

Fly-Out: New P-51 Mustangs Being Built!

Here is the best deal you are going to be offered this year, EAA-wise. On Saturday, November 2nd you can -

- Go flying for some other purpose than eating lunch at Auburn.
- Tour a shop that manufactures new P-51 Mustang airplanes.
- Be served coffee and Danish treats upon arrival by the members of another EAA chapter.
- Take all the pictures you are inclined too.
- Be treated to a Tri-Tip BBQ with all the fixin's around 12:00.
- Watch or participate in a flour bomb contest (if time permits)
- Meet the members of EAA Chapter 204 Monterey Bay and Sainas Owners and Pilots Association (S.O.P.A.)
- Have a darn entertaining time.
- The cost? What ever you would like to contribute to the pilot for expenses. If they have a bucket at the BBQ, whatever you would like to contribute there.

Now that is a deal! The Rub? You have to get to the airport by 8:30 AM on a Saturday morning.

Read the Mr. President column for a better description of the plans and agenda.

We will need all available flying aircraft to transport all available members to this grand function so that our chapter does not look like some weak kneed also-ran of a chapter.

It's always a good thing when you get to meet other people who are interested in constructing their own person aircraft and discuss how the they handled the various intricacies that were not covered in the all-inclusive manual that was received from the kit manufacturer or on the off chance two of you are plans builders, which piece of critical information the designer assumed everyone knew and you did not.

A rare opportunity to expand the EAA experience. ■

This Months Meeting ...

Wednesday October 23, 2002.

7:30 p.m. semi-sharp.

Located in the less than stellar Airline Terminal on the East Side of Buchanan Field.

Our Speaker is **Warren Hall, NASA test Pilot and author.**

Mr. President!

Harvard Holmes

Switzerland was nice, but it's nice to be back, see the B-17, and try to remember all those good flying habits that several instructors have nagged me about since I started flying a few years ago. Before we left, we were looking at a map of Switzerland, and I noticed that the scale was 1:500,000. So looked at a sectional and sure enough, that scale was 1:500,000 also. So I laid the sectional over the Swiss map, and deduced that Switzerland is almost as wide as the SFO sectional. Think about that! If the whole country was only as far as Bishop, there would be no need for fast planes! It also suggests that there must be a lot to do in our own neighborhood -- Switzerland sure has a lot of stuff to do and see.

I got to pick up a few people from the B-17 flight to Hayward -- what nice smiles our members have! Then we tried a fly out to Pine Mountain Lake, but poor weather caused Fred and I to divert to Columbia, while Phil and Tom had left earlier and got to Pine Mountain Lake. Last weekend we went up to Arcata/Eureka to see my cousins -- what a beautiful day for flying that was. Then my friend at work told me that he is now a licensed private pilot, as of last Thursday! And yesterday, coming back from a whale watching trip (boat) to the Farallons, we got the Blue Angels warming up for their performance this weekend. Boy, those jets are noisy! Is that to scare the hell out of the opposition?

If it doesn't scare them, it should!

Well, on to business... At the last board meeting, there was a desire to move the board meetings away from weekends, as several board

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Hay, Drop on by...

Feel an obligation to read the President's column but not this one. Read it only if convoluted opinions don't offend you, better yet, read it if they do!

Maybe I'm just feeling lonely or maybe I'm looking for someone to brag too or maybe I miss having someone talk while I'm trying to think or maybe I somehow think I could add to your enthusiasm for starting/completing/flying your project as you add to mine, I don't know which. But there don't seem to be nearly as many people roaming about the airport on a Saturday as there used to be. There seem to be three issues here that beg to be discussed.

Airport Access. I do not think you are an Arab terrorist. The county might but then what do you expect from a bunch of bureaucrats? So operating on my assumption, I would be glad to open the gate for you any time you would like to poke your nose into hangers to see what people are building. By the way, the county has not changed the locks, there are no roving policeman asking for you "papers" and the National Guard has no presence on the airport. If you were able to gain access to the airport any time in the last five years you can gain access now. Maybe you just needed the invite.

Wife's Permission. Based upon my extensive research, women in America have not dramatically extended their ruling hand over the leisure time activities of males' since September 11, 2001. So, if it was OK for you to go airport bumming prior to the attack on our nation it is OK now. We should also note that the amount of maintenance required to keep the normal suburban dwelling in good shape has not changed-THERE ISN'T ANY MORE WORK TO DO AT HOME THAN THERE EVER WAS!

People Who Build Airplanes. They are of two type – social and go away. The go away folks have their hanger doors closed, don't open closed doors. All others are glad to see you and if you display a monocrim of knowledge about the issues at hand, want to be your friend, and hold this wrench, would you?

Now this is a West Side opinion. The East Side guys still don't like to drive to Pachaeo and are mired in negotiations with the County as to just how they are going to get screwed this time. So, drop on by B-12, North West Hangars (Port-a-Ports). If the old blue truck is there or the doors are open, I'm around somewhere. Ask for my cell phone number at a meeting and I'll give it to, then you can call and I can let you in the gate. ■

Rick's Tech Tip...

Technical counselor Rick Lambert has assembled builder tech tips from his experience and many published sources. You can reach Rick at 707.748.1532 to schedule your next Technical Inspection.

Rick had a really good tech tip this month. It would have save you lots of time and hurt hands. I didn't have time to write it up, sorry. ■

Chapter Name Tag

Please wear your official Blue EAA nametag to the Fly-Outs and the Monthly Meetings. Your mother and wife may know who you are but the new members don't and my memory isn't so good anymore...

Mr. President continued...

members were busy with Young Eagles and other important activities. So, in general, we will try to hold board meetings on Thursdays, 8 days after the regular members meetings.

But, check your calendars carefully, since things are moving around a bit. Our next meeting is on the regular day (Wed, Oct 23), but then there is an EAA leadership meeting in Oakdale on the 26th, entioned elsewhere (also the AOPA EXPO on that weekend). The fly out has been moved to Saturday, November 2nd, and the board meeting has been moved to October 30 at 7:30 pm. Then November is irregular, with the members meeting on November 20 to miss Thanksgiving, and the Board meeting moved to November 21, also to miss thanksgiving. The fly out then follows on November 23. Our Holiday Party is on Saturday, December 14.

Our next fly out is to Salinas to visit Cal-Airmotive, which makes P-51's! Lori Atkinson, at Cal Pacific Airmotive, and who is also Secretary of SOPA (Salinas Owners and Pilot Association), has coordinated our visit with EAA 204 (Monterey Bay Chapter, Pat Smith, President) and SOPA (Jeff Soares, President). Pat Smith wrote:

" Harvard,

It looks like we're all ready for your EAA chapter 383, Concord , CA on Nov 02...to visit the Salinas Airport from around 10:00 till around 14:30.(pray for good weather) We'll have coffee and Danish in the morning at the main terminal...then we'll then do the tour of Cal Pacific Airmotive and the P-51 cool stuff....then we'll have a Tri-Tip BBQ with all the fixin's around 12:00. If we have time....we may even have a flour bomb contest out by our picnic area on the airport. This is a joint effort of the Sainas Owners and Pilots Association(S.O.P.A.) and the EAA 204 Monterey Bay...currently, we have about 20 people from our groups plus your group...We look forward to seeing your chapter next month. It should be a whole lot of fun!!!!

Pat Smith, Prez
EAA 204"

Note that we will leave early for this fly out. We should meet at the Concord terminal building by 8:30 am to fill any empty seats and get going in time to arrive and tie down in Salinas by 10 am. Several potential attendees have indicated that they would like to bring side dishes or other contributions -- let me know what you are bringing and I will pass the word along to Jeff, Pat and Lori.

Happy Flying,
Harvard ■

The Monthly Fly-Out.

Here is how it works:

- Meet outside the Buchanan Field Terminal Building at 10 AM on the Saturday morning immediately following the monthly club meeting.
- The destination for the Fly-Out will be chosen or announced at the General Membership Meeting the prior Wednesday.
- Some folks will have airplanes some folks will not. All seats in the airplanes going on the fly-out will be filled. Those who own planes will get to go for that weekly hamburger in their airplane and all others will get to go along by occupying an empty seat.
- If there are not enough empty seats for all that come to participate and there is no room for you then you may expect a preferential seat the following month. ■

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Hanger Negotiations

The East Side hangar problem is progressing toward the eventual screwing of the tenants. The problem with negotiating is that there is some societal assumption that if two parties loose a little it's better than if one party looses a lot. Takes all the fun out of it but the lawyer still gets his fee. You don't have to contact your supervisor, it didn't help, money agendas outweigh constituent agendas.

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Chapter Resources...

are owned by the chapter for the benefit of the members. To check out a resource contact: Rick Lambert, Technical Counselor, 925.676.9377 or rlam242714@aol.com

Lost Tools

Chapter 393 has been around for a long time and during that time we have acquired and loaned out many tools and specialty materials. Some of those have not been returned. If you have a tool or other materials that we purchased with club money return them to Rick Lambert. There is no late charge.

Aircraft Scales

Ruggles Aircraft Scales make it easy to compute a non-certified weight and balance for your project. Scales have a capacity of 3600 lbs. Easy to use.

Engine Baffle Templates

For four cylinder Lycoming cylinder head.

8' Sheet Metal Break

It belongs to Bob Rudolph not the club but it is for all to use carefully. Located in Bruce Seguire's Hanger – Contact Bruce for availability.

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1. Informal minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting.

Excellent Opportunity.

An excellent opportunity exists for you to write for the Cleco or write the Cleco for that matter. Want to share some tip or something about your project? Want to sound off about the way you would run things? Want to ridicule the Government? Want to declare the Lyndon Johnson was the devil incarnate? Want to be the newspaper editor?

These opportunities all exist. Anyone can be the newspaper editor, just contact President Harvard. I'll move aside for anyone. Want to write? Write about experimental airplanes or the stuff that Chapter 393 is doing and is accomplishing; write about your project. Don't write about other aviation or non-aviation things or attack other members. Simple rules, but we try to keep this focused.

Without some article submissions we'll soon be sending the Cleco out on postcards. E-Mail articles to: cleco@chlassociates.com

Chapter Events Schedule

October 23, 2002, 7:30 p.m. - General membership meeting

October 30, 2002, 7:30 p.m. - Board of Directors meeting.

November 2, 2002 8:30 A.M. - Fly-Out to See the Mustangs..

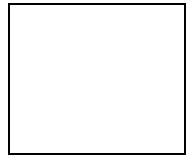
November 27, 2002, 7:30 p.m. - General membership meeting. ■

Enjoy the Camaraderie at the Meeting...

Chapter 393's meetings are open to the public; you don't have to be a member to attend. The meeting time is 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The meeting location is the Buchanan Field Terminal Building on John Glenn Drive, just south of the control tower.

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