



*January 2017*

## ***NEWSLETTER***

***NEXT GENERAL MEETING:***

***JANUARY 25TH***

This Month's Speaker will be:

**MOVIE NIGHT!**

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### **Upcoming Wednesday Meetings:**

#### ***February***

1st Board Meeting 7pm  
22nd General Meeting 6:30pm

#### ***March***

1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting 7pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting 6:30pm

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## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

**BY BILL BOWER**

Welcome everyone to 2017. A new year is upon us and we look forward to what it has in store for us all. We will soon be starting a new year of Young Eagles Rally's and as the weather allows our Wednesday fly outs as well. The weather has not cooperated so far. But on a side note it is bringing

California out of our long drought, or at least for one year anyway. Hopefully everyone who has their plane outside has it tied down securely.

The New Year brings great news on the 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical reform. The FAA has released their final rules and starting May 1<sup>st</sup> pilots who have had a medical in the last 10 years even if you have a special issuance will no longer have to get another medical or go through the arduous expensive stressful process of a special issuance. Of course there are restrictions such as you will not be able to fly in Class A airspace and the number of passengers you can carry but overall it is a win-win for all pilots and general aviation. A new pilot will still have to get a 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical and all pilots will have to fill out a form every 2 years and have seen your private doctor every 4 years to remain compliant with the new rules. Hopefully this will slow the loss of active pilots leaving GA. A great job by EAA and AOPA in getting this accomplished.

On another note the *MDPA has a new benefit for those who also belong to their organization* where you are eligible for *fuel discount from Sterling Aviation*. Members show a discount card to the driver and your discount will be reflected in the price.

Hopefully you all have been able to renew your membership in Chapter 393 for 2017. Membership dues are our largest revenue source so that we can provide the services for the Young Eagles Rally's and the other events we hold during the year. So if you have not had a chance to renew it is a good time to do so by contacting Pete Mitchell. That way we can plan our budget for the year. While you are do so it is a great time to sign up for a family membership and include your spouse or significant other in Chapter 393.

Don't forget our first general meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse. Hope everyone is able to make it. So have a great new year and get out there and fly.

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**January 25, 2017**  
**Meeting Dinner Menu**  
By Rick Bourgeois

Dinner is served at 6:30pm – Donation is \$7:

American Chop Suey  
Green beans  
Dinner Rolls  
Drinks  
Dessert

### January 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes:

Ron Lem called the meeting to order.

The MDPA January 7<sup>th</sup> breakfast meeting to be followed by a safety meeting was and continues to be in danger of disappearing due to poor attendance. 393 members are encouraged to participate the first Saturday of each month to be followed by a fly-out.

Treasurer Harvard Holmes reported \$10,763 on hand in addition to \$580 for the R. Simone fund. The club made \$660 from the Ford tri-motor visit from rides and souvenir sales.

Tracy Peters' wife donated the cost of her Christmas party decorations.

Presently the club has 67 members. 28 have paid 2017 dues so far. Membership is \$30 for a single and \$40 for a spouse as well.

Scott has resigned as club house manager. Tracy will temporarily assume the job until the slot is filled. A member made a motion that was passed to buy Scott a gift certificate for his excellent work on the clubhouse. Tracy updated the meeting with the 16 by 16 or 12 by 16 shed to be built at the clubhouse. If bought from Home Depot, they can install it. Tough Shed is one option. It will be storage for tents, casino night tables, chairs, etc. It will be wood with a 6 ft barn door. Home Depot is working up a quote, probably about 3 to 4 thousand dollars with the airport paying for it. Others projects requested of the airport are outdoor lights and Public Address system.

A member gave an update on Jack Davi's health situation and his living arrangement. Contact Pete Mitchell about a visit.

Young Eagles starts up in April and recruiting for pilots needs to start in February. Months and days for flying the kids are April 15, May 29, June 17, (no July), August 19, September 16 and October 21 is for Scouts only. The days are the third Saturdays of the month.

The club needs 4 four seat aircraft and 2 two seat aircraft for each rally to get all the kids' flights completed.

Pete proposed a life membership in EAA for Bill Larkin.

We will show a movie for the general member meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Members discussed the May Young Eagles rally at the Byron airport at the Patriots Flight Center, and decided to table a final decision until next month; in the meantime. Tracy will contact the Patriots regarding the date.

The Christmas Party expenses and costs appeared to be about even.

There will be an airshow in Truckee on July 8<sup>th</sup>, the Truckee Fly-in. There will tentatively a picnic on July 15, and December 9 will be the Christmas party.

Vi Jenkins phoned Harvard with four ideas: 1. Invite Tony Tirittilli to become a Technical Counselor, one who checks homebuilts at various stages and answers technical questions 2. Thank Ernst and Gaby Freitag for the Yule log and cookies at the Christmas party 3. Members should be more appreciated for all their work with recognition of some sort such as names published in the newsletter, pictures or other methods 4. Figure out a way to recognize pilots who go the extra mile.

Ron Lem would like to have members see more of the club member airplanes, or have the club build one, or at least encourage people in this direction. Tracy mentioned there used to be hanger tours as social events. Ron proposed, and members agreed, the club should buy a better quality coffee maker and use it at the board meetings.

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## + POEM OF THE MONTH +

### *To All That Fly*

By John D. Duvall

May God grant you blue skies aloft,  
With winds of calm by land,  
As you play on the outskirts of heaven,  
On the fragile wings of man.

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(These quotes are from an earlier newsletter, but I thought bore repeating as encouragement to pilots until we get more new ones this Spring.)

## **Young Eagles Quotes:**

### **These are comments the young eagles wrote about their flights in the Fall of 2016.**

“It was so fun. I don’t know much about planes, but I’m going to learn more about them.”

“The effect that happened was very intense and scary.”

“He was an awesome pilot and I want to be a pilot too because of him!”

“Pilot Stew was the best; that was so COOL!”

“It was fun. All the things look like toys. The pilot was helpful with all of the instructions.”

“I enjoyed my flight and my experiences as a pilot.”

“It was a good flight. The pilot was very experienced. The landing was so good. I want to be a pilot”

***THERE YOU HAVE YOUR FEEDBACK, PILOTS. I HOPE THESE COMMENTS ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP FLYING THE YOUNG EAGLES.***

(more comments in future issues)

## **WANTED! HANGAR SPACE FOR RENT!**

**This local EAA Chapter 393, Concord (Buchanon Field), California is looking to rent a hangar large enough in which to build a kit plane.**

**Anyone who has any information regarding this plan, please contact this person:**

***Ron Lem  
925 532-6561***

***How about a picture and some information from my Jane's Pocket Book of Home-Built Aircraft Edited by John W.R. Taylor? If you like this addition, I have a book full of them.***



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**Wing span:** 7.00 m (22 ft 11 in)

**Wing area, gross:** 9.0 m<sup>2</sup> (96.8 sq ft)

**Length overall:** 5.45 m (17 ft 10½ in)

**Weight empty:** 190 kg (420 lb)

**Max T-O weight:** 320 kg (705 lb)

**Max level speed at S/L (30 kW; 40 hp engine):** 87 knots (160 km/h; 100 mph)

**Cruising speed (30 kW; 40 hp engine):** 74 knots (137 km/h; 85 mph)

**Max rate of climb at S/L (30 kW; 40 hp engine):** 180 m (590 ft)/min

**Range with max fuel (30 kW; 40 hp engine):** 217 nm (400 km; 250

miles)

**Accommodation:** Single seat in open cockpit

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**For details:** 36, Route de Seurre, 21- Beaune, France.

*QUOTE:*

**“A single lifetime, even though entirely devoted to the sky,  
Would not be enough for the study of so vast a subject. A  
Time will come when our descendants will be amazed that  
We did not know things that are so plain to them.”**

**- Seneca, Book 7, 1<sup>st</sup> Century CE**

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Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See the newsletter for arrangements.

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