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75th Anniversary of Buchanan Field

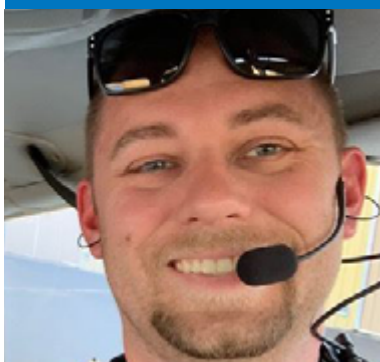
Buchanan Field has had a multi-faceted history in Contra Costa County. In 1942, the county purchased 400 acres of land for \$98,000 with the intention of building an Airport in unincorporated Contra Costa County. However, when world war two began the airfield was turned over to the Army Airforce and used as a training base for military pilots.

It was during this time that the runways which are still in use today were established. After the war, the Army returned Buchanan field to Contra Costa County and opening day August 6th 1947 was met with fan fare and excitement. Named after County Supervisor William J. Buchanan the airport became a destination for private pilots and airlines alike. - From "Inside Public Works on CCTV". To learn more visit <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/3932/Airports-History>

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th**



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Member Spotlight - Ryan Baillie

Our featured member for August, 2022 is Ryan Baillie. Ryan embodies what aviation is about. He is serving as the Vice President of EAA Chapter 393 in addition to being a Certified Flight Instructor (more on this later) and earning a living flying with JSX out of Oakland, CA.



Aviation has always been a passion for Ryan since his grandfather introduced him to flying as a child. He had his first GA flight when he was in Boy Scouts, completing the aviation merit badge, during a Chapter 393 Young Eagles flight on 10/27/2002. Ryan “caught the bug” and thanks our pilot, Duane Allen for introducing him to our avocation.

He originally took lessons from Sterling Aviation at Buchanan Field and logged about 20 hours between 2011-2013. He purchased a Piper Warrior II in June, 2017 and with an independent instructor he had his Private Pilot Certificate in his hand in March, 2018.

Between 2018-2022 Ryan has accomplished and attained the



following ratings:

- Commercial Pilot Certificate – ASEL/AMEL
- Instrument
- EMB-145 Type Rating
- Flight Instructor – ASEL/AMEL/Instrument
- Ground Instructor – Advanced/Instrument
- Remote Pilot – Small Unmanned Aircraft System

“I love flying for vacations to explore new places, meet new people, and see new things. Flying my own airplane is a heck

of a lot better than flying on the airlines! I can’t even begin to describe the sights, experiences and relationships aviation has brought me that I never would have had before.”

He enjoys doing animal rescue flights for Pilots N Paws. His dog Loki just flies for fun when Ryan is flying or teaching. Ryan is stimulated by the challenges that flying brings and his being able to share his passion with others and expose them to the fun and convenience that aviation offers. Ryan was blessed enough to turn his passion into a career where he now gets paid to do what he loves.

RYAN FLYING HIS PIPER WARRIOR II WITH LOKI ON HIS WAY TO A SEARCH & RESCUE TRAINING EVENT.



Ryan joined our Chapter in 2017 and became a Lifetime National member when he realized he couldn’t kick the aviation habit.

Ryan flies his Warrior II and other flying club/student planes when instructing students from Buchanan or Livermore airports. He is interested in building a plane someday but he needs the time, money and most importantly, the patience to tackle a building project. He knows building a plane project would be rewarding and that his impatience could affect the outcome. Recognizing this point alone lets us know that Ryan is a good pilot. He knows his limitations!

In the experimental world Ryan has flown a SeaRey, Zenith Zodiac, and Lancair IV (thanks to Harvard and Sara Holmes). He is looking forward to spending more time with experimental aircraft in the future. The author thinks this is a hint to our members. If any member is looking for a flying buddy, Ryan is your man.

When asked about his favorite flying memories Ryan immediately answered.

“I think a big one is taking people for their first GA flight. I have done that around 65 times. The most gratifying ones are the people that fear flying and through explanation and a good flight they are then comfortable and do not have the fear anymore and actually enjoy aviation. Seeing that giant grin on someone’s face that they just can’t hold back on their first flight and knowing you did that to them is magical.”

Member Spotlight Continued - Ryan Baillie

I doubt anyone of us could express this feeling any better than Ryan has.

We all have our likes and dislikes about flying, and here are Ryan's thoughts.

I like the freedom it gives me, the adventures, and the people I've met, the places I've been and the fact there's always somewhere else I can go or something I can do for fun or to help someone or something with the plane. The thing I dislike the most is the cost (pronounced I don't have unlimited money to fly all day every day in various airframes like I want to haha). I bet the dislike will always be there even when he has the money to do all the flying he wants.

His favorite destination is Utah, specifically St. George and Moab and the areas in between. There is just something magical about that area. "When I flew into there, I was really taken back about how little and insignificant I was in this amazingly beautiful world. No real way to describe it and pictures do no justice".

It sounds like Ryan would prefer to spend all his time airborne, but he does participate in many other activities.

Ryan enjoys motorcycling, mountain biking and firearms. He has never really been interested in traditional sports or wearing spandex. He enjoys hiking, camping, and most anything outdoors he can do with his dog Loki.

He loves music! He has played guitar since he was 12 years old and dabbles with other instruments. Primarily he plays guitar and bass but also a little ukulele, piano, and drums. He was in three rock bands including lead guitar in an original rock band, rhythm guitar in a Scorpions tribute band, and bassist in an original metal band.

He has also owned and operated a live sound production company for about 4 years providing sound/lighting and DJ services in the bay area for small/medium sized crowds up to around 500 people. Life and work are now in the way and he is not currently involved with any bands, but he has a rehearsal studio in his house with all the various instruments and tries to play regularly. Anyone wanna jam?

He also enjoys photography and videography doing the editing of both while working on fun and funny projects.

As you can see Ryan keeps himself busy with aviation, sports and music. He has many items on his 'bucket list' and one of them is to make a trip to the airmen mecca, Airventure at Oshkosh.

Ryan is an accomplished pilot, musician and just a great addition to EAA Chapter 393.

EAA Chapter 393 thanks Ryan for his dedication to the Chapter.

Concord Flying Club

Established in 1935, by 1939 the Concord Flying Club is the longest continuously operating flying club west of the Mississippi. Located at Concord California KCCR on the east ramp. Their stable is currently a Bonanza A36, Cessna 182 and Van's RV-7.

Members of the club own a share of the airplanes with currently 34 flying members and 4 potential members waiting for a space to join.

The initiation process is a member offers you an application to join and then your membership application is read at three of the next business meetings at the third business meeting the members vote to admit you to the club it takes 100% unanimous vote to have you join the club.

Presently the buy-in is \$7700, the monthly dues are \$120, and the hourly rate of the plane. Members are obligated once every five months to participate on the maintenance crew and once every 30 months to bring dinner for the members. To learn more visit <http://cfc1939.org>



President's Newsletter

GREETINGS FELLOW AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS!

Another AirVenture is behind us and I already miss the lush green Wisconsin countryside. This was my fifth AirVenture in six years having started going to this great event after I bought my Cessna 150. Flying the experimental Vans RV6 cross country is a much different type of flying than the Cessna 150 as the -6 has 200 hp while the 150 has 100 hp which means the -6 goes higher and faster.

Interestingly enough, on the average, both planes get approximately the same amount of miles per gallon at 20 mpg. Additionally, flying both planes across the country has been less expensive than driving a car across the country. Just some food for thought.

Trouble in paradise: due to a lack of oversight on my part, a video which Rich Finkle created was not played before the May 2022 50th, anniversary dinner. Without going into the bloody details, as a result of that not happening, Rich has decided to resign as the Chapter 393 webmaster which is regretful because he brought a lot of energy to the board. Additionally, I have sent Rich a personal letter of apology expressing my regret at having mishandled his video presentation.



This year, the MDPA will be holding the barbecue as an individual event facilitated solely by MDPA volunteers. According to Elaine Yeary, this is to give the EAA 393 volunteers a break. I want to express my appreciation to the MDPA board for taking on this event.

A motion to form a chapter 393 bylaws committee was approved in order to update the bylaws as they have not been updated for many years. Vice President Ryan Baillie is leading this committee and brings much experience to the table as he has been on the board of a number of professional organizations. Look for more on this in the near future.

Peter Baker and I will continue to put together our chapter newsletter "The Cleco" until we can find a volunteer who will do this on a permanent basis. Because Peter updated the format, creating each month's Cleco is a

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plug and play exercise where one can use the previous months' edition and simply replace old content with new content. If anyone is interested in the positions of webmaster, bylaws committee member or newsletter editor, please contact VP Ryan Baillie.

If you have content that you would like to see included in the Cleco please send to me at rjlbp@gmail.com. I have been playing the role of the roving reporter meeting with members who are building planes, gathering their stories and publishing them. I will continue to do so as time permits.

Blue Skies,
RON LEM
 PRESIDENT EAA393

Airport Days Wings and Wheels is back! Set your calendars for Saturday, September 10th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Rio Vista Municipal Airport (088). The event is free and open to the public. At 9:00 am there will be a pancake breakfast provided by the Lion's Club at a cost \$10.00 a plate at the Aero Club hangar.

The main event starts at 10:00 am. with vintage and experimental aircraft on display as well as some fancy cars from local owners and groups. There will be at least one band playing at the Lions Concert Stage, an area for kids activities and so much more! A variety of food trucks will be open at 11:00. Expected highlights will be the REACH helicopter, the US Coast Guard, Civil Air Patrol, Solano County Sheriff SWAT vehicles and Rio Vista Police and Fire Departments just to name a few. being offered by Medic Ambulance. It should be a fun time for all! <https://www.riovistacity.com/publicworks/page/airport-day>

The San Diego Air & Space Museum Remembers World War II Ace Dean “Diz” Laird – the “Quintessential Fighter Pilot.”

IN MEMORY OF DIZ LAIRD, FATHER-IN-LAW TO LIFETIME MEMBER SCOTT ACHELIS, FATHER TO SCOTT’S WIFE ANDREA LAIRD

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The San Diego Air & Space Museum is remembering Dean “Diz” Laird, whose distinguished aviation career earned him an honored spot in the prestigious International Air & Space Hall of Fame.

Diz passed away on August 10, 2022, at the age of 101.

Since 1963, the International Air & Space Hall of Fame has honored the world’s most significant pilots, crew members, visionaries, inventors, aerospace engineers, business leaders, preservationists, designers and space explorers. Laird entered the International Air & Space Hall of Fame at the San Diego Air & Space Museum in 2013.

“Dean “Diz” Laird was the ‘Quintessential Fighter Pilot,’ the type of flyer generations of other fighter pilots looked up to and who wanted to be like,” said Jim Kidrick, President & CEO of the San Diego Air & Space Museum. “He truly embodied the spirit of aviation and space exploration which earned him an honored place in the prestigious International Air & Space Hall of Fame. He proudly served our country in a time of its greatest need, and continued his service for nearly three decades, flying every type of aircraft in the Navy’s ever-evolving arsenal. The San Diego Air & Space Museum mourns his loss while remembering him fondly for his incredible achievements and contributions to aviation.”

As the only known U.S. Navy ace to shoot down both German and Japanese planes during World War II, Dean “Diz” Laird is an American legend and “quintessential fighter pilot.” He entered naval service in January 1942, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and continued for 29 years until his retirement in 1971 as a Commander. During that time, he flew virtually every type of fighter and attack plane in the Navy inventory, logging more than 8,200 hours in 3,662 jets, 4,623 propeller aircraft, and 520 carrier landings.

Laird earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his achievements. To celebrate his 90th birthday, he went skydiving out of an airplane. In 2022, at the age of 101, he went on a final flight in a historic Stearman biplane over his hometown of Auburn, California.

The International Air & Space Hall of Fame is the most prestigious induction of its kind in the world and is composed of hundreds of air and space pioneers, engineers, inventors and innovators, along with adventurers, scientists and industry leaders. NASA Mercury, Gemini and Apollo astronauts and Russian cosmonauts are honored in the Hall, as well as famous legends such as the Wright Brothers, Charles Lindbergh, Neil Armstrong and Amelia Earhart. Notable inductees also include Buzz Aldrin, Igor Sikorsky, Wernher von Braun, Jack Northrop, Jackie Cochran, William Boeing, Sr., Reuben H. Fleet, Glenn Curtiss, Walter Zable Sr., Fran Bera, Wally Schirra, Bill Anders, Jim Lovell, T. Claude Ryan, Jimmy Doolittle, Bob Hoover, Ellen Ochoa, Peggy Whitson, Linden Blue, Patty Wagstaff, and many more.

For more information, see the following link: <http://sandiegoairandspace.org/exhibits/online-exhibit-page/international-air-space-hall-of-fame>.

The San Diego Air & Space Museum is California’s official air and space museum and education center. The Museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, and it was the first aero-themed Museum to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Museum is home to the prestigious International Air & Space Hall of Fame. The Museum is located at 2001 Pan American Plaza, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101. The Museum and gift store are open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with admissions until 4:30 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Learn more about Diz on the San Diego Air and Space inductee page, <https://sandiegoairandspace.org/hall-of-fame/honoree/dean-diz-laird>



Aug 3rd 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Once a month our illustrious board members assemble to discuss EAA Chapter 393 matters

EAA 393 Board Meeting
August 3rd, 2022

Agenda (from President Ron Lem)

1. Welcome-Presidents Report—Ryan Baillie standing in for Ron Lem per Chapter bylaws.
2. Treasurer's Report—Scott Davis
3. Secretary's Report—Pete Mitchell is on the road returning from Airventure.
4. Air Academy—Scott Davis
5. Young Eagles—Tracy Peters-August event planning.
5. Newsletter—Vacant
6. August General Meeting—Lucy Hart.

Notes from Harvard Holmes; Notes condensed after meeting to minutes by Ryan Baillie

V.P. Ryan Baillie called the meeting to order just after 7 pm.

Thanks to Lucy Hart for arranging dinner for the attendees.

Attending:

- V.P. Ryan Baillie
- Treasurer Scott Davis,
- Webmaster Rich Finkle,
- YE Coordinator Tracy Peters,
- Photo & VMC Greg Karamanougian,
- Ex-Treasurer Harvard Holmes,
- Social Director Lucy Hart.

1. Ryan Baillie has been reviewing the Bylaws and found a few inconsistencies and places for improvement. It was moved by Rich Finkle and seconded by Scott Davis and approved by the Board to constitute a sub-committee

to review the Bylaws and recommend changes, if any. Ryan Baillie will select and coordinate the sub-committee.

2. Treasurer Scott Davis reported that our monthly income/expense balance was an expense of \$549, including an expense of ~\$250 for Hannah Nilsen's flight training scholarship (in lieu of the Air Academy, which was canceled that year).

Scott noted that we were able to use year 2020 YE credits for our Air Academy attendees this year.

Current balances for our bank accounts are \$500 in the Zelle Account, \$8,487.80 in our Air Academy fund for 2nd attendees, and \$47,828.96 in our main account, for \$56,816.76 total. Scott had financial statements available for the first 6 months of the year, and for July.

Scott noted that he would like to get a Credit Card processor that could be used with a cell phone to collect monies at events. Rich Finkle will explore products compatible with Wild Apricot and Affinipay.

Scott would also like to upgrade our Quicken bookkeeping system. It is a 2010 version and lacks some significant features. Scott will research systems and present costs and capabilities at a future General Meeting for discussion/approval/disapproval by the members.

In his role as chief cook, Scott noted that the storage room needs to be cleaned up, so that he does not end up bringing cooking and serving dishes from home, due to lack of storage space in the storage room.

Scott also found that someone had packed leftover buns into the refrigerator such that they blocked the cooling vents inside the refrigerator. With no air circulation, the refrigerator ran continuously and now it has burned out. We will need to get a new refrigerator.

3. Secretary's Report - Pete Mitchell is still on the road returning from Air Venture. V.P. Ryan noted that we still have not received dues from some of our members. Discussion about members who have not paid their dues for 2022. It was decided to suspend the 18 members who have not paid their dues.

4. Air Academy report – Scott Davis: Scott noted that he had gone out of his way to meet our Air Academy attendees at Oshkosh this year. He met Kira, who learned of the opportunity from the Patriots at Byron, and Samantha, who learned of the opportunity from our V.P. Ryan Baillie, her CFI. Both felt that the Air Academy exceeded their expectations! They were about to take a welding class!

Scott reviewed the status of our Young Eagles banner, which is usually installed on the fence overlooking Concord Avenue.

Tracy Peters, our Young Eagles Coordinator noted that we have only two more Young Eagles events scheduled for the rest of the year. Our August 24 event has 34 kids signed up so far!

Tracy expressed concern about the burnout of our pilots. He has expressed to Ron that Young Eagle flights twice

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a month are too much for our pilots. In addition, the Patriots limit attendance to 30 kids at Young Eagle events held with them. Since we generally fly more than 30 kids at CCR, this reduces our “credit” income somewhat. (We use the “credits” to help pay for our Air Academy scholarships.)

Pilots need to have the background checks completed by EAA before they can volunteer.

5. Newsletter Editor - Vacant: Peter Baker has been filling in - Thank you Peter! We still need a permanent volunteer for this position.

6. August General Meeting- Lucy Hart.
MDPA is running a barbecue on the 20th. We will hold a general meeting on the 24th. Instead of a full meal, an ice cream social is suggested before the business meeting. Scott Davis volunteered to manage getting the ice cream for our August 24 meeting.

7. Additional item:
The clock in the Fireplace room is broken. Should we fix it or request help from the Airport? Added in review: Ask the Airport what they would like.

8. Additional item: Discussion about misplaced keys
No action or followups captured

9. Additional Item: Propane Tanks for the MDPA BBQ.
MDPA graciously allows us to use their propane powered BBQ. As we do this, we should be aware that we need to provide our own propane; Tracy Peters noted that we have such propane tanks in the storage shed.

10. Additional Item: Webmaster Resignation
Rich Finkle noted that after working with Ron Lem for a year that he would like to see changes in the way that Ron approaches some issues. Given the conflict with Ron Lem, Rich Finkle submitted his resignation as Webmaster at the meeting. He committed to making the transition go smoothly during the balance of his tenure for the next webmaster. Rich will not be available for any transition after August 31, 2022, therefore it is imperative to find a Webmaster replacement ASAP. Rich said he expects to continue as a Chapter member. Thank you Rich for all of your hard work.

Meeting adjourned around 9 pm.

Chapter Happenings

Let's see what are friends are up to in the last month!



WEDNESDAY FLY OUT AUGUST 24TH, 2022 AT LAMPSON CA

George Grechs' Piper 28-180, Stu Schusters' Cirrus, Bob Tucknotts' Cessna 182 and Scott Achelis' Vans RV7A.



From left to right: Bob Tucknott, Tim Roberts, Scott Achelis, George Grech and Stu Schuster.



Typical Wisconsin landscape in the summer.

Chapter Happenings Continued



Stu Schuster flying Young Eagles on August 20th, 2022



Bob Tucknott flying Young Eagles on August 20th, 2022



Sean Cooper bringing his Odyssey to the August 20th Young Eagles event. His Odyssey is piston powered with two auxiliary turbines. "One turning and two burning"



President Ron flying Young Eagles on August 20th, 2022



KCCR Airframe & Powerplant mechanics from left to right: United Airlines A&P John Cicero, I.A. Jim Agua, I. A. Tony Tiritilli and SA I.A. Ammar Nasir at informal Friday lunch on the Northwest side of the field.



B-9 Hangar lunch on the northwest side of the airport. These have been a semi regular event with an average attendance of over 20 pilots and builders. This provides a great opportunity to build the local aviation community.

Chapter Happenings Continued



EAA 393 Member Ed Neffinger awaiting a briefing with the Memorial Squadron. In addition to Ed (call sign Discharge, Ron Lem (call sign Stubbs) is also a long-standing member.

The Memorial Squadron is based out of Livermore and is led by retired marine colonel and United Airlines 787 captain Mark Becker.



Ed Neffinger's previous RV8 just days before it was flown back to its home in England



The Memorial Squadron in action on the 4th of July, 2022



RV14 builders Peter Baker and Tom Hammond comparing notes at the Friday B-9 lunch. This is a great way to share information and compare notes informally.



EAA393 Treasurer Scott Davis flying from Chicago to Oshkosh on July 22nd, 2022 with personal pilot Ron Lem at the controls. This is the second year that Scott and Ron did this flight. This year, because the weather was better Scott and Ron flew out over Lake Michigan and viewed Chicago from the lake. Having to stay clear of the Class Bravo, Scott and Ron listened in to the appropriate frequencies to locate and avoid planes landing at O'Hare International Airport.



Treasurer Scott Davis camping out on his first night at AirVenture. Yes, Scott really spent the night in this tent which was located in the Homebuilders section of AirVenture. Afterwards, Scott was able to acquire accommodations in a private home which is located directly adjacent to runway 09-27 at AirVenture.

Chapter Happenings Continued



Harvard and Sara Holmes' Lancair IV, affectionately known as "The Pink Lady" at AirVenture in Oshkosh Wisconsin. "The Pink Lady" was recently sold and then flown to KOSH by the new owner.



Pete Mitchell and Ron Lem perform volunteer work yearly at AirVenture. Pictured enjoying a fine meal and good company is Pete and Ron's boss Ron Lindgren and volunteer Jay Schival who also works for Ron Lindgren.



On July 23rd, 2022 at AirVenture, a storm passed through the area bringing surface winds of 70 mph. Tents were blown away, airplanes were damaged and in this case a plane was flipped upside down.



Now, the only reason EAA393 Secretary Pete Mitchell is holding the bottle of Rum is because he was asked to hold it for a photo op...honestly!



In town, trees and power lines were blown down. Interestingly enough, power was quickly restored and debris was cleaned up promptly! From my experience, this is a part of the AirVenture experience. Part of the "Baptism" if you will.



Cessna 182 floatplane coming in for a landing at the AirVenture Seaplane base.

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