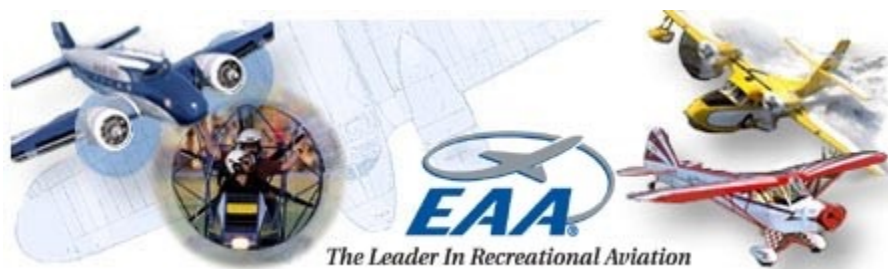




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March **** 2022

NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Board Meetings:

Wednesday, April 6th - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 4th - 6:30 pm

General Meetings:

Wednesday, March 23rd - 6:30 dinner, 7:15 meeting

Wednesday, April 27th - 6:30 dinner, 7:15 meeting

Saturday May 14th 50th Anniversary Celebration

You can order your EAA chapter 393 name tags by following the link below

<https://chapters.eaa.org/eaal095/ea-name-tags>

EAA Chapter 393 March 4th, 2022 Presidents' Message

Greetings fellow aviation enthusiasts! With this beautiful California weather, I hope you are all finding ways to fly or excuses to go the airport! Flying is the passion that brings us together in chapter 393. If it's not the actual piloting of an aircraft, it's an interest in building an airplane, a fascination with all things aviation related, or lately just the great food at our monthly meetings!

I want to give you an update on my beloved RV6 which is still up in Oregon getting a broken canopy replaced. The plane, which for now is called "Unnamed", has been in Oregon for four months with a number of factors affecting the progress of the repair. All these factors have, of course, been beyond my control.

With this in mind, I have recently decided to acquire my IFR rating. I turned to EAA chapter 393 member and CFII Ed Neffinger. I explained my recent bad luck with my plane's repairs, and he agreed to help me become IFR rated. After some planning and homework, our first stop was Sterling Aviation. Sterling, as some of you may know, has a Red Bird simulator, which is a full scale simulator on wheels. After turning it on and taxiing to the runway, I was surprised to find that I experienced vertigo. Needless to say, the vertigo dissipated after a short time and we completed the first lesson without crashing!

My experiences with Ed and the simulator made it obvious that I needed to knock the rust off my flying skills. With that idea in mind, and wanting to stay within a budget, I decided I need to get back into a flight school plane. I soon found myself piloting N51225, which is a Cessna 150 belonging to Hodge Flight Services (HFS). HFS is located next to Concord Jet on the northwest side of the field. For anyone interested, the C150 is a very reasonably priced airplane to rent and flies very well. Once I was back in the pilot's seat, it was six full pattern touch and go's in .7 of an hour. After a great first flight, I found myself back in N51225 the very next day. Feeling more confident, I performed seven abbreviated pattern touch and go's followed by a full stop all in .6 of an hour!

Getting on to chapter 393 news, yours truly will be the sous-chef at the March 23rd General meeting. Executive chef Scott Davis will be present insuring

that the meal is delicious and is presented properly! Here's a description of the relationship between Scott and myself:

“The relationship between chef and sous-chef can be a particularly intimate one, for instance, and it's nice to have someone with a similar background and world-view when you're going to spend almost every waking hour together.”

— Anthony Bourdain

The menu will consist of Corned Beef and Cabbage, potatoes and carrots, salad along with along with Irish Soda Bread. When you register for the dinner through wild apricot you will find a coupon which will allow you to enter a drawing for a free dinner in April. Thus a delicious meal can be anticipated, finely prepared and properly served to you by your elected officials! Wow!

Treasurer Scott Davis, Rich Finkle, Rich Cunningham, Pete Mitchell Harvard Holmes, and I have all been working together getting the Wild Apricot System up to speed and becoming familiar with it in regards to receiving monies for dues and events. This is a change from how things were done in the past with a significant elimination of hard paper copies, handwritten notes and multiple databases. Suffice to say, once the financial team is up to speed, and as the membership becomes more acclimated to the new electronic payment system, it will reduce the workload on the board. Looking forward, we expect this brief period of transition will help create a bridge for future chapter officers when it comes to administering the chapter.

Was the “old way” bad? Not at all! We now have a new system which reduces the workload on our volunteers. Don't forget, at one point in time, spreadsheets and databases were the new concept! It's the wheels of progress folks, although I suppose one could now say it's the “buttons of progress”!

Therefore, I encourage all of you to use our Wild Apricot system to register and pay for events and dues. In the future we will have a chapter store (read new team leader...) where members can buy chapter related items. Additionally, the Wild Apricot website is a well thought out work of technical art with many different facets of information.

Moving on, new member Peter Baker has joined the team and is now the Teenie Two Team Leader. Peter is a private pilot who got his wings at Hodges Flight Services last year. Peter has a RV14 on order with Vans Aircraft which he

expects to take delivery of in 6 to 8 months. In the meantime, he is planning to set up a polishing party for the Teenie Two so that we can sell the airplane. We can expect more information on this later from Peter.

In other news, the Air Academy committee has had a change in leadership! I would like to congratulate Bill O'Brian on his new role leading the team. On Bill's team is Jim Madison, Carol Healey, Dewitt Hodge, and Marilyn O'Brian. The deadline for accepting applications has passed and the committee is working hard to chose one boy and one girl to send to the Air Academy on a scholarship.

I can't mention the Air Academy without giving due respect to Airventure, which will be held this year from July 25th to July 31st. Airventure is the largest general aviation fly in in the United States with 3,176 show planes in 2021. Additionally, Airventure had more than 12,000 camping sites to accomadate not only aircraft but also drive in campers. Total attendance was 608,000 people! Folks as of today we have only 142 days to Airventure 2022.

Each year there is a significant contingent from our chapter that drive their RVs, fly their airplanes, or fly commercial to this great event, which is described by many as the Mecca for GA pilots. I personally hope to see many of you there!

Along those lines -flying that is- the chapter has two fly outs that we are currently associated with. One formally, which is the Wednesday flyout group headed by chapter 393 member George Grech, and additionally we have the Sunday flyout group headed by new 393 member Carol Healy. If you want to get out on a flight, you can find George and Carols' contact information at:

eaa393.org. Both fly outs are fun with great destinations and good company!

The Young Eagles program resumes in April with Tracy Peters leading the Young Eagles team. I have attached link to a video of Tracy leading a past event, please watch it here by clicking on this link:



Ah yes, that Tracy is a true leader! On the serious side, the first event is in April and will focus on the local boy scout community providing an aviation related learning experience for them as they strive for their Eagle Scout awards! Pilots are needed, if you can fly Young Eagles in April, please contact Tracy at: pacificflyer1@gmail.com. Personally, I have found that giving rides to young people is a very rewarding experience. I have seen some of these young people go on to careers in aviation.

Lastly, the year 2022 brings to our chapter our 50th anniversary. Your board is working on a 50th Anniversary event which is tentatively being planned for the May General meeting. Here we have a good reason for all members-past, present and future to get together and reminisce about the old days, celebrate our rich history, and discuss chapter 393's promising future (the world is not looking too promising-ed). Stay tuned for further developments!

And so, aviation enthusiasts, stay calm and fly on!

Ron Lem

President, EAA Chapter 393

MEMBER UPDATES:

SEAN COOPER



Sean Cooper just returned from flying his Odyssey around the southwest United States. His original destine was the Copperstate Fly-in which was held at Buckeye Municipal Airport in Buckeye Arizona. His enthusiasm level cannot be measured, why? Allow me to let him explain in his own words about the jet engine he's about to install on his Odyssey:

"I had a scary experience about a year ago where I was taking off, it was hot and the density altitude was bad. I was overloaded so I just could not climb. However I don't have the money to buy a new plane so I figured I needed to supplement my current Japanese engine which has about 60 horsepower. The jet engine is a good steady performer, but I want more horsepower. I spoke with the designer of this airplane along with a number of aeronautical engineers and asked them if I could install two small turbine jet engines, one under each wing. The jets are specifically designed for take off and climb just like the JATO systems the military uses.

I can fire up the jets and have them idling for the taxiing, then when it's time for takeoff, I will push the jets up to full power and throttle up the main engine at the same time. This can also be useful if I get caught in a bad downdraft or if ATC tells me to climb immediately due to traffic below me. Again, this is not a full time system, just one to use under specific circumstances. I hope to have the new engines installed in a couple of months."

Sean regularly flies his Odyssey to and from work in San Jose, CA. Because I live under the departure end on the 19 runways, I have heard and seen Sean flying overhead many times his engine has a distinctive sound. We'll keep tabs on Sean to watch his progress. His Odyssey can be seen at the East Ramp under the shade hangars.

Tony Tiritilli

Tony Tiritilli is a long time EAA member at the airport and can usually be seen hanging out at the Northwest Hangars. Tony Tiritilli came to Concord in 1972 from San Gabriel Valley airport in El Monte, CA. He brought with him a Stinson 1083 station wagon that he had rebuilt from stern to stern, engine and all.

Later, in 1986, Tony got into a Cherokee 235 which was located here at the airport, owning both airplanes for a few years.

He joined the EAA Chapter 393 soon after arriving and has been a member ever since. Tony is a private pilot, an A&P-IA has about 4000 hours flying various

aircraft, mostly the Stinson and the 235. He has also flown hundreds of young eagle pilots dating back to his Stinson.

Additionally, Tony is a walking piece of history, dating back to important work being done on developing the atom bomb (remember that, y'all?).



Tom Hammitt

Here's everyone's new favorite person Tom Hammond. Why is Tom your new favorite person? Well because Tom is the new breakfast boss for the Mount Diablo Pilot's Association. Without Tom no breakfast would be happening at the MDPA!



Tom is a member of EAA chapter 393 and has been building a Vans RV14 in his hangar on the northwest side of the field. He recently completed sealing the fuel tanks for the -14 and got them to be leak free, which he considers a rite of passage.

Tom is building his RV with the upgraded engine feature which came out about a year ago and which Tom believes is a must have for the -14. The upgraded engine is still rated at 210 horsepower, but the exhaust system has been modified and cleaned up which will provide an extra (claimed) 15 mph at cruise settings which brings the -14 to a bonfire 200 mph cruiser. Per Tom “that’s about twice the bragging rights that I have with my Cessna 140.

Harvard Holmes Receives Honorary Lifetime Membership



At the February general meeting, Harvard and Sara Holmes received lifetime memberships for their contributions to the chapter which are many and are ongoing. Accepting the award on Sara’s behalf is her husband Harvard Holmes!

EAA Chapter 393 February General Meeting



L-R Rich “Mother” Cunningham, Stu “Windy” Schuster, Bob “Max” Tucknott , Bill Reining, Rich “Midas” Finkle Soraya, Unknown, Peter Baker, Harvard Holmes, Rich Bourgeois.

Three old timer former turboprop pilots, a little hard of hearing, are talking.

First one says “Man! It’s windy”

Second one says “NO, it’s Thursday.”

Third one says, “Me too! Let’s go get a drink.”



Darrick Gebhards, Jim “Cubby” Madison, Lee “GM” Teicheira, ?, ?, Marc “Electron” Ausman, ?, Natasha, Maureen Bell, Elaine Yearey, Tracy Peters, Bill “Rivet” Lawrence

Tower received a call from a crew asking, "What time is it please?"

Tower responded, "Who is calling?"

The crew replied, "What difference does it make?"

Tower replied "It makes a lot of difference. If it is an American Airlines flight, it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3. If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to "Happy Hour"

****When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend.'-UsMc***



Name not known, Vy Jenkins, Phil Jenkins, Tony Tiritilli, Mo, Eric Schuldt, Peter Degl'Innocenti, Visitors, Rod Mickels, Sunny, V.P. Ryan Bailie

The 3 things you don't want to hear in a cockpit?

Flight engineer: "That's odd..."

First officer: "I have an idea."

Captain: "Watch this!"

I asked a pilot once, how often do these things crash?

He replied "just once usually"



Vice President Ryan Bailie Keeping an eye on things, Executive Chef Scott Davis, Sous-Chef Bill O'Brian...wait, what's Lee doing there!?



Treasurer Scott Davis and IT Advisor Rich Cunningham Getting A Message In a Bottle!

EAA 393 General Meeting Minutes February 23rd 2022

President Ron Lem called the meeting to order at 19:30 in our Clubhouse. Fifty-two members, spouses and guests were present. Members verified compliance with revised relaxed County COVID-19 Health Screening guidelines. Ron mentioned volunteers are needed to polish the Teeny Two.

Treasurers Report – Scott Davis
Our combined bank balance is \$59,077.

Secretary – Peter Mitchell
Membership stands at 95, 37 are due for 2022. Three new members Mo Bessiere, Elaine Yeary and Kevin Trexler, welcome.

Young Eagles – Tracy Peters
Our first YE's flight of the year will be from our clubhouse on April 16th, Scouts only.

Motions

Rich Bourgeois motioned Jim Madison as Young Eagles Coordinator.
MSC

Ryan Baillie motioned Harvard Holmes for lifetime membership. MSC
Peter Mitchell amended Ryan's motion to include Sara Holmes. MSC

Speaker – Rick Arias CFII MEI Air Traffic Controller

Rich presented his path into aviation and flight instruction, some items on safe flight and dealing with air traffic control.

Meeting adjourned 20:35, recorded by Pete Mitchell

**393 Board Minutes
March 2nd 2022
Clubhouse Fireplace Room**

President – Ron Lem	Present
Vice-President – Ryan Baillie	Present
Secretary – Pete Mitchell	Present
Treasurer – Scott Davis	Present
Newsletter Editor – Bill O'Brian	Present
Tech Counselor – Peter Friedman	Absent
Tech Counselor – Jim Agua	Absent
Web – Rich Finkle	Present
YE's Coordinator \$ Clubhouse – Tracy Peters	Absent
Dinner Coordinator –	Needed
Membership Coordinator – Bennett Ashley	By Phone
IMC Coordinator – Paul Millner	Absent
VMC & Chapter Photographer – Greg Kar	Absent
Amazon Prime / eScrip –	Needed
Bill Bower – Past President	Absent
Tools – Lee Teicheira	Absent
Lucy Hart – Social Director	Present
Jim Madison	Absent
Rich Bourgeois	Present
Rich Cunningham	Present
Harvard Holmes	Present
Peter Bower	Present

393 Board Minutes (Cont.)

President Ron called the meeting to order at 19:00, in the Clubhouse Fireplace room.
New member Peter Baker, has Vans RV14 on order.

Treasurer - Scott

Bank Balance \$59,506. Scott now has the PO Box key.

Secretary – Peter M

Membership is 98 with 36 unpaid.

Cleco – Bill O

Send your photos or stories to Bill O’Brian at obrianob@yahoo.com .

Bill wants material within ten days after the meeting.

Air Academy – Bill O’Brian

Applicants are five, two girls, three boys

Selection committee will pick one girl and one boy.

Amazon Smile

“When you shop at [Smile.Amazon.com/ch/65-1197798](https://www.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!” Last year that was close to \$100 dollars. It could be much higher...

March 23rd General Meeting

St Patrick’s Day Theme

Menu Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots, Salad, Soda Bread and Dessert.

Ron L will be the cook. \$15.00. Look for a hidden coupon on our web page for a free dinner drawing.

May General Meeting 2nd Saturday

Saturday May 14th, in celebration of 393’s 50th year, planning is underway for an open house gala featuring our history on Buchanan Field.

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

Teenie Two – Peter Baker

Peter has volunteered to be Team leader on the Teeny Two polishing.

Adjourned 20:20

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

If you order anything on Amazon, please sign in to SMILE AMAZON where you can 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.

Introducing Hodge Flight Services, LLC

Hodge Flight Services (HFS) took flight in May, 2015. Its mission, "Help You Realize the Dream of Flight & Fly More". To achieve this HFS provides a unique approach to aircraft rental, pilot training and other aviation services tailored to customer needs and schedule.

Located in the Concord Jet Center its facility includes a pilot lounge, two pilot training rooms, and a multi-purpose classroom that serves a broad customer base consisting of pilots, student pilots, independent flight instructors, aircraft owners and aviation enthusiasts.

During the past 6 plus years the HFS fleet has grown to two Cessna 172s and a 150, as well as a RedBird TD2 flight simulator. A search is now underway to procure a third 172 to meet growing demand.

Performed under FAA Part 61 rules, over (40) customers have earned their private pilot certificates, and (10) more have earned an IFR rating. At the moment there are (15) students undergoing pilot training with (8) flight instructors. Of these, (4) are young aviators (ages 15 to 18).

Going forward HFS intends to focus more on aviation education and support to inspire the next generation of pilots.

To learn more about Hodge Flight Services, visit its website at www.hodgeflight-services.com, or give its owner, DeWitt Hodge a call at 925-627-8255.

Hornet Alert!

On May 7th, Hodge Flight Services will be at the USS Hornet for their annual general aviation information day. Dewitt has invited our chapter to host a table next to him, giving out information about our chapter to the public. We are looking for six members to do three shifts of two members each. Should be fun!

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Our meetings are open to the public.

Join us for dinner at 6:30 pm, 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. You may contact HarvardHolmes@comcast.net 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, Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Boonville, Shelter Cove, Willows, Auburn, Lodi, 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 George Grech, Harvard Holmes, Stu Schuster, Bob Tucknott, Carol Healey, and Clint Beacham. Pilots sometimes advertise that they have empty seats, but not always. Harvard Holmes, Carol Healey 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.

And that's about all the news for now,

NOTAM: Please send me any old aviation pictures you have of yourself, your planes, and EAA events, a sort of look back at history.

Newsletter Editors, Bill O'Brian, Pete Mitchell, Rich Cunningham

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