



February 2015

Next General Meeting Feb 25th

President's Notes

President's Notes for February 2015

Greetings on a very pleasant President's Day holiday weekend – temperatures in the 70's! Wow! Judging from all the blooming trees, you would think it is Spring already. Speaking of which, our Spring promises to be a busy one.

The Young Eagles rallies commence on the third Saturday of April (the 18th). Our banner, which is displayed between posts on the golf course facing Concord Blvd, needs to be repaired, as several of the grommets have pulled out. Tracy and Scott have volunteered to fix it. Also, during discussions at the Feb. 4 board meeting, various people volunteered to assume the tasks formerly performed by Jack Davi in preparing for a rally, for instance:

- Coordinating with the FBO's (Stephen Tucker),
- Enlisting volunteers and pilots (Tom Barlow),
- Contacting the press (Stephen Tucker)

- Assembling souvenir envelopes (Bill Bower),
- Setting up the tables and chairs (Pete Mitchell and Guy Jones), and
- Placing signs in the parking lot (Guy Jones).

The Ford Tri-Motor visit has been moved forward one week to the first weekend in May. It turns out that the airplane will visit San Carlos on the second weekend. Actually this may be better, as it gives us a week off between the Tri-Motor visit and our Young Eagles Rally, as well as avoiding Mother's Day (May 10). So please correct your calendars to show the Tri-Motor in Concord from April 30 to May 3.

The chapter is officially without a Vice President. As such, all members are asked to help generate speakers and activities for future meetings. If any of you are interested in becoming Vice President, please let any of the officers know – we could use your help.

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Presidents Notes Cont.

MDPA is planning a fly-out to the Grand Canyon over Memorial Weekend. EAA members are invited to join in. The plan is to fly out on Saturday morning (May 23) and fly back on Monday (May 25). A block of rooms has been reserved at a Grand Canyon hotel. Please let Bob Weiss know if you are interested (bob@weisscon.com).

Ford Tri-Motor visit report.

As reported in this edition the visit for the Tri-Motor is now scheduled for April 30-May 3rd.

Steve Tucker has been busy working on securing commitments from the local businesses as well as getting information to local newspapers

So far we have commitment from PSA for use of their hanger. We also have commitment from Sterling on their participation. As well as tentative commitment from the Crown Plaza.

We are still working on getting support from the local Ford dealership. Other dealerships are very interested in participating if the local dealership chooses not to.

We will need lots of help during the visit such as a safety officer, crowd control as well as 8-10 volunteers for various jobs.

Bill Bower

General Meeting Notes

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 19:30 in the clubhouse great room. Bill received a letter from Jack Davi tendering his resignation as vice-president and most of his young eagles duties because of health concerns. Tracy Peters has agreed to take over the vice-presidents duties *temporarily*. We need a volunteer for this position. The vice-presidents most important duties are arranging guest speakers and meeting activates. Jack mentioned that the Tri-Motor was coming to the west coast, Bill called headquarters and volunteered 393. We are scheduled for May 7 – 10. Volunteers will be needed as well as local sponsorship. Bill reports the County has reserved \$7,500 for the clubhouse. Clubs need to decide on their priorities.

Twenty-four were present including three guests, Roland Williams, John Barrelle and Jeffery Culver.

Secretary – Pete Mitchell

We finished the meeting with 35 paid for 2015, 26 still due for a total of 61.

Secretary – Bob Belshe

Our bank balance is \$1,800. Bill Bower donated funds to cover the balance of our 2014 young eagles airfare. We had to pay \$300 sales tax on our Watsonville hot dog sales.

Tracy's evening program included EAA's monthly chapter video during Rich Bourgeois's dinner followed by a Electrical Wiring 101.

Young Eagles

Saturday April 18th^h is our first Young Eagles Rally. Meeting adjourned 21:15 PJM

Board Meeting Notes February

Present: Bill Reining, Pete Mitchell, Bob Belshe, Bill Bower, Rich Bourgeois, Scott Achelis, Stephen Tucker, and guest Elizabeth Cofer representing Diablo Valley Mustang Association's participation in the forthcoming Ford Tri-Motor visit.

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 19:00 in the clubhouse great room.

Secretary – Pete Mitchell

35 members have paid 2015 dues, 26 are due for a total of 61. We received a fourth quarter SHARES check for \$ 128.31 for a program total of \$357.33.

Treasurer – Bob Belshe

We have a bank balance of \$2,230. A bill is pending for CleanA1.

Before the board meeting Harvard & Bill assisted Roy Branda of CleanA1, who connected the AC lines, flushed, evacuated and charged the system. Roy expressed concern over the existing wire size/length. Bill will meet with the County regarding purchasing larger wire.

General Meeting – Tracy Peters

Tracy plans a riveting demonstration for our February 25th meeting. We need member input for future speakers.

Dinner Menu – Rich Bourgeois

February dinner will include Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Salad, Dessert and Drinks. Rich priced a complete dinner service for 72 except coffee cups with 12 tablecloths at \$1,072, or about twice what we spent for holiday party.

Air Show Schedule 2015

- NAF El Centro CA Mar 14
<http://navylifesw.com/elcentroairshow>
- Los Angeles County Airshow Mar21-22nd
William J. Fox Field Lancaster CA
<http://www.lacountyairshow.com/>
- Riverside Airshow Mar 28th
<http://www.riversideairshow.com>
- Sun' n Fun 2015 Lakeland Fl. April 21-26th
<http://www.sun-n-fun.org/>
- Pacific Coast Dream Machines Half Moon Bay Ca
April 26th
<http://dreammachines.miramarevents.com/>
- Ford Tri-Motor Stop April 30-May 3rd
Buchanan Airfield Concord CA
- March ARB Open House May 19-20th
<http://www.marchfieldairfest.com/>
- AOPA Fly in Salinas May 16th
<http://www.aopa.org/Community-and-Events/AOPA-Fly-In/2015/About>
- Hollister Airshow June 20-21st
<http://www.hollisterairshow.com/>
- Wings over Gillespie June 20-21st
<http://ag1caf.org/events/2015/6/20/airshowsandiego>
- Golden West Flyin and Airshow
June 6-7 and 8th Marysville Ca
<http://www.goldenwestflyin.org/>
- Airventure 2015 Oshkosh Wi July 20-26th



Ford Tri-Motor Coming To visit Chapter 393 April 30-May 3rd

1929 Ford Tri-Motor 4-AT-E – NC8407

The Ford Tri-motor was America's first airliner. Ford Motor Company built 199 Tri-Motors from 1926 through 1933. This airplane is one of two still flying. Another is in the Smithsonian.

Henry Ford mobilized millions of Americans and created a new market with his Model T "Tin Lizzie" automobile from 1909 to 1926. Ford's Tri-Motor aircraft, nicknamed "The Tin Goose," was designed to build another new market, airline travel. To overcome concerns of engine reliability, Ford specified three engines and added features for passenger comfort, such as an enclosed cabin.

EAA's model 4-AT-E was number 146 off Ford's innovative assembly line and first flew on August 21, 1929. It was sold to Pitcairn Aviation's passenger division, Eastern Air Transport, whose paint scheme is replicated on EAA's Tri-Motor. Eastern Air Transport later became Eastern Airlines.

In 1973, a severe thunderstorm ripped the plane from its tie-downs, lifted it 50 feet into the air and smashed it to the ground on its back. The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) subsequently purchased the wreckage for its Aviation Foundation.

After an arduous, twelve-year restoration process by EAA staff and volunteers, the old Tri-Motor once again took to the air. Its official debut was in 1985 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. It was displayed in the EAA AirVenture Museum until 1991 when it returned to its former role of delighting passengers. It was updated in 2004. This Tri-motor is almost 50 feet long with a wingspan of 74 feet and seats 9 passengers. In 1929, it sold for \$42,000, and is currently valued at over \$1,000,000.

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 harvard-holmes@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 finalized. 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.

Young Eagles-Next Rally scheduled for April 18, 2015. Rally schedule for 2015.

April 18

May 16

June 20

August 22

September 19

October 17

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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 Feb 25th Meeting

- Roasted Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes, Salad
- Dinner Rolls and Dessert
- Coffee and drinks.



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Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
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		General Meeting Feb 25, 2015		
		Board Meeting Mar 4, 2015		
		General Meeting Mar 25, 2015		
		Board Meeting Apr 1, 2015		
		Young Eagles Rally Apr 18, 2015		
		General Meeting Apr 22, 2015		
		Board Meeting May 6, 2015		
		Young Eagles Rally May 16, 2015		
		General Meeting May 27, 2015		
		Board Meeting June 3, 2015		
		Young Eagles Rally June 20, 2015		
		General Meeting June 24, 2015		
		Board Meeting July 1, 2015		
		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.