

March 23, 2011

This Month's Speaker

by Tracy Peters

Electrical Systems:

Upcoming Speakers and Topics

The April meeting has been moved to May 4 to coincide with the B-17 visit. Our speakers will be the B-17 crewmembers.

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

Past 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.



B-17 Tour May 2-5, 2011

By Bill Reining

The "Aluminum Overcast", a B-17G owned and operated by the EAA, is coming to Buchanan Field during the first week in May (May 2-5). Our chapter is hosting this visit. Tours and flights will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3 and 4. All Active Military or Veterans will be offered a free tour. The airplane is accompanied by a souvenir trailer, which will be set up to offer B-17 memorabilia for sale. We have delayed the normal April monthly meeting one week to Wednesday evening, May 4, in order to have the B-17G crewmembers join us and share their experience with us. More information about the B-17 is available on the web <http://www.b17.org/>

In order to make this visit a success we need volunteers! Anyone who can take time off from their job (or retirement) is encouraged to spend four hours assisting on the flight line or at the souvenir trailer. Jack Davi is heading up this effort and will provide more details at the general meeting on March 23. Be prepared to sign up at the meeting.

B-17 Concord Tour Stop Info Sheet

By Jack Davi (the "Man")

Over-view

May 2 Monday

Arrival (11:00am)

Press Flights (1:00 and 1:30)

May 3 Tuesday

Paid Flights (10:15 11:00 11:45 12:30 1:15)

Ground Tours (2:00 - 5:00)

Merchandise Sales (9:00 – 5:00)

May 4 Wednesday

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Ground Tours (2:00 - 5:00)

Merchandise Sales (9:00 – 5:00)

Chapter Dinner with B-17 Crew (6:30 – 9:00)

May 5 Thursday

Departure (10:30am)

Volunteer Requirements

May 2

4 people 10:00 – 3:00 Arrival & Press Flights
(Crowd control - escort press to B-17, set up barricades)

May 3

6 people 9:00 – 1:00 Flight Support
(Crowd control, security, passenger loading & unloading, set up barricades)

6 people 1:00 – 5:00 Ground Tours
(Working around the aircraft entrance, checking payment stickers, cockpit & crowd control, assist passengers at exit)

2 people 9:00 – 1:00 Merchandise Sales

2 people 1:00 – 5:00 Merchandise Sales

May 4 (same as May 3)

6 people 9:00 – 1:00 Flight Support

6 people 1:00 – 5:00 Ground Tours

2 people 9:00 – 1:00 Merchandise Sales

2 people 1:00 – 5:00 Merchandise Sales

Jump Flight Seats

- A drawing will be held at the May 4th Chapter Dinner meeting for 6 free seats on the flight from Concord to Hayward.
- To be eligible, you must have worked at least one 4hr shift. Your name will be entered once for each shift you worked.
- The Jump Flight passengers must be at the B-17 by 10:00am and must make their own arrangements to get back to Concord from Hayward.

March 26, 2011 Dinner Menu

by Rick Bourgeois

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

- Shrimp with Orzo
- Green Beans
- Garlic Bread
- Cookies and other dessert
- Beverages

We will need a signup for the April (May 4th) meeting Dinner. A large turnout is expected and Rick needs an estimate for planning purposes.

Let Rick know your suggestions for future meals.

Young Eagles Events

Our tentative schedule for Young Eagles rallies in 2011 is:

- May 21
- June 4
- July 9
- Aug 13
- Sept 10
- Oct 15 or 29

Get ready for this years first Y E Rally soon after the EAA B-17 departs. This first one is known as International Learn to Fly Day! It's a worldwide event. Renee Robinson will be in charge for the first time since I'll be out of town. Please give Renee your full support to make this a successful day.

Thanks, Dick Sperling

February General Meeting Notes

Business

We had three guests: A friend of our speaker (your note taker missed the name), Carol Jones, and Al Wraa. Al is joining our Chapter. He is building a Zenith CH801 – a 4 place all metal high wing STOL. He is about 3 months away from completion.

Our Treasurer, Bob Belshe, reported 40 paid members and \$6,140 in the bank.

In Dick Sperling's absence, Bill Reining noted that Dick and his wife Marilyn had spoken to two classes at Glenbrook Middle School about life as a professional pilot. Dick invited interested students to our Young Eagles rallies. Jack Davi has prepared handouts for our Young Eagles including two magazines, a sectional chart and other flying materials. Tracy assisted in the reproduction of these materials.

It was moved and seconded that the membership approve the new Bylaws. Approval was unanimous with 27 votes (more than a quorum).

Jack Davi introduced a lending library for the Chapter and MDPA. Book donations are accepted and borrowing is on the honor system for 60 day periods. Jack built a beautiful bookcase to house the library with help from Tom Howard and Rick Bourgeois.

The Board decided to hold the next Holiday Party at the Concord Marie Callender's restaurant on December 11, 2011. Sara Holmes will again organize the event.

Jack Davi reported on B-17 progress. We will have sign's along Concord Avenue near the golf course and also at the Crown Plaza Hotel, as the event gets close. We will place an ad in the local newspapers. Ken McKenzie is helping with tables and chairs (from Golden West). We have 100 tickets for a drawing for a B-17 flight. We are selling them for \$10 each.

Speaker

Tracy Peters introduced Gryphon McArthur who is the distributor of the Tecnam line of Light Sport Aircraft (and other models) for the west coast. He is based in Watsonville.

He had an aircraft here for members to look at before dinner. He presented an overview of the various Tecnam models and some of their differences. Performance of the Tecnam LSA models is very similar – the more expensive models include better fit and finish and more

advanced avionics. More information is at their web site: <http://www.westcoastsportaircraft.com/>

March 1, 2011 Board Meeting Notes

by Pete Mitchell

Vice-President Tracy Peters called the meeting to order at 19:10.

Present were: Tracy Peters, Pete Mitchell, Bob Belshe, Rich Bourgeois, and Tom Howard.

Absent were Bill Reining, Steve Senatori, Vi Egli, Rich Cunningham & Renee Robinson.

Visitors were Guy Jones, Jack Davi and Harvard Holmes.

Treasurers Report – Bob Belshe
45 Members have paid 2011 dues.
Checking \$4,128.78, Savings \$2,654.55, for a total of \$6,783.33. (This includes a Young Eagles donation of \$200 from Tom Howard's sister Linda Govette.)

Bob is working on records that will be needed for the 501c3 application.

The Board approved \$14.98 for Rick Bourgeois to purchase a 6x8 plaque for Renee's Member of the Year award.

Tracy mentioned that our projector is dying. We will need to budget around \$600 for a replacement. We'd also like a more permanent sound system, and Tom Howard has agreed to install shelves for speakers.

Tracy has a source for Young Eagles Patches.

The Clubhouse Sign is still on the agenda, weather and other demands permitting.

Program Speakers – Tracy Peters
The Program this month will be on Electrical Systems.
April (May 4th) will be the B-17 crew dinner.

B-17 – Jack Davi
Harvard & Guy are already selling Raffle Tickets.
See Pete for tickets.

Jack has arranged for a large banner to be displayed, first on Buchanan Field Golf Course's fence adjacent to Diamond Blvd, then on The Crowne Plaza Hotel's lawn, as they will be hosting the B-17 crew.

A budget was discussed for the crew dinner & hot dogs & drinks for the volunteers.

Tom Howard has printed Posters. Anyone with a good location for the posters, see Jack.

Ken McKenzie & Tracy Peters have arranged with Golden West to borrow tents, tables & chairs for those touring the bomber.

Badges are ready for Lance Schlichter, Sean Kaylor, Steve & Joe Senatori, Bob Sinclair, Alan Wraa and Kevin Hoos.

Meeting adjourned at 21:00

March 8 Airport Advisory Committee Meeting by Harvard Holmes

Public Comments: MDPA (Bob Weiss) announced that they are planning an open house at the airport on August 6, 2011. EAA Chapter 393 (Harvard Holmes) announced/reviewed the B-17 Tour event scheduled for May 2-5, 2011. Keith Freitas noted that CalTrans has created a video illustrating the value of California's airports to its communities. (About 19 minutes)
http://msmedia.dot.ca.gov/training/81e_1.asf

Special Reports: Keith Freitas (the County Director of Airports) reviewed plans to improve the airport's gate system. A new card system will be installed; this will permit individual cards to be de-activated. Additional gates will be installed to provide redundancy; a malfunctioning gate can be locked closed, and there will still be access to the ramp areas. New cards will be \$50 each. Currently the airport has issued 848 keys to 426 individuals and businesses. New applications will be required for the new cards. When you apply for the new card, the airport will verify your driver's license and automobile insurance. You will still be able to escort visitors through the gate. Current plans do not require a card to exit the airport. The new system will go out to bid in the next few weeks, so get your comments in now!

Part 139 Certificate activities: The enhanced markings required for Part 139 airports have been completed. An Emergency Plan is required; the county Sheriffs Office has experience and will do this. The Emergency Plan draft is due July 1 to the FAA. A Safety Management Plan (SMS) will eventually be required – at great expense! The rules are not final yet for the SMS; a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) is still out for comment on this. It was suggested that the county Board of Supervisors (the owner of the airport) request that the NPRM be changed to exempt suspended 139 Certificate holders from this requirement.

The AAC proposed that airport staff review Part 139 Certification required actions and provide recommendations in favor or not of each proposed action/requirement. In discussion, the AAC agreed that this was merely an elaboration of their previous recommendation in favor of keeping the Part 139 Certification.

Opinion: This created some confusion on the part of this note taker. Earlier discussions by the AAC in support of keeping the Part 139 Certification indicated that one of the greatest values of the Certification was a clear standard of services & resources provided, and clear standards for the quality of such services & resources. Now the AAC, in suggesting staff review of these mandates, seems to be backing away from these standards. Before, the Part 139 Certification was a good justification for a standard level of performance. A review process weakens this external standard of performance by suggesting that it's open to question. It gives this observer the feeling that budget issues and hidden agendas are at work behind the scenes. If the NPRM allows suspended Certificate holders to omit essential elements of the Certification requirements, we will soon be a Certificate holder in name only. Why keep it? It will be just as much work to qualify for a new 139 Certification, as it would be to revive a suspended one, if the suspended ones have no requirements! End of Opinion

The AAC calendar was set for the next few meetings. Second Thursdays will be the new preferred days. May 12 will be the Tenant Recognition BBQ day, so the May meeting will be on the 5th.

Other airport events:

May 2-5, B-17 Tour

June 11-13, Collings Foundation Visit

Business Report: Mike Bruno

Sterling is seeing a slight uptick in avionics. On the down side, Astro-Aire, an instrument shop in Oakland, is going out of business; the Sterling Flight School is having difficulty – new students are limited.

Wednesday Fly-outs

By Harvard Holmes

Photographs by Tom Howard

To maintain our proficiency, a number of pilots get together on Wednesdays and fly somewhere for lunch. Many of the aircraft owners in the chapter participate. Passengers are always welcome. Not only is it a great way to see the Bay Area, it's also fun to see and ride in our members' aircraft. These are not official EAA Chapter 393 events. The email address is WedFlyOut@eaa393.org You may contact HarvardHolmes@comcast.net or Renee Robinson webmaster@eaa393.org to be added or removed from this list.

Generally, someone who wants to go flying will send a suggestion to this list a day or two before. Those who can go will respond and a destination gets selected. Recent destinations have included: Half Moon Bay, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Boonville, Shelter Cove, Willows, Auburn, Sacramento, Lodi, Stockton, Merced, Watsonville and Salinas. If the weather is poor, a decision may be made as late as Wednesday morning.

The most active pilots on this list are Harvard Holmes, Bill Reining, Bob Belshe, Ron Robinson, and Phil Jenkins. Pilots sometimes advertise that they have empty seats, but not always. Harvard Holmes and Bill Reining are

most likely to have extra seats (4 seat aircraft). My advice is to contact a pilot in advance to make sure they have room and to get directions. Typically, you'd get to the airport by 11:30am and return by 3:30pm.

On March 8, 2011, we went to Watsonville. Pilots (and passengers) and aircraft were: Harvard Holmes (Jack Davi) in a Lancair IV, Bill Reining in his Cessna 182, Bruce Seguire (Stu Bowers) in his experimental Swift, Duane Allen (Clint Beachem) in his Lancair ES, Ron Robinson (Jim Madison) in his Glasair I, Phil Jenkins (Tom Howard) in his Glasair II S, and Bob Belshe (Vi Egli) in his Lancair 235/290.



Lunch at WVI



Bruce Seguire's Experimental Swift and Harvard Holmes' Lancair IV (built by Fred Egli).

Revmaster Engine for Sale - \$4200 OBO
From: Samuel Ajayi <soajay@hotmail.com>
Ready for installation; less than 50 hours. Engine preserved; but likely needs a few gaskets.

LOOK CLOSLY. HARVARD HAS A NEW AIRPLANE



Back to basics with Balsa Wood!



Duane Allen in his beautiful Lancair ES.



Ron Robinson in his Glasair I.

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West Ramp CCR
21' by 18' -suitable for folding wing aircraft or construction project. \$222/month
Contact Harvard Holmes 510 526-5347

SHARE EXPENSES TO BUILD AN RV-12

I'm looking for someone who wants to build & fly the RV-12 (or something similar in the LSA classification). I have a build location with private airstrip in area.

Contact Tom Shaw (EAA member) for additional information at:

Tshaw@JetsonProducts.com or (925) 370-6531

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Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
Mar 1		Mar 23		
Apr 5		Apr 27 May 4		
May 3	May 21	May 25		
		<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	Jun 4	Jun 22		
		<i>Golden West Regional Fly-In</i>		<i>Jun 10-12</i>
Jul 5	Jul 9			
		<i>Arlington Fly-In, Arlington, WA</i>		<i>Jul 6-10</i>
		<i>Chapter Picnic</i>		Jul 16
		<i>AirVenture 2011, Oshkosh, WI</i>		<i>Jul 25-31</i>
Aug 2	Aug 13	Aug 24		
Sep 6	Sep 10	Sep 28		
Oct 4	Oct 15/29	Oct 26		
Nov 1		Nov 16		
Dec 6				
		<i>Holiday Party at Marie Callender's</i>		Dec 11

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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