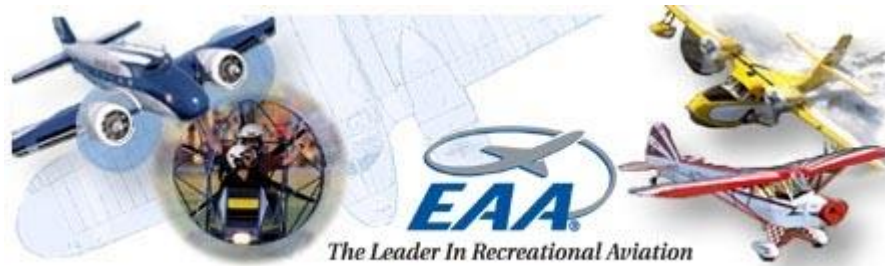


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September \*\*\* 2020

## NEWSLETTER



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### *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, October 7th - 7 pm

Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm

*General Meetings:*

***NEXT GENERAL MEETING***

***WAS TO BE***

***Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00 pm***

***THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED!!!  
SEE BELOW.***

*The Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting has been cancelled.*

*Instead the local aviators are having a social get together with masks and distancing and a catered meal at the Pacific States Aviation hanger on Saturday the 26 th at 12:30 pm. This event is not an EAA meeting, but is for aviators, family and friends in the area to get together and socialize according to present health rules, outside the auspices of our chapter.*

*This event can only hold 30 people, so sign up soon.*

*PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR AUGUST  
From the Honorable Ron Lem,  
President*



EAA 393 President's Message September 3rd, 2020

Greetings to All!

I hope this message finds you in good health and good spirits! Reviewing my records, I see that the last President's message was on July 8th, 2020. One week later I sold my beloved RV6A "STUBBS". I was made an offer that I could not refuse and thus let her go. Initially I was ok with the sale, but as time went on I developed the dreaded seller's remorse. In order to keep me in the air, some of my friends allowed me to ride in their airpanes.

I want to thank the Harvard and Sara team and Stu Schuster for taking me up a number of times and letting me fly their planes. Stu has the Cadillac of planes which is an air-conditioned 2016, Generation 5 Cirrus SR22T. It rides very smoothly and is the most comfortable GA aircraft I have flown in. Each time I'm in it I start hoping for a stewardess to show up and provide refreshments!

Harvard's turbocharged, pressurized Lancair provided phenomenal performance to the tune of 252 knots true airspeed at 12,500. That pencils out to 288 mph. That's the fastest I have flown in a piston powered aircraft to date! Needless to say I had a big ole grin on my face for quite a while after we landed.

In addition to Harvard's pressurized Lancair, he also owns a Lancair 4 which I have flown in and have seen cruise speeds in excess of 210 knots true airspeed. What's interesting about both these planes is that even though the fuel burn is higher than, let's say an RV6, the MPG is about the same at 20-22 miles per gallon! By the way the Lancair 4 which some of us call the Pink Lady, is for sale.

Speaking of thanking people for what they do and being who they are, I want to express my appreciation to all the members of the board and their spouses for the maximum efforts they have put in over the last couple of months: Harvard and Sara Holmes for the acquisition, itemization storage and sale of the Samson Sonex; Lucy Hart, Bill O'Brian and

Marilyn Sperling for putting together the fund raising campaign via the US Mail; Secretary Pete Mitchell for diligently keeping records of meetings and our membership; Mike Cunningham for providing excellent speakers; Tracy Peters for assisting with the Samson Sonex; the Baldwin Sonex team composed of Lee Teicheira, Bill Lawrence and Frank Kelly; Lastly, Bennett Ashley our membership coordinator who is also our media (read Facebook, Twitter etc) person.

Special appreciation goes to Steven Tucker who in addition to being the Young Eagles coordinator is also the facilitator for the 100 Year Centennial Event, but more on that later.

Through the efforts of the chapter's volunteers we have been working towards restoring our chapter's financial position. Our letter campaign is part of that effort and I ask that if you have not yet done so, to consider making a donation to your chapter. Any donation you make is tax deductible as EAA Chapter 393 is a charitable organization. Your donation will be appreciated.

September will be a special month for us this year in two regards; first we have the 100 year anniversary of air mail service in the United States. There will be an event held at Pacific States Aviation on September 11th, with mail which originated in New York scheduled to arrive at PSA at 10:00.

Secondly, the September general meeting has been vacated by the board. This is because as a chapter, we can't hold a meeting per county guidelines. What is happening instead is a social lunch at Pacific States Aviation on September 26th at 12:30. Lucy Hart is the point person on this and she will be coordinating with Tanya Ledbetter the new General Manager at PSA. As of this writing the board is discussing whether or not to have the event catered. More information will be sent out as this event develops.

As I previously mentioned, the Samson Sonex has been sold and is on the way to its new home in Georgia. This was a great effort by a **Gruppe** of 8-9 people and was a lot of fun along the way. For those of us who are Oshkosh Volunteers, working with the Samson Sonex took the place of the work that we would normally have done at Oshkosh.

The Baldwin Sonex has been moving forward with the addition of Harvard Holmes and Sara Holmes to Lee's Building and Fabrication **Gruppe**. For those of you who have been around for a long time this means that some of the fiberglass **Gruppe** have moved (albeit temporarily) across the aisle to the metal fabricating **Gruppe**. This change in addition to having cannibalized parts from the Samson Sonex should help move things along. I'm looking forward to great things!

Moving along, Young Eagles has been cancelled as a group event for September. However if you are a pilot and would like to perform a Young Eagle Flight, they can be done on a one on one basis. Please contact Rose Desmond at [rdesmond40@gmail.com](mailto:rdesmond40@gmail.com). Registration is easy to accomplish online and we can match you with a Young Eagle. Again, please let us know if you are interested.

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**Repeated Below...** 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

Via Zoom

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

393 Board Minutes  
September 2nd 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	Present
YE's Coordinator – Stephen Tucker	Present
Dinner Coordinator –	Absent
Membership Coordinator – Bennett Ashley	Present
IMC Coordinator – Paul Millner	Absent
VMC & Chapter Photographer – Greg Karamanougian	Absent
Amazon Prime / eScrip – Lucy Hart	Present
Tracy Peters – Club House	Absent
Bill Bower – Past President	Present
Guest 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.

Treasurer – Harvard H  
Harvard reports \$14,312 in Checking, \$500 in Zelle, \$10,000 in our Academy Fund.

Secretary – Pete M  
Membership is currently 92 with 10 still due for 2020.

Introducing new member Ryan Young, 510.484.6118, [RufusRastus@gmail.com](mailto:RufusRastus@gmail.com).  
I understand we have a couple other new members pending.

Cleco – Bill O'Brian

Send your photos or story's to Bill at [Obrianob@yahoo.com](mailto:Obrianob@yahoo.com). Bill wants material no more than ten days after **the board / any?** meeting.

Young Eagles – Stephen & Rose

No idea when YE's flight might resume. Rose Desmond at [rdesmond40@gmail.com](mailto:rdesmond40@gmail.com) can provide support for any pilot with a young eagle looking for a ride.

### Fund Raising

The Samson Sonex has been crated and is on **its** way. Our chapter netted \$3,000, thanks to Sara Holmes inventory work and the crating crew.

### General Meeting Speaker – Mike C

Ron Motioned and the Board approved vacating the September meeting. An event is planned for Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>, probably in PSA's hangar, following COVID social distancing regulations. Menu and other details to follow.

### USPS Airmail 100 Year Anniversary – Stephen

PSA will host the Centennial of USPS airmail service flight at Buchanan, a de Havilland DHC-2 Beaver on floats will be standing by near the Martinez Marina to transport the mail and Stephen to the San Francisco's Marina Green.

Meeting Adjourned 20:45

PJM

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## *Chapter 393's Excellent Adventure:*

**SAMSON SONEX – CRATING & SHIPPING PARTS TO NEW OWNER IN Georgia**  
September 2020

On 23 May Tracy Peters and Pete Mitchell drove a box truck and Harvard and Sara Holmes drove to San Carlos. We met Samson Phan to pick up the incomplete Sonex kit that he was donating to EAA Chapter 393.

The parts ended up being stored in the Holmes' hangar C-16. Sara took inventory of the parts, and made sure that Lee Teicheira had all of the parts he needed for the Don Baldwin Sonex kit. She placed an ad on the Sonex Builders website and someone from GA wanted to buy all of the parts. Ron Lem was the negotiator, and EAA Chapter 393 agreed to pay for and build the wooden crates to ship the parts, and the purchaser agreed to pay for the shipping.

On 23 August Tracy Peters met Ron Lem at Home Depot and they purchased the necessary building materials and loaded them into Ron's truck and took them to C-16. On 26 August a group (Ron, Lee, Sara, Harvard, Bill Lawrence and Pete Mitchell) of us got together in C-16 to build crates. Lee, Pete and Bill were one group, and they focused on building the first crate (wing crate). Harvard, Sara and Ron were planning how to place the various parts in the crate and secure them. Once the wing crate was done on the bottom and two sides, we began securing the items in the crate while the others started building the second crate (fuselage crate). Then the wing crate was closed up.

On 30 August the same group of folks got together to secure the parts in the fuselage crate and close it up.

On 2 September Tracy showed up in Ron's truck, and Scott Achelis showed up in his truck. Also present to help out were: Lee, Bill, Pete Mitchell, Pete Wiebens, Harvard and Sara. Lance Sasser showed up briefly to help. We loaded both trucks and the following day Scott and Ron (and Pete M) delivered the crates to ABF Freight in Oakland.

Please enjoy these pictures of this fun adventure.

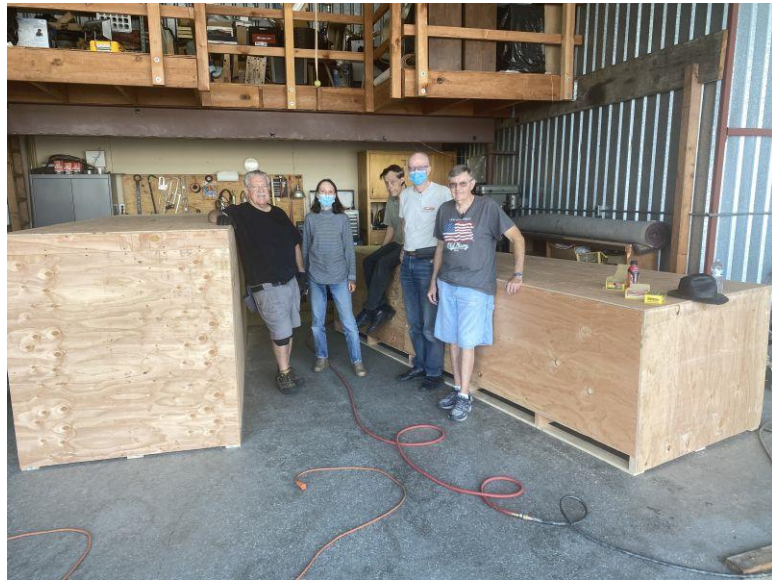
*And here, folks, are the pics to prove it.*













*And there's a mission completed !!*

## RICK LAMBERT'S MEMORIAL SERVICE IN DIXON AT SACRAMENTO VALLEY NATIONAL CEMETERY

2 September 2020

Rick Lambert was the technical counselor for EAA Chapter 393 for many years. He died 19 July 2020. Because Rick was a veteran, his son Mark Rasor was able to arrange for a memorial funeral honors detail at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA at an outdoor pavilion, which consisted of: "Taps" were played by an Air Force personnel; two uniformed personnel from the United States Air Force folded and presented a flag to Mark; rifle volley of three shots (a.k.a. "21-gun salute"), and the empty casings were presented to Mark.

Rick's two grandsons attended from out of state by video.

Rick's first wife Betty (Mark's mother) and Mark's wife Anne attended. Mark was allowed to have a total of 10 attending the service. Some of Rick's "family" from the airport were also in attendance: Bob Rudolph, Tony Tiritilli, Janet Welter, Tom Howard, Sara and Harvard Holmes.

After the service we all went to where Rick was buried (section 25 marker 285), and Mark was pleasantly surprised to see that Rick's headstone was in place. The headstone reads:

*RICHARD  
EARL  
LAMBERT  
US AIR FORCE  
FEB 28 1936  
JUL 19 2020  
HE TAUGHT US  
TO FLY - BUILD  
SHOOT AND LIVE  
PRECISELY WITH  
JOY AND LOVE*

A group went to lunch in Vacaville afterwards to do more reminiscing about Rick and telling his jokes.

Here are some pictures from the event.







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## 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.

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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:



*And, another sponsor! Thank  
you!*



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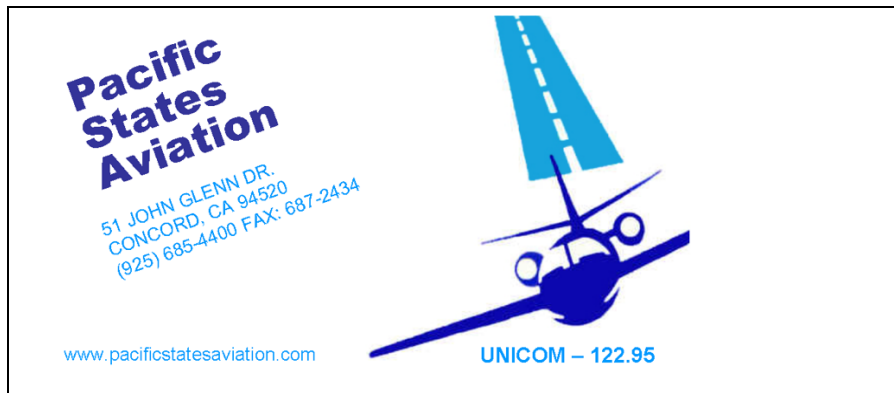
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*NOTICE to AIRMEN: Please send me any old aviation pictures you have of yourself, your planes, and EAA events, a sort of look back at history.  
Yo Newsletter Editor, Bill*

*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:

*(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](mailto:WedFlyOut@eaa393.org) You may contact [HarvardHolmes@comcast.net](mailto:HarvardHolmes@comcast.net) or [Renee Robinsonwebmaster@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.

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







*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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