

## Presidents Message:

Well, first of all, thanks to Pat Peters for taking my wife Sara and me up to Lampson on the fly out. It helped to ease the withdrawal symptoms that arose while the Mooney was in for its annual. It is now out of annual, and the bill gets sent to my partner, so I have no word on the financial picture for the annual. Otherwise, we got new brake pads, some corrosion work, some control work, engine controls lubricated and now work more smoothly than ever, engine idles nice, engine shows gradually lowering compression (two cylinders down in the 60's), as befits its time since overhaul, etc., etc., etc.

After Young Eagles on Saturday at the beginning of April, we went down to Long Beach. And then on Sunday, we went to Catalina Island for lunch (buffalo burger) with Mike Maxwell. Mike is still working for Toyota Aviation Business Development Office, but Toyota is scaling back the operation and the future is uncertain. Leaving

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## MEETING REMINDER:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday **April 23, 2003**. The meeting is being held at the Buchanan Field Terminal Building located at the end of John Glenn Drive in Concord and will begin at 7:30PM. **Visitors are always welcome.**

### Board Meeting:

Next meeting is May 1st at 7:30pm at CCR Terminal. Members are welcome to attend.

## This Months Speaker:

Bill Call will present his story on building his Lancair. Complete with Power Point Presentation. Thanks to Guy Jones and Duane Allen for putting this together.

## From our Members:

Here are a couple pictures of interesting Aircraft sent in by Tony Tiritilli.



- Replica of Howard Hughes record setting racer based in Cottage Grove, OR.



- Gerde Bode's SX-300, finished by Rick. Now based in Seattle area.

Mike in Long Beach, we went down to see a cousin in El Centro, passing over the Anza Borrego Desert and near the Salton Sea on the way. Monday, we went to San Diego (Montgomery Field) for my business conference, and returned from there on Thursday.

My partner is on an extended business assignment out of town, so I have the duty of adequately flying the airplane. It's a tough assignment, but somebody's got to do it!

Please note the upcoming events: the Collings Foundation B-17, the members and family potluck, and the annual picnic in June. Sign up, email, or somehow let us know that you will be there.

I must confess to being at a loss for words as I contemplate the actions of Mayor Daley in destroying Meigs Field in Chicago. It strikes me as an act of terrorism and cowardice beyond those of 9/11. Truly a sick man. And the saddest part is that he may get away with it. I hope not! Write your congressperson!

Whatever you do, keep flying!

Happy flying,  
Harvard

## **Treasurers Reports:**

### **Bank Statements:**

Checking:	\$2511.04
Savings:	\$2582.14
Total:	\$5093.18

Please check with Louis to see if your badge is still floating around. Thanks!

## **Editors Corner:**

Jordan Jones

It had been about 17 years since I had last flown in a private plane, but the rush came back almost instantly. On the last Fly-Out I had a chance to ride with Tony and Linda Tiritilli in their Cherokee 235, what a rush. I had almost forgotten why I like planes so much until my grandfather, Louis Goodell, got me coming back to the monthly meetings. I finally got some free time and decided I would like to go on a Fly-Out with the guys and see if I still liked the whole flying deal since I had some pretty bad experiences on commercial flights recently. Well you don't need me to tell you how much different it is to be able to see what is out there and the feeling of peacefulness that washes over you as you are flying along. Well needless to say, I have been bitten by the bug once again. Now that I am a little bit older than the teen of my youth, I can actually start the undertaking of getting my Pilots License. It is never too late to start, thanks Tony and Linda for that ride!

I should also note that we were the first to arrive at Lampson on the last Fly-Out. When I spoke with Tony about this, it turned out to be his first time being first. He offered this solution on how he did it!

How did I do it? By implementing a simple formula. My plane was temporarily parked on the East Ramp. Nearly all others are on the West Ramp. So, if one takes  $M_1 + M_2 = V_1$ , where  $M_1$  = milling around time on the East Ramp,  $M_2$  = milling around time on the West Ramp and  $V_1$  = equals the time it takes to get off the ground. So, you see by my being positioned on the East Ramp I only underwent the first milling around cycle, while nearly all the others drove to the West Ramp and (with reflex certainty) repeated another milling around cycle. The return trip is a different story.

## Young Eagles:

Pat Peters, Coordinator

At the First meeting of the Young Eagles, we flew 23 kids. We had 10 Pilots attend. They were Harvard Holmes, Dick Rihn, Dave Cunningham, Jon McWilliams, John Cicero, Maurice Gunderson, Keith Martz, Ron Robinson, Phil Jenkins, and Pat Peters. Ground Crew comprised of Ray and Mary Ann Nilson, Don Baldwin, Pat Taylor, Ken Bartlet, Bill Call, and Jordan Jones. Thanks to all the folks who came to support the Young Eagles program.

The next Young Eagles meeting scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pilot briefing will be at 8:00am with Flights starting at 9:00am.



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
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March 19, 2003

Pat Peters  
Young Eagles Coordinator  
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Dear Pat:

### Letter of Appreciation

Thank you so much in working with the airport community, supporting our outreach effort for the Glenbrook Middle School Advance Science students. The feedback indicates the students had a phenomenal and unforgettable day! Time is a precious and valuable resource and you spent the entire morning with the students. Your instruction and visual presentation with your aircraft was a critical part of their learning experience at the airport. You are one of the reasons this airport is a great place to work and a valuable asset to the community.

If I can be assistance to you at anytime, please do not hesitate to contact me. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah A. Dew".

Deborah A. Dew  
Air Traffic Manager, Concord ATCT

**Events (past and future):**

Fly-Out March 29, 2003

The weather was very nice and 13 of us from EAA 393 made it up to Lampson field at Clear Lake. We enjoyed a nice lunch. Pilots were:

Tony Tiritilli with Linda T. and Jordan Jones in his Cherokee;

Pat Peters with Harvard and Sara Holmes in his Cherokee;

Bob Belshe and Harry Heckman in Bob's Lancair;

Phil Jenkins in his Glasair;

Ron Robinson and Jeanne Robinson (no relation yet?) in Ron's Glasair;

Pete and Jeannie Wiebens in their Glasair.

The next Fly-out is scheduled for Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>



- [Left] Group Photo from Lampson Fly-Out. [Right] Pete and Jeanne.



- [Left] Tony and Linda Tiritilli's Cherokee. [Center] Pat Peter's Cherokee. [Right] Ron Robinson's Glasair.



- [Left] Bob Belshe's Lancair. [Center] Phil Jenkins Glasair [Right] Pete and Jeanne Wiebens' Glasair.

**Events (cont):**

Tracy Peters has been in contact with the **Collings Foundation** and they are bringing their **B-17 to CCR on May 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday to Thursday) although the date is not yet finalized. A dozen volunteers are needed. Please let Tracy Peters know that you want to volunteer.

Email or call **Tracy Peters, TLPeters@earthlink.net (925) 676-2114** with the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates available: 13\_\_ 14\_\_ 15\_\_

[http://www.collingsfoundation.org/ef\\_sch-wof2003.htm](http://www.collingsfoundation.org/ef_sch-wof2003.htm)

**Pacific Coast Dream Show** is happening again at Half Moon Bay on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 4 pm. See

<http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/facts.html>

The **Hayward Proficiency Air Race** May 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>: <http://www.hwdairrace.org>

**EAA Chapter 393 members and family pot luck meeting** on Wednesday, May 28, 6pm to 9 pm at the CCR Terminal Building: Please email or call:

Guy Jones, [thatguy2@earthlink.com](mailto:thatguy2@earthlink.com) (925) 757-8214, or  
Harvard Holmes, [HHHolmes@LBL.gov](mailto:HHHolmes@LBL.gov) (510) 526 5347

With the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Help coordinate? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number in party: \_\_\_\_\_

Bringing: Salad \_\_\_\_\_  
Hot Dish \_\_\_\_\_  
Cold Dish \_\_\_\_\_  
Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

**EAA Chapter 393 members and family annual picnic** on Saturday, June 28, 10am to 2 pm at the CCR grass area in front of Budget Rent-a-car (location not yet confirmed): Please email or call

Harvard Holmes, [HHHolmes@LBL.gov](mailto:HHHolmes@LBL.gov) (510) 526 5347

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## ADVERTISING:

### FOR SALE:

Lou Ellis and Randy Alley are restoring a 1942 Army Taylorcraft L-2. At the time of completion Randy will be selling his half of the plane. We hope to have it done by the summer. Please come by the hangar E16 on the east ramp and check it out. Phone 925-825-1247(home), 925-825-7278 (hanger)

### Hangar Space for Rent:

Hanger for rent on West-side 185.00/mo 1/3 shared space, perfect for home built. Contact Pete Wiebens at (925) 933-7517

**Michelin Air Tires:** I have two new, never mounted, 500-5 six ply Michelin Air tires with new, unused tubes. These are the correct size for Van's RV series of planes (among others). Dresser sells these tires for \$89.00/each. I'll sell both tires with tubes for \$185.00. Contact Scott Achelis @ (925) 935-7920 or email at [achelis1@hotmail.com](mailto:achelis1@hotmail.com).

### SCALES: Please phone home

If you have any information as to the where about of the Chapter's Scales please contact Harvard Holmes at (510) 526-5347 or [hholmes@lbl.gov](mailto:hholmes@lbl.gov).

### Looking For Back Issues?:

Looking for a back issue of The Cleco? Well you can find them on our website at <http://www.eaa393.org>  
Thanks for all the hard work Bruce!

### 2002 -2004 Chapter Officers and Chairpersons

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## **EAA 393 Members Meeting Informal Notes**

March 26, 2003

Our speaker for this meeting was our very own Ernst Freitag talking about building his RV-8. He started it in December 1996 and finished it just last year. The kit comes in 4 parts and it comes with pre-punched skins which greatly help in getting the alignment of all the parts correct. Ernst gave several practices which he found very helpful. First, as each section was built; he finished it up to the maximum extent possible, avoiding lots of finishing work at the plane approached completion. Second, he built the plane with a partner who also bought an RV-8 kit. This was a great help for all those tasks best done with two people. He painted the exposed surfaces of the structure and used alodine on the interior. His son Michael helped and his daughter was also occasionally involved (she's younger). He did all the electrical work himself and it worked fine; he got the schematics from his partner. For the instruments he splurged on an EGT/engine monitor, and for the rest the instruments were about \$30 to \$40 each. The engine monitor duplicates some of the other instruments and provides MP, RPM, % power, density altitude and pressure altitude. He uses one electronic ignition and one magneto. He purchased an overhauled Lycoming engine with a new crankshaft from a rebuilding firm in Kamloops, Canada for \$19,800. Hoses were tested in a bucket with pressurized nitrogen. He did as much work as possible in his garage before moving the plane to the airport. He took it to the airport in May 2002. First flight was around August 2002. Congratulations Ernst on a great job and a great looking plane.

In the introductions and progress reports, Pat Peters reminded us of the Young Eagles fly outs which are scheduled for the first Saturday of each month through September or so. Pilots flying Young Eagles should arrive by 8:30, so they can participate in the briefing. Pat is getting close to having the hot dog apparatus in operation. He needs three volunteers to run the operation - one to cook with heavy gloves on, one to serve, and one to handle the money.

Several builders gave progress reports on original construction or upgrade projects.

Ray Nilson gave an update on his medical issues and recommended the use of the AOPA "turbo medical" form. He recommended sending it to the regional center in Los Angeles; medical examiners should be familiar with this office.

## **EAA Chapter 393 Board Meeting Informal Notes**

Thursday, March 06, 2003

Attendees: Harvard Holmes, Guy Jones, Louis Goodell, and Jordan Jones

The meeting of May 28 will have a potluck dinner before the regular members meeting. We will start at 6 pm. No speaker will be invited; we will devote the meeting to eating and socializing. Progress reports will be solicited if the conversation lags (not a chance!). The Chapter will provide plates, cups, utensils, napkins and soft drinks. Zip lock bags were also recommended for leftovers. Harvard will check with Pat Peters about using the Chapter hot dog cooker. Louis Goodell will look for a few additional tables for people to sit at (Don Baldwin has one, we think).

The final topic of the Board meeting was that Bill Call would speak at the next meeting on building his Lancair.



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