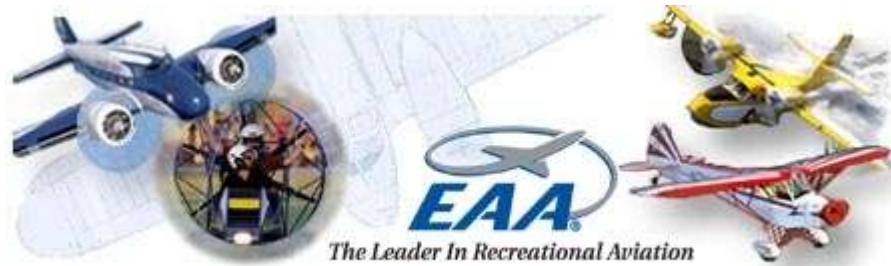


200 Buchanan Field Road, Buchanan Field, Concord, California



August *** 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, September 2nd - 7 pm

Wednesday, October 7th - 7 pm

General Meetings:

***NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Wednesday, August 26th - 7:00 pm
THIS WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING !***

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, September 23rd - 7:00 pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR AUGUST

By the Honorable Ron Lem,

President

(President Lem is on hiatus for the month of August)

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic shelter in place restrictions against group meetings, the clubhouse is closed to group functions. Our Board meeting was conducted via a Zoom video conference.

*393 Board Minutes
August 5th 2020
Via Zoom*

*Written, organized and sent by our
Outstanding Secretary, Mr. Pete Mitchell*

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 –	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	Present
Guests Dick & Marilyn Sperling	

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic shelter in place restrictions against group meetings, the clubhouse is closed to group functions. Our Board meeting was conducted via a Zoom video conference. President Ron called the meeting to order at 19:07. Our meeting was dedicated to the memory of member John (Jack) Davi (1929-2020).

Treasurer – Harvard H
Harvard reports \$10,451 in Checking, \$500 in Zelle, \$10,000 in our Academy Fund.

Secretary – Pete M
Membership is currently 91 with 10 still due for 2020. I understand we have a couple of new members pending.

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 not likely.

VMC – Greg

Greg has possibly a bandwidth problem with uploads. Bennett has volunteered to help with uploads.

General Meeting Speaker – Mike C

Mikes speaker is scheduled to be Dezo Molnar of www.dezsomolnar.com/, Dezo will speak about his step in the evolution of flying personal vehicles.

Baldwin Sonex

There was discussion regarding the best time to sell our Sonex.

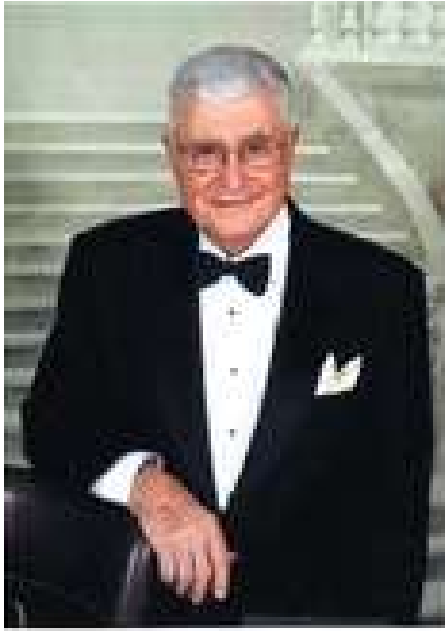
USPS Airmail 100 Year Anniversary – Stephen

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

PJM

**Longtime friend and Esteemed EAA member
JACK DAVI dies at age 91**



June 1, 1929 - July 16, 2020

Former Resident of Martinez and Aptos, CA John J. Davi, Jr. died on July 16, 2020 after a brave battle with heart disease at the age of 91. Born in June of 1929 in Pittsburg, CA to John J. Davi and Lena M. Costanza Davi. He was raised in a Sicilian-American family. His father was a dedicated and hard-working business owner in Contra Costa County. John, known as “Jack” by his family and friends, had a lifelong interest in aviation. Jack was raised two blocks from the Martinez Airfield and could name every plane by sight. By 1945 at the war’s end, after school each day he would run to the field and wash planes in exchange for free pilot’s lessons. Prior to even obtaining a driver’s license he obtained his pilot’s license in 1946 at the Martinez airfield.

Jack enlisted in April 1947 in the Army Air Force Reserves as a flight engineer rising to staff sergeant in the California Air National Guard. He spent 11 years in service until the premature death of his young wife Mary. Leaving him to raised his two small children ages 7 and 8-years old with the help of his extended family. Jack always civic-minded was elected to the Martinez City Council in 1962 at the young age of 33 and served as council member later becoming vice-mayor.

He worked for Schwabacher-Frey which eventually became Smurfit & Smurfit (Sequoia Pacific Systems). Jack spent 37 of his 45 professional years creating, developing, and selling a voting system for U.S. elections. As General Manager and later Vice President of the elections division for Sequoia Pacific Systems, it became the largest election supply company in the U.S. Jack was considered one

of the leading voting experts in the United States. Jack was as passionate about and committed to the administration of elections as he was to aviation. Loved and admired by colleagues and clients, Jack was awarded with an Honorary California County Clerks Membership by the Association of Clerks & Elections Officials and the California Secretary of State. This citation is highly esteemed in the private sector.

In his retirement years Jack purchased and restored two antique airplanes. Jack helped to establish an educational aviation center for the youth at the Watsonville Airport. He invigorated the Young Eagles Program at both the Watsonville and Concord Airports. Jack was a Quiet Birdsmen's governor and vice president and president of numerous aviation organizations. In his lifetime he received many aviation awards.

Jack passed away quietly with his son, daughter and granddaughter at his side. He is survived by his son, John D. Davi, his daughter, Rosann Davi-Kahn, and his granddaughters, Jenna Davi and Kristin Davi Garcia (Guillermo Garcia). Preceding him in death were his wife, Mary Carnaghi and sister, Rita Compaglia (Albert Compaglia). Jack loved all things Italian. He especially enjoyed spending time with "cugini" in Contra Costa and Monterey Counties. Graveside services were private due to the pandemic.

Remembrance contributions checks may be made payable to: EAA Chapter 119, subject line: Young Eagles, 60 Aviation Way, Watsonville, CA 95076, **OR** Online: [https:// www.eaa119.org/donate](https://www.eaa119.org/donate), **OR** EAA Chapter 393, subject line: Young Eagles, PO Box 6524, Concord, CA 94524. J

Members helping members:

*FIBERGLASS REPAIRS TO PETE MITCHELL'S LUSCOMBE WHEEL
PANT*

July 2020

One of Pete Mitchell's Luscombe wheel pants has had a hard life. The Luscombe had experienced a "ground loop", causing some minor damage. The wheel pant is actually in pretty good shape. It just needed some fiberglass repair in several places, both inside and out.

We sanded off old fiberglass that was loose. Where there were cracks, we sanded down to where there were fresh new surfaces for the fiberglass repairs to adhere to.

We began on the inside: sanding several locations; then vacuuming up the dust; using the air compressor to blow debris out of any small areas; and wiping the area with Acetone to clean it thoroughly. Then we cut several layers of fiberglass the size and shape of the damaged area. We “wet out” the damaged area with a two part epoxy on a small paint brush. We then prepared the fiberglass repair “patch” of differing numbers of layers of fabric, depending on the strength needed for that damaged area.

We then applied the fabric wetted out patch to the damaged are. We tapped it down with the wet out paint brush. If the repair was on the inside, we were done. If the repair was on the outside, we then added a layer of Dacron fabric to create a dull surface so it would not need so much sanding. It also helps the repair to conform to the surface shape needed. Where it was needed, we added Flox (chopped cotton pieces) and/or Micro (tiny glass beads) to the epoxy for strength. When we had any epoxy with Flox left over, Pete decided that his briefcase could stand some TLC, so we repaired the corners!

The next day we sand any rough edges of the fiberglass fabric repair. On the outside, we remove the Dacron (peel ply) and sand any rough edges. Then we sand any material needed down to the desired shape.

The last step is to use Bondo (two part filler) to fill in any irregularities or imperfections in the surface. The best way to find these imperfections is to use your hand and feel for them. The surface should be very smooth for the final step, which is painting. We enjoyed working with Pete and getting to know him.

Here are the Pete fix pics:



Harvard and Pete





Sara and Pete





Ye Olde briefcase





The finished product



*On to the next chapter story.
Brandyn Byrnes gets his pilot's license.*

Hi Bill!

I did recently get my license! Thanks for including me in the newsletter!
Attached are the photos from when I got the license.

-Brandyn

A happy young man gets his wings.



A young man, his airplane and his ticket.



*Well, some people know how to socialize with proper distancing and masks.
And here they are at Lucy's house for a little potluck among friends, pilots and wives, for a proper pandemic party.*





New Club Member Sean Cooper

Sean's plane is called an EARTHSTAR Odyssey and got her airworthiness certificate about a year ago. He has put about 200 hours on her. It's only 60hp so pretty underpowered but it only burns 2.5 gal/hr. It's a good commuter.

Sean is 51 years old and work for the County of Santa Clara. About once a week he flies to Reid Hillview and then scooters into work. Sean enjoys showing off his plane and talking about its features and performance.





ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS !!

If you order ANYTHING on AMAZON, PLEASE go instead and sign in to **SMILE.AMAZON** where you sign up to send donations to our EAA chapter 393. Once you sign up, you are done. THEN instead of going to Amazon, you always buy from **SMILE.AMAZON**, and we automatically get the donations. This procedure is AMAZON'S way of contributing to the communities of the USA. Hey, folks, I just checked yesterday, and when I ordered two more items from Smile. Amazon, I had given so far, since signing up, \$143. Basically, that means our household is spending a lot of \$ there, but it sure helps the club.

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

**AND HERE IS THE NEXT METHOD YOU CAN PAINLESSLY
(TO YOUR BANK ACCOUNT)
ADD \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ TO OUR CLUB**

WANT TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE?

eScrip wants to help you support your local school or charity
when you dine out!

Simply link your credit and debit cards to your eScrip account and:

DINE - And pay with your linked credit or debit card
at any participating location.

EARN - 2.5% back in contributions right away.

REVIEW - Your experience to earn another 2.5% back.

EARNING IS EASY

There is no easier way to earn contributions than by dining with
eScrip Dining.

Sign up with credit or debit card at the site. Designate Experimental
Aircraft Association 393, Concord, CA.

Give phone number at the register when you shop at:

Round Table Pizza, Canasta Kitchen, Anarkali, Stix Eatery,
Dos Coyotes Border Café, Vitality Bowls, Guacamole Authentic Mexican Grill,
Sabores Del Sur, Slow Hand BBQ, Country Waffles,
Spontonic Lounge, Bar Cava, Center Street Deli & Café, La Veranda Restaurant
and Oke Poke.

Thank you to our sponsors!
(at various places in NL)



STERLING

Maintenance - Avionics - Fuel/Line Service

Larry E. Rohrbacher
Line Service Manager

145 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA. 94520

Tel: 925.676.2100 Fax: 925.676.5580 lineservice@sterlingav.com

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:



And, another sponsor! Thank you!



** Old fashioned baking and cake crafting*
Visit us in our new home:*

**1848 Willow Pass Road,
Concord 925.689.7220.**

www.alpinepastry.co

*The Experimental Aircraft
Association Board of Directors
Chapter 393 of Concord, CA*

P.O. Box 6524, Concord, CA 94524-1524

<http://www.eaa393.org/> Email: nle@eaa393.org

Officers/Appointees for 2017-2018:

President: pres@eaa393.org	Ron Lem 415 532-6561
Vice President: veep@eaa393.org	Mike Cunningham 925 890-8631
Secretary secty@eaa393.org	Pete Mitchell 925 685-3700
Treasurer treas@eaa393.org	Harvard Holmes 510 526-5347
Newsletter Editor nle@eaa393.org	Bill O'Brian 925 254-6336
Tech. Counselors	Peter Friedman Jim Agua
Young Eagles Stephenf4e@gmail.com	Stephen Tucker 925 586-5977
Dinner Coordinator RicFlyer@Comcast.net	Rick Bourgeois 925 432-9075

Buildings

Tracy Peters (temp)
510 301-8485

Government Affairs

Currently Open

Photographer
GregKarson@yahoo.com

Greg Karamanougian
925 864-3036

Webmaster
webmaster@eaa393.org

Renee Robinson
510 828 1734

*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](mailto:ReneeRobinsonwebmaster@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.

Our friends the PATRIOTS with whom we fly twice yearly from Byron





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!

O'B

EAA CHAPTER 393
P.O. BOX 6524
CONCORD, CA
94524-1524



We are on the Web! <http://www.eaa393.org> Email: nle@eaa393.org