



November, 2014

Next General Meeting Nov. 19th

President's Notes November 2014

As we approach Thanksgiving, many things come to mind within the chapter for which to say thanks. We have had a very productive year, due to the time and energy of many of our members. A formal acknowledgement will be forthcoming at our Holiday Party on December 13. To mention a few efforts: the Young Eagles program has set new records, the Clubhouse is more attractive, functional and comfortable, and the treasury has been replenished.

Of particular note, a small but energetic group recently sold a lot of hot dogs at the Watsonville Air Show, putting almost a thousand dollars profit into the chapter treasury. Particular thanks go to Tracy Peters, Jack Davi, Rick Bourgeois and Pete Mitchell. When Jack wasn't selling hot dogs he was busy greeting old friends from his days in the Watsonville chapter - he's a living legend down there!

We concluded this year's Young Eagles activities in October with another successful rally for the Scouts. They not only got to fly, but earned their Aviation merit badge as well. Thanks to all who participated.

Several projects around the Clubhouse have been, or are nearly completed. The artificial turf and picket fence look terrific. The corners of the lawn have been connected to irrigation and planted - special thanks to Scott Achelis for this effort. The two new heat pump units are on the roof and almost ready for connection to their matching indoor units. These systems will remove heat from the inside of the Clubhouse during hot weather and put heat into the Clubhouse during cold weather. The trees and bushes in front have been pruned and cleaned up, thanks to Dave Thacker.

The final effort of 2014 is our Holiday Party, scheduled for Saturday evening, December 13 in the Clubhouse. The indefatigable Jack Davi is organizing things - please let him know if you can help, as there is a lot to do. Tasks include decorating, preparing name tags, and organizing food, to name just a few.

General Meeting Notes Sept 24 2014

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 7:40.

Bill thanked Rick Bourgeois for an excellent dinner.

Business

Treasurer Bob Belshe reported balances of \$3813 in cash and \$1470 in Young Eagle credits (which has been mostly spent on our Air Academy candidate). Upcoming expenses include \$200 for Air Academy reservations for 2015 and \$1500 potentially owed Jack Davi for preparation costs for our hot dog sales at WVI air show. (The Chapter will sell jumbo hot dogs, drinks, etc. at the air show on Oct 10-12.)

Bill Reining asked the membership to approve spending \$323.64 to host our web site for another 3 years. Harvard Holmes motioned to do so, Tracy Peters seconded and all approved.

In Jack Davi's and Renee Robinson's absence, Bill Reining gave a few details on the September 20 **Young Eagles** event. We had lots of planes/pilots and lots of ground crew and flew 88 kids, finishing by 2 pm. This is a record for us in getting a lot of kids flown quickly. Rick and Simone sold hot dogs, making enough money to offset the cost of Pizza for pilots.

For the Young Eagles event on October 18, we are fully subscribed by Sea Cadets and Boy Scouts, and we are not advertising the event to the public. Tracy Peters estimates 50 to 60 kids. Tracy and Dick Sperling will be doing Boy Scout merit badge counseling. We could use another counselor.

Our sign on Concord Avenue has been taken down for the season and washed by Scott Achelis.

Bill noted that our newsletter editor Bill Bower has listed **air shows** in the Cleco this month. The recent California Capital Air Show at Mather was 4th largest in the USA with 186,000 attendees!

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We have scheduled another **work week** on the Clubhouse, beginning Sunday September 28, and continuing through Friday. We hope to accomplish:

- Trimming and planting of bushes and trees in front of the clubhouse (west side)
- Planting in the two quarter circles in the AstroTurf area
- Landscaping on the south end of the clubhouse
- Install 2 air conditioning systems on the roof (electrical work on Sunday)

Help Ken McKenzie move the VariEze to Novato

The **Holiday Party** for the Chapter is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at the Clubhouse. The Chapter will provide a meat dish with salads and side dishes provided by pot luck. Jack Davi has agreed to be in charge; he will need several willing/competent volunteers. Committees include:

Name Tag committee

Door greeters

Decorating committee

Food servers (to manage the buffet tables)

Clean up committee (after the party)

Entertainment/raffle committee

Awards/recognition scheduling committee

The dinner menu currently includes:

- A roast (cooked by Rick Bourgeois)
- Turkey (from the caterers)

Potatoes, rice pilaf and gravy (from the caterers)

No fish or vegetarian meats are planned, as there were no takers for these last year.

Draft invitations to the Holiday Party are being worked on.

From the members

Duane Allen reported that he did not get the Cleco Newsletter this month.

Duane Allen reported two events for Saturday, October 18:

NASA (Moffitt field) is having an open house; Duane has 6 tickets; see him if you are interested.

San Carlos Airport is having an X-Plane day on October 18.

On October 4, Corning Airport (0o4) is hosting an FAA Wings seminar on "Flying in the mountains of Northern California - What you need to know" http://www.faasafety.gov/spans/event_details.aspx?eid=57903&caller=/spans/events/EventList.aspx?statecd=CA

Also on October 4, Lincoln EAA Chapter 1541 is having a poker run. <http://eaa1541.org/?p=1102>

Presentation

Tracy Peters introduced our speaker, Joe Canciamilla, who is the Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder. <http://www.ccclerkrec.us/> He is a former supervisor. His office handles document records, voter registration, and conduct of elections, among other duties.

For a typical election, Joe has 550,000 registered voters, 285 polling locations, 2200 poll workers, 250 inspectors, 100 roving helpers, and lots of equipment. He has two warehouses, in Martinez and Benicia. The equipment is outdated, as the Secretary of State (of California) has not adopted new equipment. They have acquired some new digital stuff.

For the next election, he expects 40% voter turnout – there are few local issues to drive people to the polls. The majority of people vote absentee. For these voters, there is a two-day process to validate signatures, then their ballots are counted on the day of the election. Polling places are becoming obsolete – school districts are reluctant to offer schools as polling places. The school districts cite security concerns and sometimes require security guards.

In 2015, there will likely be a special election. He expects less than 15% turnout, as there will be few issues in the election. It will cost over \$1 Million to run all the polling places.

He is working on several progress areas – digital printing of election materials, web pages, and electronic records.

He would like to see several new processes:

- Statewide registration of voters (rather than countywide). This would allow easier registration as voters move around the state. Validation of registration would also be easier, as DMV and other records are kept statewide anyway.

Replace polling places with "voting centers." With electronic records, voters could be certified on the spot and could vote anywhere in the county. They would not be tied to a particular precinct.

He feels voters are not ready for electronic voting yet.

From a question on Ranked Choice Voting (also known as "Instant Runoff"), he "hates it." He feels the consequences of the system are just not clear enough to the public. In counting the ballots, the first choice votes are tallied, and then the candidate with the least votes is removed from the ballot, and the voters who voted for the removed candidate have their votes assigned to their second choices (or third choices, later in the

process). Until recently, this process was repeated manually, with multiple physical tabulations of the votes taking place. By the time this was all done, most of the 28 days allowed for certifying the votes was used up. This is also conducted in a high security setting, with open rooms, security cameras, and people working in pairs to check each other. Much of this agony was due to the lack of certified software, which dictated manual operations. Now there is software, but it is clunky. In the long run, the ranked choice system is cheaper, if an entire election can be avoided. But most of the time, an election is required anyway.

They endeavor to count ballots as long as they can figure out the voter's intent. If a ballot is marked out and unambiguously corrected, then they will count it. If a ballot is damaged but readable, they will transfer the choices to a fresh ballot and run it through the machines. Joe's example was that they recently moved the voter's receipt from the bottom to the top of the ballot. Some voters mistakenly tore off the bottom of the ballot by habit and submitted it. They took these ballots and copied the data to a new ballot and submitted it. Only the choices on the bottom of the ballot that were actually ripped off were unable to be repaired and counted.

Ballots are archived for 22 months. A review of the ballots has historically been very rare.

The clerk-recorder's office is responsible for marriage licenses and they also perform weddings – quite a lot of them, actually. The fee is \$60.

Their office keeps much of the county's official records, including land titles. There is no central base for property ownership. Their records go back to the old Spanish land grants, issued before California was even a state! They are now working on digitizing those old books. A lot of restorative work is also required. They try to maintain three sets of their records: a working set on site, an electronic version, and back up copies in secure, secret vaults. Births, deaths, and marriages are all duplicated. They record over 100,000 documents each year. If you want a record of a deed, see the county clerk's office!



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General Meeting Notes Oct. 2014

Vice President Jack Davi called the meeting to order in the clubhouse great room at 19:30. Sixteen members and guests Annette Jenkins and our speaker Keith Freitas were present for Rich's minestrone soup dinner. "Thank you Rich".

Secretary – Pete Mitchell

We have 55 members. Our SHARES quarterly check should arrive the end of October. *Please use and pass out SHARE cards.* Bethi Gibbs invites 393 members to MDPA's November 21st dinner. JR and Bethi are providing desert to celebrate their August wedding. (dinners@mdpa.org)

Treasurer – Bob Belshe

We have a bank balance of \$5,038.

Young Eagles – John Davi

We flew 51 young eagles with 7 aircraft plus ground crew, and CAP cadets. Concord's Mayor Tim Grayson was on hand Saturday, hosted by Sarah Holmes. He was not aware of our program, said he would be back next year with his daughter. Volunteers are vital for safe operation. We have a slot reserved for the 2015 Air Academy. Next young eagles event is Saturday April 18, 2015.

Facilities – Scott Achelis

Air conditioning/Heat Pumps are mounted on the roof. Conduits are in wiring is in progress by Harvard Holmes and Bill Reining. Mounting plates are installed in both rooms. Landscaping and sprinklers are finished in both corners of the lawn area. MDPA's David Thacker and crew cleaned up the vegetation in front of the clubhouse.

Watsonville Air Show Hot Dogs – Tracy Peters and Jack Davi

Attendance was down in part due to a conflict with Fleet Week, net income including some hot dog inventory was about \$786.

Christmas Party December 13

Jack is preparing a mail out that will include a young eagle summery, an invention to the party with meal selection, return envelope for your meal choice along with your dinner and dues check.

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Speaker – Jack Davi

Keith Freitas A.A.E, C.A.E., Director of Airports, was our speaker for the evening.

Born in San Leandro, raised in Fremont, married to Monica a Kaiser Walnut Creek nurse, for 24 years. They have two sons Brian 18 and Austin 21, both in college. Keith is a graduate of San Jose University with a BA in Aeronautics and Aviation Management, a Private Pilot; he has held positions with Long Beach Municipal, San Jose International and Contra Costa County for 26 years. He has worked for county since 1997. Keith has held his present position since 2003.

The county airport system typically has 15 staff, the last five years about ten; they are in the process of hiring five additional staff.

Beth Lee is Assistant Director, Natalie handles noise and environmental issues, Julie leasing.

Projects in the next two years include 32R pavement overlay (3.2 Million), paving taxiway lanes between east ramp hangers, taxiway Echo, and the approach end of 19R. Painting east ramp hangers, possibly taxiway lights for Echo.

Byron is 19 years old the entire airport is due for re-surfacing.

Staff is looking for ideas to bring in new businesses and pilots to increase activity. Keith ran a project video to advertise the county airports. He thanked MDPA and 393 for their contribution to the clubhouse, and the young eagles flights.

Regarding hanger inspections, fire and building departments are no longer part of the inspection process. Aviation use is a must. Hanger rents are less than commercial storage. Non-aviation use could void FAA grant funds. The enterprise fund (non-aviation use) that includes Sam's Club, Sport Authority, Jiffy Lube, Crowne Plaza and the Golf Course, represent 45% of the airport revenue.

Adjourned 20:15

Board Meeting Minutes November 5, 2014

Present: Renee Robinson, Bob Belshe, Jack Davi, Dick Sperling, Vi Egli, Harvard Holmes, Bill Reining, Tracy Peters, Scott Achelis, Rick Bourgeois

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

Watsonville Hot Dog Sales:

Everybody wanted to know how we did with the hot dog sales in Watsonville, so we started with that. Tracy Peters reported that our net profits were \$744.69. We have a number of hot dogs and supplies left over. After discussion, it was decided that the best disposition would be to donate the excess food to a worthy cause; Tracy was delegated to accomplish this.

Our poor outcome was composed of several factors: our administrative expenses for insurance were higher because EAA would not add sufficient extra insured to cover all the requirements, so we spent \$168 on this insurance; we had extra food expenses because we committed to higher quality hot dogs; and sales were poor because attendance was poor at the air show. Jack Davi noted that airplane camping was also down this time.

In terms of lessons learned, the primary outcome will be that we return to buying supplies daily, to avoid ending up with too much left over food. This is the second year in a row of poor attendance – we need to look for another venue as our primary profit maker, and consider Watsonville as a secondary venue.

We discussed financial details that Bob Belshe will eventually sort out.

The equipment is currently stored in Tracy's hangar. This is a good place for it, as it needs cleaning, minor repairs and reassembly. A cleaning party is proposed in lieu of the next board meeting, as the subject of December's board meeting, the Holiday Party, is "under control" by Jack Davi.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Belshe reported that our bank balance is \$5405, and our checkbook balance is \$4990, reflecting checks written, but not yet cashed.

It was noted that we have multiple expenses for projects that have not been reimbursed yet; this prevents us from getting a clear picture of our true financial situation.

Bob Belshe reviewed the outstanding expenses and estimated about \$3300, resulting in a net balance of \$1690, with a few more expenses not included yet.

Scott Achelis, fresh from the MDPA board meeting, said that MDPA is aware that EAA is contributing most of the labor for Clubhouse improvements and much of the money. He said they would favorably entertain a request for some financial assistance with the Air Conditioning and other projects. He also suggested that we might approach other users of the Clubhouse to see if they could also assist with some of the costs. There was discussion of how to document some rationale for setting a suggested amount.

Scott Achelis requested a letter of acknowledgement for his recent donation of kitchen supplies.

Secretary's Report:

Pete Mitchell had to work and did not attend.

Next Meeting November 19, 2014:

For dinner Rick Bourgeois plans on chicken pot pie (?) and will email the complete menu to the board.

Our speaker is Mike Bruno, current head of the Aviation Advisory Committee for the Airport.

Additional speaker ideas included staff from the Tower, and a search for individuals who would be interested in sharing the WW II and subsequent combat experiences.

Renewed consideration was given to a larger event in the new year, for which we would invite Jack Pelton or other EAA leader to speak. We would invite northern California EAA chapters to send attendees.

Noted in passing: The latest Sport Aviation (November 2014, page 40) has an article on the Hayward Air Rally, which includes Bill Reining and Harvard Holmes in a picture.

Holiday Party:

Jack Davi passed out a list of committee

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and a list of budget items to compose our budget for the Holiday Party. The Responsibilities list was updated with the following: 7) Perpetual Trophy – the selection committee (last 3 recipients) is Jack Davi, Ernst Freitag, and Scott Achelis – selection due by November 19th) Clean-Up – we need a leader – Jack Davi put himself down if no one else steps up; and 16) Man Check-In Table: Sara Holmes will do this.

The Holiday Party budget planning began with the assumption that we would have 60 attendees at \$25 each, totaling \$1500. Given the Chapters financials, we did not want to subsidize the Party with Chapter funds. The following estimates were made (amounts are estimates):

Food Catering (\$6.50/pp meat + \$4.00/pp for starches) x 60 = \$600

Wine and Liquor \$250

Invitations \$255

Postage \$30

Table Decorations \$100

Raffle Prizes (self supporting) \$0

Linen, Cutlery and Glassware \$420

Perpetual Trophy engraving \$40

Name Tags \$10

Clean-up \$0

Other \$0

Dessert \$100

TOTAL \$1805

At this point, it was decided to scale back the Wine and Liquor expenses. Vi Egli offered to donate a case of inexpensive wine, and the Board recommended that we backfill by having attendees bring their own wine and beer. With this reduction, the estimated total is \$1555.

To ensure the Raffle is self-supporting, we recalled that the typical income (i.e., ticket sales) is \$200 to \$250. The raffle prizes will have to cost less than this in total to ensure that the raffle is self-supporting.

Other tasks included asking EAA Chapters and EAA Young Eagles for certificates of appreciation. Renee Robinson and Bill Reining are working on this.

Bill Reining will also invite selected friends of the Chapter and Young Eagle operations as our guests for dinner, including the FBOs and the Airport and Tower leadership.

Tom Barlow is setting up the Evite for the Chapter; the Board asked if Tom could also collect and summarize the responses.

Young Eagles wrap up from October 18:

We flew 51 Young Eagles, and helped 40 Boy Scouts qualify for their Aviation Merit Badge. Tracy Peters reported that we could use more “examiners” to quiz the scouts, as he is very busy with all those Scouts. With more examiners, we could also invite a few more Scouts to attend.

Scott Achelis reported that our big banner for Concord Avenue is showing some wear and tear, but can be repaired and used for another year. Tracy Peters has the right kind of sewing machine to make repairs.

Miscellaneous:

Wiring our outdoor speaker is still in progress.

The VariEze has now moved to Gnos – thanks Ken McKenzie!

Harvard Holmes is almost done with the volunteer hours record keeping. It was suggested that we also prepare a summary of our costs for this calendar year, to accompany the volunteer hours and keep the Airport appraised of this aspect as well. Bob Belshe already has many of the records needed for this.

Scott Achelis will try to wrap up the Astroturf project – a solution to poor results with the seam glue is needed, then we can spread the in-fill (hopefully using a local expert with the right equipment).

The December Board meeting will be replaced by a maintenance session for the hot dog equipment, to take place at the same time.

Ray Nilson’s RV-9 made its first flight on October 18. A test pilot took it up. Unfortunately Ray’s health is declining. John Cicero and the others who helped complete it hope to be able to give Ray a ride in it.

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.

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A special shout out to 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 November 19th General Meeting

- Chicken Pot Pie
- Garlic Bread
- Salad
- Drinks, Coffee and Dessert



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Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
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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

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