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Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 393

200 Buchanan Field Road, Buchanan Field, Concord, California

AUGUST \*\*\* 2021

## NEWSLETTER



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### *Upcoming Board Meetings:*

Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> - 7 pm

Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm

### *General Meetings:*

**Saturday, August 21, with MDPA,  
Barbecue and Meeting at Sterling Aviation Park  
Doors open 4pm, 5 - 5:30 dinner served**

Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 6 pm

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

EAA Chapter 393 August 2021 President's Message

Greetings to All,

We are well into the summer of 2021 and with it comes a renewal of spirit and energy. I have just returned from Airventure located at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, which was a fantastic weeklong aviation event! There were 608,000 people in attendance, plus nearly 5,000 volunteers.

More than 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh and other airports in east-central Wisconsin. At Wittman alone, there were 16,378 aircraft operations in the 10-day period from July 22-31, which is an average of approximately 116 takeoffs/landings per hour when the airport is open. Phenomenal!

Locally, at Buchanan Field there will be a combined EAA393 and MDPA barbecue on Saturday August 21st at Sterling park, located on the north side of Sterling Aviation. Social hour starts at 4:00 with dinner being served from 5:00 to 5:45 pm. This will be a catered event with reservations required. The cost is \$25.00 per person. You can make your reservations through the MDPA website, which is located at [admin@mdpa.org](mailto:admin@mdpa.org). If you have trouble making the reservation, send your name and phone number to: [MtDiabloPilots@gmail.com](mailto:MtDiabloPilots@gmail.com).

The 21st is also the date for our fourth Young Eagles event of the year. The total Young Eagles we have flown to date is 147! August's event starts at 9:00 am, with the pilot briefing starting at 8:30 am. If you want to volunteer, please arrive around 8:30 and check in with Rose Desmond. Please note that a background check is required for all volunteers. If you have any questions call Rose at 707-483-4861.

The Baldwin Sonex has been sold to one of our chapter members. That's all I can reveal at this point because the sale has not been concluded. Many thanks to Scott Achelis for facilitating the sale. More on this later.

2020 Air Academy awardee Hannah Nilsen has been actively using the flight training scholarship our chapter is providing for her. We wish her well in her flight training.

At a recently held special board meeting, it was decided that our chapter would buy five new computers with a budget of \$3500.00. Because the amount is more than the board can spend without the approval of the membership, the issue will be brought before the members on August 21st at the barbecue. You do not have to participate in the barbecue in order to vote, and, in fact you can vote by sending your vote via email to [rjlbald@gmail.com](mailto:rjlbald@gmail.com).

One of our more prominent members and I are kicking around the idea of a fall fly out. Some of the destinations under consideration are The San Juan Islands near Vancouver, Jackson Hole Wyoming, and a southern destination in New Mexico. The time frame would be mid to late October. Stay tuned for more!

On a personal note, My trip to Airventure at KOSH was a wonderful experience. Sleeping in a tent on the lush green grass of Wisconsin allowed me to bond with the earth, flying there and back allowed me to bond with sky and performing volunteer work and seeing old friends bonded me with people!

Ron Lem

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# EAA 393 General Meeting Minutes

August 11th 2021

Magoo's Restaurant Pleasant Hill

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| President – Ron Lem                     | Present |
| Vice-President – Mike Cunningham        | Absent  |
| Secretary – Pete Mitchell               | Present |
| Treasurer – Harvard Holmes              | Absent  |
| Newsletter Editor – Bill O'Brian        | Present |
| Tech Counselor – Peter Friedman         | Absent  |
| Tech Counselor – Jim Agua               | Absent  |
| Web – Renee Robinson                    | Absent  |
| YE's Coordinator – Rose Desmond         | Present |
| YE's Coordinator – Stephen Tucker       | Present |
| Dinner Coordinator –                    | Needed  |
| Membership Coordinator – Bennett Ashley | Absent  |
| IMC Coordinator – Paul Millner          | Absent  |
| VMC & Chapter Photographer – Greg Kar   | Present |
| Amazon Prime / eScrip –                 | Needed  |
| Tracy Peters – Club House               | Absent  |
| Bill Bower – Past President             | Absent  |
| Tools – Lee Teicheira                   | Absent  |
| Lucy Hart – Fund Raising                | Present |
| Jim Madison                             | Present |
| Guests Scott Davis and Sam Desmond V    |         |

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 at Magoo's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill.

President Ron called the meeting to order at 19:20.

We can expect our Clubhouse to be closed for the balance of this year, advise the Board of your ideas for meeting locations.

Treasurer – Harvard H Via email

Harvard reports \$29,083 in Checking, \$500 in Zelle, \$10,000 in our Academy Fund, a total of \$39,583. Paid, the \$149 property tax bill for the Grumman.

Secretary – Pete M

Membership is currently 97, with 16 still due for 2021.

We received a quarterly check from Amazon Smile for \$21.45. *"When you shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/65-1197798](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-1197798), AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchases to Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 393 of Concord CA at no cost to you!"*

Cleco – Bill O

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 meeting.

2021 Dues

Chapter dues are payable January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remit to  
EAA 393 Box 6524 Concord CA 94524-1524

Or by Zelle [Payments@EAA393.org](mailto:Payments@EAA393.org) or 19256853700

Young Eagles – Rose

We flew 53 young eagles in June, 47 are signed up for August 21<sup>st</sup>. An earlier start time may be advised when hot days are expected. Lucy collected \$61 in donations.

VMC – Greg K

Ron and Greg will be setting up a subgroup of our groups.io page to allow dialog on each month's presentation.

Facebook – Bennett A

Here is the link to our EAA 393 Facebook page:

**<https://www.facebook.com/ea393>**

Send material to Bennett at [BennettAshley925@gmail.com](mailto:BennettAshley925@gmail.com).

Baldwin Sonex- Lee Teicheira

The Sonex has a sale pending. Lee has agreed to be responsible for our Loaner Tools collection, [LeeTeeOne@gmail.com](mailto:LeeTeeOne@gmail.com).

General Meeting Saturday August 21th.

The August meeting will be an EAA/MDPA BBQ at Sterling's Aviation Park, 145 John Glenn Drive, the lawn area across the street from the East Ramp Gate.

**Click below for online reservations and payment!**

[MDPA Summer Barbecue and Party!](#)

Follow the prompts to register yourself,  
if you are bringing guests add the number,  
and pay with your credit card.

If you have trouble send your name and phone number to: <mailto:MtDiabloPilots@gmail.com>

Meeting Adjourned 20:30 PJM

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***NEW INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS!***

**LIST OF EAA TOOLS IN CLUBHOUSE SHED & OTHER LOCATIONS**

22 May 2021

The EAA tool items are stored on the plastic shelves to the left of the door

***PLEASE RESERVE THESE SHELVES FOR THE EAA TOOLS ONLY***

To use these tools, please make arrangements with an EAA Board member.

**ITEMS IN SHED**

B&D Workmate 200 – workbench  
Bathroom scales - go with multiplier arms  
Snap-On Borescope  
Corner clamp  
Scissors jack  
Hand drill  
Vise  
Multiplier arms – go with bathroom scales  
Vise (red)  
Stencil cutter  
Sidewinder ratchet and sockets (right angle)  
Rolling seats (2 red metal)  
Jigsaw  
Drill  
Small optical borescope  
Fuel can – 1 red plastic

ITEM IN A-11 (Eric Schuldt's hangar)

Engine hoist – orange metal

**ITEMS IN B-7 – (Lee Teicheira's hangar - in junction with the Sonex project)**

AN supplies (hardware) from Don O'Neill – 1 metal box with 4 drawers

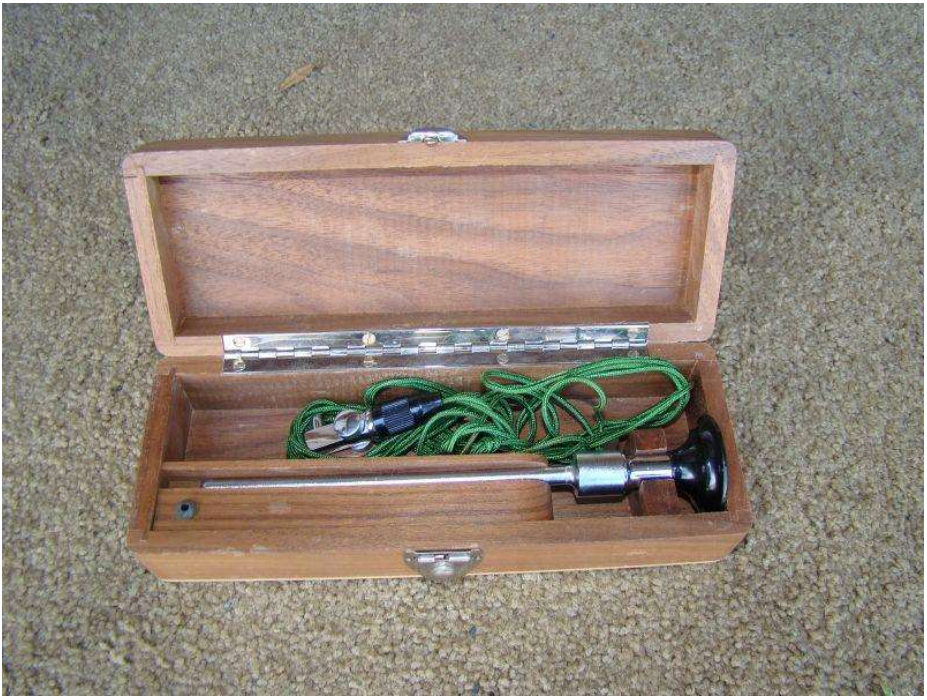
Grizzly sheer press 12 inch

AN supplies (hardware) – donated by Don O'Neill

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**SOME PICS OF AVAILABLE TOOLS:**















*AND THAT, FOLKS, IS ALL THE TOOLS FOR NOW!*

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*AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL THE NEWS FOR NOW,  
FIT TO PRINT.*



## 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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



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***NEXT YOUNG EAGLES:***

***Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Pacific States Aviation,***

***Buchanan Field, Concord, CA.***

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

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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 6:00 pm (\$10 donation) with the general meeting at 7:00 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.*

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*BELOW YOU HAVE  
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! O'B*

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