



Experimental Aircraft Association

CHAPTER 393

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WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CHAPTER #393 AND SPORT AVIATION - MAY THE NEW YEAR BE YOUR BEST YET!

CHAPTER MEETING: Wednesday, January 23, 1985 at 7:30 p.m.
BUCHANAN FIELD TERMINAL BUILDING - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

Our program for the January meeting is a presentation by Mr. Fred Harris on the 'Flying Wing', with film. Several Chapter members have seen/heard Mr. Harris' program - all stated that they wished to see it again, noting that it is an excellent educational/entertaining evening.....I'm looking forward to this one!

Your Newsletter scribe was goofing off (in jail? in hiding?) and missed the Christmas bash....I hear a great time was had by one and all. However, next year lets get some of these projects stashed in garages and hangars in the air.....only one completed and flying (great that it IS) project in an entire year!

This time of year I always feel compelled to keep pounding at our friends who leave the ground.....we could all use more friends and we certainly don't want to loose any of you. WATCH THE WEATHER - do not push your ability and that of your trusty steed! If you think you might have a weather problem, don't go! There have been several stories in the media recently about some of our kindred spirits (no pun intended) flying into granite clouds.....it is really rough on the aluminum, fabric and those of us who care about YOU.....

A word of warning re: our aerodrome - if you travel around to the Northwest Ramp (four wheel, low and slow), be sure you do it VERY slowly. The access road to the ramp is in such poor repair (how about no repair) that your editors car has drug bottom at less that 5 mph! Also, wear your waterwings (as opposed to flying wings?) as it is usually flooded. Certainly is nice having your own newsletter to air your complaints.....

The 1985 Chapter #393 roster will be available at the February meeting....it has gotten so long we would double the national debt mailing it. If you would like a copy, you may pick one up at the meeting....or mail a SASE (with EXTRA postage) to Chapter #393, P.O. Box 2269, Walnut Creek 94595. Also, if you have a new project/new bird/new address/new phone number or whatever, call any officer A.S.A.P. - we'd like the new roster to be as up to date as possible, and correct. Repeat, let us know any changes in your flying situation post haste.....

If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, let Kay (me) know by the second Wednesday of each month - we can usually include almost anything that is not of a commercial nature and/or will not get our newsletter yanked by the Postal authorities. How about some suggestions/articles/comments or whatever. Type it and mail it....you don't have to sign it.....

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EAA

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 'Tis the season for resolutions. How about making one to get you and your family more involved in EAA activities? Your officers and board members can still use help on monthly meeting programs and there is always a need for help at planned activities like the picnic and Fly-ins. 1985 should be a good year with several events that could use your help, your input, and your involvement. We plan to do the Pope Valley fly-in again, as well as Rio Vista. Both of these events as well as the pre-Oshkosh picnic, the annual awards dinner, and all of the local fly-ins require a lot of help - - - so, when the request goes out, don't be bashful. Chapter #393 is your chapter and it is what you make it. Lets resolve to make 1985 and Chapter #393 the best yet!

Dick White

WE HAD A PARTY!

Our Christmas party at the Elks Club on December 22nd turned out to be one of the very best ever. Attendance was 110 - the largest we have had!

Before dinner we congregated by the bar, exchanged holidays greetings, consumed some aviation fuel and told some good flying stories. The dinner itself was fine, but what really made the dinner a success was the interaction between members, spouses and friends who only get together this one time per year.

Mr. President, Dick White, reported on the year 1984 achievements, Dwain Duis told us his jokes and the evening was rolling with everybody having a good time.

Annual awards were presented: to Dick and Corinne White and family, an award for finishing and flying the exquisite Glasair RG; to all chapter officers; Dick White, Rich Powell and Kay Smith an award from EAA Headquarters for serving as officers during the past year. Kay Smith received a special award from Chapter #393 for her "above and beyond" contribution to the Chapter during past years.

Dwain Duis told us more of his jokes (?) and inspite of this, most of us were feeling no pain. Beside our dinner tables we had a small photo presentation. Excellent shots were furnished by Len Reed from the EAA July Pre-Oshkosh picnic and there were also membership photos and newspaper clippings about Lou Ferrero's beautiful airplane.

The after dinner program was a slide presentation of members projects and airplanes. I collected 120 slides and they were presented and narrated by Rich Powell in a very professional manner. Despite the large number of slides, it was a brief program. We will have more next year.

After the show the party was coming to the end. We said goodby to each other, nice to see you again to some we meet just once a year. The weather outside was solid IFR, but we all got home safely.....another good year for Chapter #393.

Sasha Munir

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

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1985
CALENDAR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All members are welcome - 2nd Wednesday
every month - 7:30 p.m. - Pres. Dick
White's, 301 David Drive, Alamo, CA

CHAPTER MEETINGS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME - BRING CHAIRS!
4th Wednesday every month - 7:30 p.m.
Buchanan Field Terminal Building

JANUARY

Chapter: January 23, 1985 - Fred Harris speaking on 'Flying Wings' with movies/
slides....an excellent/educational/entertaining program!

FEBRUARY

Board: February 13, 1985

Chapter: February 27, 1985 - Carlos Amspoker on Formation Flying (aka Demo's
Revenge?) and Lou Ellis on the Biennial Flight Review.

MARCH

Board: March 13, 1985

Chapter: March 27, 1985 - George Perriera on the Osprey and the GP-4.

APRIL

Board: April 10, 1985

Chapter: April 24, 1985 - Tim Roberts on Safety and Health Hazards of Homebuilding.

MAY

Board: May 8, 1985

Chapter: Possible Pope Valley Fly-in on the weekend of June 1 & 2 - as yet this is
in the planning stages. Last year was FANTASTIC - but this year will depend
on volunteers - lots of you are needed. Your Board FLATLY REFUSES to consider
this event unless the Alumbaugh's are forced to do nothing but sit, relax and
enjoy!

Activities: Watsonville Fly-in - May 24-27

JUNE

Board: June 12, 1985

Chapter: June 26, 1985 - Oshkosh 1984 Video.

Activities: Merced Fly-in/Air Show - June 7-9 - THE BEST IN THE WEST!

Columbia Fly-in - June 15-16 - a laid back good time.

Truckee Fly-in - June 22-23 - 'party time'.

JULY

Board: July 10, 1985

Chapter: PRE-OSHKOSH PICNIC - JULY 17th (one week earlier than usual to allow flying
time for those lucky devils going to MECCA). We need a Chairperson for this
event - how about some volunteers???

Activities: Hollister Fly-in - date?????

OSHKOSH - July 26 thru August 2 - if you have not made the pilgrimage, it
is a MUST!

AUGUST

Board: August 14, 1985

Chapter: August 28, 1985 - program???? - how about some suggestions from the SILENT
MAJORITY (most of our members belong, unfortunately - stand up and be
counted!).....

1985 Calendar - continued

SEPTEMBER

Board: September 11, 1985

Chapter: September 25, 1985 - Program????

Activities: Reno Air Races - September 12-15

OCTOBER

Board: October 9, 1985

Chapter: October 23, 1985 - Program????

Activities: Rio Vista Fly-in ??? October 5-6 ????

NOVEMBER

Board: November 13, 1985

Chapter: November 27, 1985 - Program????

DECEMBER

Board: December 11, 1985

Chapter: CHRISTMAS DINNER/AWARDS BANQUET - Friday, December 13, 1985
Concord Elks Club

A nag from your Vice President, Newsletter Editor and Reserve Alternate Everything, straight from the soap box: there are approximately 12 people on YOUR board and about 135 members of YOUR chapter. When help is needed, it gets VERY quite out there in hangar (ramp) land. I really don't understand.....there are a lot of people with good ideas who never say a word one....a lot of suggestions we hever hear.....a lot of real talent going to seed....and 12 people working very hard to do their best for YOU. If you have an idea or a suggestion for a program, pick up the phone because the few of us need all the help we can get from the many of you. We are flat running out of ideas. Also, without volunteers to do some of the work, there will be NO Pope Valley Fly-in (volunteers are not people who say they will help and do not show up). YOU are the chapter....without YOU there is no chapter. I don't know about the rest of the board, but I (unlike the SPY) can not read minds..... and the 12 of us can't do it all.....

FOR SALE - - WANTED - - LUSTED AFTER - - GOTTA' GET RID OF - - GOTTA' HAVE

FOR SALE: Marvel Scheibler HA6 Carburetor - side draft - 40 hours since new - call Prez. Dick White (415) 937-2874

FOR SALE: Cessna 152 wings - very minor damage - as is \$1,000 - repaired \$1,500 - call Bob O'Grady (415) 938-7620 (business #)

FOR SALE: Quicksilver Ultralight - with tricycle & floats - call Pete Wiebens (415) 933-7517 or (415) 687-0937

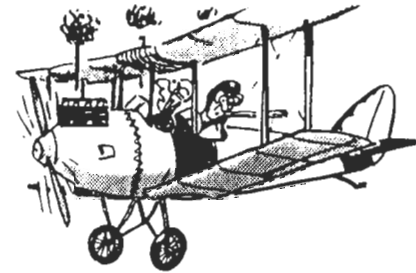
FOR SALE: Q-2 partially completed - call Don/Peggy Beasley (415) 432-9139

FOR RENT: Part of small hangar/shop - call Rick Lambert (415) 689-3168 days.

WANTED: Continental A-65 for Aeronca KCA - call Bette Davis (415) 881-8118 days.

SPY IN THE SKY!

Sees all,
Knows all,
Tells SOME!



I hate to say it (sure ?) but 'I TOLD YOU SO' - I've been trying to tell you for an entire year: there is 'KINKY' stuff going on in this club! Those of you who were at the Christmas dinner know what I am talking about.....if that isn't an ODD couple, I don't know what is! While Kay didn't make it to the party (do you think she really was in jail?), I was there observing the goings on and listening to all the good stuff. I overheard talk of projects: Norm Spitzer's Glasair is coming along quite nicely, thank you, as is Randy Alley's. Also, I was quite pleased to see that the Board managed to keep the 'Member of the Year' all hush-hush! Lyle Powell seemed genuinely surprised.....and Lyle is a hard man to put one over on. Hearty Congratulations! I can't think of anyone who has deserved to be recognized (and appreciated) more, nor for a longer period of time!

A couple of suggestions for next year: I see by the calendar that our 1986 Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 13th (Friday the 13th!). How about a dance, you old stick in the muds? The wives, girlfriends, boy-friends (or whatever - Kinky, remember?) would enjoy it and it would be a nice way to round out the year. We all need to make points any way we can, what with wings in the living room and empenage on the dining table. Sounds good to me!

Second suggestion: How about taking slides at the air shows/fly-ins during the summer, to be shown at the next Christmas/Awards banquet? You think the goings on at this years dinner were 'different', you should see what goes on away from home! I intend to take a camera--negatives will be available at negotiable prices at a later date.

Speaking of summer fly-in fun, it certainly would be nice to see more participation by our members. Those of you who have not joined the 'party crowd' do not know what you are missing. It does get a little expensive (ESPECIALLY Watsonville) but we share rides and rooms which will tend to keep the cost down a bit. Merced, Columbia and Truckee are all wonderful FUN, each in its own way and all three different! I'm beginning to wonder if we shouldn't begin a chapter called 'Elderly Aviators Association' for you old fogeys who would (and I suspect, DO) prefer to stay home watching your arteries harden!

Regarding the tentative fly-in on June 1-2 at Pope Valley: we will need a group of hearty volunteers (old fogeys will do) beginning in early May. All you will need is a sleeping bag if you wish to stay over....otherwise, just brawn will do, and you can fly (or drive) home at the end of the day. There will be at least two full days of preparation necessary BEFORE we have our bash - and quite a bit of clean-up afterward. The Alumbaugh's nearly killed themselves last year - it ain't gonna' happen again. More in Februarys newsletter.....

Has anyone else had trouble finding blue sky? If you have better contacts upstairs than I, how about putting in a good word for we grounded flyboys (and girls)---we need all the help we can get!

Happy CAVU