

**June, 2013**

**Next General Meeting June 26th**



Guess who this current EAA Chapter 393 member is.  
 Clue- Photo courtesy of Western Michigan ROTC Alumni web page.

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**Last Flight**

We are saddened to learn of the passing of long time 393 member Louis Goddell. Louis first joined EAA 393 in 1977. Over the years he served many rolls on the Board as Coffee Host and Secretary –Treasurer from 1994-2009. A faithful EAA member till his health gave out. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

**MEMORY GARDENS CEMETERY**

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13:00 Wednesday 6/26/2013

Refreshments at First Christian Church  
 3039 Willow Pass Road Concord

**President's Notes June 2013**

By Bill Reining

Summer is upon us - the longest day of the year (the summer solstice) is Friday, June 21. School is out and families are off to the mountains and beaches. Many airports are having air shows and fly-ins. Here's a quick list pulled from a Google search:

- July 6 Truckee Tahoe Air Fair & Family Festival
- July 10-14 The Arlington Air Show (located a few miles north of Seattle)
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Our chapter will have its annual BBQ and Picnic on Saturday, July 20 at the Clubhouse. Tracy Peters will be sending out more information regarding what to bring. There will be no general meeting or Young Eagles rally in July.

Thanks again to everyone who supported the June 15 Young Eagles rally. We flew 62 kids. The entire event went very smoothly. Besides the pilots, marshals and inside staff, there were many unsung heroes who set up the shade tents, strung the barrier around the spectator area, rearranged the tables inside, placed signs around the airport, and stayed around after the event to completely clean the Clubhouse and put everything away. Thanks as well to the Civil Air Patrol who served as escorts in the ramp area. Lastly, thanks to Pacific States Aviation (PSA) for discounted avgas. Well done everyone!

We are in discussion with the airport office on what to do next to improve the Clubhouse. The chief ideas are: install air conditioning in the big meeting room, install artificial turf and a fence around the picnic area, install fans with lights in the fireplace room, and install air conditioning in the fireplace room. Of these ideas, the air conditioning for the big meeting room appears to have the highest priority. To that end, the airport is going to get an estimate from their contractor to see if it can be done within their available budget. Unlike most other projects, the air conditioning would have to be done professionally. If there is budget left over, some of the other projects could be accomplished with materials furnished by the airport and volunteer labor from the clubs.

Enjoy your summer – please fly and drive safely!

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### **May 22 General Meeting Notes**

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 19:30.

Twenty two members present, guests Chuck Jenkins wife Annette, Jesse Overton, Dan Chase RV, Bill Larkens and our speaker Gary Plomp and wife Alicia. Rich served 21 Dinners of roasted chicken.

We have 52 paid and 3 lifetime members. A combined bank balance of \$3,000 plus a young eagles credit of \$1,200.

We flew 63 Young Eagles on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Pilots Scott Achelis 18; Harvard Holmes 14; Scott Newman 6; Jack Reichel 8; Bill Reining 15, Alex Sessa 10, and Bob Weiss 6. A good turnout of ground volunteers assured a smooth event. Last flight at 13:30.

Scott Achelis explained EAA's Adult Eagles program, designed to encourage interested adults to complete their license.

Tracy mentioned a problem, not everyone was receiving all emails from the list.

Air Academy, Tracy has received five essay replies, after talking with their parents, we have two prospects.

SHARES, we have made application to Lucky/Food Maxx/Save Mart to participate in their program.

Four volunteers are needed for the Watsonville Fly-in Labor Day weekend. We have exclusive rights to hotdog sales. See Tracy Peters.

Our speaker Gary Plomp gave a presentation on propeller airliners. With many details of individual surviving Lockheed Constellations. See [www.conniesurvivors](http://www.conniesurvivors)

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## Dinner Menu For June

By Rick Bourgeois

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

- Baked Ziti
- Green Beans
- Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Coffee and drinks (water & soda)
- Dessert

Let Rick know your suggestions for future meals.

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## June 6, 2013 Board Meeting Notes

Present: Bob Belshe, Pete Mitchell, Jack Davi, Rick Bourgeois, Guy Jones, Tom Howard, Harvard Holmes

### Action Item Summary:

Bill Reining ghostwrites letter for Airport to send to airport tenants about EAA.

Renee Robinson: fix web pages about joining the Chapter.

Bob Belshe and Renee Robinson track & request reimbursement for YE expenses.

Jack Davi/Renee Robinson: does EAA credit us for 2<sup>nd</sup> YE rides for kids?

Bill Reining/Scott Achelis: priority list of Clubhouse improvements for Beth Lee.

Tracy Peters: June 26 speaker

Rick Bourgeois: remind Tracy of speaker from WW II battleship Indianapolis

Tracy Peters: confirm Chapter Picnic time

Tom Howard: part out old compressor to Bill Reining

Bill Bower: advertise tool lending library in Cleco

Jack Davi: ask Airport if we can display the VariEze outside the Clubhouse

Jack Davi: ask the Airport if we can put some stuff on the walls

Jack Davi will invite Byron pilots to fly for our YE events

### 1. Secretary's report (by Pete Mitchell):

We have 53 paying members and 2 life members.

Pete has applied for the S.H.A.R.E.S. program with Lucky Supermarkets:

[http://www.luckysupermarketsshare.com/index\\_lucky\\_php](http://www.luckysupermarketsshare.com/index_lucky_php) He has applied for 200 cards, which we just hand out to members.

Jack Davi reported that Julie Conti in the Airport office volunteered to help with our outreach to pilots by emailing them information about EAA. He suggested **Bill Reining** to write a great letter. Harvard Holmes noted that our Web page <http://www.eaa393.org/About/join393.php> tells prospective members to contact the Chapter before joining EAA National. Our membership application form has a similar message. [Harvard called EAA National and was told that no program giving "credit" for applying through a chapter is currently in effect. We need to revise the Web page and our membership application. **Renee** is our Webmaster.]

### Treasurer's report (by Bob Belshe):

Our current assets are \$3422 in cash and \$1230 in Young Eagle credits. \$1000 of the Young Eagle credits has been committed to sending our Air Academy candidate (Brandon Chang from the Sea Cadets). The remaining amount \$230 needs to be documented as covering YE expenses and submitted as soon as we reach that level of expense. **Bob Belshe** and **Renee Robinson** are the resources for this.

Bob proposed that if we have enough computers, that the treasurer's data could be put on one of the Chapter's computers. He could then bring it to the meeting to be more responsive to questions, and it could be passed on to the next treasurer when a new person is elected. This idea was moved, seconded, and approved.

### 2. Young Eagles Rally Planning (Renee Robinson and Jack Davi):

Jack reported: He is just starting to work on the June 15 rally. Our sign near the golf course needs help – it looks like one corner is untied. The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will help us again. Our signs for the rest of the year are done. Our chairs/tents/stanchions are stored in the "garage." They will remain until October (then

back to PSA?). Our signs and newspaper articles should build attendance. There is a question about whether we get credit for **second rides** for kids (unresolved). PSA will provide discounted fuel (\$3/gal discount) for the June 15 event. (Sterling did the last one at \$2/gal discount.) CAP wants us to give CAP kids rides (assuming they're the correct age 8-17) as the CAP aircraft is so busy that many CAP kids never get airplane flights.

### **3. Clubhouse picnic area plans**

Jack Davi noted that Beth Lee at the Airport has asked for a priority list of improvements to the Clubhouse, including the picnic area, air conditioners and lighting for the "fireplace" room. **Bill Reining** and **Scott Achelis**, in consultation with MDPA, have the ball on this.

### **4. June 26 General Meeting**

Rick Bourgeois plans a menu of baked ziti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, drinks and dessert. Tracy Peters was not available to announce a speaker.

### **5. Future speakers – Tracy Peters and Jack Davi**

**Rick Bourgeois** knows of a survivor of the WW II battleship Indianapolis who is a good speaker.

### **8. Air Academy Candidate (by Tracy Peters)**

Others reported: Brandon Chang from the Sea Cadets will go.

### **9. BBQ Plans (by Tracy Peters)**

Our Chapter Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 11:30 am (?).

### **10. Miscellaneous Items – actions and status**

1. Outside loudspeaker: -- Tracy Peters and Lee Teicheira in charge. Tom Howard reported a source for secondhand outdoor speakers.
2. P.A. & Projector wiring – Tracy Peters and Lee Teicheira

Items 10.(3, 4, 5), see 3. Clubhouse picnic area plans (develop priority list).

3. Fans for fireplace room
4. A/C for fireplace room
5. A/C for main meeting room

6. YE flight simulator: we have computers now (thanks to Tom Howard), "controls," and software. We need a guru, maybe from CAP? We might also get some DVD movies and show them to keep the kids occupied; Rick Bourgeois has "Top Gun."
7. Tom Howard gave a status report on the Chapter tool lending library: The bore scope has seen little demand. Tom has the old (bathroom) Chapter scales. Tom has the non-working compressor; he has evaluated it and finds the motor is dead and not easily fixed. It is a 240-volt only motor. It was moved, seconded and approved to authorize **Tom Howard** to get rid of it. [**Bill Reining** would like to see if any pieces fit his old compressor before it is finally disposed of.] A note in the Cleco could advertise our tools from time to time (**Bill Bower**).
8. VariEze: -- Dick Sperling is getting an RV-12, so the VariEze needs a home and the YE rallies would like to display it. During discussion, there was concern about deterioration from weather if the VariEze was kept outside. **Jack Davi** will ask the Airport if we can display it outside the Clubhouse. If so, then Dick Sperling can proceed with cleaning up the VariEze for display. It needs sharp edges removed before we can let kids near it.

**11. We need some display space** for pictures, awards, etc. during our meetings. Jack Davi will ask the Airport if we can put some stuff on the walls. If not, Rich Bourgeois will build a portable easel.

### **12. A Young Eagles event at Byron**

There was considerable discussion. Several folks have spoken to Dave Wrangler at the Patriots Foundation. Suggestions covered the range:

- Chapter 393 adds Byron to our scope and we do the YE events;
- Byron pilots come to Concord and we help them learn how to do it themselves.

Jack Davi noted that our schedule is set this year and is full; we can't do much for them this year.

**Jack Davi** will invite Byron pilots to fly for our YE events

### 13. Hot dog sales at Watsonville Labor Day Air Show

Jack Davi reported that things are going well. Tracy Peters and Rick Bourgeois (with 1 daughter) will be there and he has local volunteers. He will buy the food locally (in Santa Cruz), so he does not end up with lots of left over food.

### 14. Golden West -- Chapter displays of aircraft

Harvard Holmes asked if anyone knew of aircraft planning to attend. No one did, so no official participation is expected.

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### 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. The email address is [WedFlyOut@eaa393.org](mailto:WedFlyOut@eaa393.org) You may contact [HarvardHolmes@comcast.net](mailto:HarvardHolmes@comcast.net) or Renee Robinson [webmaster@eaa393.org](mailto:webmaster@eaa393.org) to be added to 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 destination may be selected 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.

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Our meetings are open to the public. Join us for dinner at 6:30 pm (\$7 donation) 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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