmas Party, Dec. 15th.

Only 24 signups so far. There should be more in the post office box.

Bob Belshe talked about the Airport Coalition which meets the second Tue. of each month, That will be Dec. 11th at 6:00 PM.

Scott Achelis added to the details of the meeting, it's purpose and intents.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Scott and Bob to be the official representatives at the meeting for Chapter 393.

Pat didn't have a YE report as nothing has happened lately except that he got all the forms mailed from the October event.

The next chapter board meeting will be on Dec. 8th.

Weather permitting there will be a flyout on Saturday Dec. 1st

Tracy talked about Golden West Fly-in for 2002.

Mather/Marysville (Yuba county) will be the location of the 2002 event.

The Golden West Fly-In will be held on Sept. 6, 7 & 8th.

Tracy then introduced Bob Waldmiller from Scaled Composites as the guest speaker.

Bob gave a very nice presentation. Too bad only 30 people showed up for it. He had computer generated slides and video of the Proteus and talked at length about his Ex-calibur airplane he is building.

Thanks for coming Bob, and thanks to Tracy for arranging for him to speak.

After Bob's talk, and a break, the raffle was held and then introductions and progress reports by the members about their projects. [ed]

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Nothing new and the old ads have been running for months so I decided to leave them out this time. [ed]

Board of Directors meeting 12/08/01

I missed the board meeting due to a prior commitment in the south bay. I received no minutes from anyone who did attend so this space intentionally left blank. [ed]

I guess you all have heard, there is NO MORE ECB (Enhanced Class B airspace). Check the EAA website or AOPA website for the latest news. There are some TFRs. Temporary Flight Restrictions.

Happy New Year Everyone
May your 2002 be better than your 2001

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