



Experimental Aircraft Association

CHAPTER 393

Concord, California

May, 1988

CHAPTER MEETING

May 25, 1988 Wed. 7:30 PM
Buchanan Field **BRING CHAIRS**
Terminal Building **BRING CHAIRS**

PROGRAM

Care and Feeding of Older Planes

Hank Hirtzer will talk about the care and maintenance of older aircraft.

And Stub Pilotte will give a us complete run-down on the Hamilton Air Race.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Airshow season is upon us! Time to get out the hats, lotion, walking shoes and fly or drive to one of the many airshows we have around Northern California. I went to Hamilton Field's "Wings of Victory" May 8th and enjoyed an excellent show.

Take a friend along and introduce them to the thrill of an aerobatic show, or the dozens of custom built aircraft at most of the shows. Good excuse to get up and out!

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MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING

We had sixty people attend the meeting, including fourteen guests. Jay White of the California Aviation Council presented an informative program. Thanks Jay.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rick Schell, Jim Lahey, Richard Forseth, and Harlan Hill.

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MODE C UPDATE

By now, those of you who sent letters to your congressmen, etc. on the Mode C issue may have had some kind of reply. So far the response (from Cranston, anyway) seems to be "Thanks for writing. But my mind's made up." So much for representing the constituency. Remember that during voting season. "Thanks for campaigning. But my mind's made up."

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VIEWPOINT

No opinions this month. Column may soon be canceled for lack of interest. Or, you may be forced to read more unattributed gossipy insights from our "Eye In The Sky" reporter and

fewer viewpoints from more credible sources.

Please, if you would like to comment on a subject related to aviation, send your opinion to Jordan Coonrad, P.O. Box 2878, Alameda, CA 94501.

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EYE IN THE SKY

Things are heating up here in the East Bay. A certain Mrs. Lindsay, whose son was the student pilot killed in the mid-air collision with a UPS plane over Oakland last year, is building up a band wagon of local support on the premise that MODE C would have saved her son's life. It's tough to argue with a grieving mother, but there's a little more here than meets the eye. Mrs. Lindsay is also a close friend and business partner with Rosemary Perata, wife of Alameda County Supervisor, Don Perata. Rumor has it, Mr. Perata would like to see the Oakland Airport closed.

The Lindsay support group is buying up full page ads in the local papers and the Alameda City Council is deciding on passing an "official resolution" in support of Mode C. Any aspiring private eye's out there? It would be real interesting to "follow the money trail" on this one. Hint: a local real estate developer with an active interest in the land around Oakland Airport uses big bucks to create and fight issues affecting his potential to make a buck.

(The editor is not responsible for the ideas propogated by our exclusive source: Eye in the Sky. However, if you would like to contribute a juicy tidbit for consideration, you can reach "Eye in the Sky" through Jordan Coonrad. Rumors and innuendo welcomed. Late night meetings in underground parking garages not required.

THE ALL NEW CLECO LOGO

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SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES

(This little blurb has been reprinted so many times, I can't quite figure out who the credit should go to. So, whoever you are, thanks.)

"A sheet of paper crossed my desk the other day, and as I read it, realization of a BASIC TRUTH came over me. So simple! So obvious we cannot see it. I discovered what makes integrated circuits work. Smoke is the thing that makes integrated circuits work because every time you let the smoke out of an integrated circuit, it stops working. I remember verifying this through tests.

"I was flabbergasted! Of course! Smoke makes all things electrical work. Remember the last time smoke escaped from your Lucas voltage regulator? Did it not quit working? I sat down and smiled like an idiot as more of the truth dawned. It is the wiring harness that carries the smoke from one device to another in my MG or Mini. And when the harness springs a leak, it lets the smoke out of everything at once and then nothing works. The starter motor requires large quantities to operate properly. That is why the wire going to it is so big.

"Feeling very smug, I continued to expand my hypothesis. Why are Lucas electronics more likely to leak than, say, a Bosch? Hmm. AHA! Lucas is British. Things British always leak! British convertible tops

leak water. British engines leak oil. British displacer units leak hydrostatic fluid. British tires leak air. And, the British government leaks defense secrets. Naturally - British electronics leak smoke."

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CALENDAR

May 22

Chap 663's Annual Drive-in Cook 'Em Up. Livermore Airport, Hangar 115. Bring your own meat to cook, utensils and enough salad or desert for 8 or 10. Beer, wine, and pop supplied.

Aviation swap meet. Nut Tree.

May 27-29

Watsonville Antique Fly-In. Field closed 12 - 4 for air show. Tower 126.4. (408)724-3849.

May 28-29

AirShow '88. Stockton Metro Airport. Pilots flying in on Saturday will be admitted free to the Big Saturday Night Party (add. tickets are \$5). Field closed 11:30 to 4:30. SCK ATIS 118.25, Tower 120.3. (209)467-3976.

June 3-5

Merced Fly-in.

June 10-12

Moonlight Fly-in. Porterville, CA. (209)782-1101.

Oregon Pilots Assoc. Annual Convention. The Village Green next to Cottage Grove Airport.

Rose Festival Airshow.

Hillsboro Airport in conjunction with the Portland Rose Festival Parade Weekend.

June 11-12

San Luis Obispo EAA Chapter 170 Silver Anniversary Celebration.

Aircraft judging, seminars, contests and FOOD. Camping available and shuttles to local hotels. Contact Dan Kallenberger at (805)481-4486 or Fred Cook at (805)544-6692.

June 19

Buchanan Airport Day.

(Note: this is the correct date!)

June 24-25

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June 26-27

Truckee Air Show.

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