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### CHAPTER MEETING

April 25, 1990 The 4th Weds  
7:30pm @ Buchanan Terminal Building,  
Concord Airport. Bring  
Chairs & wear your stinken-badges!

### PROGRAM:

This month's speaker is Andy Marshall! Andy, as you may know, is a composite structures consultant. His subject for our meeting will be "all the new and amazing things you need to know about composite structures". Even though Andy is an active member of our Chapter, we decided to let him speak anyway (and besides, he's pretty sharp on this stuff!)

### MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28th MEETING

The meeting was called to order @ 7:30. The Minutes from the Feb. meeting and the Treasurer's report were read and approved by the General Membership. Grace Ellis started our meeting with a brief summary of her challenge to win a seat on the 4th Supervisorial District in Concord. All members were invited to contribute to this most worthy cause: \$5, \$10, \$50, \$100, or more would be appreciated and it's not too late. Forward your check (or cash if you remember what that looks like) to:

Committee to Elect  
Grace Ellis  
P.O. Box 432  
Concord, CA 94522

If you would like to call her, Grace can be reached @ (415) 682-0737 or 672-2290. Here is another way to help Grace: Just after your run-up and during the request to depart, announce to the tower and all listening; "and be sure to Vote for Grace Ellis, get Sunne McPeak out!" If time doesn't permit it, do it on your return flight, but do it! Standby though, the next 1 or 2 minutes will be nothing short of CB Mania. If the Tower Personnel aren't applauding your mention, everyone else listening will be. Do it every time you fly! Following Grace was a report by Jerry Greth. He is working on the noise abatement committee and they have been testing Decibels. Where do you find the time Jerry? Our fearless leader announced the annual plea for Oshkosh Volunteers, immediately followed by notification of EAA HeadQuarter's plans of increasing dues soon, (great news Pete!). Since Dr. John Toth, our speaker, had to cut out early, we proceeded with our program. He provided both informational as well as entertaining discussion on the medical side of flying. He was very interesting to listen to and no one fell asleep either! The meeting broke for a break, then regrouped to introduce themselves, share project information, and tell lies. Without question, Jordan Coonrad's adventure to Alaska on a photo mission was the best story this night. It sounds like he had a ball covering Dog Sled races, but the stories about those Bush Pilots were extraordinary. (Jordan your prize is "in the mail").

Jerry Greth talked about his V-8 Auto/Aircraft engine work! He is really doing his homework and the upcoming test flight with one of his engines in the Cirrus VK30 had him noticeably on Pins & Needles. Rich Powell talked a little about the CAFE Race, June 22nd & 23rd. Rich announced that John Rontz, (the famed Rutan Canard designer) will be speaking that Saturday night at the CAFE Dinner. As always, everyone contributed to the Intro-Session; always a highlight of the meeting.

#### DUES ARE DUE

(What's 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).

The following may help determine if this includes you:

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#### FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

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Oh, here's something from Larry Laughlin: If you want to know what's going on with the Board of Supervisors (you know, little things like Sunne McPeak's efforts to close Concord Airport and stuff), call the County Clerk's Office and have your name added to their mailing list! I don't think it costs you anything, and you'll be the first to know about the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting. Check it out.

#### BUILDER HINTS

The Airpower Propeller will be flown on two Vari-ezes in the CAFE 400 Race. This is a major breakthrough in light weight, variable

pitch propellers folks. Airpower wants \$3250 for the two blade & \$3835 for the three blade version. Their phone in Annapolis, MD is (301) 741-5075 or 757-1559.

#### 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.

#### OK, SO WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?

So come on folks. Where should we go for a Sunday ride?

#### NOTAMS

New Applications for membership will be available at the next meeting. Take one and give it to your friend who has been thinking about joining EAA Local. We need the new blood (none of you like to write or anything). If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, and you don't have an application, give them Gloria's Telephone number below. She'll mail them an application.

#### UNKNOWN AUTHORS (AND WHO WANTS TO KNOW?)

"If you can't piss in the Tall Grass with the Big Dogs, don't get in it"

(or the cleaner version):

"If you can't run with the big dogs, stay on the porch"

"A Diamond is just a piece of Coal that did well under pressure"

And Larry's personal favorite:

"To succeed in life is not enough, ones friends must fail"