

Chapter Meeting: February 22, 2012

Guest Speaker: Bill Randolf

Title: Flying around the world in an RV-8



In 2004 at the age of 76, he started building an RV-8 and in 2005 flew it around-the-world solo, flew over 27,400+ nautical miles of which 16,000+ was over water, flying 163 hours covering 30 countries on six continents. He was arrested four times, detained and locked-up twice, had an aircraft fire and was intercepted by fighters over the Mediterranean. Bill has written a book about his exploits and will have some on hand to purchase before and after the presentation.

New Feature

by Tracy Peters

Hello Chapter 393 members! I am going to start a new activity this month. I will be showing short movies or television series episodes on flying related subjects starting at 6:30 every meeting until the formal business meeting starts at 7:30. This month will be One Six Right, the story of the Van Nuys Airport. Next month I will be showing two episodes of Flying Wild Alaska – a good study in short and soft field? Landings.

Dinner Movie: One Six Right (2005)

A documentary film that celebrates the unsung hero of aviation - the local airport - by tracing the life, history, and struggles of an airport icon: Southern California's Van Nuys Airport. Featuring aerial photography and an original score, the film dispels common misconceptions and opposes criticism of General Aviation airports. Through the love story of one airport, past to present, the film shares the timeless romance of flying with all ages (IMDB)

President's Notes February 2012

By Bill Reining

I'd like to begin this month's comments with a general call for help. The chapter needs more people who are willing to give a few hours of their time to get things done. We are presently relying on too few people to do too much. Here are a few examples where help is needed:

- o Speakers – our Vice President, Tracy Peters, is a busy family man with a demanding full-time job. He could really use some help to track down speakers for our meetings and make all the follow-up calls and correspondence to ensure they'll be available when desired. Please consider giving Tracy a little help.
- o Air Academy – this very worthwhile endeavor, sending one or more boys or girls to Oshkosh for a week of aviation camp, needs a champion to identify deserving kids, reserve a spot at one of the sessions, and pull together the necessary funds to pay tuition and transportation expenses.

- o Young Eagles – Renee and Jack are going to need all the help they can get to successfully complete each of our planned rallies this year. As we discovered last fall, when we hang the “Free Rides” banner on Concord Blvd. we are going to get a lot of kids! Please make note of the rally dates and plan to be on hand to help out. More detailed information on the jobs to be done will be provided in the near future.

The Board of Directors met jointly with the Mount Diablo Pilots Association (MDPA) board on February 1 to discuss the rent for the meeting room. No immediate solutions were identified, but a joint committee of EAA and MDPA representatives was formed to find a solution. Our representatives are Jack Davi and Tom Howard.

My personal impressions from that joint meeting were:

- MDPA really needs the current room to successfully continue their operations. They depend on their monthly dinner meetings to generate revenue. Each month an MDPA member volunteers to cook a gourmet meal, which then is sold for \$25 or more per person.
- EAA on the other hand, thanks to Rick Bourgeois, could get by with a few warming dishes and microwave to serve our meals (since Rick cooks most of the food at home). While our meals do generate a little income, their primary purpose is simply to provide a social experience prior to the business meeting. Thus we could continue our operations back in the Terminal Building.
- Having said that, the current meeting room is certainly more desirable, not only for the kitchen facilities, but also the storage closet, the lending library and the “aviation” decoration provided by both

organizations (the Terminal Building is considered a public use facility and cannot be customized for one organization.)

- If MDPA and EAA are to continue to meet in the current clubhouse, both organizations must produce \$825 each month to pay the rent! MDPA is willing to pay the lion’s share, but if EAA were to pay for example 40%, that’s \$330 per month. We are currently paying \$100 per month. Where would the extra \$230 per month come from? That’s a lot of pancakes and hot dogs, or a huge increase in dues! [If we assume 50 members, each would have to pay an additional \$55 per year, i.e. \$85 total per year.]
- I was told that if and when the economy improves the plans to build fancy hangars where the old MDPA clubhouse still stands would include a multi-use meeting room that would solve all our problems. I wonder if any of us will still be around on that bright and sunny day?

Young Eagles Events

By Renee Robinson

Thank you everyone for all your help last year. We had some great events last year. I look forward to seeing everyone this year.

The revised schedule I have worked out for this year is: April 28 (Girl Scouts), May 12, June 23, August 18, September 15, and October 20 (Sea Cadets)

Thanks, Renee Robinson

Donate your old laptop computer!

We can use a few additional laptop computers for the Young Eagles events. The only software required is a relatively recent web browser, so Windows, Mac, and even Linux is acceptable.

Dinner Menu

By Rick Bourgeois

Dinner is served at 6:30pm – Donation is \$7:

- Chicken Cacciatore
- Green Beans
- Salad
- Dinner rolls
- Cookies
- Drinks
- Coffee and drinks (water & soda)

Let Rick know your suggestions for future meals.

February 1, 2012 Board Meeting Notes

Present: Bob Belshe, Jack Davi, Tom Howard, Kevin Hoos, Harvard Holmes, Guy Jones, Pete Mitchell, Tracy Peters, Bill Reining, Renee Robinson & Dick Sperling.

The meeting started as a joint session with the MDPA board at 18:30 to discuss our joint clubhouse financial situation and alternatives.

Much was discussed regarding what has been tried, and what we should try. Long term, our present rent cost will be a large burden to our treasury. Some of the things discussed were:

- Rent reduction not likely.
- B-17 income unlikely in the future because of large guarantee required.
- 501 c.3 is not a sure thing.
- No airport sponsored Air shows as a revenue source.
- Dinners have become an important Club function.
- Terminal Building for meetings with a mobile kitchen.
- Off airport meeting space: condo meeting rooms, etc...
- A Charter School to share meeting room costs.
- Renting our meeting room to outside groups.

About 19:30 the 393 meeting was moved to the Terminal Building where a committee of Jack Davi and Tom Howard was established to continue the dialogue with MDPA.

Young Eagles – Renee and Jack Davi

Revised Schedule:

April 28 About 10 Girl Scouts; May 12; June 23; August 18; September 15; October 20, Sea Cadets. Methods were discussed to update members & YE's of weather delays.

Donated VariEze status – Dick Sperling

He and Ken have removed the wings and plan on moving it to his hanger. The instrument panel has been damaged, needs repair & additional gauges. A method to remove & reinstall the wings for a YE's event needs to be developed. Our display aircraft & the remaining Oakland Museum aircraft need canopy repair.

February Speaker – Tracy Peters

Jack Davi's RV 8 builder.

Dinner Menu- Rick Bourgeois

Chicken Cacciatore, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Cookies, Drinks

Cleco – Kevin Hoos

Member Profiles needed. Last month's Cleco was delayed waiting for Speaker information and a email notification/spam problem.

Status of Air Academy application – Tracy

We are fourth on a waiting list. Possible to switch to a younger candidate. Someone other than Tracy would have to do a candidate search.

B-17 – Jack Davi

We have filed for a future date. Present policy of a 150 passenger guarantee not yet firm.

Tools – Tom Howard

Air Compressor donated by Ken & Linda McKenzie.

Scales, 3,000 lbs needed \$1,200/2,000. Borescope and prop balancer are the most popular items.

Meeting adjourned 20:52

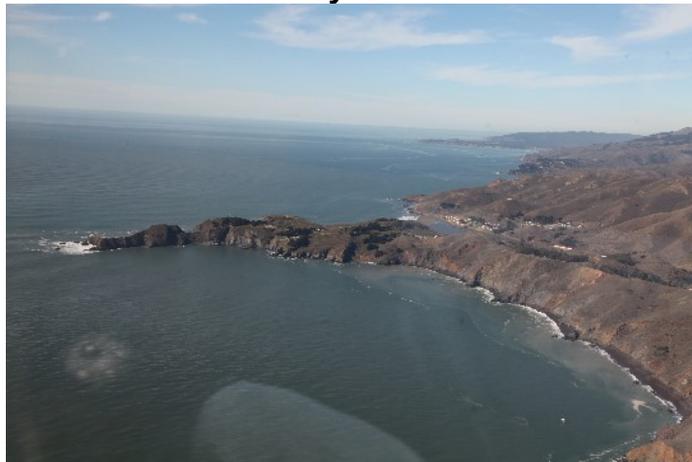
Wednesday Fly-outs - Photos

By Tom Howard

Feb 1 – Petaluma



Feb 2 – Half Moon Bay



Wednesday Fly-outs - Information

By Harvard Holmes

To maintain our proficiency, a number of pilots get together on Wednesdays and fly somewhere for lunch. Many of the aircraft owners in the chapter participate. Passengers are always welcome. Not only is it a great way to see the Bay Area, it's also fun to see and ride in our members' aircraft. The email address is WedFlyOut@eaa393.org. You may contact Renee Robinson webmaster@eaa393.org to be added to or removed from this list.

Generally, someone who wants to go flying will send a suggestion to this list a day or two before. Those who can go will respond, and a destination gets selected. Recent destinations have included: Half Moon Bay, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Boonville, Shelter Cove, Willows, Auburn, Sacramento, Lodi, Stockton, Merced, Watsonville and Salinas. If the weather is poor, a destination may be selected as late as Wednesday morning.

The most active pilots on this list are Harvard Holmes, Bill Reining, Bob Belshe, Ron Robinson, and Phil Jenkins. Pilots sometimes advertise that they have empty seats, but not always. Harvard Holmes and Bill Reining are most likely to have extra seats (4 seat aircraft). My advice is to contact a pilot in advance to make sure they have room and to get directions. Typically, you'd get to the airport by 11:30am and return by 3:30pm.

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Dues Reminder:

It's already February, and there are still many members that have not paid their dues. If you haven't paid yet, please make your payment at the next meeting.

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Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
Feb 1		Feb 22		
Mar 7		Mar 28		
Apr 4	Apr 28*	Apr 25		
May 2	May 12	May 23		
		<i>National Learn to Fly Day</i>		May 19
Jun 6	Jun 23	Jun 27		
		<i>Golden West Regional Fly-In</i>		Jun 8-10
Jul 11				
		<i>Arlington Fly-In, Arlington, WA</i>		Jul 11-15
		<i>Chapter Picnic</i>		Jul 21
		<i>AirVenture 2012, Oshkosh, WI</i>		Jul 23-29
Aug 1	Aug 18	Aug 22		
Sep 5	Sep 15	Sep 26		
Oct 3	Oct 20*	Oct 24		

(* Events for Girl Scouts & Sea Cadets)

Our meetings are open to the public. Join us for dinner at 6:30 pm (\$7 donation) with the general meeting at 7:30 pm on the above dates in the building at 161 John Glenn Drive north of Sterling Aviation. Enter from the airport side of the building.

Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See the newsletter for arrangements.

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