

## January 2011

### This Month's Speaker

by Tracy Peters

Lieutenant Colonel James Warren will discuss his experience with the Tuskegee airmen during WWII and the revolt at Freeman Field over discrimination. He has written a book on the subject and will be selling it after the meeting. Colonel Warren became the oldest newly minted airman in December, earning his private pilot's license.



*Lt. Col. Warren (left) with his Flight Examiner Reinhard Jarschke (photo from the January 2011 EAA Sport Aviation)*

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### Upcoming Speakers and Topics

Dates and topics subject to change!

- February: Electrical Systems
- March: Exhaust Systems
- April: Collings Foundation crewmember

If you know of an interesting speaker, let Tracy know.

### Time to Pay Dues!

Send your \$30 to our Treasurer, Bob Belshe at:

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or bring it to the next meeting. Memberships run yearly. Dues must be paid by the end of February. Let us know of any changes in your aviation life such as phone number, email, project(s), etc.

### January Dinner Menu

by Rick Bourgeois

Dinner is served at 6:30pm – Price is \$7:

- Chicken Cacciatore
- Green Beans,
- Salad
- Dinner Rolls
- Cookies
- Beverages

Let Rick know your suggestions. He's planning roasted chicken and corn bread for February.

Rick thinks a **pancake breakfast** would be fun. Do you? **Would you attend? Let Rick know!**

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### 2010 Member of the Year

Renee Robinson was recognized as Member of The Year for 2010 at the December Holiday Party. There is a member profile article on Renee in the August 2010 issue of the Cleco. Congratulations Renee.



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## Notes from the President

Happy New Year Everyone! Let's all say thanks to everyone who made our Holiday Party such a success, especially to Sara Holmes, the organizer. My wife and I had a very good time – we trust all of you did as well. Tom Howard, your raffle was fantastic! I understand we made a little money as well. Again, well done to everyone involved.

We have much to look forward to this year, including Young Eagles, International Learn to Fly Day, Golden West, AirVenture 2011 and a visit by the EAA's "Aluminum Overcast" B-17. We were officially informed over the holidays that the B-17 will arrive at Buchanan Field from Watsonville on Monday, May 2 and depart for Napa on Thursday, May 5. Pacific States Aviation has agreed to host the airplane on their ramp. Our revenue flight activities will occur on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3 and 4. Jack Davi has volunteered to lead our chapter activities for the B-17, assisted by Dick Sperling, Pete Mitchell and Rick Bourgeois. Many exciting ideas for the B-17 visit were aired during our January board meeting, including:

- A raffle to win a flight on the B-17
- Dinner with the crew during their visit
- Free rides for WWII B-17 crewmembers
- A free ride to Napa for our most dedicated volunteers

As mentioned in the last Cleco, a draft revision to our chapter bylaws has been prepared by the Board of Directors. It includes a more precise definition of membership categories (regular, family, honorary, special and life), a requirement that every chapter member must also be an EAA member, clarifications to existing subjects and a few new subjects. A copy of the draft will be posted on the web, and distributed in hard copy at the January meeting. We will summarize and discuss the changes during the January meeting. A vote by the membership to approve the revised bylaws will be conducted at the February general meeting.

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## Young Eagles

The Young Eagles are on winter break. Young Eagles coordinator Richard Sperling recognized many of the pilots and ground support volunteers and others at the December Holiday Party. The Chapter also recognized Richard for all his work and effort throughout the year.

## Wednesday Fly-outs

Some photos from a recent fly-out to Half Moon Bay by Tom Howard



*Base leg over Highway 1 on approach to Half Moon Bay Airport*



*Seated clock-wise Jim Madison, Harvard Holmes, Jeri Reining, Ron Robinson, Bill Reining, Bob Belshe and Phil Jenkins*



*A view of the new Devil's Slide tunnel on Hwy 1*



*Phil Jenkins and Ron Robinson at Phil's Glassair*

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### **November General Meeting**

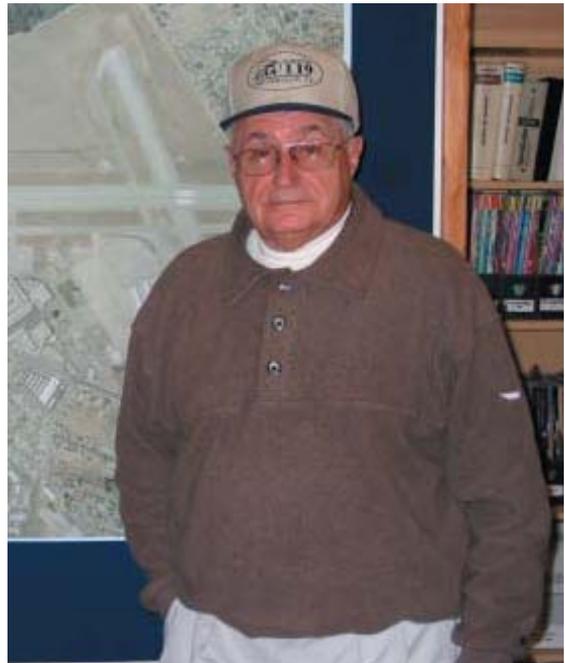
No notes were submitted, but there were two very interesting presentations, one by the Athenian School plane building project and a second by the Civil Air Patrol Veterans Day wreath project. [Editor.]

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### **Member Profile – Jack Davi**

Jack (John) Davi recently joined Chapter 393 after moving to Rossmoor from Aptos in October 2010. He was a member of Watsonville Chapter 119 for over 15 years and served as their President, Young Eagles Coordinator and Board member.

Jack grew up and lived in Martinez throughout his adult life, until retiring to Aptos in 1995. He graduated from Martinez' Alhambra High School in 1947. Jack was elected to the Martinez City Council in 1962 to 1966, and served as Martinez Vice-Mayor from 1964 to 1966.



Jack learned to fly at the Martinez Air Park, soloing on his 16th birthday, June 1, 1946. He was President of the Martinez Flying Club. Jack and the club moved their Cessna 120 to Buchanan Field when it opened to general aviation in the late 1940's. He has held a Private Certificate for over 63 years, accumulating over 3,000 hours as Pilot in Command while flying out of Martinez, Buchanan, Gness, Oakland and Watsonville. Jack has owned several aircraft; a 1946 Stinson 108, 1946 Piper Cub, 1940 Taylorcraft BC-12D and a 1950 Cessna 12A. In addition to the EAA, Jack is also a member of AOPA, the Watsonville Pilots Association and the Quiet Birdmen (QB's).

Senior Master Sergeant Davi served eleven years in the Air Force Reserve and the California Air National Guard as a Flight Engineer and Loadmaster.

Jack retired as Senior Vice President and part owner of Sequoia Pacific Elections Systems Corporation, after 40 years of service. Sequoia Elections is the largest supplier of voting systems and official and sample ballots to over 55 million registered voters in 5 states.

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## January Board Meeting Notes

By Pete Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 19:00 by President Bill Reining.

Present were Bob Belshe, Renee Robinson, Rich Cunningham, Rich Sperling, Pete Mitchell, Richard Bourgeois, Bill Reining & Tracy Peters.

Absent were Vi Egli, Tom Howard & Steve Senatori.

Guests Kevin Hoos, Jack Davi, Guy Jones, Harvard Holmes & Marilyn Sperling also attended.

Treasurers report by Bob Belshe:

Combined bank balance of \$5,711.

Christmas Dinner Income \$1925, Expenses \$1701  
Gain of \$224.

Christmas Raffle Income \$325, Expenses 234 Gain  
\$91.

Income for the year \$5,887, Expenses \$4,413 net gain  
of \$1,474.

Young Eagles, Richard Sperling:

Several events are in the planning stage for later in  
the year.

A young Eagles Event is planned for May 21, the  
National Learn to Fly Day. This day is a joint effort  
of EAA & AOPA.

Kevin Strongman, a past Young Eagle, will be  
attending the January meeting. He is an Eagle Scout  
with ambitions to attend a Military Academy. He  
wants involvement in airport activities.

Next year Dick anticipates 3 to 4 flights with Boy  
Scouts, Girl Scouts & Sea Cadets.

Guest Jack Davi:

Jack presented Board Members with hats displaying  
EAA Chapter 393. Thanks Jack.

Jack is also hard at work trying to establish field trips  
to Buchanan Field for elementary students from the  
local schools.

Jack has donated a collection of aviation books to  
establish an honor system lending library. The Board  
has provided funds and Jack has constructed a  
bookcase, which is now ready for painting. MDPA  
has agreed on its placement in the Clubhouse. Other  
members are encouraged to contribute their aviation  
books to the library.

B-17:

Jack is responsible for the EAA B-17 visit to  
Buchanan Field on May 2, 3 & 4.

Volunteers will be needed for various positions.  
Details will be provided by the March meeting.

Discussions are ongoing regarding press coverage,  
raffle tickets, task assignments & hosting a crew  
dinner.

A B-17 committee was formed with Jack Davi, Dick  
Sperling, Pete Mitchell & Rick Bourgeois.

Web Site:

The web site has been cleaned up. Photos are  
requested.

Webmaster Renee has been temporarily relocated by  
her employer, the FAA, to Oklahoma City through  
April 24, for classes on new technology. She is web  
mastering via remote control.

Building Sign:

Tom Howard is heading up a crew to install our  
Chapter Sign on the end of the building, any day now.

Dinner Report – Rick Bourgeois:

Dick is planning a January menu of Chicken  
Cacciatore, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Cookies &  
Drinks.

For February Rick is planning Roasted Chicken, Corn  
Bread, Vegetable, Potato Salad, Dinner Rolls & Ice  
Cream.

Speakers- Tracy:

January: Tuskegee Airman by new Private Pilot Lt  
Colonel Warren

February: Electrical Systems

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Badges:

The Board approved funds for additional Name  
Badges. If you have never received a Name Badge  
see Pete Mitchell.

President – Bill:

Chapter Renewal Status Report.

Annual Insurance Renewal \$271 Chapter Fee \$50  
Totaling \$321.

Bylaws are being updated to conform to EAA  
National Guidelines. A detailed discussion of the new

bylaws was conducted, with several changes and corrections noted. The new Bylaws will be presented to the membership at the January meeting & voted on during the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 22:20

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## **2011 Bylaw Changes**

by Bill Reining

The “Chapter 393 Bylaws” is a document that establishes the chapter structure and governs how chapter business functions transpire. The Board of Directors has been busy for the last two months in re-writing the chapter bylaws to bring them up-to-date with both the chapter’s latest policies and procedures and the guidelines specified by the EAA. The EAA guidelines are actually a draft set of bylaws, with occasional guidance and options. Recognizing that the EAA guidelines represented the collective experience of many chapters, we started with them, and modified them to suit our chapter. This explains why the proposed 2011 Bylaws require 9 pages, where our previous bylaws filled only two pages.

The first thing you may notice is the membership section (Article IV) is much more detailed. This is the one area where the EAA insists all chapters use the same language. It describes the various forms of membership (Regular, Family, Honorary/Complimentary, Special, and Life). Our chapter had not previously defined these various forms of membership, but they do make sense. One item that EAA insists on: to be a chapter member you must be an EAA member. Special membership is reserved for cases of financial hardship. The Board of Directors is empowered to grant this free membership. The EAA will, upon chapter recommendation, also grant the person special membership status for the same year.

A new Article V addresses dues, assessments and expenditures. This section specifies how annual dues are established, approved, and collected. New members are expected to pay their dues upon joining. If they join after June 30 they will get credit for the rest of that year and all of the next year. Continuing members are expected to pay their dues by the end of February of each year. The Board of Directors can

approve expenditures less than or equal to \$250, amounts greater than that must be approved by the general membership. Checks drawn of the chapter’s bank account must be signed by the chapter President or Treasurer and one more officer.

We have added a separate section (Article VII) to address quorums and voting rights. Here in one place you can find what it takes to constitute a valid vote by the membership, and similarly by the Board of Directors. In the past the chapter has defined a quorum as “at least two thirds of the average attendance of the previous three meetings”. The Board decided to change this to conform to the EAA suggestion, which is “at least one third of the total chapter membership must be in attendance, or represented by proxy”. The proxy is a new idea for us. The Board of Directors is responsible for the method by which proxy votes are issued, accepted, or counted. Once a quorum is assembled, most resolutions are approved by simple majority. A two-thirds majority vote is required in the following cases:

- Changes to the chapter bylaws
- Dissolution of the chapter
- Separation of the chapter from the EAA

Our existing list of chapter officers is very similar to EAA’s guidelines, but we also have the Newsletter Editor as an officer. The EAA guidelines provide an excellent description of each officer’s duties, which we have incorporated. We also define the duties of the Newsletter Editor. Unique to our chapter, we define “chapter coordinators” and list them in the Appendix (e.g. Young Eagles, Webmaster, etc.)

The Board of Directors has been composed of the chapter officers, immediate past officers and five appointed members. The new bylaws define the Board of Directors as the chapter officers, immediate past officers, and the chapter coordinators. A quorum for the Board of Directors is six members.

Resolutions of the board are passed with a simple majority vote. The new bylaws retain a provision found in our previous bylaws; the President can veto any business decision at his discretion if he feels the question before the board is of sufficient concern to be submitted for vote to the general membership.

The section on elections (Article XI) is very similar to our existing bylaws, but explained in more detail. The proxy vote is also mentioned in this section. A new section (Article XII) addresses the transition of leadership. This section defines a meeting of the old and new officers and mentions several subjects for their review, to ensure the incoming officers have a clear grasp of the chapter's status, and that all required documents are up-to-date.

Several new articles complete the bylaws. They address:

- Financial reports
- Facilities, Tools and Other Assets
- Dispute resolution
- Amendments
- Dissolution
- Chapter Charter Authorization

A table of contents precedes the bylaws. An appendix at the end contains administrative information that might change from time-to-time, such as the mailing address, meeting location and dates, etc. A change to the Appendix can be done by simple vote of the Board of Directors – it does not require a two thirds vote of the membership.

Please take time to read the new bylaws. They can be found on the chapter 393 website ([www.eaa393.org](http://www.eaa393.org)).

Just click the link on the home page. Printed copies will be available at the January general meeting.

Please submit any comments or suggestions to any member of the Board of Directors. We will consider these at the February Board of Directors meeting. A vote to approve the new bylaws will be conducted at the February general membership meeting.

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## Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
Jan 5		<b>Jan 26</b>		
Feb 1		<b>Feb 23</b>		
Mar 1		<b>Mar 23</b>		
Apr 5		<b>Apr 27</b>		
May 3		<b>May 25</b>		
		<i>B-17 visit to Buchanan Field</i>		<i>May 2-5</i>
		<i>May 21 (also National Learn to Fly Day)</i>		
Jun 7		<b>Jun 22</b>		
		<i>Golden West Regional Fly-In</i>		<i>Jun 10-12</i>
Jul 5				
		<i>Arlington Fly-In, Arlington, WA</i>		<i>Jul 6-10</i>
		<i>Chapter Picnic</i>		<i>Jul 16</i>
		<i>AirVenture 2011, Oshkosh, WI</i>		<i>Jul 25-31</i>
Aug 2		<b>Aug 24</b>		
Sep 6		<b>Sep 28</b>		
Oct 4		<b>Oct 26</b>		
Nov 1		<b>Nov 16</b>		
Dec 6				

Our meetings are open to the public. Join us for dinner at 6:30 pm (\$7) with the general meeting at 7:30 pm on the above dates in the building at 161 John Glenn Drive north of Sterling Aviation. Enter from the airport side of the building.

Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See the newsletter for arrangements.

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