



Experimental Aircraft Association

CHAPTER 393

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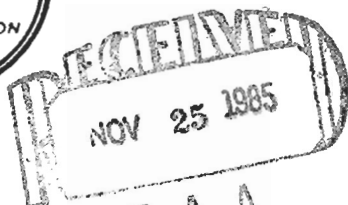
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CHAPTER MEETING - Wednesday, November 27th -
7:30 p.m. at the Buchanan Field Terminal
Building - BRING CHAIRS - BRING CHAIRS!!!!
EVERYONE is welcome at all chapter meetings -
bring your friends - invite your fellow pilots.

Our speaker at the November meeting is Fred Harris. Fred is very knowledgeable and has done vast amounts of research on the Northrup Flying Wing. Fred also has a video of the Flying Wing. It promises to be an educational, entertaining and interesting program. This is a 'Do Not Miss' evening and a chance to learn about a bit of aviation history we'll have no other opportunity to see/hear.

Time is running very short - get your slides and snap shots to Sasha Munir or Rich Powell NOW! Sasha is gathering snap shots for a chapter photo album and Sasha and Rich are rounding up slides for our Christmas Banquet. Send your slides (and snaps) to Sasha Munir, 1305 Boulevard Way, #309, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Our elections were held at the October meeting - new officers for the term beginning January 1, 1986 and ending December 31, 1987 are as follows: President, Kay Smith - Vice President, Rich Powell - Secretary/Treasurer, Lou Ferrero and Newsletter Editor, Bill deProse. In addition to the new officers, the following have volunteered/agreed to serve on the new Board of Directors: Randy Alley, Norm Alumbaugh, Carlos Amspoker, Ray Forsberg (new member!), Sasha Munir, Ron Robinson and Pete Wiebens. There are still open positions on the Board - if you are available to serve your chapter, please contact Kay or Rich.

Time is running short - if you have a nomination for Chapter #393 'Member of the Year', please contact Lyle Powell, Carlos Amspoker or John McCombs NOW - there are MANY very deserving members who have done a great deal for our chapter during the past year - get your nomination in today!

There has been another meeting of the Contra Costa Alliance for Aviation, attended by Kay Smith as representative of Chapter #393. A donation of \$50 from Chapter #393 has been delivered to Ed Leech as acting Chairman, to help cover expenses. It should be noted that both #393 and the Mt. Diablo Pilots expressed concern that the Board of C.C.A.A. seems to be overly occupied by members of the Civil Air Patrol, with four (possibly five) of the six Board members belonging to the C.A.P. While we all appreciate and support the Civil Air Patrol, we are concerned with the situation and feel that the C.C.A.A. should be more representative of all aviation

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groups at Buchanan. A couple of our Board members will be joining Kay at the next C.C.A.A. meeting. If any of you would like to attend as observers, I'm certain you would be welcome. They will be taking nominations for officers, and members of #393 are invited to become involved. If you would like to observe, run for an office or make comments, the next C.C.A.A. meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 7:30 p.m. at the Buchanan Field Terminal Building.

Short report on information pilfered from our airport manager, Mr. Hal Wight. His talk at our October meeting was very informative: I took five pages of notes! The planned expenditures at Buchanan during the next five years is approximately one million per year! Next year a porous friction overlay will be added to the two long runways - 19R/1L and 32R/14L - to avoid the possibility of hydroplaning in wet weather. The purchase of a new fire truck is planned - 500 gals. Water/Chemical and 500 gals. dry Chemical. It will be very nice to have though all of us hope it is never needed. A six foot fence will be placed around the entire east ramp. The taxiways will be rehabilitated. (Note that your Editperson hopes taxiway rehabilitation includes taxi lighting. I've been flying out of Buchanan for 15 years and I got lost trying to get across Buchanan at night recently.) An outer marker with compass locator is to be installed on the Naval Weapons Station next spring. Diamond will be extended through the golf course to the west side. Center street will become four lanes and the Airport offices will move to the West side. Taxiways will have lighted signs. We will soon have a new five year plan for Buchanan. Regarding the 'bounce' field at Byron: the Environmental Impact Report is now circulating and money to proceed with plans is expected from the Feds in 1½ to 3 years. Good news: we'll soon have one of our own, a County Mountie on duty from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. on weekdays. The 'Rent A Cop' (known for falling asleep on the job, getting the trucks stuck in the mud in the middle of the night and running into more than one airplane on the field - surprise finding them on an airport) will only be loose on the Field on weekend nights. At least one additional County Mountie will be hired (with lots of experience) and at some time in the future, we'll have two on duty at one time. Fuel safety was discussed - including the fact that some who are fueling their own aircraft are not aware/not using safe methods. There are serious noise problems around DVC, Val Halla and Meadow Homes School - basically in the area from DVC to Taylor Boulevard. All pilots are asked to watch their altitude (and noise), particularly in those areas. The 1,000 foot pattern has also caused some problems.

Headquarters has sent us a copy of the new magazine - 'Light Plane World' - it will be available for review at the November meeting.

Note: the FAA has received a huge pile of correspondence from EAA members - most from chapter letter writing campaigns (wonder who!). The majority noted that it was poorly written, confusing and they objected to the restrictions directed at the currently licensed pilots. "The only letters that seemed to seek additional pilot training and dual instruction were from FBOs and flight instructors." (thats a quote - anyone surprised?) At any rate, lets hope they read our letters and act accordingly.....



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 23, 1985

Acting President, Kay Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.. There were 44 members present. After covering the various pamphlets and articles on the front table, the Treasurer's report was given and the minutes were noted as printed in the last newsletter. Both were approved.

Kay is going to try to obtain a monthly brief update of what the Airport Advisory Committee is doing, as they meet on the same night as we hold our meetings.

Kay read a thank you note addressed to the chapter from the White family and noted that we have sent a list to the White family of people who have donated to the Chapter in memory of Dick & Corinne.

The 'Member of the Year' is open for nominations. Please give your suggestions to Carlos Amspoker, John McCombs or Lyle Powell.

The Christmas Banquet is set for December 13th. We will have the same dinner choices as last year: Cornish Game Hen or Steak and it will take place in the cozier Club Room at the Concord Elks Club. Please send slides of you, your project, your spam-can, your flying machine or all of the above to Sasha or Rich Powell for the slide show.

Kay discussed the latest C.C.A.A. (Contra Costa Alliance for Aviation) meeting and their request for funds. It was decided that we will still take a 'ride along' position and donate a fair share of costs to the group, but no deeper commitments at this time. There is not enough feeling at this time that it would be to everyone's benefit instead of just a select few.....

Rich and Kay shared their impressions of the luncheon and dinner meetings of the California Aviation Council at the Sheraton in early October. The turnout was disappointing but valuable information was received at the luncheon talk by Jack Kemmerly, the Chief of the California Division of Aeronautics.

The members nominated for Chapter Officer positions were introduced. It was mentioned that there are positions available on the Board of Directors for the next two years....see Kay or Rich if you would like to volunteer. Ballots were passed out to all members present.

A coffee break was followed by the announcement of new officers elected for 1986/87: President - Kay Smith, Vice President - Rich Powell, Secretary/Treasurer - Lou Ferrero, Newsletter Editor - Bill deProse.

The raffle prizes were won by Don Baldwin, Lyle Powell and Doc Watson. Bring something next time, guys!

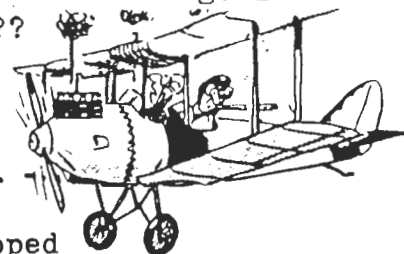
Our program was an informative talk by Hal Wight, Airport Manager - lots of things lined up for Buchanan Field.

Sasha showed the Channel 4 video of our 'lady aircraft builder'. They did a great job and Sasha with N66SM looked FANTASTIC!

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Powell, Secretary

THE SPY IN THE SKY - Sees ALL, Knows ALL & Tells ???

Which #393 (Starduster?) builder locked his partner and #393 (Glasair?) builder in the hangars and went on his merry way - leaving BOTH hangar doors locked from the OUTSIDE? SPY hears that our trapped builder telephoned the aerodrome office - and listened to a recording - the office was closed! Our intrepid trapped builder is not one to give up so easily - he called the tower! When he explained his problem and asked to be rescued, some WAG in the tower said 'what have you got to offer?'. Is he still locked up? The SPY knows....



I just happened across a couple of long standing reasons to be an 'EAA type' - a new arrival had his oil changed and a landing light replaced by an FBO - cost \$200! Same guy, same late model and well maintained 172 asked for a quote to do an annual - and was told that if nothing is wrong, it will be \$1,100! A chapter member recently did an annual on a similar aircraft - took several hours and less than \$30 for oil and brakes. Makes one wonder.....

We have one VERY unhappy - and probably madder than a hornet - member and former Porche driver. Who says airport parking is safe? Bob Graves parked his car in the lot at Oakland Airport and left on a trip. When he came back, his car was gone! To frost the cake, his insurance man told him that 50% of all Porches he covers are eventually stolen!

Your SPY has been keeping track of Norm & Jean Spitzer....as you read this, they are boogieing (?) on the Great Wall of China!

CHAPTER #393 MINI-MART - ALL FOR SALE

1/3 interest in a very nice Cherokee 140 - Randy Alley 415/685-4959

8 X 20 ft. tandem A/C trailer - Bob Gonzales 415/798-5100

Quickie Kit - no work done - 18 hp. Onan - Jan Switalski 415/228-6399

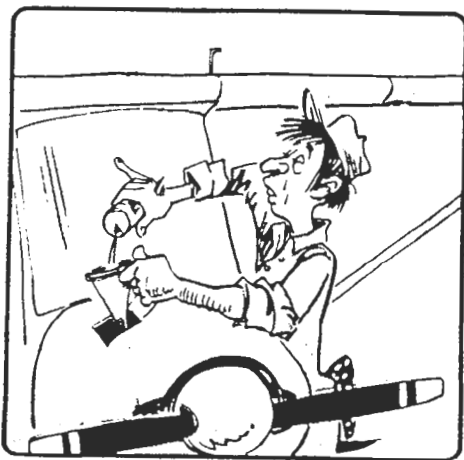
Pitts S-1 project with engine - Harry Scott 415/687-7960

Narco HT-800 - \$400 - Peter Todebush 415/881-8741

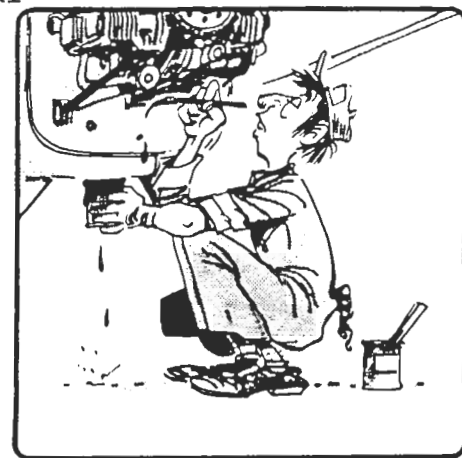
Vari-Eze project with O-200 - Paul Martini 415/930-7159

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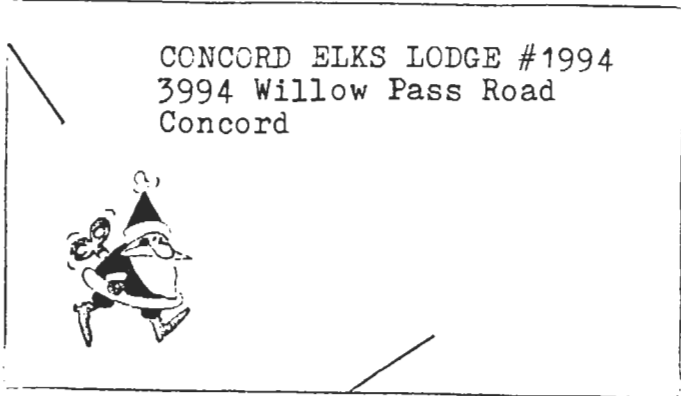
OVERHAUL—Cleaning the top spark plugs and adding a can of upper lube.



MAJOR OVERHAUL—Cleaning all the plugs and painting the crankcase.

Club Room
Parking

Club Room



Front
Door

Parking

Willow Pass Road

Landana



C H R I S T M A S A W A R D S B A N Q U E T

Concord Elks Lodge #1994 - Friday, December 13, 1985

6:00 p.m. - Cocktails

7:30 p.m. - Dinner

WE HAVE CHANGED TO A NEW ROOM - ENTER THE CONCORD ELKS LODGE PARKING LOT FROM LANDANA AND DRIVE PAST THE FRONT DCOR, TURN RIGHT AND YOU CAN'T MISS THE CLUB ROOM - IT IS SMALLER THAN THE 'CLD' ROOM AND WILL SUIT OUR PURPOSES PERFECTLY! ALSO, IT HAS ITS CWN BAR, IN CASE ANYONE IS REMOTELY INTERESTED.....

Cost per person.....\$13.50 Steak with all the trimmings
\$12.50 Cornish Game Hen with everything

Tables will be set for six or eight, with wine on each. We have several new projects and Sasha and Rich Powell have a really great slide show planned. Get your slides and shaps in now - the SPY has some shots (taken at the junk yard) to substitute, if you forget to send yours. We 'lucked out' this year: Dwain has some NEW jokes!

Mail your reservation and check to: E.A.A. Chapter #393
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_____ Cornish Game Hens

_____ Steaks

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