

200 Buchanan Field Road, Buchanan Field, Concord, California



February *** 2020

NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events:

Board Meetings:

Wednesday, March 4th - 7 pm

Wednesday, April 1st - 7 pm

General Meeting:

Wednesday, February 26th – 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 25th - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 22nd - 6:30 pm

PRESIDENT'S NOTES FOR FEBRUARY

By the Honorable Ron Lem

New President for 2020

Greetings to All,

A couple of things: First of all the February General meeting will be Bill Bower Appreciation night. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Bill for the great job he has done from 2016 to 2020. Under his leadership the membership has grown by 30% and the chapter has become financially sound. At the meeting, Bill will be presented with a special award.

Secondly, Kerry Curtiss passed his Private Pilot Check ride last week! Congratulations! Kerry owns a Cessna 150 which he has been flying in preparation of his check ride. Fun Fact: Like Mike Cunningham, Kerry has a Jaguar of the convertible persuasion and he has been spotted cruising the Walnut Creek area doffing a British sporting cap on numerous occasions!

Third, Tracy Peters has recovered from his neck surgery. why is this important to the chapter? Aside from the obvious, I suggested to Tracy that perhaps the Chapter could operate a venue at the Sacramento Airshow. It has been a number of years since Tracy was a facilitator at the Sac Airshow and he was open to the idea. This would be a great way for members to come together at an event and for the chapter to make some dough. The Board is looking for ways to raise funds in 2020 as neither the Tri-Motor, nor the B17 are coming to KCCR this year. Standby by for more updates on this event!

On February 5th the board met for its regular monthly meeting with 9 board members and the Sonex project manager present. Yours truly opened the meeting and discussed adding Jim Agua as an additional Chapter Technical Advisor. For those of you who don't know Jim, He is an A&P mechanic with I.A. privileges located at KCCR. Jim also recently completed a RV-12 which he promptly flew to Oshkosh! It was motioned, seconded and approved to bring him onboard. Jim has already performed a preliminary inspection on the Sonex. The board is grateful for his time and expertise!

Harvard Holmes presented his treasurer's report and the chapter is in good hands!

Pete Mitchell gave the secretary's report. We have 89 members of which 25 members have yet to pay their dues. It was discussed in the meeting that yours truly would send out a personal invitation to those who have yet to pay to take care of their dues. Pete will generate the list and I will be sending out the individual emails. The dues structure is \$40 to the national and \$30 to the local chapter.

Mike Cunningham was next and the speaker for February will be the XWing company located at KCCR. They are designing, installing and testing a system which will enable them to fly a Caravan remotely. March's Speaker will be the Sonex team who have committed to bringing the Sonex to the meeting-wings and all! It will be a great opportunity for members to see the chapter project, hang out with other members and hanger talk.

Mike has been developing our new website which is based on a platform sent out to all the chapters. The website is relatively easy to work on as adding a lot of information is "click and drag". The work is time consuming however and we have a ways to go. Mike needs pictures of members projects whether they are completed or not. Our thanks to Mike for his work in this area!

Bill O'Brian returned from the Philippines to attend the meeting. Bill is our newsletter editor and we are glad to have him back.

Lucy Hart our fundraising coordinator discussed eScrip. Currently eScrip is available for restaurants such as Slow Hand BBQ in Pleasant Hill, Round Table Pizza Parlors, Dos Coyotes, Border Cafe and many more. We will be making up a list of all restaurants including their addresses and handing that out at the February General meeting. Lucy will be going over the instructions at the meeting.

Gregg Karr (Abbreviated) our VMC chairman, proposed having a mini VMC presentation at each General meeting. Because dinner starts at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:30 it was agreed that the mini VMC presentation and discussion would begin at 7:15. This allows time for the five minute video and 10 minutes for a brief but (hopefully) vigorous discussion.

Steven Tucker as always discussed Young Eagles. Our chapter's first Y.E program will be March 21st at Byron with the Patriots. Any members that would like to help out with the kids can contact Steven at 925-586-5977. Those of you veteran volunteers please know that in addition the the gratification that you feel as a result of your good works, your time and energy is greatly appreciation by the children, parents and the Board.

I have heard through the grapevine that Guy Jones's granddaughter who had her first Y.E. ride with Scott Achilles a number of years ago is ready to do her Private Pilot Checkride!

Tracy Peters will be printing up a new banner. At the time of this email, I don't have the specifics available...

The Sonex is moving forward as previously mentioned in this e-mail. work has begun on cleaning up the canopy fabrication/installation, Eric Schultz is working on the engine intake and the wings will be installed by March...

We are looking for a Facebook savvy and Twitter savvy person to instruct board members in how to set up a Facebook page and a Twitter account. I personally don't use either platform at this time but am open to learning about them in relation to chapter activities, posts, etc.

Fun Fact- I personally tried Facebook for a while, but shut it down when I was accused of being a "Cereal Killer"...

Tracy Peters and I will be your gourmet chefs for the February meeting. We will be building on our success from Christmas party. The menu will be delicious! It is:

Baked Ziti Pasta
Green Salad
Toasted Garlic Bread
Mixed Italian Vegetables
Cookies
Ice Cream
Coffee
Soft Drinks and Water

Hey Members, Please welcome the new EAA 393 Private

Pilot, Kerry Curtis!!!!!! Look what one can do in retirement!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jan 2016: Introductory flight lesson, 74th birthday present from wife newly recovered from vertigo.

Feb 2016: Joined flying club in Livermore, pursuing Sport certificate, but club loses lease on Cessna 162.

May 2016: EAA friends convince me that (1) PPL is a lot better, (2) best way is to buy plane first.

May-August 2016: Go through process to get Class 3 medical.

Oct 2016: Find right Cessna 150L in Oregon & buy it.

Jan 2017: Plane arrives in Concord after 3-month wait for weather.

2017-2019: Flying lessons mostly with Bill Crouse; knowledge test; find good mechanic Jim Agua; new paint & windows; get hangar.

Feb 2020: Finally get PPL certificate at age 78 (U.S. record oldest = 87).

Wisdom gained:

1. Old people learn slower. 2. "Rote" has four letters but it's a good word, not a swear word like I used to think. 3. Greater humility is required in old age. 4. Persistence pays.





PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR KERRY !!!!!!!!!!!!!

AND

TAKE IT HOME, KERRY !!!!!!!!!!!!!

YOU DA MAN !!!!!!!!!!!!!



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS !!!

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YOU CAN TOO!!!! JUST SIGN UP, AND DO IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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and Oke Poke.

Hey, folks, how about a SHOUT OUT for Miss Lucy for

reaching the club goal of raising \$3,000 for the 2019 years !

She brought us Smile.Amazon and eSCRIPT.com

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NEXT YOUNG EAGLES:

March 21st 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.

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

Ron Lem

925 395-0672

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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 You may contact HarvardHolmes@comcast.net or Renee Robinson 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!

That's all, folks.

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

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