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Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 393

August 2014

Next General Meeting August 27th

President's Notes August 2014

Here's wishing everyone is enjoying their summer - I sure am! The highlight so far has been the trip to Oshkosh - getting there, being there, and returning. Harvard Holmes and I flew my Cessna 182 there and back. It was an experience of a lifetime.

We participated in the Hayward Air Rally, which was celebrating their 50th anniversary. Normally the rally involves flying to a neighboring state, such as Oregon or Nevada, but his year it went all the way to Oshkosh. Each crew is given a precise course to fly for each leg of the trip, with several mandatory waypoints. Our GPS, moving map, and digital fuel flow were all covered up. After lots of preflight planning, each crew submits their estimates for time and fuel for each leg. They are then judged on how close they meet those estimates at the end of that leg. We flew one leg in the morning, stopped for fuel and lunch, and then a second leg in the afternoon. In three long days we flew:
 Hayward - Silver Springs, NV - Wendover UT
 Wendover - Lander, WY - Rapid City, SD
 Rapid City - Montevideo, MN - Madison, WI
 The competition was completed in Madison. The next day, Sunday, the whole rally flew to Oshkosh as a group, launched in 45 second intervals up the infamous Ripon arrival route. Holy cow, what a challenge! There were airplanes everywhere - it seemed like no one was following the instructions. We survived, but it sure took a long time for the adrenaline to subside.

The air show was great. We used all seven days to see and do everything. If you haven't been, put it on your list. The weather this year was considerably cooler than previous years, with just the occasional thunderstorm - no tornadoes, no gigantic pools of water.

Well, back to chapter business. First of all, thanks to those who made the August 16 Young Eagles rally a success. With many people (including myself) out of town, the few who showed up ran a very successful rally. 45 kids were flown in

Presidents notes continued

five airplanes. A video crew shot footage for the upcoming Concord Airport publicity video. A few new volunteers quickly learned what to do and made themselves very useful. Again, thanks to all of you!

Our next Young Eagles rally is September 20. The mayor of Concord, Mr. Tim Grayson, plans to visit. It should be good publicity for us, and an eye-opener for the mayor.

There are still several work days ahead for various clubhouse improvements. The infill (sand and ground rubber) needs to be spread over the artificial turf. One remaining gate needs to be installed in the fence. Wood chips need to be spread on the dirt area south of the building, inside the picket fence. The two new air conditioning units need to be installed in the main meeting room and in the fireplace room. The hot dog cookers need to be disassembled and thoroughly cleaned. All of this will be discussed at the next general meeting on August 27. If you think you could help, please speak up during the meeting.

Airventure 2014



General Meeting Notes

May 28

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order in the clubhouse great room at 19:30. Twenty-five members and guests were present for Rich's roast chicken dinner. "Thank you Rich".

Secretary – Pete Mitchell

We have 53 members plus five still due for 2014. We received a 1st quarter of 2014

Check from SHARES of \$62.04 plus \$46.50 for the last quarter of 2013 = \$108.60. Lets maintain the rate of increase of 50%. Please use your SHARE cards.

Treasurer – Bob Belshe

We have a bank balance of \$5,249 plus \$1,470 of young eagle credits.

Bill reining reports the Airport has approximately \$1,100 available for our fence fund. These dollars will have to be spent before the end of this fiscal year, June 30. Harvard has estimated the picnic area fence costs at \$2,500. The Airport has included \$7,500 in next years budget for clubhouse use. We have discussed with MDPA, using those funds to add/improve air conditioning in the fireplace and meeting rooms.

Young Eagles – John Davi

We flew 43 young eagles with 7 aircraft plus ground crew. CAP was unable to attend. Volunteers are vital for safe operation. Next young eagles event is June 21.

Hot Dog Volunteers – Tracy Peters

Tracy has signed us up for the hot dog concessions for Wings Over Wine Country September 19 – 21.2014 and Watsonville Fly-In October 10 –12.2014. Tracy expects the chapter to net about \$7,500 from the two events. Volunteers will be needed.

Air Academy – Bill Bower

Verity Poon is our Air Academy candidate. Born and raised in Pleasant Hill, one of ten children all home schooled, a student at DVC, plans to attend Thomas Aquinas College, a liberal arts institution in Santa Paula. Her career path is uncertain, may include journalism, geology or archaeology. After her flight with Harvard she has added an interest in aviation.

Board Meeting Notes

August 6, 2014

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Belshe reported that we have \$6091 in assets including some Young Eagle credits; we also have a variety of outstanding obligations.

We have \$1470 Young Eagles credits. Some of these credits were allocated to tuition for our Air Academy scholarship winner (\$1260). For the remainder of the credits, Bob Belshe will request a check from EAA to be applied to the airfare cost for our Air Academy scholar. Our airfare expense was \$430. Bill Bower was requested to confirm these amounts. The EAA check will not cover the full airfare amount. The Chapter will cover the rest (~\$220).

The fence costs have been mostly reimbursed; Harvard Holmes is the only outstanding creditor, for about \$605.

The Astroturf project appears to be fully reimbursed.

Jack Davi has un-reimbursed expenses of about \$1000.

Less reimbursements, we have a balance of ~\$4266.

Harvard Holmes was assigned to compile an estimate of the hours of labor that went into the Astroturf and fence projects. The Airport has requested this information, so that they may apply it as credit toward our rental of the storage rooms.

August 27 General Meeting and Future Speakers Vice President Jack Davi reported that our speaker would be Bob Carr. Bob operates the Monterey Bay Academy (CA66) airport, a 2200' dirt strip on the beach southwest of KWVI.

Jack Davi outlined several additional speakers:

On September 24, have the registrar talk about the elections;

Board Meeting Notes Cont.

On October 29(? 22 is the 4th Wednesday), have the Airport Director Keith Freitas talk to us;

On November 19 (3rd Wednesday to avoid Thanksgiving), have Mike Bruno, chair of the Aviation Advisory Committee talk to us.

In December, we have our Holiday Party with no speaker;

In January, Jack proposes to get a speaker from our Control Tower.

Picnic Area and Infrastructure Improvements
We now have fire extinguishers; we should consider training, perhaps from the Airport Operations staff or other source.

Bill Bower reported that there is no decision about providing a defibrillator; he will follow up with the Airport.

Bill Reining reported that an expert advised him that we really need to apply the “infill” to the Astroturf. He would help us for \$150. Scott Achelis strongly endorsed using this expertise.

Scott Achelis reported that the planting areas (quarter circles in the Astroturf) are scheduled to get plants this fall, hopefully before the rains.

For the dirt area south of the Clubhouse, Scott Achelis proposed a work project to cover that area with mulch from “chippers.” Tom Barlow volunteered to check with Rossmoor to see if they could deliver some chips from their operations.

Scott Achelis and Harvard Holmes will survey the fence to plan the gates and the fence connection to the building to finish up this project.

Young Eagle Event August 16

The street sign needs to be put back up on Concord Avenue.

Tom Barlow will ask Sterling to provide a display aircraft (and other promotional material) for photographing the kids before they go flying. PSA provided a display aircraft last time, so we would continue the alternation in the future.

Videographers will be present at the next event, gathering more material for the Airport’s promotional video.

Renee will be absent and will be missed. Pete Mitchell thinks he can set up the computers. Harvard was asked to check with Pete and Renee about a test session for the computers.

Jack Davi is counting pilots:

Harvard will be present;

Jack Reichel will be present;

Stu Schuster will be present;

The Mooney owner (missed the name) is expected to be present;

Tony Tiritilli is unknown – his rudder may not be repaired yet;

Bill Reining will be absent;

Bill Bower will be absent;

Harvard Holmes agreed to do the initial briefing of pilots (before 9 am) and Bob Belshe will brief pilots who arrive later.

Jack Davi proposes to try a different room arrangement to prevent kids from waiting in the parking lot to get registered. He would escort them through the “fireplace” room to the fenced area, and then have them register in the main room as time allows.

Harvard reports that there are not enough skilled volunteers to handle the Flight Simulator at the next event. We still need the software and Harvard will look for an economical source.

We would like to have a poster about Eagle Flights (not Young Eagles) and the EAA handouts for that have some good material to use.

Steven Tucker, a new volunteer from last time, arranged for President Bill Reining to invite the Mayor of Concord Tim Grayson to attend one of our Young Eagle events and he will attend the September 20th rally at 10 am. We may offer him a ride, to be accomplished at some other time.

Steven Tucker has also pointed out the benefits of paving more of the ramp area around the clubhouse and volunteered to work on making that happen. We are consulting with the Airport to see what can be done.

Bill Reining reported that the Air Academy had a big impact on our scholarship winner, Verity Poon.

Air Conditioner/Heat Pump Installation

Tracy Peters provided status and plans for this in an email.

Scott Achelis and Harvard Holmes were asked to review the electrical power options for the install; and also evaluate the need for vibration isolators. The work needs to be scheduled to avoid disrupting the Young Eagles event.

Options to deal with the condensate from the condensers need to be finalized.

Miscellaneous

Tracy Peters requested a work party to rejuvenate the hot dog rollers (heaters) in time for our hot dog sales commitments.

Our outdoor speaker is ready for installation.

No new information on moving the VariEze. Jack will call Ken McKenzie.

The Airport has some additional budget for Clubhouse improvements. Scott Achelis identified 3 needs:

- Replace the windows in the fireplace room with more energy efficient ones
- Buy bits and pieces for the air conditioning/heat pumps
- Replace the sink in the kitchen with a more suitable one.

Scott will advise on the relative merits, needs, costs, etc.

Oshkosh Seaplane Base



General Meeting Notes Cont.

Speaker – Tracy Peters

Our speaker for the evening, Alec Proudfoot, described construction techniques to save weight, needed to allow human powered flight. For videos, Google "Alec Proudfoot human powered flight".

List of future Air Shows and Aviation Events

- California Capitol Airshow
Mather Field Sacramento CA
<http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com>
- Wings Over Wine Country Air Show

Sonoma County Airport Santa Rosa Ca Sept 20-21

<http://www.wingsoverwinecountry.org/>
- Reno National Championship Air Races

Reno Stead Airport

Reno NV Sept. 10-14

I received this message from Linda Williams. I'm hoping that somebody could help her. I sent a message asking for more information, but if somebody is around the area they might be able to get more information on the projects.

My husband, Dennis Williams was a member of the EAA. He recently died in an airplane accident in Arizona. We have two project airplanes: A Smith Mini-plane, and a 1929 Great Lakes. Both airplanes are stored here in Clarksburg, CA. I need to sell both of these airplanes but have no idea how to go about doing that. I was hoping you would be able to provide me with some direction and contacts to help me with this challenge.

My name is Linda Williams and my phone # is (916) 798-2183 Thank you

From Tracy Peters

All,

The CalCap Fly in team is in the process of growing a new GA event as part of the California Capital Airshow. GA pilots are allowed to fly in, and we are planning to have forums and exhibitors. This year we hope to have 150 aircraft attend the event which will help us grow it over the next few years. There is a distinct lack of annual GA convention on the West Coast (AOPA has fortunately done many here) and we are in the process of creating something new. Hope to see you there. If you have a airplane that you would like to put on static display as part of the airshow itself, please contact me and I will arrange it.

California Capital Airshow welcomes Fly-In Pilots And Guests

The California Capital Airshow (CCA) will enhance its celebration of aviation in 2014 by expanding the California Capital Fly-in (CCF). This will be the third year for the Fly-in and the first year to feature aviation Exhibitors, Forums & Workshops. Patterned after AirVenture Oshkosh and Sun 'n Fun, the California Capital Fly-in is a gathering place in the West for aviation enthusiasts.

This year's featured performers include the F22 RAPTOR air superiority fighter, HARRIER vertical take-off jet, PATRIOTS jet demonstration team, and much much more!!!

Fly-In visitors who pre-register will receive a discount on Airshow admissions, with free shuttle transportation between the secure general aviation parking area and the airshow, and unlimited access to covered VIP flight-line seating for the airshow with hosted food and refreshments!

Fly-In Information and pre-registration may be accessed at our new Fly-In website: californiacapitalflyin.com

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Pilots are strongly encouraged to download the arrival procedures (when available). Contact NOCAL approach over the designated reporting point and advise on initial contact that you are California Capitol Airshow Fly-In traffic. Please note that NORDO (no radio) operations will not be accommodated.

Tracy Peters

Senior Electrical Engineer

Ramp Rat

From Airventure 2014



Here is a link to a video for Airventure 2014

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmOPgYEBwEw&feature=youtu.be>

Wednesday Fly Outs

By Harvard Holmes

To maintain 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, its also fun to see and ride in our members aircraft. The e-mail address is wed-flyout@eaa393.org. You may contact Harvard Holmes at harvardholmes@comcast.net or Renee Robinson webmaster@eaa393.org to be added or removed from the list.

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

August 20 Young Eagles

In August we flew 46 Young Eagles. We want to thank all who came to help out on the ground crew and pilots . Pilots that flew for the rally.

Pilot	Aircraft	Young Eagles
Harvard Holmes	N1288E	15
Scott Achelis	N95RV	4
Ernst Freitag	N507EF	9
Tom Hammitt	N3781V	1
Stewart Schuster	N900KK	9
Bob Weiss	N28697	8

A special shout out to Sterling Aviation for fuel and Rick Bourgeois and his food crew.

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Chapter meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 200 Sally Ride Dr Concord Ca. Meetings are open to anyone who loves aviation and wants to learn more.

All are welcomed.

Menu for August 27th General Meeting

- Roast Chicken
- Chili Beans
- Green Salad and Potato Salad
- Drinks, Coffee and Dessert



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Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
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Aug 27	General Meeting	06:30 PM		
Sept 3	Board meeting	07:00 PM		
Sept 20	Young Eagles			
Sept 24	General Meeting	06:30 PM		
Oct. 1	Board Meeting	07:00 PM		
Oct.22	General Meeting	06:30 PM		
Nov. 5	Board Meeting	07:00 PM		
Nov. 19	General Meeting	06:30 PM		
Dec. 3	Board Meeting	07:00 PM		
Dec. 13	Christmas Party			
Jan 1	Happy New Year			
July 20-26	AirVenture 2015			

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 Club House 200 Sally Ride Dr. Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See the newsletter for arrangements

We are on the Web!

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