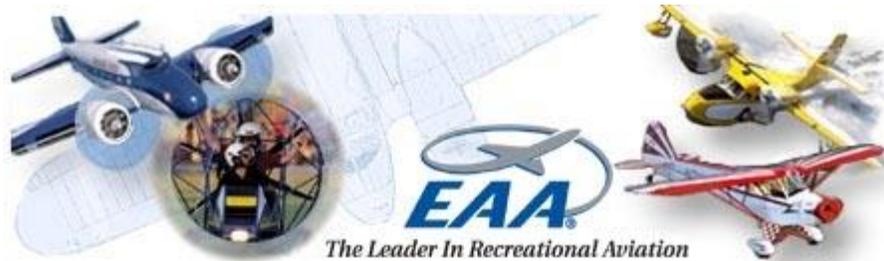




BUCHANAN FIELD, CONCORD, CALIFORNIA

October 2017
NEWSLETTER



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

OCTOBER 25TH

Upcoming Meetings:

November

1st Board Meeting 7pm
17th General Meeting 6:30pm

December

Christmas Party is December 9th

President Bill Bower's Notes for October:

The last month has been a trying month with all the disasters that have occurred from the Hurricanes and the devastating fires in Napa, Santa Rosa and the wine country. I know many of my fellow coworkers have been busy moving around the country responding to them all. My thoughts go out to the families who have lost members as well as those who have lost their homes, having their lives upended.

That brings up a subject of what we can do as pilots to help out when these disasters occur. Many or most communities have a program called CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). They are made up of citizens who are able to respond and assist when an emergency occurs. The Cal Pilots Association has a program known as DART (Disaster Airlift Response Teams). They are made up of pilots and aircraft owners who are able to provide airlift of supplies and people when a disaster occurs and ground transportation is impaired or not available. The MDPA has established a DART team in conjunction with the Cal Pilots Association for Buchanan Field. If you are not a member of MDPA you can still volunteer to be part of the DART team. If you are, then you can talk with DeWitt Hodge who is the DART coordinator. In the next disaster all help is definitely going to be needed, and as pilots we have the ability to be a big part of the response.

Our September Young Eagles Rally was a success flying 52 kids - another great job by everyone who helped out by flying or ground crew. Our October Rally is the 21st which is for the Boy Scouts and Sea Cadets. We will also have some people from the public as well even though we do not advertise this rally. We are expecting 70 kids this month. So we will need all the help we can get. We also will be holding an extra rally this year on November 4th at Byron (C83) in conjunction with the Patriots Jet Team. So I know it is a short time from the October rally but we again will need help.

Our November General Meeting will be in combination meeting with MDPA. On November 17th. They have a great speaker lined up. Scott Davis will be doing the cooking. Sign up will be done online. The MDPA will send out an e-mail to everyone with instructions and cost to sign up for the event.

Our Holiday party is scheduled for December 9th. We will send out an email with sign up instructions and to make payment. We need people who will be able to help out with decorating the room. I will send out e-mails later asking for volunteers.

I hope to see everyone Saturday at the rally and hope everyone has a great Halloween.

Bill Bower
Chapter President
EAA Chapter 393

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

BOARD MEETINGS YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS GENERAL MEETINGS

October	4th	21st Scout Flights	25th
November	1st	4th Patriots Y. Eagle Combo	17th
December		Holiday Party is Dec. 9th	

EAA 393 Board Meeting Notes
10/11/2017
Compliments of Harvard Holmes

Treasurer Harvard Holmes reported \$14,711 in the bank, including \$500 in the Renato Simone fund.

Secretary Pete Mitchell reported the number of members paid and un-paid.

Tracy Peters reported on several projects:

The storage shed has languished while the county requirements for a building permit, including structural calculations (!), are being met.

The AV equipment is here and Tracy will install it as he has time.

The projector seems to be dying. A new bulb was suggested, but they are very expensive. Perhaps a new projector should be considered.

Mention of the projector triggered a general discussion of the idea of a TV replacement for the projector. It was reported that a request to Fry's for a donation did not bear fruit. This project consequently seems adrift, and there was the feeling that we should table it for the foreseeable future.

We have a new door for the meeting room, replacing the sliding glass doors. The sliding glass doors did not meet the code requirements for a second exit from the room. The new door meets the regulation, and allows a higher occupancy for the room, consistent with some of the well-attended meetings in the room. Thanks, Tracy!

Newsletter Editor Bill O'Brian reviewed several tasks that he was helping with. Most notable was the writing of 3 donation letters intended for Fry's, a local Wells Fargo Branch, and Best Buy. These letters would form the core of an appeal to these businesses.

Bill requested technical help in using EAA national publication materials in our local newsletter. This would involve capturing the material from the EAA National web site with good fidelity, and then incorporating this material in our newsletter. EAA National approves this, as long as we give credit.

Meals Coordinator Rick Bourgeois (and helpers) said that we are in good shape for the Holiday Party. The meal is planned. We will use disposable dishes. Decorating help is needed. (Bridget Peters will chair the decorating committee; "George" Achelis will help.) The suggested price is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. The invitation should make it clear that the extra \$5 for paying at the door covers the inconvenience of collecting the money at the door, and is not mitigated by having made reservations earlier. This policy still allows people to make reservations and then not show up, with no good way for the Chapter to recoup the money already spent to buy food to meet the reservations. We need to move toward MDPA's approach, where payment via PayPal is made simultaneously with your reservation.

Rick Bourgeois will provide a piano again.

Elections of officers will occur at the next meeting. No candidates beyond the incumbents have turned up.

A Young Eagles report was provided by various parties. We flew 54 Young Eagles in September. We are expecting 70 people on October 21, including 30 Sea Cadets, 5 Boy Scouts, and 35 others who have signed up. The Sea Cadets will cook lunch for everybody.

Our two guests, John and John, from the Patriots Foundation presented information about the Patriots outreach to schools and their many activities to promote STEM classes. They could use help (manpower) in presenting this material to a larger number of schools and kids.

SET ASIDE NOVEMBER 4TH FOR OUR NEXT YOUNG EAGLES/PATRIOTS DAY!



Watching Next Move on ATC Privatization

Sully Sullenberger slams privatization in *USA Today*



Photo courtesy of Associated Press

October 19, 2017 - With the House of Representatives returning to Washington, D.C. next week, it's expected that supporters of ATC privatization will make another run at getting H.R. 2997 to the House floor for a vote. The bill includes provisions that would hand control of the U.S. National Airspace System (NAS) from the FAA to a private nonprofit corporation dominated by airline and other commercial interests, a scenario with devastating consequences for general aviation in this country.

The voices of EAA members and other aviators have been heard in Washington; your opposition has to date kept the bill from reaching the House floor. That said, it is expected that the House majority whip will attempt to gather enough votes for passage over the next two weeks. It's important to keep the voices of opposition in front of lawmakers as they are pressured to vote for the measure.

“We knew in many ways this battle would be a marathon instead of a sprint,” said EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board Jack J. Pelton. “What GA pilots have done in a grassroots way in the face of millions of dollars in lobbying from airline interests is remarkable, but it's important to keep our message flowing to Washington, prevent the airline-ization of the national air traffic system, and maintain freedom of flight for everyone, not just for-profit interests.”

The ATCNotForSale.com website is a quick and effective way to reach your House representative. Tens of thousands of people have already used the website to directly contact their legislators.

In addition, this week Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger, pilot of the 2009 Miracle on the Hudson flight, wrote an [editorial for USA Today](#) that blasted the attempt to privatize the ATC system. In the editorial, published on Wednesday, October 18, Sullenberger wrote that “if we go down this road, I'm worried about access. I'm worried about equitability. And, I'm worried about safety.”

YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHT COMMENTS:

“Pilot Stew was the best! That was so cool!

“The ‘elevator effect’ was pretty scary, but also very interesting.”
- ***Dakota***

“It was so fun. I don’t know much about airplanes, but I’m going to learn more about them.”

“Very fun.”
- ***A.J.***

“My name is Sam Desmond and I drove with Harvard. Harvard is a really nice guy and even though I was not able to be in the front, it was worth it. I love flying.”

“I loved the flight. It was very nice. Thank you.”
- ***Denisse***

“It was awesome. I love it.”
- ***Daisy L.***



Dawn at Oshkosh

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

DINNER MENU FOR GENERAL MEETING THE 25TH

Minestrone Soup

Garlic Bread

Salad

Dessert

Drinks & Coffee

WANTED!

HANGAR SPACE FOR RENT!

This local EAA Chapter 393, Concord (Buchanan Field), California is looking to rent a hangar large enough in which to build a kit plane.

Anyone who has any information regarding this plan, please contact this person:

Ron Lem

925 532-6561

Young Eagles flights so far this year:

393Last	First	April	May	June	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Totals
Achelis	Scott		4			5	4		13
Auga	Jim					4	3		7
NO Bloodgood	Tim						4		4
Bower	Bill			4					4
Di Sessa	Alex	3		4		7			14
Fitzgerald	Douglas	3		1		0			4
Freeman	Mark			4		0			4
Holmes	Harvard			5	22	0	10		37
Johnson	Rich				16	12			28
Lem	Ron		6	2	4	7			19
Newman	Scott		3						3
Reining	Bill	9	15	4		0			28
Robinson	Renee	2				6	2		10
Schuster	Stewart			4			9		13
Sperling	Dick	1							
Spangenberg	Cody		6	2					8
Thacker	Dave	6							6
Tiritilli	Tony	6	13			17	9		45
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Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See the newsletter for arrangements.

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