

April 23 Speaker

John Gibson is a member of EAA 52 – he lives in Roseville (Sacramento Area). He is the President of the Golden West Fly-in organization. His topic will be: **“Opening the Gates to Aviation”** – the Golden West Fly-In as one example. He’s just come back from Sun ‘N Fun, and I am sure will also have some good information from that activity.

Upcoming Speakers/Topics

Dates and topics may will change!

May 28: Burt Newmark
 WWII P-40 and P-51 pilot.
 June 25: Mike Busch
 Aircraft Maintenance

Young Eagles flights April 19

I am looking forward to starting the 2008 Young Eagles season on Saturday, 19 April. Your support of this special EAA program will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance.
 All best, Dick Sperling

Need a Chapter 393 Name Tag?

Let Treasurer Louis Goodell know.

Volunteer for the San Mateo Maker Faire

May 3 & 4 – Tell 50,000 do-it-yourselfers how EAAers build their own airplanes.

Presidential perspective:

B-17 Planning Shifts Into High Gear

Once again EAA's B-17, Aluminum Overcast is coming to Concord. This year will be a repeat of last year's operation, but with more security and some additional volunteer help from the local CAP squadron.

We will again have Jerry Whiting selling his WW II aviators books and this year he will have 1 or 2 more to offer along with a new DVD. 393 will get a cut of all sales, same as last year. This year we will also have a representative of the USAF with a recruiting booth on Tuesday. We will also have a major recruiting effort of our own thanks to the efforts of Bill McCoy who has also taken on the task of Tour Stop Media chairman. Our turnout should be even better than last year.

I'm once again looking for volunteers to help with the many tasks that need to be accomplished to ensure that we have both a successful stop on the tour as well as a profitable one. After all, this will be our primary fund raiser for the year. We received over \$2000 last year through your efforts and I hope to do even better this year.

So I will be bringing the sign-up sheets to the meeting and calling on you, the members, to fill the time slots. If for some reason you can't make the meeting, or would just like to get 1st choice of the spots, you can call me at home anytime and I'll be glad to sign you up.

The positions I'll be filling are:

- Merchandise sales
- Flight staging assistance
- Ground tour security
- General perimeter security

- Set-up (Monday)
- Take down (Thursday)
- Retrieval pilots/drivers of the lucky winners of the free B-17 flight to Napa. Remember that for every hour you work you get one chance in the B-17 ride lottery.

SF EAA'ers Get Involved In The Maker Faire

Almost 3 weeks ago I received a call from David Hipschman, publisher/editor of the EAA magazines. He asked if I would be willing to help EAA participate in the Maker Faire.

The Maker Faire, for those of you (myself included) unfamiliar with the event, is an event put on by the publishers of Make magazine. Make is aimed at the 20-somethings who are into building things.

It seems that David, a recent bay area resident and former SF Chronicle employee became acquainted with the publisher of Sebastapol based Make and they decided that the EAA would be a perfect match with Make's readers. So the EAA was invited to have a presence at this year's event. David was looking for some chapter leaders to organize a display for the event that takes place on May 3&4. He contacted myself and a few others and asked us to jointly plan an EAA information and education operation for the show.

I volunteered my services as coordinator, having just successfully completed a similar event for Golden West at the Calif. Capital Airshow in Sacramento a few weeks earlier.

The plan is to have several projects in various stages of completion on hand as well as many different types of aircraft parts to serve as examples of what it is to build an airplane.

Along with this we will need several EAA'ers to talk to the 60,000 expected attendees. It should be a great opportunity to spread the word about home building and aviation in general to an interested audience. Let me know if any of you would like to participate.

1st Dinner Meeting a Success

We had our 1st dinner meeting last month and the turnout was better than expected. I counted 21 people who took advantage of the opportunity to get dinner and some great hangar flying. The food was ready by 6:30. The menu consisted of hot dogs/buns, chili, vegetarian spaghetti, green salad, potato salad, cookies, coffee/tea and cold water/sodas. We set up some temporary tables in the terminal building provided by the MDPA prez. Pat Miller. Thanks Pat. It was my impression that most everything came off with minimal problems. However there is always room for improvement, so along those lines in the future the plan is to keep on serving right up until the meeting starts at 7:30, unlike last time. So there will be food available for all who want it regardless of their arrival time. Now, for the bottom line. We had several people volunteer to provide food and they were reimbursed for their expenses. It seems that even after the expenses we made a few bucks. Since the goal was to do this at cost, I look on this experiment as a success. We will be continuing the dinners for the foreseeable future.

The one thing we need to be assured of making this activity a continued success is to find someone who would be willing to take on the running of it. So I'm looking for someone who would be willing to take on the responsibility of coordinating this activity for the club on an ongoing basis. I will continue to do it for now but for the long term I need to find someone to run it for me. Here is an opportunity for a public service minded 393 member to give something back to the chapter. Many of us already donate our time and energies in other ways and I can't ask them to take on additional duties. So, if you think that this would suit your talents, please contact me and we can discuss what is involved. It really only amounts to a few hours a month at most, so it should be easily accomplished. There are plenty of volunteers willing to help with the

food, we just need someone to organize the effort.

Progress is Good!

At the last meeting several items came up for a vote. They are as follows:

We have approval to enter into an agreement with MDPA to share their new facility. This will cost us \$600/year. The money to pay for this increase comes from the next item approved.

I proposed a \$5 increase in the membership dues for the next year, increasing them to \$25/year. After some discussion it was decided to raise it to \$30/year. This was approved. I have decided to implement this as of 5/1/08. This will give the members who still haven't gotten current for the next year an opportunity to do so at the old rate.

I received approval to purchase more safety vests, as well as approval to have our chapter name embroidered on the back.

Just to show that we didn't go completely wild taxing & spending (after all this is an election year), approval of \$1,000 for the club to purchase a good video projector was rejected. It looks like we will have to get by borrowing Pat & Tracy's for now until the one from the MDPA materializes in the new facility. We may revisit this issue next year. After all, this was high on the wish list of BOTH last year's V.P. and our current V.P. as necessary for their programs.

Controversy Strikes 393!

A motion was made by Bob Rudolph to have the Pledge of Allegiance recited at the opening of the monthly meeting. The motion passed with overwhelming support.

In order for this to take place it was suggested that a flag would need to be procured. To this end Duane Allen offered to provide an extra one from his hangar.

So it has been left to me to implement this. I find myself in a very difficult position, as I didn't vote for it. The 1st thing is to find someone to lead this activity. That shouldn't

be hard, given the support indicated by the vote. So I will limit my involvement to calling for a volunteer to lead this activity.

At the break, one of our newer members approached me with the concern that they would feel singled out by this activity. They could not participate due to the fact that they are not a U.S. citizen. They expressed legitimate concerns as to how they would be viewed by the group. I believe that many others might also fit into this category. So it's not just me who has a problem with this issue.

I don't believe that this activity has any place at a meeting of the EAA chapter. My reasons for opposing this proposal are as follows. I feel that this was proposed as a purely divisive measure. It has been my experience that the most vocal proponents of such loyalty tests want nothing more than to publicly intimidate those less comfortable with public declarations of patriotism. I firmly believe that the overwhelming show of support at the vote was nothing more than members fear of being seen not supporting this blunt instrument of the McCarthy era. To be seen not voting for this overt sign of patriotism is to somehow be viewed as less American.

My response to that is that talk is cheap. Just because someone stands up and repeats something in public doesn't provide any proof that he believes it. Furthermore, I find the idea that I must perform this ritual, just to make someone else feel good about themselves, to be offensive.

So, I don't do it. Furthermore, as long as I'm president of this club, I will make sure that only those members that truly want to participate in this activity do so. It is my job to make sure that all those who attend the meetings feel welcome. I don't want anyone to feel pressured by this or any other activity.

As a new member way back in 1988, I felt intimidated by the introduction part of the meeting. I expressed this to the then president and from that point on whenever the intro portion of the meeting began it was

announced that participation was strictly voluntary.

So I plan to make it perfectly clear that participation in this new activity is also strictly voluntary and no one who isn't completely comfortable with the practice need participate.

I plan to sit and respectfully witness, whoever so desires, pledge allegiance to the flag. I invite any and all so inclined to join me.

Fly Outs Revitalized by Scott Achelis

This months Fly-out will be on **Saturday, April 26th** (first Saturday following the 4th Wednesday of the month). We will be flying to the **Calaveras County Airport** (KCPU) in San Andreas, CA, to enjoy their **Fly-In & Open House** 8am – 5pm. There will be aircraft static displays, local non-profit food vendors, classic car and military vehicle displays, \$5 scenic airplane rides, radio control airplane displays and more!

For further information, go to:

<http://www.co.calaveras.ca.us/departments/admin/airport.asp>

You can also contact Kathy Zancanella: kz@mlode.com or Larry Mersek: 1rv6flyer@internet49.com or call for airport information: (209) 736-2501

Watch for updated information from EAA.393.Flyouts@Gmail.com sent the week of April 21st.

Fly-outs are usually scheduled on the Saturday following our regular monthly meeting. If the weather's not conducive for flying, the event is often postponed to the following Saturday. Watch for information regarding the Fly-outs that is sent via email from EAA.393.Flyouts@Gmail.com; and be sure to contact that web address and give us your email if you haven't been receiving Fly-out information.

Membership matters by Bill McCoy

The next few months will be fast and furious as Chapter 393 gears up for several exciting events. With the B-17 event, the Maker Faire show, and the Golden West Fly In, our plate is pretty full. In light of all this, the membership BBQ has been set for the June meeting. More details will come in the May newsletter.

As always, remember that each of these events is an opportunity for our members to enjoy the activity and share that enjoyment with the surrounding community.

On the Radar Screen

Saturday, April 26th 8am - 5pm
Calaveras County Airport (KCPU) Fly-In & Open House

<http://www.co.calaveras.ca.us/cc/CalaverasHome/AirFairAnnouncement.aspx>

Colonel Herb Ross
Stockton EAA Chapter #1432
Fly-IN / BBQ
Saturday, May 10th. 11am-2pm.

The Colonel Herb Ross Stockton EAA Chapter #1432 is pleased to invite you and your members to our first Chapter BBQ! Please join us on Saturday May 10th at the Stockton Metropolitan Airport. Airplane parking will be at the intersection of Taxiways Bravo and Juliet. Vehicle access is through Gate 16. We look forward to meeting you and your members!

Craig Vincent, Chapter Vice President
<http://www.stocktoneaa.org/BBQ.htm>

Golden West Regional Fly-in Announces 2008 Theme "Flying Together"

Marysville, California (March 26, 2008)
Golden West Regional Fly-in & Airshow announced today that "Flying Together" is the theme for the 2008 event that will be held on June 6, 7 & 8 at Yuba County

Airport (MYV). "Flying Together" is about aviation enthusiasts from all over the West gathering to celebrate their shared love of flight and sharing this with the public. Over 1,000 aircraft, from single seat ultralights to the latest military jets, will flock to Yuba County for this aviation convention, which is open to the public.

<http://www.goldenwestflyin.org/>

Rich Henne reminded members of the CAF meetings held in Oakland.

http://www.goldengatewing.org/join/about_us.cfm

EAA 393 General Meeting Report

March 26, 2008

President Ken McKenzie opened the meeting with a welcome for members and guests.

Among our visitors was George S. (Bud) Cole, a retired Aeronautical Engineer / Pilot / A & P / Aircraft Designer. He would be pleased to help with any design issues that might arise among builders in our Chapter. He is one of the original members of St. Louis Chapter 32. His son Bill was also in attendance. Contact him at BudCole@SBCglobal.com or 925 285 0807.

Business:

Our treasurer, Louis Goodell, reported \$1,740.18 in our checking and \$2,648.31 in our savings accounts.

Dick Sperling reminded members of the next Young Eagle event on April 19.

For the B-17 visit, Ken McKenzie has a list of WW II veterans, including some who were B-17 pilots.

President Ken McKenzie asked the members to approve an agreement with MDPA to jointly use the original terminal building (most recently occupied by Budget Rent-A-Car) for our meetings, Young Eagles rallies, picnics, and Holiday Party. See the President's Perspective for more details on this and other budget actions.

Member Bob Rudolph proposed that we start each meeting with the pledge of

allegiance.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pledge_of_Allegiance A motion was made, seconded and passed to do so. Duane Allen noted that he had a suitable flag and pole.

Presentation:

Vice President Bill Reining introduced Sarah Ratzesberger and her boss, Karen Reyna from the National Marine Sanctuary Program. The program's web site is: <http://farallones.noaa.gov/seabirds.html> Sarah reviewed the mission and activities of the program in this presentation: <http://farallones.noaa.gov/pdfs/ecosystemprotection/pilotpresentation.pdf> The Farallone Islands and the surrounding waters have the largest breeding colonies of sea birds in the US, as well as colonies of seals, sea lions and great white sharks.

An early sea bird restoration program for the common murre was cited as one of many examples of programs that are continually impeded by disturbances caused by low flying aircraft, boats too close, and people on foot.. The presentation at our meeting is part of a public education program designed to increase awareness of these problems.

Of particular note for pilots: There are several charted areas within ¼ mile of the coastline over nearby marine sanctuaries where aircraft must maintain at least 1000 feet AGL (2000 is recommended), or (in severe cases of harassment) face fines, jail, aircraft forfeiture and/or revocation of a pilot's airman certificate. The regulations governing these restrictions have been established not only by the FAA, but also by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Download the file titled, "Agencies with Overflight Restrictions" for a list of state and federal regulations and authorities related to aircraft disturbance at:

<http://www.farallones.noaa.gov/pilots.html>

Q: Are they interested in an airplane ride?

A: Sarah – yes; Karen – no.

EAA 393 Board Meeting Report

April 1, 2008

Attending: Ken McKenzie, Guy Jones, Louis Goodell, Pete Mitchell, and Dick Sperling.

1. Louis Goodell, Treasurer, reported \$1,862.30 in checking and \$2,649.08 in savings.

2. Ken solicited advice on who might volunteer to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Dinner planning: The next meeting of MDPA is two days after our meeting. They expect to be in their new quarters, but we are not sure. We'll pick a place and announce it. If there's a change, it's not far to go. Last time there were 18 to 21 people at dinner, but only \$75 in the kitty. For the next dinner, Ken would like to continue with most of the same volunteers and bring in a few new people. Harvard will bring salad again; Ken will bring the hot dogs; Rob Hadley will be asked to bring a vegetarian dish again; Ken could also do chile or an equivalent dish. We still have plenty of paper supplies. Bill McCoy will be asked to be in charge of the beer, if any. Ken has the hot dog cooker until next time. Then it will probably live in the kitchen in the new quarters.

4. The San Mateo Maker Faire via EAA National has requested an EAA presence at the Faire in San Mateo May 3 & 4. The date is right after our B-17 event, so we will have tables, chairs and literature collected. There may also be a Golden West presence at the Faire. <http://makerfaire.com/>

5. The first Young Eagle event of the year is April 19. Young Eagles will sign up in the old terminal building where there will be a video setup which explains how airplanes work and provides entertainment while the kids wait. Dick Sperling would like to have a briefing for ground crews at 8 AM. Other details are still to be worked out. Dick reports that PSA is going to donate 500 gallons of fuel for our Young Eagles program. Sterling is not able to donate fuel at the present time. Dick would like pilots to keep track of how much fuel they use. Last year we flew 143 Young Eagles, so there is

approximately 3 gallons of donated fuel for each Young Eagle.

6. Ken reported that John Gibson (of Golden West fame) will be our speaker for April 23. John and Bill Reining will arrange the topic.

7. B-17 planning continues. Jerry Whiting, the aviation author from last time, will be there again, this time with 3 books and a DVD for sale. The DVD proceeds will go to the veterans center.

The Civil Air Patrol will help us with security this time, in exchange for free ground tours of the B-17. MDPA members may also volunteer to help with the B-17.

An Air Force recruiter will also attend for part of the time.

Bill McCoy is handling the media work this time around. He has met with the airport staff person who helps with media. It is not clear how much help the airport staff person can provide.

Fly Out to Petaluma

March 29, 2008

Seems like only the die-hards went on this trip. The weather was overcast, but not too low, so it was actually a fine flight. Duane Allen took his C-182RG with passengers Harvard Holmes and Guy Jones. Bob Belshe flew his yellow Lancair 235/320. Phil Jenkins flew his Glasair II S RG with passenger Tom Howard.



Lunch in the Two-Niner Diner in Petaluma.



The Cessna 182RG in Duane Allen's air force.



Bob Belshe's yellow Lancair 235/320.



Phil Jenkins shows off his Glasair II S RG.

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Meeting Schedule (2008)

General (Wed.) Fly Out (Sat.) Board (Tue.)

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Apr 19, Young Eagle Flights		
Apr 23	Apr 26	May 6
Apr 28–May 1, B-17 (flights/tours Tues & Wed)		
May 28	May 31	Jun 3
Jun 6-8, Golden West EAA Fly In & Airshow		
Jun 21, Young Eagle Flights		
Jun 25	Jun 28	Jul 1
Jul 9-13, Arlington Fly In		
Jul 19, Picnic	Jul 26	Aug 5
Jul 28–Aug 3, AirVenture Oshkosh Fly In		
Aug 27	Aug 30	Sep 2
Sep 24	Sep 27	Oct 7
Oct 22	Oct 25	Nov 4

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.

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