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Experimental Aircraft Association • Chapter 393 • Concord, CA

Feb. 1990

CHAPTER MEETING

Feb. 28, 1990 The 4th Weds 7:30pm
@ Buchanan Terminal Building,
Concord Airport. Bring Chairs

PROGRAM the "SWAMP GHOST"

OK folks, this is going to be one of those great programs! Fasten your seatbelts: Our own **Bob Gonzales**, a local businessman & member of the Travis AFB Historical Society, is going to share a fascinating project with us. The team is flying back to Papua, New Guinea from Aug. to Oct. to attempt a recovery of the only B-17E Bomber in existence! (1941, Dec.6) The Historical Society visited site of the newly named "**Shamp Ghost**" way back in the Agaiambo Swamp and found it in fine condition. In 1971, an Australian Helicopter crew discovered it and were able to fire one of the machine guns & found coffee in a thermos on board (still warm?). The crew landed gear up and the plane suffered very minor damage! The Historical Society believes that they can snatch it out of the swamp with the use of a Marine heavy lifting helicopter. Between Bob's slide presentation & his own involvement with the project, we're in for a terrific evening!

MINUTES OF THE JAN. 24th MEETING

The meeting was called to order @ 7:30. 45 members & 7 guest attended. The Minutes from the Jan. meeting and the Treasurer's report

where read and approved. Gerry Greth reported on the Airport Committee and asked the support of all pilots to write and resist the latest proposal (by Hal White and the Board of Supervisors) to increase tie-down fees 22%! Gerry is keeping us all informed about the "People over Planes" group that continue to restrict general aviation development here in Concord. Pete Wiebens (our pres) discussed a few other misc. items (like how I misspelled his name, etc.) Then it was onto introductions. This has become very entertaining, as well as educational and informative. Its truly one of the highlights of the meeting. You also find out what the definition of an "experimenter" really is.

Speaking of definition, did you hear about the wandering soul reported to be lying down between 14R & 14L one day? As the "yellow emergency truck" dashed out to pick him up, the tower reported to any who listened that they believed he was a member of the experimental group! How did they know?

Back to the meeting: Our raffle had two prizes offered just after break. Ron Caldwell won a great book "Gentlemen, you have a race" and yours truly won a Tube Bender. I guess we both have to bring the raffle prizes to Feb's meeting! **Lou Goodel** brought the coffee as always (one of our consistent normal types) Thanks Lou!

Then it was on to **Jim Casper** and his experience attending "Top Gun".

Jim showed us the video the Top Gun people made for him, including a few of his kills. He showed another video promoting the Top Gun school and shared his entire experience with us. It was very interesting! Thanks Jim!

DUES ARE DUE

(Whats that you say? Dues are always due?) Well, if your last name falls in the first half of the alphabet, then you can pay your dues now for 1990. And yes, we finally raised them to \$20 (a bargain at double the price)

LEATHER

Just a side note here. If you ever get a chance to check out Lou Ellis's beautiful Glasair RG, don't leave until you've smelled his cockpit! (sorry, there is just no other way to phrase this). He may limit you to 5 minutes, but you can always go back for more!

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

(Sorry, there ain't nothin). Don't be shy here folks! My brain will just keep rambling on if no one sends me anything. Mail your, note, clip, story, whatever directly to Larry K. Laughlin, 3495 Savage Ave, Pinole, CA 94564.

DEADLINE

So, if you do decide to put something in (Unclassified, articles, U-Know: stuff like that), get it to me 10 days prior to the Gen. Meet. date and I'll try to fit it in.

PILOT WATCH

OK, now here is something a little more serious folks. One Saturday, not too long ago, several of us Pilot Types were standing outside waiting for the weather to clear up enough to file special VFR out

of Concord. As we stood around, shooting the breeze we heard a light twin call the tower and announce his arrival several miles out. The fog was less than 1/4 mile when he started his approach and sure enough he blew it by 1/2 the runway. We could barely see him from 1/8 mile, then the strangest thing happened. He requested a low circle to land on 14, from his midway miss on 19. To our amazement, the tower cleared him to his right and he made a successful landing. His circle around the West Side trailer park and approach over Hwy 4 was never higher than 200 or 300 ft! Listen, our tower personnel are great folks and we want to keep them as friends, but they need to know how critical this subject is. This nearly Zero/Zero landing could have resulted in a nasty crash not unlike the Sun-Valley Mall incident. Don't be afraid to express your concern to our tower personnel. We need to keep our local residents happy, as well as practice only the best safety procedures. This light twin, who turned out to be a charter from another airport, should have been refused landing, certainly refused a low level go around in the soup, especially with the problems we all face with the local residents right now. How do you feel about driving to Byron for a quick hop?

OK, SO WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?

We are going to try something different here, but it's going to require a lot of your feedback. How many times have you fired up and headed out just to say, "OK, now what?" Wouldn't it be great to refer to your last newsletter and say, "Hey, let's head over to that great airport mentioned in the last newsletter! The restaurant is actually a flying museum and the food is free this week!" Now don't just walk up to old

Larry and say, "Hey, you ought to mention Joe's Bar & Grill over in that direction there!" No, don't do that.

Please write it down and get it to me. A few notable details like how long it takes to get there, food & prices if any, runway & length, special features, etc. would be great. Now I can work with that! So, this month comes from Larry K. Laughlin: Areewood Restaurant located in the Sonoma Terminal is a great restaurant. It's open daily with a sports bar and great food, reasonably priced too! The Local EAA group has their own little corner on the North/West side of the airport. You can cruise over and check them out anytime. Last weekend we got to watch a Comanche fold it's nosegear up on touch down (you might want to call ahead to find out what other upcoming events are scheduled). Its about a 30 minute ride, that way.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

When you grab your chair to head out to the meeting this Weds, don't forget to grab your name tag.

NOTAMS

The Cirrus VK30 Prototype went down recently. It seems as though an aluminum line feeding engine oil to the constant speed prop. cracked and the engine seized. The Pilot was sharp enough to keep the gear up and belly her in. Minor damage is reported.

BIRTHDAY NOTAM

Our next meeting evening coincides with Rick Lambert's Birthday (Isn't he the oldest EAA member or something?) Rick says if you really want to, he'll accept any gift that bolts up to a BD5. You know, most of us think Rick walks on water! Well, he really

skates on thin ice. Happy BD Rick!

The only other Birthday I know of is my own (that's Mar. 28th folks, anything that bolts on a Vari-Eze) If there is another you feel needs mentioning here, please let me, your newsletter editor, know.

UNKNOWN AUTHORS (AND WHO WANTS TO KNOW?)

- * The first rule of intelligent tinkering: Save all of the parts
- * As recorded by Air Traffic Control:
ATC: "American 1284, ah...er, disregard"
1284: "American 1284, disregarding!"

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CALENDAR

Feb. 28	Chapter 393 Gen. Meeting "Swamp Ghost"
March 14	Chap. 393 Board Meeting
March 28	Chapter 393 Gen. Meeting
April 8 - 14	EAA Sun'n Fun, Lakeland, FL Fly-in
July 27 - Aug 2	EAA OSHKOSH 90, Wisconsin. Fly-in

CALENDAR NOTAM

Now would not be to early to plan for Oshkosh or Lakeland!

BUILDER SUPPORT GROUPS

For more information about the Composite Builders Group, call Lyle Powell @ 935-1444. To be

placed on the mailing list for the CBG, send your name and address to Jordan Coonrad, PO Box 2878, Alameda, Ca 94501 or call him @ 796-9766.

New Address for the Metal Builders Group/RV Group information is c/o Greg Triplett, 3557 Helen Drive, Pleasanton, Ca. 94588. New phone for Greg is 462-8633

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Coming soon! Watch for it.

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1/3 HANGER AVAILABLE. CONTACT PETE Wiebens @ 933-7517. Avail. after 3/15/90, approx \$160 per month, West Ramp, will handle a larger experimental (like the Goose, Pete?)

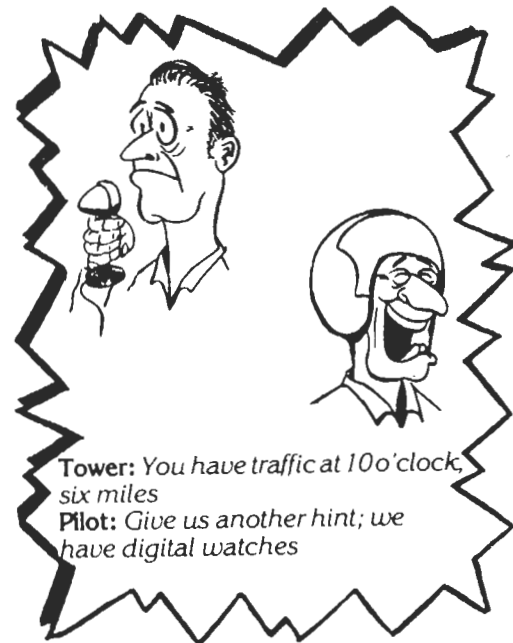
HANGER TO SHARE. CONTACT RAY Nilson @ h) 672-5139 or 465-5456. East Ramp.

HALF BUILT SCAMP FOR SALE OR MOST any reasonable offer to complete and donate it to EAA, or what ever. Patrick Campbell @ 685-1031 would like someone to take this project off his hands and is open to almost any reasonable approach (buy it as is, make it a team project, shared ownership, whatever) He reports that it is worth around \$5K as is, an aluminum bipe inc. the VW Engine. Rated +6 & -3. A good, low entry cost project for the budget minded experimenter.

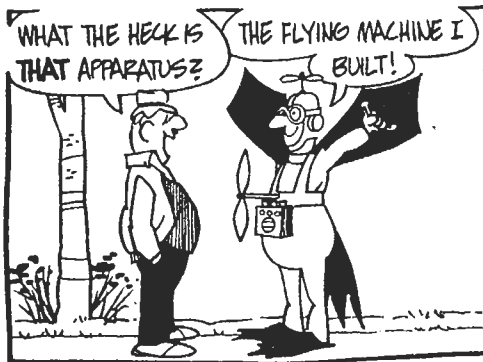
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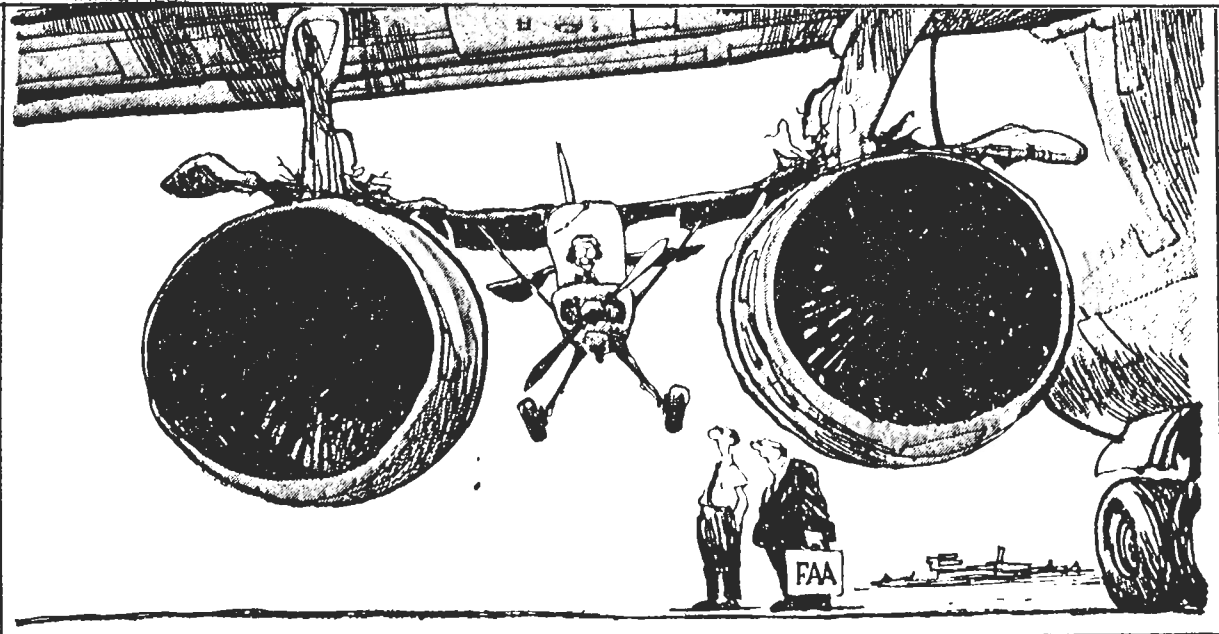
RON & BRIAN, RAMONA CA.

Rob Stevens



THANKS TO DICK MCCORMICK, CARLEBAD, CA.

76 PRIVATE PILOT



'Well, here's one near-miss that'll be damn hard to shrug off....'

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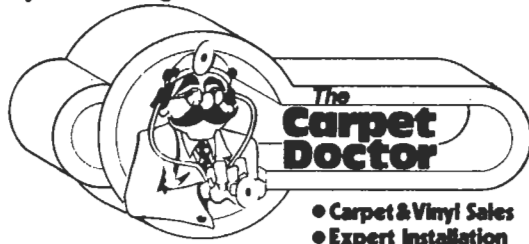
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