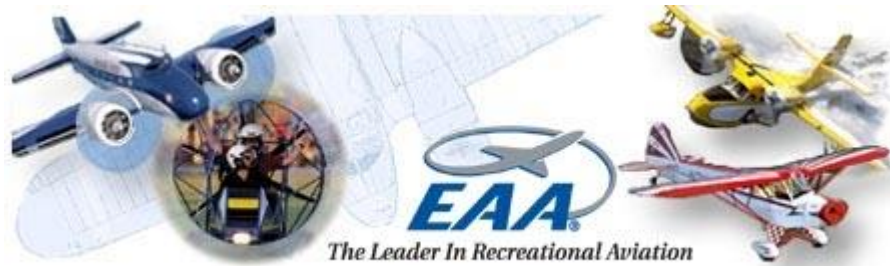


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July *** 2020

NEWSLETTER



RECENT EVENTS:

The board and general membership have been holding ZOOM meetings on the assigned meeting dates.

Meetings will continue this way until further notice.

Upcoming Events:

*Board Meetings
(Starting 4/1/20, meetings on ZOOM, ending, who knows?)*

Wednesday, August 5th - 7 pm

Wednesday, September 2nd - 7 pm

General Meeting:

***NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Wednesday, July 22nd - 7:00 pm
THIS WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING !***

JULY GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, July 22nd – 7:00 pm

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, August 26th – 7:00 pm

***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE
By the Honorable Ron Lem,
President***

EAA 393 President's Message July 8th, 2020

Greetings to All. First of all, I want to convey to everyone that I am missing the different ways that our chapter normally gets together. I am quite sure that it is having an effect on my mood, but it can't be too bad as neither Kiki nor Maryann are walking around looking scared! Apparently the dogs still like me also as they enthusiastically greet me at the door every day when I come home from work.

So, It can't be that bad-my mood that is. Work? Yes that dreaded four letter word which pays for airplane gas, airplane insurance, airplane maintenance and the like. Some of those costs, especially the maintenance costs can be mitigated by friends helping friends. Recently I was the beneficiary of Harvard and Sara Holmes generously giving their time, knowledge and energy in making significant fiberglass repairs to the cowl of "Stubbs" my RV6A. Additionally Bill Black provided other necessary materials that were laying around his hanger going unused. I am grateful! I encourage all of you to share your talents and time to the extent possible which builds club unity. That's not to say that I haven't been flying.

Recently the Memorial Squadron participated in a 21 ship flight with the Norcal Beechboys. The combined flight flew over Stu Schuster while he was playing golf and then broke up with the Beechboys being the main event for the Fremont parade (parade? How is that possible) and the Memorial Squadron flying a salute over the Veteran's Home in Yountville. I really appreciate the fact that the facility exists for the people who have served our country and need a place to stay. I have ridden my bicycle in the area and it is quite nice. Speaking of places, yes our clubhouse is still there. The county is maintaining the grounds. No need to go looking for lemons because as of last week the lemon tree is still devoid of lemons-someone is getting a lot of lemons! I'm thinking that because-according to Kiki- the price of lemons have gone up dramatically; people are stripping the lemon tree. This has gone on since the pandemic began.

For many, money is tight, but the chapter continues to be in good shape financially according to Harvard Holmes our treasurer. This brings us to the EAA393 July Board meeting, which was held on July 1st. Attending the Meeting via ZOOM were Mike Cunningham, Harvard Holmes with Sara in the background, Pete Mitchell with Blaze, Bill O'Brian under the moniker "Marilyn", Stephen Tucker under the alias "Veronica" Greg K-cause I can't spell his name and he says its ok, Lucy "Big Heart" Hart, Renee "Skygirl" Robinson and Marilyn and Dick Sperling. Here's a question for Marilyn and Dick-What was your call sign in Vietnam? Pete Mitchell, who is also disturbed by the lemon situation, gave his secretary's report. At this time we have 91 members of which 81 have paid their dues. That's a pretty good percentage and I want to commend all of you who have taken care of your dues. The chapter will be paying the dues both National and Chapter for the Desmond family-Rose, Sam and Sam Jr.

Which leads us into the next Board item: Young Eagles for July has been canceled. Due to the exponential uptick in new Covid19 cases (I didn't want to say it, but there it is) it is just not safe for our chapter to facilitate these flights at the current time. I know Rose, Sam and Sam Jr. are missing these events as they are passionate about Young Eagles! Give it up people for Bill O'Brian the newsletter editor! Seriously, give it up! What that means is send your recent or otherwise flying experiences,

stories to Bill. He has become quite accomplished in putting together the newsletter and is hungry for more material. Please send him material that he can publish. If not, you'll be hearing more about me and my plane...any story is good written in any fashion. Bill can and will with your permission, edit and proofread the story. Even a paragraph is good. Got a favorite inspirational passage? Send it.

Greg Kar will have another VMC meeting at the July General Meeting which will be held on Zoom. The food will be prepared and served at your house...it should be delicious! Alcoholic beverages are at your discretion and I think it is appropriate to add that no designated driver is necessary. If you still want to pay for the dinner, it's \$7.00 make the check out to EAA393 and send it to P.O. Box 6524, Concord, Ca 94524.

In order to continue to provide for the financial security and stability of our chapter, Lucy Hart and Marilyn are collaborating a donation letter that will be sent out to the membership via US Postal Service. The Board has decided that due to the fact that we have no income from any of our regular income sources and given the fact that our chapter still has monthly expenses, a letter sent to the membership would be appropriate. Look for this letter in the weeks to come and help out as is appropriate.

Mike Cunningham states that the General Meeting speaker will be the VMC presentation combined with featured videos from the EAA National Collection. I have to say that when this whole "V" thing started I was not happy about "seeing" friends on Zoom. As time has gone on it has become second nature and it is actually enjoyable. Part of a future Zoom meeting could and should be on Zoom etiquette. For instance under what circumstances is it ok to block your video? Is it ok to eat while on Zoom? If so under what circumstances? Which wine goes good with Mac N Cheese etc.

Tracy Peters spent the Holiday at his cabin in Truckee, so he was unavailable by Zoom. He is doing well corralling his kids and his Boy Scout group. Lee Techiera has returned from Texas with a check with Lee – I think it is a Bearhawk, therefore his Kitfox 5 is for sale. At the time of this letter I don't know the price, but he would prefer to sell it to a club member or a local pilot. Lee has been working on the Sonex and is reporting good progress.

The Centennial Project does not have the proper insurance even after Pacific States Aviation added them as an additional insured. Thus while our Chapter cannot participate in any way; you as individual civilians can volunteer at PSA to help facilitate the event. The contact people will be Stephen Tucker, Tracy Peters-read hot dogs- and myself. The date is 9/11- September 11th. there will be overhead aerials at both PSA and Crissy Fields in San Francisco. "That's all for now folks" as Harvard likes to say and Blue Skies to All.

Ron Lem
President, EAA Chapter 393
RV6A "STUBBS" 160 HP O320 CS with smoke

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EAA 393 General Meeting Minutes
June 24th 2020
Via Zoom

President Ron Lem called the meeting to order at 19:00 via Zoom. COVID-19 numbers are growing, rather than declining. Twenty-one members were "present" via their computer or phone. Dinner was provided where ever we were "sheltering in place". Ron had a close encounter with a hawk between University and Nut Tree airports.

Treasurers Report – Harvard Holmes

Our bank balance is \$10,728, plus \$500 Zelle and \$10,000 Young Eagles fund.

Secretary – Pete Mitchell

Membership is 93, with 10 still due for this year.

Young Eagles – Stephen Tucker

The question of the lost 35 young eagles credits worth \$175, is still pending with National, with many working at home, research can be a problem. The US Airmail 100 year anniversary flight, September 8th, 1920, has insurance problems preventing EAA and 393 official participation. See WWW.Airmail100.com.

Sonex – Lee Teicheira

We have a new cowling, windshield and canopy, for the Baldwin Sonex, courtesy of the Samson donation. Lee has acquired a Bearhawk Patrol project, will be selling his Kitfox. He will be spending more time at the hanger.

Cleco – Bill O'Brian

Bill would like input, ideas, story material, pictures for the Cleco.

Fund Raising – Lucy

Lucy and Marilyn Sperling are working on a donation letter for our membership.

Vice-President – Mike Cunningham

Mike questioned July meeting options vs COVID-19, the numbers are going the wrong way, it does not look good for a group meeting in July.

IMC and VMC

VMC – Greg Karamanougian

Greg played a “what would you do” slide show provided by National. A cross country was planned thru an area of thunder storms, with our group discussing possible resolutions.

Meeting adjourned 20:30

PJM

393 Board Minutes July 1st, 2020 Via Zoom

President – Ron Lem	Present
Vice-President – Mike Cunningham	Present
Secretary – Pete Mitchell	Present
Treasurer & Tools – Harvard Holmes	Present
Newsletter Editor – Bill O’Brian	Present
Tech Counselor – Peter Friedman	Absent
Tech Counselor – Jim Agua	Absent
Web – Renee Robinson	Present
YE’s Coordinator – Rose Desmond	Absent
YE’s Coordinator – Stephen Tucker	Present
Dinner Coordinator – Rich Bourgeois	Absent
Membership Coordinator – Bennett Ashley	Absent
IMC Coordinator – Paul Millner	Absent
VMC & Chapter Photographer – Greg Karamanougian	Present
Amazon Prime / eScrip – Lucy Hart	Present
Tracy Peters – Club House	Absent
Bill Bower – Past President	Absent
Guest Dick & Marilyn Sperling	

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Treasurer – Harvard H

Harvard reports \$10,829 in Checking, \$500 in Zelle, \$10,000 in our Academy Fund.

Secretary – Pete M

Membership is currently 93 with 10 still due for 2020.

Cleco – Bill O'Brian

Send your photos or story's to Bill at Obrianob@yahoo.com. Bill wants material no more than ten days after meeting.

Young Eagles – Stephen & Rose

No idea when YE's flight might resume, July YE's is canceled. August is a possibility. Patriots are standing by. The banner will be installed once we have a date to resume. Finally word from National regarding the missing 35 YE's, we have been credited with all YE's flown last year, an additional \$175. Our 2020 Academy candidate Hannah Nielson has been confirmed for 2021.

Fund Raising – Lucy H

Lucy and Marilyn are working on a snail mail letter to members regarding donations. Ron motioned we purchase envelopes and stamps for the mailing. MSC

VMC – Greg General Meeting Speaker – Mike C

Greg, Mike and Ron will be working on a VMC presentation and some video clips provided by National.

Building & Facilities – Tracy Peters

The irrigation controller and the shed solar battery controller have failed, 393 and MDPA are working on replacements.

Baldwin Sonex

The canopy, windshield and cowling from the Samson Sonex kit will facilitate finishing the Baldwin Sonex. Ron motioned we post the balance of the Samson kit on Barnstormers.com. A \$25/50 fee. MSC

USPS Airmail 100 Year Anniversary – Stephen

PSA will host the Centennial of USPS airmail service flight that will end at Buchanan, surface transportation is planned to the Marina Green.

Meeting Adjourned 21:00

Gone West

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Rick Lambert, longtime member and technical counselor of Chapter 393. Rick died Sunday evening July 19, 2020 at the age of 84.

Coming up next we have a report of members helping members with repairs on their airplanes accompanied by pictures to prove the story.

FIBERGLASS REPAIRS WITH RON LEM – RV-6A

June 2020

Sara and Harvard Holmes gave a fiberglass class as a parallel project with the Don Baldwin Sonex project to work on the cowl. Ron Lem attended some of these classes, as he wanted to do some repairs to his RV-6A lower engine cowl in preparation for selling his airplane.

Then the pandemic hit and the classes came to a halt. After several months, we offered to help Ron with his repairs, while social distancing as much as possible.

There were several issues:

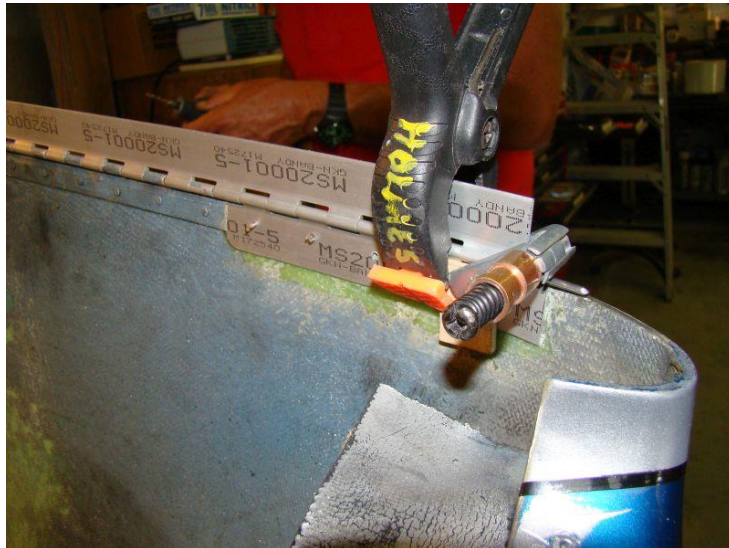
1. There was a hole worn in the cowl from the alternator pulley. We repaired the cowl with a slight bump in the fiberglass to allow a little more space for the alternator pulley.
2. There were cracks around the section of the cowl, which holds the airbox. Most of them were superficial in the paint, which required bodywork. We reinforced the cowling on the inside with layers of fiberglass. Where the cowling attaches to the bottom of the fuselage, it appears that the cowling had gotten warped, and the hinge pins no longer went all of the way in, and some of the hinge loops were missing. We built up around the warped area to create a smooth surface for the hinge connection. Then we riveted a new section of hinge in. While working in this area, we found heat damage from the cabin heat muff on the exhaust pipe. Ron reviewed the heat muff and discovered that the mounting flanges could be turned around to give clearance from the cowling, which he did. Later we used high temperature spray paint to paint the inside of the cowl, and then applied heat shield, which has an aluminum reflective material with insulation. It has an adhesive backing.
3. Where the lower cowl meets the upper cowl, some of the hinge loops had broken off. Bill Black provided some piano hinge material. We cut off the existing broken portion and installed a new section of piano hinge with epoxy and floc, and then riveted it into place.
4. We helped Ron get started on sanding and filling the cracks on the outside of his cowl.

Follow up: Ron sold his RV-6A and delivered it to its new owner in Nut Tree on 16 July. He will now be looking for rides with other pilots!

Here are some pictures of us working on Ron's cowl:









A VERY NICE SET OF PHOTOGRAPHS.

WELL DONE, FOLKS !!!



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Keep Going readers;

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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 year !

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NEXT YOUNG EAGLES:

At this point we do not know, but will keep you informed.

However, here is a pic from a previous YE flight:



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

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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:

(Due to Covid-19 all GENERAL and BOARD MEETINGS are held on ZOOM until further notice, and for the same reason the below mentioned Fly-Outs are currently on hold as well until further notice.)

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.



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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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