

## August 27

Freshly back from Arlington and Oshkosh, our own Ken McKenzie and Bill Reining report on the wonders of these aviation extravaganzas. Avionics, Forums, Warbirds, Very Light Jets, and all manner of wondrous flying machines were to be seen.

### Special Announcements

Our August Meeting will be in our new quarters at 161 John Glen. Enter around the back. Join us for Supper (\$5 donation).

Our September Meeting is moving to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, September 17, to coincide with our hosting the Pleasant Hill and Concord Chambers of Commerce.

**Volunteer—  
to fly Young Eagles at Napa—  
See the Wings and Wheels article.**

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### Upcoming Speakers/Topics

Dates and topics may will change!

TBD (Nov?): Dave Saylor of AirCrafters LLC in Watsonville

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### On the Radar Screen

**Friday Aug 29** the USAF Thunderbirds will be at Travis AFB. Event is "Travis Air Expo"

### Presidential perspective:

#### How to build a better chapter

Lately I've been thinking a lot about how to improve our chapter. I'm thinking about things that go well beyond interesting speakers. The membership has always been made up of mostly people who are not building a project. These folks come and go regularly and rarely seem to stick around to become part of what I think of as our "regulars". So to find a way to "capture" these people I think that we need to have a program that will involve non-builders that goes beyond the monthly speaker, fly-out and Young Eagle programs. The following are some ideas that, with some effort, might provide a stimulus for our hard won newcomers to remain active within the chapter.

I think that if we had a chapter project that any chapter member could drop in on and work on in their spare time, this would promote a feeling of chapter involvement and belonging. Members would naturally become closer through mutual interaction around a common goal.

Sounds simple, right? Well this would require several things that we don't currently have. Specifically, we would need a place to work, tools, a person(s) to manage the project and, finally, a project.

On the face of it, the task seems overwhelming, given the cost of facilities, the current attitude of the airport management towards builders, and the increased costs of operations.

A Chapter hangar, or similar meeting place, would seem to me to be the type of facility that would attract participation of the public, most of whom currently think of

aviation only as a sport of the wealthy. With EAA's current push to make aviation affordable, 393 could provide a real doorway for the normal guy to consider becoming a pilot if we could provide a place that they could drop in and participate in aviation activities. To make the most of EAA's current affordability push, we would have to focus on Light Sport Aircraft and other low cost options. This would pull in new pilot candidates, and also attract older pilots who are planning their flying futures. Our long-term survival requires that we both attract new pilot candidates and also retain existing pilots.

The airport is a natural location for an EAA chapter but nothing says that we must meet there. Another possibility is to move our club off-site. That is, to find a place that can serve as both meeting place and chapter "hangar" -- a place for both projects and other chapter activities. What I envision is a place that members could hang out during the day and well into the evenings and that could house several projects that members who don't have their own could help with. Sort of practice for the day they might have a project of their own.

So, if anyone has any thoughts on any of this, I'm open to suggestions.

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### **Chambers of Commerce "Mixer" on September 17** by William "Bill" McCoy

This coming meeting is, in my opinion, one of the most important that we have had since I have been a member.

It has taken a year and a month for us to be awarded the distinction of hosting a major "Monthly Mixer" by not only the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, but also the Concord Chamber of Commerce. It is very rare for the larger and longer established Concord Chamber to co-host a very small organization such as our 100 member EAA, especially since we are not a member of the Concord Chamber of Commerce. Yet they have honored us with the value of their members for this event.

The turn out should be about 120 people. Aviation is a very visible, yet mostly unknown industry to most people. Each time I have had the chance to bring up aviation at the past "Mixers" and what we are doing via EAA 393 there has always been a very high interest.

This is the best opportunity we have had to show our aircraft and our love for aviation to this many local business people. We need as many planes and other related items as we can get together to show and make available to this group of organizations.

Food and spirits will be available via EAA 393 and the Chambers of Commerce.

Hopefully we can do a couple of demo flights and contribute future sight seeing flights for the drawings that will be held at the event.

Please feel free to contact me directly for any further information.

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**Young Eagles** by Dick Sperling

**Our next Young Eagles Rally will be held on 13 Sept, details will follow.**

Thanks, Dick

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**Fly-Outs Revitalized** by Scott Achelis

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](mailto: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.

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**EAA 393 Picnic Report**

July 19, 2008

Thanks to Louis Goodell for organizing and carrying out this year's picnic, almost single handedly. Also thanks to Bill Black and his wife Carolyn for taking over the cooking

duties, preparing scrumptious hamburgers and hot dogs for a large crowd. Louis Goodell reports that the attendees reached 45 souls, a notable improvement over attendance last time. We were blessed with temperate weather, and that, combined with good shade and good food, brought out the crowd. Of course, the fruit salad that Rick Lambert brought probably also had something to do with the large turnout.





Who can help with the Chapter's tax/income/501(c)3 issues? The Board is seeking advice.

### EAA 393 Board Meeting Notes

August 5, 2008

Attending: Louis Goodell, Harvard Holmes, Bill Reining, and Bill McCoy.

1. Bill Reining reviewed upcoming speakers. He and Ken McKenzie will talk in August about Oshkosh. He met Dave Saylor of AirCrafters in Watsonville at Oshkosh, and Dave will speak to us. The date is not set yet. Bill Reining will call him.

We would also like to have another technical meeting, probably hosted by one or more of our members. Volunteers? Who has a hangar to use? Bill Reining will call Bruce Seguire as a starting point.

2. Treasurer Louis Goodell reported \$1,179.38 in checking and \$2,649.97 in savings. Our \$246 for the picnic has been paid. Our \$600 for the MDPA sublease has not been paid.

3. Louis Goodell thought there were 45 people at the picnic – one of our higher turnouts.

4. Harvard Holmes will request keys for the room from Lorraine Bartneck, for the following: Bill Reining, Louis Goodell, Pete Mitchell, Bill McCoy, Harvard Holmes, and Dick Sperling.

5. Cleco material is due August 13.

6. The Holiday party is coming. Harvard Holmes has contacted MDPA to get on the calendar for the room for Saturday December 6. Bill McCoy will contact a woman who prepares meals for parties at the yacht club. Harvard has done two seating charts for our MDPA/EAA room. Neither works for 9 tables.

7. Seems like we need a hard look at our finances.

8. We need a dinner organizer and we need to make the pre-meeting dinners an income-producing proposition. Harvard Holmes agreed to convene a "nominating committee" to find a dinner organizer.

9. The board noted a need to justify to our members our continued participation in the Chamber of Commerce (CC). Why is it important? What is the benefit to Chapter 393? Are we really getting our money's worth? Are we getting new members? Are we influencing local businesses and politicians in our favor? Are we getting better publicity for our events, e.g., the B-17 flights and the Young Eagles events? Bill McCoy will call Rich Cunningham (our Gov't. affairs coordinator, to brainstorm on these issues.

10. Bill McCoy reviewed our Chamber of Commerce (CC) mixer on September 17.

Background: We joined the Pleasant Hill CC with the intent of a) getting more members from CC members; b) getting more publicity; and c) getting a little more traction with the airport administration and other politicians. Joining the Concord CC was also an option at the time, but more expensive.

The event: Members of the CCs are expected to sponsor monthly mixers (cocktail parties) from time to time. Many months ago, we got scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>. In this case, due to their great interest in aviation, the Concord CC will join the Pleasant Hill CC for our mixer. We are expected to provide "nibblies" to eat, while the CC will provide (sell) drinks to the attendees. Selling drinks is a fund raiser for the CC. Official hours of the mixer are from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM. At 5:15 PM the CC would like to have a "ribbon cutting" ceremony (mainly publicity photos?). We plan to move our September meeting up a week to coincide with the mixer. We should expect 100 to 120 people from the CCs (and 30 to 40 EAA members). Our goal is to show the CCs "what we do," as airplane builders, as educators with our Young Eagles program, as contributors to the economy, as part of GA (which provides business transportation), and as pilots who fly as quietly as possible. Dress is casual.

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### Hangar Space Available

Shared Hangar space available.....ideal for HIGH "SHORT" WINGED A/C or project West Ramp CCR \$210/mo  
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## Wings & Wheels 2008

**Napa County Airport (APC)**

**Saturday, August 30th 10am to 3:30pm**

Hi everyone! This is the official information email on Napa County Airport Day: "Wings & Wheels 2008." As Event Chairman I want to invite you to attend.

What is "Wings & Wheels 2008?" Think of it as "Pacific Coast Dream Machines" in the Napa Valley. There is one major difference... its FREE to the public, there is no admission charge. Airport Day is a PR event to get folks out to their airport to get up-close and personal with airplanes and pilots and find out that they are just regular folks who learned to fly. It also lets folks learn just what services the airport provides to our community. Events like this are critical to promoting and preserving general aviation.

### FAST FACTS

- Arrival and set-up time is from 7:30 'til 9:45am (weather permitting). Late arrivals can be handled IF you arrange it in advance. You can arrive and have your plane parked on Friday if you contact us ahead of time.
- Event hours are 10am to 3:30pm. We are asking participants to leave their planes and cars on display the entire time but early departures are possible if you pre-arrange it.
- Each participant receives an event plaque and a \$5 food coupon redeemable with our vendors.
- Every participant is automatically entered in our "People's Choice Awards" contest. Children and parents will be voting for their favorite cars and planes in different categories and trophies will be awarded (including "best of show").
- Transient parking is available for those wishing to fly in, but not display their aircraft.

This event is sponsored by EAA Chapter 167 (Napa/Solano) and the Napa Area Pilots

Association who will be covering the costs and providing the volunteer staff.

In addition to aircraft on display, the Napa Valley Cruisers will be coordinating the car show side of the event.

We will be flying Young Eagles all day and expect at LEAST 120 children to sign up for their free flights. If you are interested in flying Young Eagles contact Bill Wheadon at 707 224-3901. YE flights will be from 10am - 3:30pm.

EAA 167 will have an area with aircraft under-construction so that folks can learn about airplane-building. There will be electric cars on display. Airplane-building workshops for KIDS will be held throughout the day where children will put together their own, rubber band-powered airplanes and then fly them.

To find out more about any specifics or make special arrangements contact me, Keith Hezmhalch at 707-226-1076 or toll-free at 1-866-945-3843.

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### **West Side Irregulars Fly To Auburn**

August 13, 2008

Wednesdays are common days for informal fly outs by owners at the Northwest Hangars. This time we had 6 aircraft and 10 people: Bob Belshe in his Lancair 235/320, Bob Sinclair in his Lancair 320, Fred Egli in his Lancair IV with Vi, Harvard and Sara; Phil Jenkins in his Glasair II with Gene Stangel; Ken Wiley in his Glastar; and Ron Robinson in his Glasair I. The food was excellent, as usual, but the weather was very hot, not much of a relief from Concord.



**Secret Pictures from our April B-17 visit**



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**Meeting Schedule (2008)**

General (Wed.)	Fly-Out (Sat.)	Board (Tue.)
Aug 27	Aug 30	Sep 2
<b>Sep 13, Young Eagle Flights</b>		
<b>Sep 17, Host Pleasant Hill &amp; Concord Chambers of Commerce, 5:30 to 7:30</b>		
Sep 17	Sep 27	Oct 7
<b>Oct 18, Young Eagle Flights</b>		
Oct 22	Oct 25	Nov 4
Nov 19	Nov 22	Dec 2
<b>Dec 6, Holiday Party</b>	Dec 27	Jan 6
<b>Jan 28, 2009</b>	Jan 31	Feb 3
<b>Feb 25, 2009</b>	Feb 28	Mar 3
<b>Mar 25, 2009</b>	Mar 28	Apr 7
<b>Apr 22, 2009</b>	Apr 25	May 5

Our meetings are open to the public. EAAers might make someone else happy by introducing them to our Chapter, getting them involved in projects, Fly-Outs and just plain good camaraderie.

Our normal meeting time is 7:30PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (except July, November and December) at the building at 161 John Glenn Drive (formerly Budget Rent-A-Car), north of Sterling Aviation. **Enter from the rear (facing the airport)!** Chapter 393 Fly-Outs are open to chapter members and their guests. Email [EAA.393.flyouts@gmail.com](mailto:EAA.393.flyouts@gmail.com) (preferred) or meet at the building noted above 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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