

# The Cleco

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 393

200 Buchanan Field Road, Buchanan Field, Concord, California

October \*\*\* 2019

## NEWSLETTER



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### Upcoming Events:

#### *Board Meetings:*

*Wednesday, November 6th - 7 pm*

*Wednesday, December 4th - 7 pm*

#### *General Meeting:*

*Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm*

*Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 6:30 pm*

*MARK YOU CALENDARS: Christmas Party is Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*PRESIDENT'S NOTES FOR OCTOBER  
By the Honorable Bill Bower*

Fall is upon us and the weather is starting to change. Soon the number of flying days will be diminishing. Luckily we do not shut down for the winter like they do in some parts of the country. Park the planes and wait for spring till we fly again. We are lucky to be able to fly year round.

So a few things on the list for this month and the rest of the year. We have Young Eagles on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Buchanan Field. This is Scout month so it should be a large crowd. Just an update EAA International has changed their policy so that we get pain for all flights and not just those when the volunteer pilot exceeds 10 for the year. That is a great change for the chapters and one I had brought up at Airventure many times. Our November Young Eagles will be in early November at Byron in partnership with The Patriots. Next we have our Monthly Membership Meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Club House. We will also be holding our election for officers. The positions up for election are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Greg Kar will be leading the election. If you are interested in running or want to nominate someone for one of the positions let Greg know ASAP. I will be stepping down as President and not running this election. I am in the process of retiring and will be moving to Washington State sometime in the near future so I do not want to commit to a position and not be able to finish the term.

Make sure you put on your calendar the date for this years Holiday Party to be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse.

We also are mourning the recent loss of the crew of Nine O Nine and passengers who were able the Collings Foundation B-17 recently. Our thoughts go out to their families and all the volunteers who work with them dealing with this tragedy.

It has recently been brought to my attention that an anonymous donor wants to make a sizable donation so that we can send 2 people to the Air Academy in Oshkosh each year. Harvard will be handling the details and give more info at the upcoming Monthly Meeting. To whoever this person is I say Thank You.

Speaking of Oshkosh it is not too early to start planning for Airventure 2020. This year the dates are July 20-26<sup>th</sup>. So start making plans for another great show.

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## *Early November Presidential Remarks:*

Just a few notes to start the month.

Our last Young Eagles Rally for 2019 is November 9th. This one is with the Patriots at Byron. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Our monthly meeting is a week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving. It will be November 20th at the Clubhouse. So mark your calendars.

While you are at it if you have not done so mark December 14th which is the Holiday Party. We will send out more details soon. Will need some help decorating on Friday the 13th.

Don't forget the work parties on Thursday and Sunday for the Sonex. Check your emails for confirmation from Lee or if you are not on the email list feel free to do so. As well as the Wednesday fly outs.

Have a great month and stay away from that left over candy.

Bill Bower  
President  
EAA

### **HERE IS AN UPDATE ON ONE OF OUR PRIOR MEMBERS.**

Carl-Erik is a past member of 393, 2011. Some members will remember him and his plane, N159KZ

**From:** Carl-Erik Olsen  
**Sent:** Monday, December 24, 2018, 6:44:20 AM PST  
**Subject:** Merry Christmas

Dear friends,

About 13 months ago we made the big move of going back to Denmark. A very good 15 year-long CA-chapter of our lives has ended and a new one is already going on.

Step by step we have settled-in in our new house, set-up a workshop, and arranged a hangar. Changes have been made to the properties, others are in the pipeline, projects are waiting as usual, all is good, are doing well and we are happy. Just as we were in California, which was a dream that came through and started in 2002. We are very thankful for the good fortune and for the time we had.

Now we live on a small island, Tåsinge, in a small town called Vindeby. To the North a bridge brings us to a city, Svendborg, on the bigger island of Fyn, which has bridges to the West for the peninsular Jutland, and to the East to Sjælland, where Copenhagen is located. Just 2 hours of driving away.

Tåsinge has a nice grass runway, just 5 minutes drive from our new home. Our hangar for the KZ VII fits us very well.



The summer of 2018 did not bring rain from time to time. Quite unusual. It shows on the picture above. (Taken in June). The coast line on the other side of the straight (called Svendborgsund) is Fyn. The runway is 11/29.





On September 1st our local flying club celebrated 75 year anniversary. A very nice day with many visitors through the day. It is interesting that the flying club was established in 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, where no Danes were allowed to fly. All GA aircraft had been seized by the Wehrmacht (and were lost). Despite the club members had no runway, aircraft nor licenses they were dreaming about the future, and hoped that the war would end - soon, and they made a flying club.



To the right of the bridge is the City of Vindeby (about 50,000 inhabitants). To the left is our home town, Vindeby.

The summer of 2018 has been great for flying. We have made a few fly-in's and meet old friends and new aviators as well. Next year will be even more exiting. I will explore more places including Sweden. Also I am planning to attend Hahnweide Oldtimer-Flieger-treffen in September 2019. ("Flieger" is aircraft, "Treffen" means meeting in German). The fly-in is located Souht-East of Stuttgart and is mostly for Vintage aircraft.

Right now Penelope and Vibeke are here to celebrate Christmas with us and will stay until January 10th.

Christmas in Denmark is as big as Thanksgiving is in America.

This year it will be the first Christmas ever with all our children and grandchildren around our table. This time it will be roasted ducks for the evening of December 24th.

The Christmas tree has traditional decorations and real candles. After the dinner it will be the Danish way with dancing and songs around the Christmas tree followed with gifts. And later in the evening good old American Egg Nog will be served with marzipan and chocolate. Some traditions will never die and good ones can be added.

On December 25th the traditional long Christmas lunch will be at noon - with snaps, dark beer, rye bread, pickled herrings followed by mostly dead pork made in 10 or more different ways, consisting of both cold and warm dishes. The last treat is cheese and grapes. No one will be needing dinner later that day.

The whole family will be there again, this time including Aase's mum, now 95, her brother, Erik and his wife Lene. The couple has this month sold their house on the island, Læsø, and moved-in in a new house just 30 minutes away from us on Fyn. (Close to their only son, his wife and two grandchildren). Everything comes together again.

Merry Christmas to you all



On December 23rd our small family went to Tivoli in Copenhagen to see the garden dressed up for Christmas. And Tivoli Concert Hall and Tivoli Symphony Orchestra has put up the ballet Nutcracker with music by Tjajkovskij. This was the main

reason for driving to Copenhagen. It was a great and very special for us all to see and head wonderful performances. We had a good time and adventure together.

Our best wishes for a great New Year to our friends in California.

Aase and Carl-Erik



N159KZ







*METHOD # 1*

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***NEXT YOUNG EAGLES:***

***November 9<sup>th</sup> at Byron Airport***

***With the Patriots Jet Team***



**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.

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*Ron Lem*

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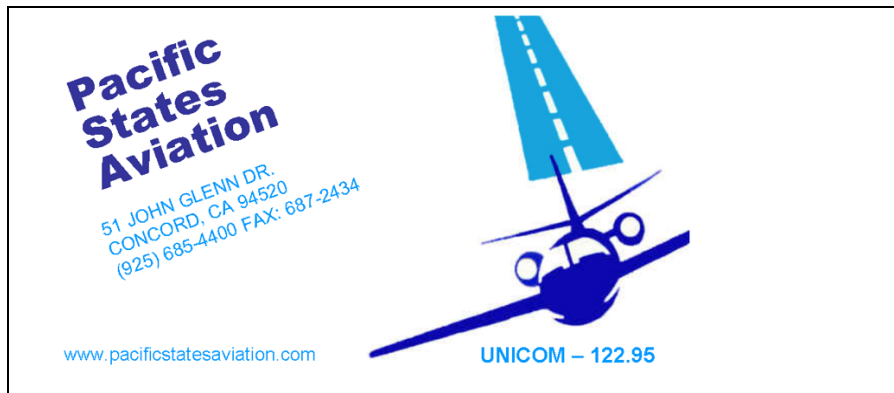


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*NOTICE to AIRMEN: Please send me any old aviation pictures you have of yourself, your planes, and EAA events, a sort of look back at history.  
Yo Newsletter Editor, Bill*

*Thank you to all our Young Eagle pilots!*

*And, how could we forget this very  
consistent sponsor?????*



## *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 building at 200 Buchanan Field Road. Enter from the west side of the building, on the west side of the airport. We always have various speakers and presentations of interest to aviators, after dinner.

Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See the following article explaining them:

### *Wednesday Fly-Outs*

By Harvard Holmes

*To maintain our 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, it's also fun to see and ride in our members' aircraft. The email address is [WedFlyOut@eaa393.org](mailto:WedFlyOut@eaa393.org) You may contact [HarvardHolmes@comcast.net](mailto:HarvardHolmes@comcast.net) or Renee Robinson [webmaster@eaa393.org](mailto:webmaster@eaa393.org) to be added to or removed from this list.*

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

The most active pilots on this list are Harvard Holmes, Bill Reining, Renee Robinson, Stu Schuster, and Clint Beacham. Pilots sometimes advertise that they have empty seats, but not always. Harvard Holmes, Bill Reining and Stu Schuster are most likely to have extra seats (4 seat aircraft). My advice is to contact a pilot in advance to make sure they have room and to get directions. Typically, you'd get to the airport by 11:00AM and return by 4pm.





*Yo tax dollars at work!*

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*That's all, folks.*

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*You made it to the end of the newsletter. I hope you enjoyed it! Keep on Flying!*

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