

The Cleco

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 393

Speaker August 22

Airport Event Safety Guidelines

The **Oakland FSDO** is sending one of their Safety Managers to explain procedures and resources that we can use to safely conduct our airport events, such as B-17 events, and our Young Eagle events. This will also help us make better use of Concord's airport and tower staff. We might also gain some insight into the complexities of larger events such as Golden West.

Upcoming Topics

Dates and topics may will change!

Sep 26/TBD: John LaNue
Building the Vickers Vimy
Also, **nominations** of Officers

Oct 24/TBD: Scot Stambaugh
Aircraft Wiring Basics/Tools
Also, **ELECTIONS**

Nov 28/TBD: Speaker needed – who?
The Care and Feeding of Warbirds?

Dec 8: Holiday Party, MDPA, 6 PM

Photo Gallery on the Web

Several members have suggested a photo gallery on the web, which would have photos from the Chapter on a rotating basis. That would allow more and higher quality pictures than we can get in the Cleco. This is now operational in DRAFT mode. We can probably devote 100 to 200 MB to this activity. Send your pictures to Harvard with a file name and description that describes the picture. Let Harvard know if you like/use this feature.

Presidential perspective:

The End is Approaching!

It is once again time to begin the process of selecting new officers to lead 393. To that end and according to the by-laws I have appointed an official nominating committee. The following members have kindly offered to oversee the process of finding members to run the chapter for the next 2 years:

Guy Jones (former VP)
Scott Achelis (former VP)
Dick Sperling (current Y.E. coordinator)
Ernst Freitag

Over the next month they will search out candidates who will be officially nominated at the September meeting. The actual election will occur at the October meeting. I am well aware that 393 has a long history of so-called "Russian" elections, when only one candidate runs for a given office. This isn't strictly according to the by-laws, which requires a minimum of 2 candidates for each position. However, reality being what it is, we usually count ourselves lucky to have even one candidate for each office.

This year we are faced with a challenge that we have not faced since the early '90's. The position of Secretary/Treasurer is once again up for grabs as Louie Goodell is finally calling it quits. This position, while vitally important, is, perhaps, one of the least time consuming of the four. It is a great way to get to know the inner workings of the chapter while requiring the least amount of effort. I don't mean to diminish Louie's contribution by this, because Louie does so many other things for the chapter (many that

he will continue to do after he gives up the chapter checkbook).

The following is a brief description of the positions open and some of the more important duties associated with the position.

President: This position oversees the operation of the chapter. You are the principle contact with EAA headquarters. Your duties include running the monthly chapter and board meetings, reserving the facilities for such meetings, corresponding with outside inquiries, overseeing the other officers operations, co-signing checks, finding volunteers to run various projects that the chapter participates in and writing a monthly column for the newsletter.

Vice President: This position stands in for the president when circumstances require. Your duties include finding speakers for the monthly meetings and providing for their needs (equipment, directions, transportation, lodging, introduction), writing a few words about the upcoming presentations for the newsletter and attending both the chapter and board monthly meetings.

Secretary/Treasurer: This position provides meeting notes to the newsletter editor and operates the chapter bank accounts. Your duties include providing a treasurers report and minutes of both the general and board meetings for the newsletter, making deposits, paying the chapter bills and attending both the chapter and board monthly meetings.

Newsletter Editor: This position creates the chapter newsletter, the official record of chapter activities. Your duties include acquiring all the official records from the other officers and other content to complete a monthly newsletter, producing the newsletter in a form that the printer can use, oversee production of the newsletter, address and mail the newsletter, provide an electronic copy to the chapter webmaster

and attending both the chapter and board monthly meetings.

This is the second time that I have held office for 393. The first time, in the early '90's, Linda and I were co-newsletter editors. I found both opportunities to have been very rewarding and enjoyable.

What you have here is a great opportunity to indulge in a little community service. So often we join an organization with the notion that it would be great to hang out with a bunch of folks that have similar interests without giving a thought to how that organization manages to exist to provide you with the opportunity. Well there ain't no free lunch. The organization exists because there are folks willing to put in the time to make it exist. The good news is that not only is it rewarding to volunteer in this way but it is actually fun. You will get to know your fellow members in numbers and to a depth that just isn't possible any other way. Did I mention that you will develop skills and abilities that are difficult to acquire any other way? Leadership, organization and planning just to mention a few.

What can you do to help this process along? The obvious thing is to volunteer to fill one of the positions. The next best thing is to suggest someone else to fill the position. Maybe you or someone you know in the chapter has a secret desire to be an officer, to give a little something back to this organization. Or possibly a desire to stretch yourself a little and help us all out at the same time.

Now on the flip side, the more candidates we get for a given position the less likely any one of them will actually get chosen to do it. Here's your chance to offer to help out with a less than certain likelihood that it will happen.

Enough about the election already. Here's another opportunity that has come across my desk recently:

AMFA Local 9

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AMFA Local 9 with the Employees of United Airlines San Francisco Maintenance Base will be hosting the BLUE ANGELS during fleet week in San Francisco, on Sunday October 7th, 2007.

We would like to present the opportunity to show some of your member's aircraft at this event at United's San Francisco Maintenance Base.

Last year as in previous years we have invited employees and related to show their interest from airplanes to motorcycles.

We have our aircraft (777 to RJ's) on display, some military aircraft, and some museum aircraft from the Hiller Aircraft Museum in San Carlos, CA.

Many of the mechanics that we represent work on private and other more exotic aircraft; and we thought it would be much more interesting to see aircraft on this side of aviation, a side that is closer to the pioneering side of aviation.

We are seeking interested parties in presenting their aircraft at this event, some extra tickets to the event would be available, and we will assist with access to SFO Airport and the maintenance base.

We have just started the planning for this event but it will move rapidly in the next couple of months.

If you or any of your members would be interested or need more information please contact me.

Brian McKeever, VP AMFA Local 9
650-826-1407 or Email vp@amfa9.org

Fly Outs Revitalized by Scott Achelis

This month's Fly-out coincides with a Young Eagle event. Pilots are encouraged to participate by coordinating with Young Eagles coordinator Dick Sperling. If there is time left after flying the Young Eagles, we plan to go to Petaluma's 29er Diner for a post-flight lunch. As is always the case, be sure to watch for email updates from EAA.393.Flyouts@Gmail.com that are sent a few days prior to the Fly-out, and again early Saturday morning.

Young Eagle Events by Dick Sperling

Our next Young Eagles Rally will be held at PSA on 25 August (and then on October 6). Please mark your calendars now!

Report time: 08:30AM

Registration: 09:00 to 13:30

All flights end at about 14:00

We will need: ALL HANDS!

Onward and upward. Thanks,
Dick Sperling

New Membership Activities by Bill McCoy

There is some real excitement in the coming "Dog Days of Summer" as the days of August are normally known.

We have an exciting "Race Night" at Antioch Speedway to watch our race car, Saturday night, August 18th. We are consistently getting better as our team gets more "tuned in" with the new chases.

We had one of the most exciting races of the season, Sat. 8-4-07. In the main event we took the lead with 12 laps to go, then the yellow flag came out on the 7th lap. On the restart the car that was in 2nd place jumped the start flag, (without being "flagged" for another restart.) Our car #27 was setting up to pass for the lead, with 3 laps to go, when a major pile up occurred 4 cars back, with fire and injuries. We had to finish the race in 2nd place under the yellow.

We are getting "deep discounts" on our tickets and will be joined by the Chamber of Commerce members of Pleasant Hill, Martinez and Antioch. The tickets are normally \$12.00 per adult and \$6.00 for children over 6 years old. We are getting tickets for \$5.00. Absolutely great price for an exciting and fun filled night!

Speaking of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce " it is a great organization, a very useful tool, not only for 393 as an organization, but for each individual member of 393. Each C of C is made up of hundreds of small to medium sized business and business owners. These business' offer discounts and other benefits to each member of the Chamber, and as a rule build good contacts and friends. I would suggest that each of our members check out the Web Site of our chamber at, <http://www.pleasanthillchamber.com> There are many links and it will give you a very good idea of the benefits that each one of us can receive by being a member, as a business owner and as an individual. But as with any tool, you have to use it, to get the benefits that it is designed for. One of the tools is a monthly "Mixer." Each month, throughout the year a business member hosts a 2 hour, after work, gathering, usually at the business location. They serve free hors d'oeuvres and sell drinks. You meet other individuals and business owners. Swap business cards if you wish or just talk to people that interest you or your needs. A great way to invest 2 hours of your time. A great way to find people who are interested in aviation, but never had the chance to meet someone in aviation on a very personal level. It is a great way to practice the " three foot rule."

See you at the races on the 18th.

Bill McCoy

EAA 393 Summer Picnic

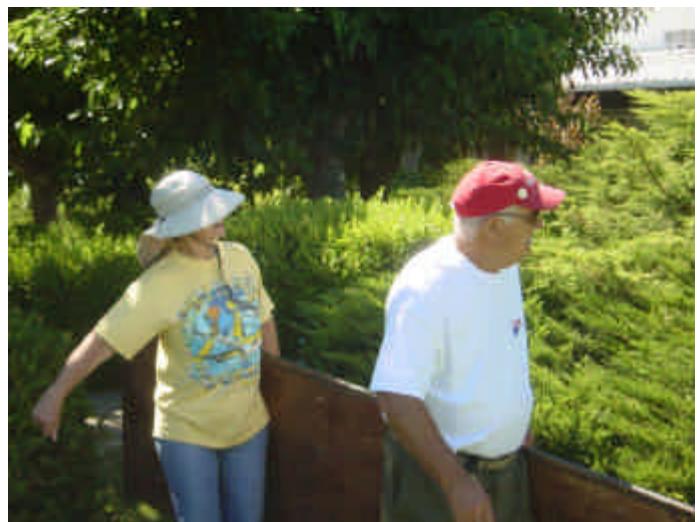
July 21, 2007

Well, the weather cooperated for our picnic this year. It was not scorching hot, but the skies were clear, there was a gentle breeze, and there was plenty of shade. There was also plenty of food, a grill, tables, drinks and everything needed for a great picnic.

Thanks to Ken and his wife Linda for doing the planning to make this such a success. Louis Goodell brought the grill, Bob Belshe was head grill master, Pat Peters brought tables and chairs, and everyone brought side dishes, desserts and other essentials.



In the beginning...



Linda McKenzie and Pat Peters set up tables.



The picnic is READY!! (Well almost)



Barbara Jenkins, Sara Holmes, Sally Belshe



Tracy, Pat, and Bridget Peters enjoy the shade



The guys...



Sally Belshe, Bob Belshe, Phil Jenkins





Final Approach



The group

Cleaning up.

EAA 393 Fly Out to Willows-Glen County

July 28, 2007

We went to Nancy's Café at the airport under clear skies. Harvard and Sara came in their Mooney, Bob Belshe and Fred Egli came in Bob's Lancair, Bob Sinclair came in his Lancair, and Ron Robinson and Tom Howard came in Ron's Glasair. Pictures from Tom Howard – thanks!



Photo on the wall at Nancy's – waterskiing!



Harvard's Mooney and Bob Sinclair's Lancair.



The mothball fleet

EAA 393 Board Meeting

August 7, 2007

Attending: Ken McKenzie, Louis Goodell, Guy Jones, Dick Sperling, Bill McCoy.

1. Treasurer's report: Louis Goodell reports that as of 8/7 we have the following balances:

Checking	\$ 3,038.68
Savings	\$ 2,642.58

2. Scot is working to confirm John LaNue as next month's speaker. Ken suggested we might want to see if Brien Seeley of the CAFE foundation might like to speak in November about the results of the recent NASA's PAF challenge.

3. Dick discussed the difficulties resulting from the next fly-out coinciding with the Young Eagles event on the 25th. He is now aware of where to find the calendar so future events can avoid these conflicts. . He will continue as Young Eagles coordinator for the next 2 year term.

4. Ken discussed the formation of a nominating committee for the election of next year's officers.

5. Ken will complete the Cleco and send it to Harvard by 8/12.

6. Bill had no new items relating to membership. He will continue as membership coordinator for the next 2 year term.

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Meeting Schedule (2007/2008)

General (Wed.)	Fly Out (Sat.)	Board (Tue.)
Aug 22	Aug 25	Sep 4
Aug 25, Young Eagles (Dick Sperling) & Fly Out		
Sep 26, Nominations	Sep 29	Oct 2
Oct 6, Young Eagles (Dick Sperling)		
Oct 24, Elections	Oct 27	Nov 6
Nov 28	Dec 1	Dec 4
Dec 8, Holiday Party, MDPA	Dec 29	Jan 8
Jan 23, 2008	Jan 26	Feb 5
Feb 27	Mar 1	Mar 4
Mar 26	Mar 29	Apr 1
Apr 23	Apr 26	May 6
May 28	May 31	Jun 2

Our meetings are open to the public. Everyone should consider themselves invited. EAAers might make someone else happy by introducing them to our Chapter, getting them involved in projects, fly outs and just plain good old camaraderie.

Our normal meeting time is 7:30PM on the 4th Wednesday of the month (except July, November and December) at the old terminal building on John Glenn Drive just south of the tower.

Chapter 393 Fly-Outs are open to chapter members and their guests. Email EAA.393.flyouts@gmail.com (preferred) or meet at the Buchanan Field terminal building at 10am, and we'll try to match people and airplane seats to take as many as possible. If the weather is bad, the fly out will be postponed to the next Saturday, possibly with a change in destination.