



Experimental Aircraft Association

CHAPTER 393

Concord, California

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CHAPTER MEETING

April 27, 1988 Wed. 7:30 PM
Buchanan Field **BRING CHAIRS**
Terminal Building **BRING CHAIRS**

PROGRAM

Jay White

Jay White, President of the California Aviation Council, will discuss current issues and bring us up to date on the council's activities. The chapter is a member of this organization which works hard to protect our rights as pilots.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The president is at a loss for words this month.

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MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

Twelve members, it seems, are delinquent in paying their dues and won't be reading this. Eighteen members signed letters to their senators and congressmen regarding NPRM 88-2 (Mode C Transponders - Great Airspace Grab.) We had 27 members in attendance and 1 guest. Thanks to Ron Sorenson of Navajo Aviation for an informative program on FBO's.

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NAME THE NEWSLETTER

Call it what you will, but the winner is ME. The new, official name of the EAA Chapter 393 Newsletter is "The Cleco." You might ask, "Why?" Because we all use Cleco's to hold the bits and pieces that go into building an airplane together. And I have high hopes for this newsletter in the years to come. Anyway, if all goes according to plan, and the chips are willing, the new name and logo will appear on the masthead next month. And, just to show you what kind of guy I am, I will award consolation prizes at the next meeting to the losers: Rich Powell, Larry Laughlin, Harry Heckman and Ed Lester's wife, Helen. Prizes will be awarded at the meeting.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Don Best of Pacheco bought Tom Pinckard's Glasair RG project and has been working on the nose gear with the help of Ron Robinson. This is his introduction to aviation. John Diegoli has just started cutting the templates for his VariEze. He's a private pilot and ground instructor who lives in Oakland. Jesse Green purchased a partially completed KR-2 from Don O'Neill and is still "setting up his shop." Gloria Martin of Martinez is working with Tony Tiritilli on the Contra Costa Airport Association (more about this later). A hearty welcome to all and we hope to see you at the meetings.

VIEWPOINT

Lambert's bonus:

I was proud to present Rick Lambert with his special bonus gift the other night at our club meeting. Rick's been helping me on my VariEze lately, but you know, he has always been there to help me and I'll bet most everyone else in the club! Now, I know Rick's a little different, in fact, lets face it, Rick's a lot different! But you won't find a nicer guy in the group. His ever-willing assistance really got me over the hump, and I appreciate it Rick! (I just wish he would work for \$3.65 an hour, oh well). In any case, Rick will no doubt forget more than I'll ever know about the 'homebuilt aircraft game'! The talent that is among us in the club is overwhelming! Rick is only one of many!

Rick's little bonus Wednesday Eve was the incredible PORTASOL soldering iron. This Great Tool is a must for anyone doing any small wiring jobs! It's been on the market for about one year and any EAA member can call or stop in @ **MACO ALARM SUPPLY** @ Shattuck & 47th in Oakland (415)655-1043 and mention the Concord EAA Club or Referred by **Larry Laughlin**. Maco will sell the \$38 List Price unit to you for only \$27ea, (not including a \$2.00 can of Butane)! I found this tool to be mandatory for the serious airplane builder (along with a Hair Dryer, Play-Doh Modeling Compound, and an Electric Screw Driver!).

So quit scratching the hair off your head and get it up there!

Happy Flying

Larry Kett Laughlin

(If you would like to respond to this viewpoint or to comment on a subject related to aviation, please send your opinion to Jordan Coonrad, P.O. Box 2878, Alameda, CA 94501.)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The comment period for NPRM 88-2 (Mode C etc.) has been extended to May 12. If you haven't written to your senator, congressman, or the FAA please do so now. The addresses are all in last month's newsletter.

The EAA Information Fund is down as a result of spending \$50,000 on the NPRM 88-2 issue, so the Chapter 393 Board voted to send them \$100. Every little bit helps.

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AIR SHOW SEASON OPENS

Time to dust off the props and clear the cobwebs out of your cockpits. Air Show season is upon us. Check the calendar listings for details.

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AVIATION GROUP NEWS

The Mt. Diablo Pilots Association hanger party is April 23rd, 12-5 PM at the Owner Maintenance Hanger on the East Ramp. All aviation and airport user groups are invited. The purpose is to exchange information and organize a more unified representation to the general public.

The Airport Advisory Committee will meet April 26 at the Contra Costa Water Building in Concord at 7:30 PM. People Over Planes will be there making a showing so we need bodies. Bring yours. Bring a friend's. Let's get as many pro-aviation folks as possible in attendance.

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Our sincerest condolences are extended to Bob Thom and his family whose son recently passed away.

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CALENDAR

April

19 Airport Advisory Committee. **CHANGED TO APRIL 26.**

23 & 24 Gold Nugget Days Celebration sponsored by the Birds of Paradise, EAA Chapter 735. Pancake breakfasts (\$3) both mornings from 8 - 11 AM at Paradise Airport, 15 miles east of Chico Airport. Contact Don Ramsey (916)872-3001

23 Mt. Diablo Pilot's Association Hangar Party. Noon to 5 PM. Details under Aviation Group News.

26 CCC Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the Noise Study, the Noise Recommendations and the Noise Ordinance. 2:00 PM. County Administration Building, 651 Pine Street #107, Martinez.

26 Airport Advisory Committee. 7:30 PM. Contra Costa Water Building, Concord. Details under Aviation Group News.

27 Chapter 393 Members Meeting. Details on page 1.

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE

Business card ads (subject to board approval) from EAA members are \$35 a year. Send your ad and check to EAA Chapter 393, PO Box 2269, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

May

7 & 8 Army Days "Wings of Victory". Hamilton Field. 7:00 AM-Dusk. Snowbirds, Bob Hoover, Coors Silver Light Bullet Jet, etc. PLUS over 150 WWII fighters and bombers. 1940's style Big Band dinner and dance Saturday night. Best use of Hamilton Field they've come up with yet.

10 Chapter 393 Board Meeting. 7:30 PM Navajo Aviation, Buchanan Field. Chapter members are welcome.

18 Rancho Murietta. See the Thunderbirds!

21 EAA Chapter 484's 1st Annual HANGAR FLYIN' FLY-IN and BARBECUE at San Andreas/Maury Rasmussen Field about 40 miles Northeast of Stockton. Festivities begin at 10:00 AM. Same week-end as the Jumping Frog Jubilee at nearby Angels Camp with a shuttle bus for those interested in both kinds of puddle-jumpers. Primitive camping available. Contact Bruce Boyd (209)795-4788 or Neil Grady (209)795-1932.

27-29 Watsonville Antique Fly-In. (408)724-3849.

28-29 AirShow '88. Stockton Metro Airport. All Warbirds, Experimental, Classic and Antique aircraft are invited to be in the static display and all pilots flying in on Saturday will be admitted free to the Big Saturday Night Party (additional tickets are \$5). The airport will be closed from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM each day. Call (209)467-3976 for more info.

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UNCLASSIFIED

1969 Cherokee 140B 4 seat, 150 hp, 2 com/nav, Mode C, long range tanks. \$9750 firm. Doug Blankenship (415)676-5396.

Hangar to share at Buchanan. 1/3 of Port-a-port Exec 3 for Glasair, VariEze, etc. \$160/mo, available now. Pete Wiebens (415)933-7517.

Glasair windshield 3/16". Make offer. Steve Macica (415)792-7510.

Glasair kit. \$10,750. Norm Alumbaugh, P.O. Box 200, Pope Valley, CA 94567. (707)965-2709.

Precision welding. Aluminum, stainless, 4130. Eric Schuldt, 1820 Baldwin Dr., Concord, CA 94519. (415)827-0259.

125hp Lyc. Engine. 0SOH. No reasonable offer refused. Jordan Coonrad (415)769-9766.

Falcon XP. 24 hrs TT, Prof. built, 720 radio, intercom, headsets, bal. chute \$13,500 R. Lambert (415)676-9377.

Telex Headsets w/dynamic mikes, Exec. cond. & work great, 2 sets Larry Laughlin (415)758-3532.

Note. Unclassifieds are free and easy. Just call Jordan Coonrad at (415)769-9766 or leave a message.

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