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## Notes of Interest:

- **Meeting:** Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Buchanan Field Terminal Building located on John Glenn Drive in Concord and will begin at 7:30PM. Visitors are always welcome.
- **Club Fly-Out:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, meet at CCR Terminal at 10am or contact Harvard Holmes.
- **Board Meeting:** Next meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at CCR Terminal. Members are welcome to attend.

## Presidents Message:

Now that summer is nearly over the routine of chapter affairs will solidify more comfortably. Our Board members have been busy working on the preparations for our annual Holiday Banquet. The Chapter has signed with Sunrise Catering to supply a buffet style dinner. Core tentative menu items to choose from will include Sierra Sliced Roast Beef, Poached Salmon, and Vegetarian Lasagna. We already have two pledges to donate two cases of wine for the dinner. If a desert is donated that too will lower the final cost. Donations of center pieces for the tables will be gladly accepted as will donations of time and other items that can be used as raffle prizes to make the party fun complete.

Speaking of raffle prizes, last year's Rue Bigay print of the Blue Angels over-flying the twin towers and statue of Liberty was our big money maker for the chapter to help finance our Young Eagles flights. This year EAA national has contacted local chapters with an offer of giving a free leather flight jacket to be used to generate funds for the chapter. As President I have accepted this offer from EAA headquarters and based on limited sizes and quantities available I will let you know what we will have to offer our members when the jacket arrives.

As usual we will need some of you to guide the basic committees or groups who volunteer to help with the music/slideshow, decorating the MDPA clubhouse, certificates of recognition, collecting door prizes, and the final clean-up. These are easy tasks and a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the monthly meeting Wed. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. If any of you know of anyone who has completed an aircraft, performed a first flight, or earned a pilot's certificate or gained a rating please let me know or get in touch with one of the Board members. My number is (925) 756-6172 leave a message if I'm not home.

I welcome all of you back from your various vacations and look forward to see you at the Sept. meeting.

Blue Skies,

Pres Pete

## Members Meeting:

### EAA Chapter 393 Members Meeting

August 24, 2005

#### Recent Activities

Fred and Vi Egli, and Bob Belshe returned from a recent trip to Alaska with a group of planes. They all had a fantastic time. The group is organized by <http://www.letsflyalaska.com/> and has several speed ranges for the various groups. Fred reported that all twelve planes flew the first leg (up to Canada), with less than precision "accordion style." He said that later legs were broken up into smaller groups of planes resulting in more consistent flying.

#### Announcements:

The Mariposa-Yosemite airport is having an Open House Fly In on October 8, 2005. <http://www.homeofyosemite.com/calendar/index.cfm?action=daily&cdate=10-8-2005> The fly in chairman (Harvard Holmes) suggests that we postpone the customary fly in from October 1 to October 8 and go to Mariposa.

As noted in the CC Times, the developers have withdrawn their bid to redevelop Buchanan Field.

President Peter Degl'Innocenti will appoint a nominating committee for new officers to report back at the September meeting.

The Holiday Party is set for MDPA on Saturday, December 10. Sara Holmes and Vi Egli have arranged the catering with Sunrise Catering. Donations of wine and dessert are solicited. Other donations are also welcome.

The treasurer says we are not broke yet!

Peter D. related a story of how a Young Eagles flight motivated a youngster that Peter knew at his church.

The monthly fly out is this week and Clear Lake is recommended. Any takers? (There were none, so the fly out was cancelled.)

#### Presentation:

Guy Jones related a story from Aviation Week Magazine about a long ago test flight (recently unclassified) in which a SR-71 was loaded to aft CG and broke up at high speed and altitude. One of the pilots actually survived and lived to tell the story!

#### Introductions:

## Members Meeting: (continued)

Bill Call continues work on his Lancair ES. The headliner is now installed.

Ernst Freitag has 200+ hours on his RV-8 and is thinking about another one (RV-10?).

Bruce Seguire has an experimental Swift and has been changing a number of things, including a new cowl, spinner and prop. He is almost airborne again.

Bruce Milan is thinking of painting his plane (a Questair Venture). To date, it has been bare aluminum. It is the fastest piston powered plane on the field (300 mph @ 10,000'). It will go to Grand Junction, Colorado for paint.

Bob Rudolph has been looking at the Innodyn turbine engine for low powered propjet applications. <http://www.innodyn.com/>

Jim Veatch is working on a Kitfox Series VII and has the wings finished ready to cover.

Don Baldwin has a Sonex under construction. It's on the gear, with the tail on and connected. The engine is almost done. He is working on a fuel injection system.

## Board Meeting:

### EAA Chapter 393 Board Meeting

September 1, 2005

Balance in the savings account is \$2610.17, checking \$1126.24.

As far as we could "define" the list, the nominating committee for our new board of officers will be: Don Baldwin, Louis Goodell, Bob Belshe, Peter Degl'Innocenti, Guy Jones, and Harvard Holmes. Peter had one affirmative reply in telephone solicitations for new officers. [A later conversation with Guy Jones indicated that a few more members were interested in "participating."]

Regarding the Christmas party: We know of one more un-answered question. Is Sunrise going to require a deposit at signing of the contract? [No says Harvard Holmes.] I know of no other "feedback" on the Sunrise contract proposal. There is reference made to a diagram of the room (for table-setting planning) on the contract. [Harvard retrieved an old diagram and provided it.]

DIDN'T MAKE IT TO OSHKOSH THIS YEAR? SEE THE SAME DEMONSTRATION RIGHT HERE IN CONCORD!

GARMIN WORKSHOP:

- DATE: OCTOBER 10TH
- TIME: 7:00 PM
- LOCATION: MDPA CLUBHOUSE
- CONTENT: GARMIN STAFF WILL BE INTRODUCING THE LATEST AND GREATEST OF THEIR LINE OF RADIOS AND NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT. THEY ALSO WILL BE GIVING SOME NEWS AS TO WHAT'S TO COME IN THE NEAR FUTURE FROM GARMIN.

DOOR PRIZES:

- ½ OFF ON EXTERIOR DETAIL OF YOUR AIRPLANE
- ½ OFF ON INTERIOR DETAIL OF YOUR AIRPLANE
- ½ OFF ON A PITOT/STATIC CHECK
- GRAND PRIZE!! AN IQUE 3600 HANDHELD GARMIN GPS!!!

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN, SO WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE MDPA CLUBHOUSE ON MONDAY!



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