



# THE CLECO



EAA Chapter 393

## Members Meeting:

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October 26, 2005

#### Announcements:

Send in your Holiday Party reservations with your selections and your check (see form later in the Cleco). Now might be a good time to send your next years dues, too!

**The next meeting is the third Wednesday, November 16, to avoid Thanksgiving.**

Does the Chapter want to order EAA Calendars? We decided to order about 24 for \$8.50 each. Ray Nilson volunteered to manage this process. He has 13 names so far.

It was announced that the EAA Young Eagles program had suffered its first fatality. An instructor crashed shortly after takeoff while giving a ride to two 9-year-old girls.

Flyers and tickets were distributed to raffle off the EAA Jacket. The flyer shows the Jacket being modeled by Loren, a Pacific States Aviation employee. Tickets are \$5 each and the winner will be drawn at the Holiday Party. Extra flyers are available in black and white.

Air Show Art featuring Rhu Bigay is being shown during the month of November at the San Ramon Community Center Lindsay Dirx Brown Art Gallery.

<http://www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/parks/activitiespdf/events.pdf>

(See the last page). A free reception is being held November 12, 2-5 PM.

Members were reminded to sign up for the Holiday Party. The menu and other details are in the Cleco.

Decorating Day for the Holiday Party will be the Friday before the Party, starting around 5:30 to 6:00 PM. Pat Peters will be there to open the MDPA building. Other participants (so far) were Ray Nilson, Phil Jenkins, Ron Robinson, Tom Howard, Cody Moore, Peter Degl'Innocenti, Guy Jones and Fred Egli.

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#### Notes of Interest:

- **Meeting:** Wednesday November 16<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.**
- **Chapter Fly-Out:** November 19<sup>th</sup>, meet at CCR Terminal at 10am or contact Harvard Holmes.
- **Board Meeting:** Next meeting is **December 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7:30pm at CCR Terminal. Members are welcome to attend.

## Members Meeting: (continued)

Bob Belshe announced two new members: Chris Brisco and Scot Stambaugh (the editor apologizes in advance for mangling these names).

Our Treasurer, Louis Goodell confirmed that we are solvent, with \$3664.60 total in the savings and checking accounts. He is working to change banks, as we are now paying a \$10 per month service fee, and we would like to get a free account. Suggestions from the floor were to try US Bank, Washington Mutual, or a Credit Union.

Harvard Holmes suggested that the Saturday Fly Out should go to the Lampson Lakeport airport and that the weather looked "promising."

### **Program:**

Guy Jones presented a selection from a video made at the Society of Experimental Test Pilots meeting on the occasion of the 2003 Centennial of Powered Flight. <http://www.setp.org/HTML/NewsRoom/news.html?nid=21> The excerpts covered flight-testing of modern fighters, and included a variety of unusual attitude tests, and the "tuning" of fly-by-wire equipment. These pilots realized that other pilots would fly these planes and needed information about every corner of the flight envelope. The planes also needed to be recoverable from a variety of unusual attitudes for the safety of future pilots. A variety of trials and tribulations of the testing process were discussed.

A most enjoyable evening!

### **Elections:**

The election of officers was carried out. For President, Ken McKenzie, the only candidate was elected unanimously. For Vice President, the office remains vacant as no candidates were willing to serve [It appears that Scot Stambaugh is willing to help here. -Ed.]. For Secretary/Treasurer, Louis Goodell was re-elected, and for the newsletter editor, Bob Rudolph was elected.

The Board of Directors consists of the officers, plus the immediate past officers, with the past president serving as Chairman of the Board, and other positions as the Board may appoint. Current positions, in addition to the officers and past officers, includes Technical Counselor: Rick Lambert; Young Eagles Chairman: Pat Peters; Webmaster: Harvard Holmes, Membership Chairman: Bob Belshe; Chapter Photographer: Tom Howard, and Fly Out Chairman: Harvard Holmes.

### **Introductions:**

Peter Degl'Innocenti is working on a ¾ scale P-40. The current work is on the landing gear. The first try at the gear involved changes in the plans such that the changed parts would not fit with the old parts, but that has been corrected.

Duane Allen has several projects: He has finally retired from NASA, but continues to consult there several days a week as his projects continue. He has a Cessna 182 that is now flying, and a Lancair ES, that needs shims on the landing gear arms, and that will soon have the top half of the fuselage put on.

Ken McKenzie has a Glastar, which is getting some progress after a long incubation. He purchased a completed tail and one wing for it from the Napa Chapter of the EAA. That chapter received it as a donation from a member.

Phil Jenkins has a Glasair IIS RG, which is running well.

## Members Meeting: (continued)

Ray Nilson has an RV9A, and he is working on the canopy and installing the battery box behind the baggage compartment for balance.

Pat Peters has a Cherokee that will begin its annual inspection next week at Sterling Aviation. This will be an owner assisted annual. Pat is letting his son Tracy work on their RV6A kit.

Ron Robinson has a Glasair I RG. He made a recent trip to Fullerton and had the GPS die just 10 miles from the airport. He used a spare GPS for the trip back.

Fred Egli has a Lancair IV with about 520 hours now. He, his wife Vi, and his friend Bob Belshe flew to Alaska last August with a group. They returned from Ketchikan to Concord in 5:30 flying time (with one stop). [Cirrus says this is about 1150 nm, if you stay over land, e.g., via Olympia. - Ed.]

Bob Belshe has a Lancair 235/320 with 600+ hours on it and it is running fine.

Don Baldwin is building a Sonex with Pete Mitchell. They have been working on the canopy for the last couple of months, and expect to take another month at it. They have the engine together (VW derived), but have decided to put fuel injection on it. In Canada, there is a place that has the injectors, electronic control, etc. for about \$1800.

Scot Stambough has a Harmon Rocket with 1.5 years and 100+ hours on it. With its 335 HP Lycoming IO-540, he climbs out at 4000' per minute with a light load. While building it, it took 4 ½ months to get the canopy right. He cruises at 200 kts on 16 gph. He has inverted fuel and oil systems on it. He also has a Cessna 310.

Pete Wiebens has sold his Glasair I to Mike Welch, and it has completed a long rebuild, facilitated by Doug Knight. It flew again last Sunday with a new paint job and other improvements. For Pete's Glasair III, also under renovation, he has made new gear doors, and the right one came out especially well -- he may do the left one again.

Chris Brisco is working on a Bearhawk.

Tony Tiritilli is flying his Cherokee 235 up to his island home at Roche Harbor. His grandson, 8 years old, does most of the actual flying. Tony is investigating a number of GPS tracking programs for PCs that he could run on a PC while flying. He has tried programs from Teletype, Control Vision, and RMS.

## Board Meeting Minutes:

### **EAA Chapter 393 Board Meeting**

November 3, 2005

Attending: Peter Degl'Innocenti, Guy Jones, Harvard Holmes, Louis Goodell

1. Multiple preparations for the Holiday Party are in progress. Guy Jones, Ken McKenzie, and Duane Allen are working on dessert. Guy Jones has some stuff for the raffle. Jan Degl'Innocenti (Peter's wife) is working on table decorations. Peter Degl'Innocenti and others are donating wine. Louis Goodell is doing nametags. Louis is preparing checks for use of the MDPA facilities. The Chapter is inviting several guests: Greg Hill (Ford Garage), Maureen Bell (Pacific States Aviation, a big Young Eagles contributor), and Rhu Bigay (Artist, contributor of several prints to benefit the Chapter).

2. The Web site needs renewal. [Harvard Holmes took care of this for \$161.10 (for two years) and will get reimbursed.]

## Chapter Fly-Out:

### **EAA Chapter 393 Fly Out**

Lampson Field, Lakeport, CA (Clear Lake)

November 5, 2005

This trip was delayed a week due to ugly weather last week.

Four airplanes made this trip:

Ken Wiley in his Glastar.

Duane Allen with Harvard Holmes in his Cessna 182RG.

Bob Belshe with Fred Egli in his Lancair 235/320.

Ron Robinson with Tom Howard in his Glasair I RG.

The weather was cloudy, but not too low, and the air was very clear for good views above the clouds. The group feels that the food is better since the restaurant was sold to new management and renovated in the last year. Tom Howard took the good pictures and Harvard Holmes took the bad ones.



• Bob Belshe Landing



• Ken Wiley's Glastar

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# 393 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 10, 2005

Join the festivities at the MDPA Clubhouse, 200 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA

## Hors d'oeuvres (Passed 6-7 PM)

Hot Crab and Shrimp on Crostini  
Mozzarella, Tomato & Fresh Basil on Crostini  
Teriyaki Meatballs

## Plated Dinner (Served at 7 PM)

Hearts of Romaine Salad  
Crumbled Bleu Cheese, Caramelized Nuts, Fuji Apples, Raspberry Vinaigrette  
Fresh Baked Egg & Herb Rolls, Butter Pats

### Entrée Choice of:

Sliced **Sierra Steak** with Demiglace & Bleu Cheese Crumbles  
**Salmon Milanese** or  
**Vegetarian Cannelloni**

Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Sauté of Zucchini, Red Bells, Onions & Carrots  
Decaf Coffee & Hot Tea Station  
Wine and sodas

## World Renowned Dessert

All this for \$30 per person!!  
(or \$35 if you have not paid your dues this year)

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Please send us your money and entrée choice by November 30, 2005.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Steak [ ] Salmon [ ] Cannelloni

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Steak [ ] Salmon [ ] Cannelloni

Members & guests: \$30 each; Members who haven't paid their dues & guests: \$35 each.

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your checks payable to **EAA Chapter 393**. Send the form and your check to:

EAA Chapter 393

P.O. Box 272725

Concord, CA 94527-2725



• Ron and Tom in Ron's Glasair



• Lunch Group



• Flight Line and Restaurant



• Bob Belshe's Lancair



• Duane's 182 RG