



*August 2017*

***NEWSLETTER***

***NEXT GENERAL MEETING:***

***AUGUST 23RD***

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**Upcoming Wednesday Meetings:**

***September***

6th Board Meeting 7pm  
27th General Meeting 6:30pm

***October***

4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 7pm  
25th General Meeting 6:30pm

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**President Bill Bower's Notes For AUGUST:**

Wow! Airventure 2017 was a great show. Attendance was 590,000 for the week 5% above last year. I can personally tell you it was a crowded place. The most I have seen in the short time I have been attending the annual event. More than 10,000 aircraft flew in as well as a record number of military aircraft. Both B-29's Fifi and Doc were there and flew together. A site not seen ever at Airventure. The Blue Angels as usual put on a spectacular show. The night airshow's were as great as usual and a site

to behold if you have never seen them. Even with the rain cutting short the Wednesday show.

Some of the best weather I have seen as well. The new Blue Barn which is the place for Chapters was new this year and a great idea. I volunteered there as well as also the membership tent. I must also commend our other members such as Pete Mitchell, Don Baldwin, Ron Lem and Derrick Gebhards who also volunteered their time to make Airventure a success. Without the thousands of volunteers Airventure could not work.

I learned a lot attending the various forums about what other chapters have done. Chapter 32 in St Louis built an RV-12 that they have for a flying club and use for training and chapter members can use at an amazing \$35 an hour dry. I also attended a forum about setting up an IMC Club and VMC Club within the chapter. I sent out an e-mail about the IMC Club and will send out more info about the VMC Club later.

Chapter 393 was well represented by the membership. VP Ron Lem flew his 150 to Oshkosh and camped in the north 40. Pete Mitchell and Don Baldwin with their road trip and camping in Camp Schollar. I stayed in the dorms as well as Bill Reining. Always great to sit at Kelly's and meet fellow aviators from around the world and talk about flying.

Let's look forward at next year for Airventure 2018. The International has a deal where chapters who want to camp together at Camp Schollar can request up to 6 camp sites be set aside. It would be great to have a large attendance by Chapter 393 and be able to camp together for the week. Also we need to make sure we take a Chapter banner next year for the chapter picture.

So what is ahead for Chapter 393? We have the Young Eagles rallies on September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup> fast approaching. We also have to hold elections for

Chapter Officers. All positions will be up for election. If you have thought about holding one of those positions feel free to nominate yourself. More info will be put out soon. Even though still a bit early we need to start planning for the annual holiday party. Our Wednesday fly outs continue to be a big success. If you do not have your name on the list make sure you talk with Harvard Holmes or Renee Robinson. We are also planning a pancake breakfast and aircraft display tentatively scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Clubhouse. So make sure you plan on coming and have a few pancakes and some eggs.

Our next General meeting is August 23<sup>rd</sup>. As usual Rick has a great meal planned. We will have a presentation about Airventure 2017 by Derrick Gebhards and Alexander Lieske who was Chapter 393 Scholarship winner and attended the Advanced air academy and will give us a presentation about his experience. Make sure you have the date on your calendars. Until then hope everyone has a great month.

Bill Bower  
Chapter President  
EAA Chapter 393

***IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:***

	<b>BOARD MEETINGS</b>	<b>YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS</b>	<b>GENERAL MEETINGS</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>October</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>none (scout flights)</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>November</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>none</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Holiday Party is Dec. 9th</b>		

## EAA 393 May General Meeting Notes August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

- Treasurerer Harvard reports the club has \$15,030 which includes \$500 for the Renato/Simone fund.
- The members discussed having a club banner for next year at Oshkosh, chapter tee shirts and patches for hats or shirts.
- Members talked about having a club campsite for next year at Oshkosh which can be reserved for 6 sites at a cost of \$1000.
- Discussions also occurred regarding building a club plane and creating a flight instruction program for young eagles.
- Regarding the work shed, the club is waiting for a permit from the county to install the shed at the clubhouse which is on country land.
- Members discussed renting a hangar which costs about \$700 per month.
- Ron reported the AV system upgrade is still in discussion and will put it to a vote at the next general meeting. MVPA has said they would support such an improvement. Being considered is a large TV screen with a brighter image. One idea is to have a large screen in the front of the room and two to three smaller screens on the side walls. Renee suggested video instructions and hook ups should be labeled on the connections. Stephen is busy tending his father, and it will be a couple of weeks before he can get to Fry's to see if they can assist with a donation or discount for our new AV system. Cost for a 75 inch TV is about \$3000. Costco can sometimes have them for \$2000 for a 75 incher. Someone suggested the week before Black Friday is the best time for prices on TV's.
- In a discussion of submissions to the newsletter Renee said she needs to receive the NL 7 days prior to the general meeting so she has time to upload it. (Sorry, Renee, this one is coming only 4 days prior. I have the week prior submission now written on my calendar.) It is generally agreed that all submissions to the NL should come within ONE WEEK after the board meeting, giving the NL editor one week to get it done to submit to Renee one week prior to the general meeting. Someone suggested that anything on the EAA national website or magazine is free to use in our newsletters.

- Ron's volunteer work was quite beneficial. He gained free camping and admission to Oshkosh AirVenture by doing 56 volunteer hours which will be credited to next year. The basic requirement for the same benefits is 40 hours. Ron said he very much enjoyed the experience of doing various jobs to help out the cause.
- Ron suggested the club promote Oshkosh for the members, specifically camping together, club shirts, club banner and travel as a group, for more unity as a presence and to encourage volunteering.
- Regarding the June Young Eagles rally at the Byron airport in conjunction with the Patriots Jet Team, 35 kids flew, the Patriots were happy with our involvement, and participants said we should do the event again.
- Bill reminded everyone we are having a pancake breakfast in September, and the MVPA has a pancake breakfast the first Saturday of each month. Harvard suggested the club do one to two breakfasts prior to inviting the general public. The club needs volunteers and Ron said he would lead the volunteers. Menu will include eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes.
- Members discussed the Christmas Holiday party and suggested it be made clear to members to pay in advance so the correct amount of food can be prepared.
- President Bill stated board elections occur every two years. He also suggested Scott A. might be able to find the candidates.
- Members discussed the EAA Perpetual Award for the Outstanding Member which should be someone who has represented the chapter well over the years. Someone mentioned the last three people who received the award picked the next winner.

*Meal for August 2017 general meeting:*

Chicken Cacciatore  
 Kernel Corn  
 Salad  
 Dinner rolls  
 Dessert  
 Coffee and drinks

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

**This local EAA Chapter 393, Concord (Buchanan 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:**

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

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Dawn at Oshkosh



Dinner at Oshkosh  
(photos by Ron Lem)

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