

When Do Pigs Fly???

After you have enjoyed the Pig Roast at the MDPA clubhouse and then gone up in your airplane, that's when. In years past the Chapter 393 summer picnic has made hot dogs, hamburgers and an occasional chicken part fly, but this year we are in for a special treat as the members of the MDPA spit roast two porkers. In honor of this roasting the Chapter picnic has been joined with theirs. See president Harvard's column for the details.

Somebody Call Chuck Yeager!

I was working in the hanger the other morning and a P-51 taxied by my half open door. "Hay..." I shouted as I tripped over a refuse can on the way to a half running, half falling exit onto Row B. "That was no P-51 that was Ernst Freitag's marvelous RV-8 out for it's first taxi." Shinning silver with blue accents that are not military but are reminiscent of them glistening in the morning sun, tail firmly planted on its own wheel, and a smiling but very busy pilot under the dome canopy made the RV-8 look like the noblest of the noble.

Ernst appears to have done a very professional and meticulous job on his plane. If you haven't happened by his hanger for a look, you are missing a real treat.

The line of Young Eagles waiting for a ride in the "Silver Airplane" will not just be waiting for Bruce Seguire's Swift II in the future, this RV-8 will inspire the same admiration. ■

Attend The Meeting –

Saturday, July 13, 2002. Pig Roast at the The MPDA Club House.

Around Lunchtime, I imagine

(Who can point out the location of the original Terminal building? It wasn't always in an abandoned airline terminal building. It used to have a gift shop and a lunch counter.)

No News Is....No News!!

And that is what we have to report in this time-shortened issue of the Cleco regarding the attempt by airport management to drive experimental aircraft building out of Buchanan Field.

Have you contacted your Supervisor? Have you made a phone call, written a letter, written a check? If you don't, they will.

The names and addresses of the Supervisors are included on page 3 for your convenience. Give yours a rattle.

Tony Tiritilli has found a copy of the original conditions under which the airport was transferred to the County's control. If you have any documentation regarding prior county misdeeds, please contact Tony. To the layman's eye, it would seem that some competent authority should look at the County's stewardship of the facility. ■

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FYI...A New Feature

Please see the **Further Information** feature on page 3 for additional pictures, articles and Information.

Get Your Cleco on the Internet...

WWW.eaa393.org Copies of the Cleco are available from the chapter web site in Adobe® Acrobat® format for your downloading convenience. Be sure to check out the other interesting features on the Web site.

The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors oversees the Director of Airports

Over the past few years the supervisors seem to have ceded the airport "problem" to Supervisor DeSaulnier. He has dealt with the People over Planes controversy and now will be allowed to handle the small disturbance caused by our pilot community...unless you actively contact your supervisor and demand to know their agenda. Why do they want to drive General Aviation out of Buchanan Field?

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Federal Glover

The county directory does not list him as a Supervisor or give his address and phone number, go figure.

What can we do? Let your supervisor know the airport is not DeSaulnier's problem, it's their problem. Let them know you are a constituent and it is your problem. Contribute some money to them and make it plain that your support for them is contingent upon saving Buchanan Field for General Aviation.■

Lassen Sie die bastard Sie nicht unten erhalten.

Chapter Name Tag

Please wear your official Blue EAA nametag to the Fly-Outs and the Picnic. Your mother and wife may know who you are but the new members don't and my memory isn't so good anymore.

Rick's Tech Tip...

Technical counselor Rick Lambert has assembled builder tech tips from his experience and many published sources. You can reach Rick at 925.676.9377 to schedule your next Technical Inspection.

My Tech Tip for the month is more of an admonition than a tip. I visited a metal fabrication shop the other day and there was a large banner on the wall, "Safety First". The door from the office to the shop had a sign, "Safety Goggles Must be Worn Beyond this Point". By the time clock, "493 Days Without an Injury". Every member of the crew had earplugs in his ears. Well, you get my drift. We all need to be more concerned with SAFETY in our project areas. Maybe the chapter should log the days without a builder injury.

Rick■

Mr. President!

Harvard Holmes

Meeting/Picnic

Bob Belshe informed me that MDPA was planning a picnic on July 13, the same day that we had planned. After consulting with Dennis Byron, MDPA president, Bob and I have decided that the interests of both groups would be best served by having Chapter 393 attend the MDPA picnic. MDPA has already planned food, drinks and supplies for around 200 people. They will be roasting 2 pigs! MDPA will be charging attendees \$8 per head, and they will give us a slight discount. We will not need to bring any potluck items or other supplies.

We need to let them know how many of us will attend, so please let Bob Belshe rbelshe@attbi.com or 925 376 7677 or Harvard Holmes, hhholmes@lbl.gov or 510 526 5347 know if you are coming and how many people will be in your party.

I have only a few email addresses, so please inform your friends in the chapter who likely will not get this information until the Cleco comes out. As always, let me know if you don't want email.

Fly-Out

Our next fly out is scheduled for Saturday, July 27. I contacted the Eagle & Rose Estate Winery and spoke to the owner, Norm Alumbaugh. He is a long past member of Chapter 393 and knew Lyle Powell, Randy Alley and others. He is still very much involved in aircraft design and building. (I think there will be stories to tell!)

He noted that MDPA came to visit last fall, and they are coming again Sunday, July 21. He would love to have us come Saturday, July 27.

There is no restaurant nearby, but they could provide us with propane BBQs (either inside or outside, depending on the temperature), and we could bring potluck items to eat. They could even provide a green salad. Then a tour of the winery and tasting (pilots have to spit it out after the taste!).

The landing strip is in good condition 50' by 3700', macadam surface (Pope Valley, about 40 nm NW from CCR, next to Anguin-Parrett).

Assuming no showstoppers, this will be our next fly out destination.

WATCH OUR WEB PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS.

Happy Flying and Tailwinds,

Harvard ■



Chapter Resources...

are owned by the chapter for the benefit of the members. To check out a resource contact: Rick Lambert, Technical Counselor, 925.676.9377 or 925.934.5007 or rlam242714@aol.com

Lost Tools

Chapter 393 has been around for a long time and during that time we have acquired and loaned out many tools and specialty materials. Some of those have not been returned. If you have a tool or other materials that we purchased with club money return them to Rick Lambert. There is no late charge.

Aircraft Scales

Ruggles Aircraft Scales make it easy to compute a non-certified weight and balance for your project. Scales have a capacity of 3600 lbs. Easy to use.

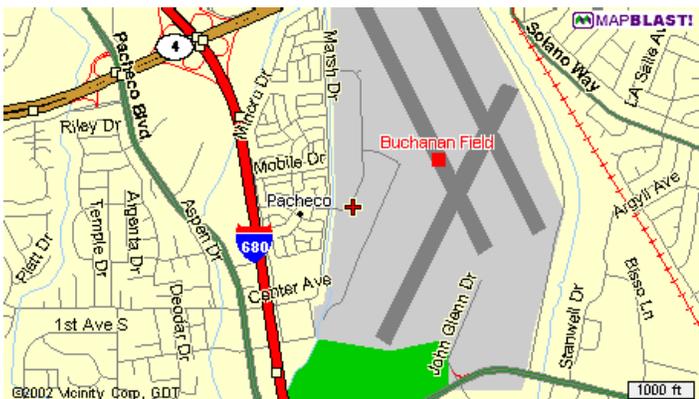
Aluminum Overcast Planning Continues

Planning for the visit of the EAA's B-17G is continuing at a fevered rate. Several businesses located at CCR have shown interest in helping with her berthing while here and several members have already volunteered their time. We are in need of a person with experience in dealing with the media. If you have experience in cajoling the newspapers, sweat-talking the TV station and hustling the radio stations, please give president Harvard a phone call or e-mail. He needs your talent. ■

Further Information at www.eaa393.org

These articles and feature have pictures and additional information available on the club web site. Please investigate.

1. Pictures of Ly-Con Fly-Out
2. Informal minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting.



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