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CHAPTER MEETING

The next meeting is at 7:30 PM April 22, 1998. The speaker will be Manuel "Cass" Casagrande of Danville. Cass was a pilot in a P-51 squadron which bombed a Nazi supply train in France. One of the pilots crashed into Remy's 13th Century church, and Cass is part of a group, Windows for Remy, to raise money to restore the the stained glass windows of the church and to thank the residents of Remy for their courage in defying the Nazis following the crash into their church. Meetings normally begin at 7:30 PM on the 4TH Wednesday of the month in the terminal building at the end of John Glenn Drive.

New Members: Please pick up your badges and wear them at meetings!

The following new members have not picked up their membership badges:

Jack Mckenzie, Tony Requist, Jeff Hartz, Roderick Clark, Bryan Case, Robert Rudolph, Kurt Messick, Bob Kenney, Warren Schifini, Jerry Morgan, Donald Yearout, Patrick Boone, and Bruno Motta. You guys can get your badges from Treasurer Louie Goodell at the next meeting. We would like to associate a name with a face, and to say hello to you!

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 25, 1998:

Henry J. Kraus, Managing Partner of Air Petro Corporation of Lancaster spoke of the industry's attempt to develop 80-87 Unleaded Aviation fuel to meet the demand for cleaner air. Government regulations require completely new tanks and the expense of this for FBO's may be difficult. We will not have to put new tanks in our planes. For the past 25 years the price of aviation gas seems to be tied to the price of gold at a ratio of 1 to 200! We need to fight the closing of General Aviation Airports and the constant encroachment on those airports. Privatization of airports is a trend which need not be bad if the public maintains some standards and some control. General Aviation is modestly booming! The numbers of new aircraft, new student pilots, CFI's, instrument pilots and numbers of planes are all up, while the number of accidents is down. Beware of the trend to charge user fees. Ten percent of the FAA budget is to be collected from as yet unspecified user fees.

There was no old business and no new business.

Ron Robinson announced that Rick Lambert would soon be an EAA Technical Counselor.

Doug Page invited members to join him in visiting Chapter 62 in San Jose on April 2.

Lisle Knight and Duane Allen told of Young Eagles flights in Palo Alto on April 4, Hayward on March 28, Reid Hillvue on May 8, and Moffet Field on June 13.

Ken McKenzie reported that Golden West Flyin had signed it's first contract for the same food vendor who feeds us at Oshkosh, that the Go-no-Go time had passed and that the budget had been pruned to a manageable level.

Louie Goodell, Treasurer, reported that our checking account contained \$2149.80 and the savings account ~~\$014.26~~ \$3014.86

Ron Robinson flew his Glasair 1RG to San Diego for a sales meeting in 2 hours 11 minutes, and was cleared through LA's Class B Airspace.

Doug Page's RV-6A has been painted and is now being assembled in hanger A-11 on the West side. Scott Achelis took his 6A on a fun ride above SFO's Class B airspace.

Dick Rihn is working on the inverted oil system for his aerobatic One Design and is using the parallel fuel lines mentioned by Lyle Powell last month to reduce vapor lock.

Harry Heckman reported that his new trim system on his Glasair 290 works well, that he now has flown 27 hours, and that he is experimenting and testing various flap levels to achieve longitudinal stability.

Bob Belshe is still installing the new 0-320 in his Glasair 290, and stated that he and Will Price made another 45 minute flight in Will's Lancair to the ski slopes and tested Will's new ski racks.

Lyle Powell now has 925 hours on his Glasair III and recently made a "magic carpet" flight to Santa Ynez for lunch, a 1 hour 5 minute flight.

Pete Wiebens is flying his Glasair III and harrassing Harry Heckman to do more flying.

Jack McKenzie has completed some maintenance on his Comache 250

Edward Perez has been redoing his kitchen instead of working on his Vision.

Tim Glenn removed the Rotax engine from his Kitfox Series 5, and shipped it to the factory for a recall to replace the camshaft.

Ray Nilson spoke presumably about his Christen Eagle, but we at the front table could not hear over the air conditioning noise.

Charles Miglia had a commen lament about building his Avid Magnum: "Things don't fit."

Don Baldwin's Teeny Two is sitting on the west ramp in the rain. He has room for two for his journey to Oshkosh. (See Notice below)

Peter Mitchell is flying his Cessna 205

Bill Black is working on his Harmon Rocket and would like a sponsor. He recently flew his RV-4 to the EAA Warbird Chapter in Vacaville where a ride in a P-51 was offered for \$500.

Don O'Neil claims that he sees Lou Ellis doing more work on the L-2 than Randy Alley.

Lisle Knight has finished the empenage on his Osprey II and is expanding the instrument panel.

Note from Editor: Please speak up when telling of your project! Several others spoke but we at the front table could not hear you.

A WAY TO GO TO OSHKOSH AND SEE THE COUNTRY!!!!

Don Baldwin is again driving to Oshkosh and towing his 24 foot travel trailer with his Suburban. He has room for two more. The cost will be about \$500 which can cover everything if one is on a tight budget. The trip takes two full weeks, Sunday to Sunday. The route is democratically controlled, and they may detour on the way home to visit the Cessna plant in Wichita, Kansas. Don asks that each person take a two hour driving turn. Sign up soon! Call Don at 685-1639

BOARD MEETING:

A Board meeting was held in Ron Robinson's Hanger on April 4. Attending were President Ron Robinson, Vice President Scott Achelis, Newsletter Editor Doug Page, and Sec/Treasurer Louie Goodell. The Board discussed possible ways of helping Golden West Fly-in, the possible subsidy of Young Eagle Flights, biographies of members, visits to other chapters, and the Board's gratitude for the raffle sales which produce over \$50 per meeting for the Chapter treasury. The Board would welcome members at these Board Meetings and would welcome any input anyone has to make the Chapter meet the needs and wants of the Members.

THERE WILL BE FLY-OUTS THE SATURDAY FOLLOWING EACH MEMBERSHIP MEETING, WEATHER PERMITTING

The next Flyout will be 11 AM Saturday, April 25, meeting at Ron Robinson's hanger D-17 on the east ramp. We will fly to the Nevada County Airport (017) and have lunch with Bill Wilson who has moved to Nevada City where he is continuing to build his Glastar. We will visit Bill's new home, and his Glastar project, have lunch, and fly back. There are usually extra seats available.

SCOTT ACHELIS' REPORT ON THE LAST FLYOUT

We met at Ron's hanger at about 11AM, and flew to Lakeport/Lampson Field on Clear Lake and at lunch at the airport restaurant. President Ron Robinson (Glasair IRG) flew with Harvard Holmes. Vice President Scott Achelis flew with RV-6 builder, Ken France. John Helms, building a Glasair III was there with Jim Muldoon. Bill Black flew his RV-4 carrying passenger Jack Bernadini. Ray Nelson, flying his Christen Eagle, had Ron Caldwell in the front seat. Pete Wiebens flew his Glassair III took past President Bruce Seguire in the right seat, and Bill Boydston arrived late without a passenger in his Commander Dart 100. The trip to and from Lakeport was uneventful, with thunder storms and rain showers visible to the North East on the return flight. It was especially nice to fly several 393 members as "right/front seaters."

Thanks for the report Scott.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MARCH 25, 1998

Bank Balance	Checking	\$2149.60
	Savings	\$3014.26
		\$5164.06

LOUIE REMINDS US THAT DUES OF \$20 ARE NOW PAST DUE. Please pay now so that you will not be removed from the mailing list of this brilliant newsletter.

Make checks payable to EAA Chapter 393 and mail with the form below to EAA Chapter 393, PO Box 27275, Concord, CA 94527.

TOOL LIBRARY

Tool Library responses have dropped off. If you have tools or books to share, or if you are willing to reveal your favorite local sources of building supplies, please fill out and return the Tool Library Listing.

FLASH!!! WE WILL HAVE AN EAA TECH COUNSELOR !!!!!

Rick Lambert has submitted his application to EAA to become a Technical Counselor and is he

ever qualified! Rick has built a BD-5B, a Glasair FT 1, a Falcon XP, and SX-300 and a Starduster. Thank you for stepping forward Rick. We badly need you. Rick could use help, and we members could use another Technical Counselor or two. Are there others out there who are willing to follow Rick's lead?

SOAP BOX EDITORIAL IV

Part of the newsletter editor's troubles with spelling of names is caused by the fact that he does not know some members very well. I suspect that others, particularly newer members, experience the same problem. To remedy this, I propose to publish about 6 to 8 short biographical sketches of members in each issue. I enclose a suggested form in this newsletter. Please fill it out and return it to me. I want to cover every member, so please help by doing your part.

CALENDAR

April 19-25 Sun & Fun

April 22 EAA Chapter 393 meeting

April 25 Chapter 393 Flyout (meet at Ron Robinson's hanger at 11 AM at D-17 East)

April 25 9AM Golden West Work Party, Castle Field

May 2 Board meeting

May 23 9AM Golden West Work Party, Castle Field

June 20 9AM Golden West Work Party, Caslt Field

June 21 Concord Air Show and EAA static exhibit

July 18 Chapter picnic meeting (no speaker)

July 29-August 4 Oshkosh

September 25-27 Golden West Flyin, Castle Field

Dec 13 Chapter 393 Annual Christmas party at Petar's.

REQUEST FOR WEB SITE'S OF INTEREST TO BUILDERS AND FLYERS

The Board would still like to compile a list of interesting websites. All of you surfers: please submit your favorite websites. For example Scott Achelis has found a website for the Chicago Tower complete with the audio so that one can listen to

the Tower and pilots in the background while doing other computer tasks. Scott will have this for next month's Cleco. We have received no replies to this web site request. Please send in your favorites.

Bob Belshe has provided an inspection checklist from an FAA inspecotor, which your editor can well use:

<http://www.provide.net/~pratt/ambuilt/checklist.htm>

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Items for sale by club members may be placed in this newsletter for **FREE!** *Please submit your **FOR SALE** items to me in writing no later than the 14th of the month. Normally, your ad will run for two issues, unless you request more or tell me that the item is no longer for sale.*

For Sale

Supply of molding clay recommended by Sam James for use in making fairings. Releases easily from epoxy and is oil free. Doug Page 925-943-1581

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

All contributions for the newsletter are welcome! If you have something to say or share with the rest of the club members, do it here! Please submit any articles and/or photographs you think others will enjoy and learn from. Submissions should be done in writing and mailed directly to the newsletter editor. Submissions may be **e-mailed**, hand written, typed, or on any IBM diskette (in ASCII or MS Word). The deadline for submissions to the editor is the 14th of every month (newsletter is produced and mailed by the 17th). The editor's address is:

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WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF CHAPTER # 393?

Each and every member is hereby requested to fill out the following form and to return it to the Cleco Editor, Doug Page at 400 Arbol Via, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. The Cleco will then contain 6 to 8 biographical sketches of members in each issue so that we can get to know each other.

NAME

CURRENT OCCUPATION (If retired, state your former occupations)

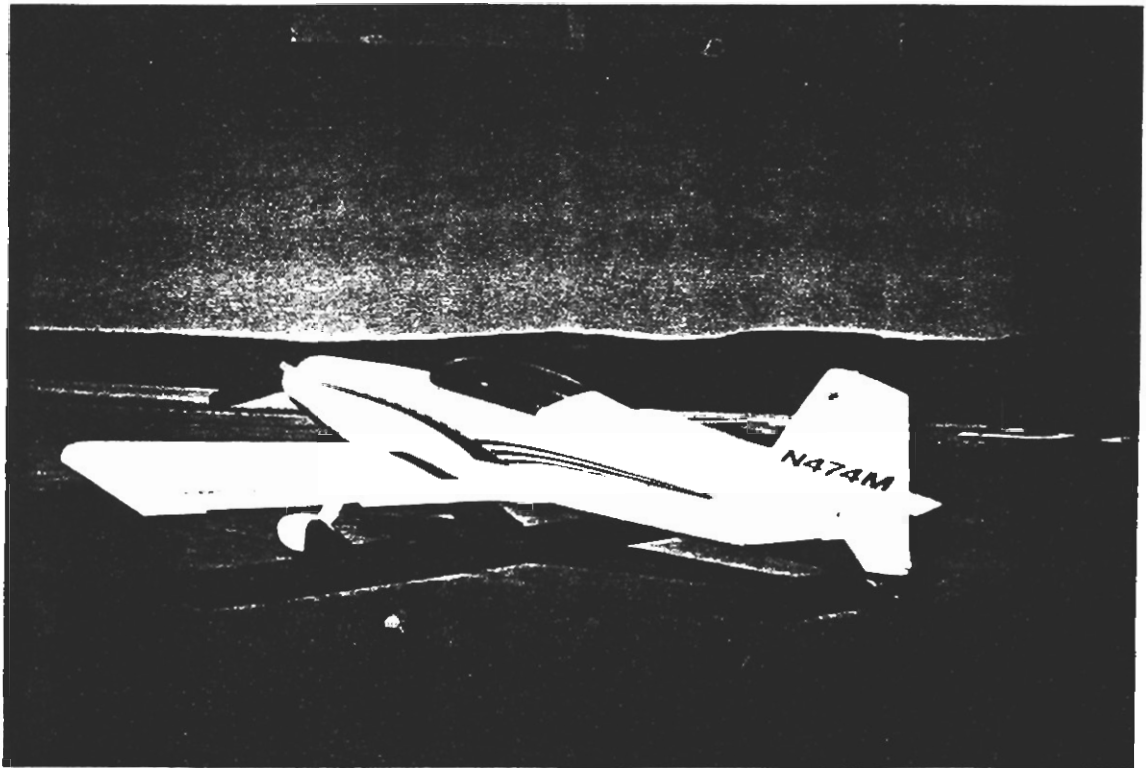
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CURRENTLY FLYING:

AWARDS

CURRENT PROJECT OR DREAM

OTHER INTERESTS



Rick Young's New Harmon Rocket

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