

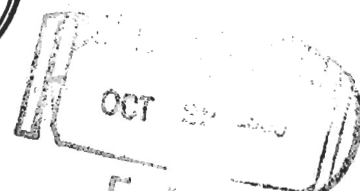


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CHAPTER MEETING - October 23rd - Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Terminal Building, Buchanan Field - BRING CHAIRS - BRING CHAIRS - BRING CHAIRS!!!! Our guest speaker is our Manager of Airports, Harold E. (Hal) Wight. It is great to see things happening at Buchanan, after so many years of stagnation. Mr. Wight gets things done, as evidenced by the many improvements being made to/at our aerodrome. To give Mr. Wight an idea of the primary areas of our concern as pilots and tenants at Buchanan, we have submitted a list of questions, more or less as printed in our last newsletter. This will be our opportunity to find out what is going on and what is planned for Buchanan. It is a meeting that we should all attend. We've all heard complaints about our lack of communication and difficulty in learning just what is going on/planned for our airport. Mr. Wight has promised to fill us in.....lets all make every effort to attend and welcome Mr.

Wight. It will be a very interesting and informative evening.

URGENT NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHAPTER #393 - Please plan to get to the meeting one half hour early (7:00 p.m.) - we have some important business that MUST be discussed BEFORE the chapter meeting. This is VITAL - Please make every effort to be there!

There are a LOT of things coming up in the next couple of months - between now and the end of the year: beginning with the election of officers for the years 1986/87. Our election committee has secured nominations and an agreement to run from two members for each officer position. First of all, I want everyone to know that I had intended to retain my 'title' as Reserve Alternate Everything and 'retire' from active participation as a 'real' officer. That is, until the Spy dug up some dirt on me and spilled the beans to the nominating committee. Those running for chapter officer positions are: President - Kay E. Smith and Pete Wiebens - Vice President - Sasha Munir and Rich Powell - Secretary/Treasurer - Lou Ferrero and Bob Thom - Newsletter Editor - Don Baldwin and Russ Giffin. Your ballots will be at the meeting and we will have our officers for 86/87! If you have a legitimate reason for an absentee ballot (or even an illegitimate reason), call Rich Kelley at 820-5955 before meeting day to cast your vote. Its your chance to voice your opinion by making your vote count....

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Chapter 393
Minutes of Regular meeting
September 25, 1985

Acting President, Kay Smith, opened meeting at 7:37 pm in the Airport Terminal Bldg. There were 45 members attending. Kay told the general membership about the action the Board of Directors had taken in granting a loan of \$2,000 to Dick White's family immediately after the accident. The action required membership approval and was moved, seconded and approved. Also, the club has received several contributions in memory of Dick and Corrine. We will be sending a letter acknowledging these to the White family. Elections coming up - ballots at October meeting so please try to attend. Changes in the by laws were discussed, the most significant allowing the board to authorize up to \$250 per month expenditures instead of \$100. This was moved, seconded and approved. Program for next month was discussed, Hal Wight with answers concerning issues we particularly wanted to know more about. Refer to September newsletter for partial listing, call us to add more. Kay told of the county's approval of mounting our "Member of the Year" plaque in the terminal building for display. Wed., Oct. 2, is the date of next meeting for Contra Costa Airport Alliance. This is the project to build a facility for several aviation clubs and organizations to use - Kay will report progress. There was no report available from the Airport Advisory Committee. Calendar- Sat., Sept. 28, is informal Rio Vista fly-in lunch, Oct. 4-6 California Aviation Council membership meeting at Sheraton. We've been asked to provide an informal forum on homebuilding and a small static display of aircraft. Christmas dinner Dec. 13th - mark your calendars! The program will again be a slide show of Chapter members and their projects, so please take a roll of slide film, put it in your camera and fire away! Send the slides to Sasha Munir or Rich Powell. Travis Air Museum is moving to a new building so the fly-in visit must be put off until spring. Kay discussed briefly the NPRM about Recreational Pilots Licenses and how a simple proposal has turned into a monster - we must write and express our opinion by October 24th at the latest. See September newsletter for address and further information. Kay had some letters that were available at front table to sign which will be forwarded to FAA. It also was noted that Flight Following radar won't call anybody when you leave screen or ATC - not required by them. Introductions were started and Acting President, Kay, sat down and wiped her brow... Program was an Oshkosh slide show by Rich Powell, followed by some good videos of OSH by Jim Kirby.

Bits and pieces of information: The Christmas Awards Banquet is coming together quite nicely. All the information on menu, reservations and the like will be printed in the next newsletter, but do plan to save Friday, December 13th for this very special event. In the mean time and planning ahead, we will need to borrow a large screen and a slide projector. Any volunteers? Please contact Rich Powell if you can supply either. Also, we need your slides of your project, your flying bird, your almost flying bird, your Spam Can, and/or your 90% done and 90% to go bird.....mail or hand deliver them to Sasha at our aerodrome or to Sasha Munir, 1305 Boulevard Way, #309, Walnut Creek, 94596. Also, Sasha is gathering pictures for a chapter photo album. Send your snaps of the pride and joy to Sasha, A.S.A.P.

It is time to select our Member of the Year. Our nominating/selection committee is, as in the past, made up of members who have earned the honor in the past....Carlos Amspoker, Lyle Powell and John McCombs. Get ahold of any of the three to nominate anyone you feel deserving as soon as possible....time is short and the selection will not be easy as there are so many deserving members....

Alert! If your mailing label says 'DROP' it is by-by time. If your address label is so noted, you were billed in July and we have not heard a sound from you. If it is an oversight, get your dues in the mail today, as this is your last newsletter and you will be dropped from the roster at the next Board meeting. If you are leaving us, we will miss you and we wish you happy/safe flying.

More on the contaminated oil: from the FAA comes word that analysis has verified that batches of Phillips 66 20W-50 X/C and Mobil 20W-50 Aero Super oil are contaminated with sand and iron! The contaminated oil can be identified by batch numbers printed on shipping cases. This really isn't a big help as very few of us ever lay an eye on the 'shipping case', but for the Phillips oil, the batch numbers are B16614, B16740, B15533, B16703 and L907. For the Mobil Oil, the batch numbers are 18B5H, 19B5H and 20B5H. Anyone finding contaminated oil of either brand is asked to contact the nearest FAA office.

I want to say many thanks to those Chapter members who assisted with the California Aviation Council convention - including bringing aircraft for display - beautiful birds from Dwain, Norm Alumbaugh, Carlos, Rick Lambert, Rich Powell, Sasha and it was a real pleasure to see Dick White with the Acro Sport. As you can see, we had a nice variety of beautiful chapter projects on display. It was a disappointment that there was a very small turnout for an important event, the CAC Convention. Many thanks also, to the fourteen members who made up our forum....which in reality was not much more than a mini chapter meeting. Representing Chapter #393, Rich Powell and Kay Smith attended the CAC luncheon and Saturday evening banquet. While the Banquet didn't produce a great deal of information, the luncheon did and Rich Powell will be giving us a report on what he learned at the luncheon, at our meeting. The CAC is doing very important work and deserves our support....basically, they are our ONLY representation with the State government. Chapter #393 is a member and after talking with CAC representatives and reviewing activities designed solely to benefit general aviation, your noseey newsey 'put her money where her mouth is' - I joined. Information and applications to join CAC will be available at the meeting on October 23rd. This is shaping up to be a very informative & interesting meeting.....

IMPORTANT - We (finally) have a chance to make our voice as pilots and voters in Concord heard. Our local elections are coming up on November 5th and this one in particular is very important to those of us who have the good fortune to participate in sport aviation. While it is not usually the policy of Chapter #393 to become involved in elections - this one is definitely the exception to the usual! One of our own, Grace Ellis, is running for Concord City Council. Grace is a private pilot and multi engine driver. She is half owner of a flying Eze and an almost flying Glasair, with husband and #393 member, Dr. Lou Ellis. We as participants in aviation are in desperate need of representation within the City of Concord. Grace is an exceptional lady and we need her honesty and hard work on the City Council. Get out and vote on November 5th - for Grace Ellis!

To often, we forget to say 'Thank You' to people who do nice things for us and never ask for Thanks or even recognition. One of those special people is Louie Goodell! Thank the Good Lord for Louie... we always have good hot coffee and goodies at our meetings. I, for one, definitely could not function without a transfusion of Louie's coffee.....Many Thanks from all of us, Louie!!!

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER #393 - 1985 CALENDAR

Board of Directors

2nd TUESDAY of November &
December at the Buchanan Field
Terminal Building - 7:30 p.m.
All Members Welcome!

CHAPTER MEETING

4th Wednesday of each month at the
Buchanan Field Terminal Building -
7:30 p.m. - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
BRING CHAIRS * BRING CHAIRS!

(Note that the two remaining Board meetings are changed to Tuesday evenings.....two who attend regularly can not make it on Wednesday)

OCTOBER

Chapter meeting: October 23rd - Our guest speaker is Contra Costa County Manager of Airports, Mr. Hal Wight on 'Whats in store for Buchanan Field'.

NOVEMBER

Board: TUESDAY, November 12th
Chapter: November 27th - Fred Harris speaking on the 'Flying Wing'.

DECEMBER

Board: TUESDAY, December 10th
Chapter: CHRISTMAS AWARDS/RECOGNITION BANQUET - Friday, December 13th at the Club Room of the Concord Elks Club - No Host 'Oil' at 6:00 p.m. and 'fuel' at 7:30 - details in the November newsletter.

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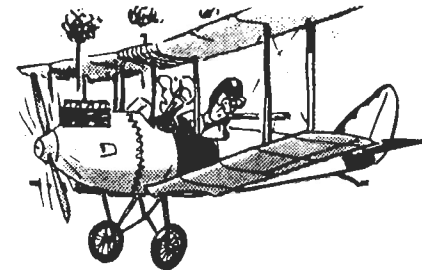
FOR SALE: 1/3 interest in 1968 Cherokee 140 - 1400 TT and 150 SMOH - call Randy Alley - 415/685-4959 or 825-1247 or 689-3168.

FOR SALE: aircraft trailer - 8 ft by 20 ft tandem - call Bob Gonzales at 415/798-5100

FOR SALE: Quickie Kit - no work started - 18 h.p. Onan engine - call Jan Switalski at 415/228-6399

FOR SALE: Pitts S-1 project with engine, fuselage/wings completed & engine mounted - ready for cover. Call Harry Scott at 415/687-7960 or 934-4973.

THE SPY IN THE SKY (Sees ALL, Knows ALL and Blabs a LOT!)



Your SPY has been 1. in jail 2. in cognito 3. in Dutch or 4. in Sane (take your choice) but I'm back with all the dirt thats fit to print and some that isn't!

I've been wandering around the airport (unseen, of course) peeping into everyones business, as usual. I've been quite well bribed not to print some juicy tid-bits but.....

I've spent quite a bit of time snooping in Norm Spitzers hangar and while noting that his lovely wife Jean keeps him spoiled rotten, I've been trying to figure out exactly what he is doing to that airplane.....do you know? First it was a taildragger....now it has a nose wheel.....do you suppose that sooner or later, it will have both? At any rate, its a beautiful airplane and I expect to see it in the air again soon....with a nose wheel? a tail wheel? both? one set of mains? two? who knows????

Also, while all but the Spy were looking the other way, Roland Douglas 'snuk (sneaked?) his fine Glasair into a Port-A-Port hangar. Its flying! Good to see your bird on the field and in the air.... he's still working on it but it will be a real beauty! Congratulation, Roland!

Question???? Lyle and Rich Powell spend roughly 25 hours per day and eight days per week (may be a bit of an exaggeration) behind their hangar door tinkering on their Glasair. The aircraft is perfect.....what are they doing? Even the Spy can't figure this one! The Spy has learned that there are plans in the works to build a 'Super' Glasair - they already have one!

I visited with Rob Cook the other day....he is doing fine and back to work on the Eze. It might not be in the air by the time for this Christmas Awards Banquet but we're planning for next year!

Spy hears that one of our own - Sasha - was on Channel #4 last Monday.....everyone who saw it says it was a 'KNOCK OUT!' At any rate, she has the tapes and we'll all get to see them at this meeting. We've arranged to borrow Navajo's TV and VCR and Sasha has promised to bring her tape!

A note about your about to be elected new officers.....they are all BIG (BIG!) jobs and the people newly elected need all the help they can get, and then some. It is a real crime that there is such a great deal of talent in this chapter that just vegetates! The newsletter alone is no small job....how about some ideas and/or articles? It is a real honor to serve OUR chapter....why not volunteer to serve on the board? New ideas, a fresh viewpoint and new vitality are always welcome! O.K. - I'm off the soapbox...

Guess who has been snooping thru' hangar doors? I've learned that Chapter #393 and with some pounding on hangar doors, has accounted for 64 letters to the Federal Fuzz on the NPRM regarding the fouled up proposal for what could have been a very good idea, that being the Recreational Pilots Certificate. Lets hope they listen and get their collective act together.....

'Keep the Greasy Side Down'

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