



# EAA CHAPTER 393 NEWSLETTER

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**NEWSLETTER  
BRAD POLING**

April Meeting: April 25th, 7:30 p.m. Buchannon Field

Program: Dick White, Jr.  
Gas Welding Techniques

and

Larry Ford & Brian Seeley  
Cafe 400 Videotape

Enclosed: March Minutes  
Notes on Welded Steel Tube Structures

For Sale: Cougar 2 Place High Wing  
Was flying, now in storage 125 LYC GPU  
Ron Smith (415) 482-1276 (Evenings)

For Sale: QUICKIE KIT - 18 HP, NO CONSTRUCTION STARTED.  
\$3500/OFR, Jan Switalski 228-6399/228-1342.

POPE VALLEY FLY-IN AND BAR-B-Q May 5th & 6th

Please contact Norm Alumbaugh (415) 837-5161 with the number in your party and what you can bring. You must contact Norm by 5-1!!! Norm could also use some help! Fly-ins are not one man operations! Please give him a call ASAP.

Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 393  
Concord, CA (aka The Tupperware Air Force)  
Wednesday, March 28, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Dick White. Our guest speaker, Mr. Del Ott of the Federal Aviation Administration, members and guests were welcomed. Fifty two people attended.

The Treasurers report was read by Secretary/Treasurer Rich Powell and on a motion made and seconded, unanimously approved by vote of the general membership present.

Under new business - and continuing new business:

Secretary/Treasurer Rich Powell reported that he is working on a new schedule for dues payment. Currently, member dues payments are difficult to keep track of as dues are due from individual members on the anniversary of the original date the member joined. Rich will have a proposal to put before the membership at the April meeting. We hope to have a portion of the membership (possibly A to K) due on one date and the remainder of the membership due on another date - probably six months later.

Our Airport Liason representative, Virginia Shaeffer, attends an Airport Advisory Committee meeting on our meeting night and therefore is unable to be in attendance to report on current and planned 'goings on' at our airport.

The minutes of the February 22, 1984, meeting were approved as printed in the March newsletter.

Plans for the Contra Costa Aviation Week are apparently very much 'up in the air' reports Carlos Ampoker. He reports the possibility of an 'Air Show' and a change of date from May to July. There seems to be little definite planning and Carlos has promised to keep track of the situation and report if and when anything is finalized.

Rich Harrison was unable to attend the meeting to report on possible chapter acquisitions. However, Carlos reports that Rich has been able to determine that the aircraft scales floating around are not for sale...they are the property of the Livermore chapter and available for borrowing.

Carlos reported on a 'test' EAA lending library at Navajo. He left several clearly marked publications in the Navajo lounge for general enjoyment. All had vanished in less than a week. Rich Kelley is gathering publications for loan and the library is tentatively scheduled to be maintained in Carlos' hangar.

The EAA Chapter newsletter notes that the theme for Oshkosh 1984 is "Freedom of Flight". If you have never attended the 'gathering of the clan' in Oshkosh, you should plan to do so. It is an unforgettable experience!

The FAA has alerted pilots to be aware that bogus STC forms for auto gas are floating around. If you plan to use Mogas, be careful to get the 'Right Stuff', both in the fuel and the paperwork.

EAA representatives attended a recent FAA Accident Prevention Conference and offered the suggestion that the FAA spends entirely too much time and energy investigating meaningless incidents (gear up, ground loop and the like). It would appear to be a great deal more meaningful and cost efficient to concentrate on serious issues

where injury or death has resulted. May we also suggest that the term 'Pilot Error' and the statement 'No flight plan was filed' be dropped from the FAA vocabulary when a positive cause can not be determined or an incident/accident occurs at a home base or on a short trip in CAVU?

To update the calendar, Travis Air-Expo is scheduled for August 11 - 12. Norm Alumbaugh indicates that we 'Sissy pilots' (those of us who do not care to share our sleeping arrangements with anything that happens to present itself under our wings) will be "taken care of" at the Pope Valley affair in May. Hum.....

The Chapter Board of Directors has proposed to provide an EAA chapter name tag to all new members, with payment of the first years dues. Dwain Duis has offered his expert services with the name tags and the chapter will cover his costs. Please notify Dwain if you have never received a tag.....there will probably be some arrangement made to see that we all have name tags. Sorry, Officer designation in the Tupperware Air Force is not available.....Randy Alley has suggested that we should all wear our name tags to Chapter meetings or face a fine. Several other suggestions were proposed.....

Brad Poling reports that a charter flight has been arranged to leave from Las Vegas to Oshkosh. If you are interested, call 818/915-8664 and leave your name and phone number for Dr. Curtis. He will return your call with all the information.....sounds like a fun way to go - all EAA and lots cheaper than flying yourself. If you are flying your own to Oshkosh and have empty seats, let President Dick know. If you wish to go and are willing to share expenses (gas bills and such), let Dick know. Empty seats plus warm bodies = less cost!

Travis Historical Society has put together a very interesting and substantial museum. Bob Gonzales has all the information for Warbird buffs and those interested in aviation history.

Reminder - you raffle winners - you are responsible for a prize to be raffled at the next meeting. Keep the cost within reason (\$20 or so) and the chapter will reimburse the cost.

Lyle Powell reports on a slow flight test of his Tupperware Speed Machine - at 18 inches and 6,000 feet he got 150mph on 3gph. Isn't there a law against being THAT efficient?

Following introductions and a break, Federal Aviation Administration GOOD GUY Del Ott gave a very interesting and informative talk on experimental licensing, testing and flight. Del has been a trusted advisor and good friend of general aviation for many years and is very knowledgable. If you have questions, he is the man to talk to for the 'right stuff', and he is an excellent example of that fact that it does not have to be 'us' and 'them'. Many thanks, Del.

Dues update--

This is the proposed new system for dues. This will enable us to bill twice a year (A-J in January, K-Z in July) and save a lot of busywork. In most cases, you will have an option of paying "short" or "long". For example:

Mr. A - normally due for renewal 9-30-84, but we want him to be a January renewal. He has the option:

"short" - paying for 3 months (\$1.25/mo) \$3.75, and then be billed for renewal in January '85

"long" - paying for 3 months plus 1 year or \$18.75, and therefore is current until January '86

Mr. B - normally due 2-28-85. In January, we would bill \$15.00 minus \$2.50 (credit for January & February already paid), or \$12.50

Mr. C - due 5-31-84, would be billed:

"short" - June to December (7 months) = \$8.75

"long" - 7 months plus 1 year = \$23.75, paid up until January '86

Mr. M - due 10-31-84, would be billed for November to June  
8 months = \$10.00

Mr. P - due 4-30-84, would be billed:

"short" - pay for May & June = \$2.50, billed again July 1st for one year

"long" - pay for 2 months plus 1 year = \$17.50, current until July '85

We will vote on acceptance or modification of the system at our April meeting, since how the dues are collected is subject to membership approval.

Rich Powell