



October 28

Elections and Hangar tour – after electing our new officers for the next two years and a short business meeting in the MDPA room, we will depart by private cars to have a look at various members' projects in their hangars. The following hangars will be open:

- Ray Nilson (East side)
- Eric Shuldt (West side)
- Joe & Steve Senatori (West side)
- Harvard Holmes (West side)
- Rick Lambert (West side)

Upcoming Speakers/Topics

Dates and topics may will change!

Bill is seeking input regarding speakers for our meetings. If you know of an interesting, willing and available speaker, let Bill know. Our members represent another untapped resource. If you are doing something interesting that you could talk about, let Bill know and get a talk arranged.

EAA Calendars arrive at the next meeting. See Ray Nilson to get yours – only \$10

HOLIDAY PARTY EAA CHAPTER 393

Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 6 PM
Marie Callender's, 2090 Diamond Blvd.

Sign up before December 7th

See Page 6 for details. **OR**

Sign up electronically on the Web.

<http://www.eaa393.org/>

(You still need to mail a check.)

Presidential perspective:

Election Update:

A few items have changed since the September meeting. Here is the latest information. Bill Reining will continue to lead the Chapter, assuming the position of President. Pete Mitchell has agreed to continue as Secretary. Tracy Peters has accepted the nomination for Vice President. Bob Belshe has accepted the nomination for Treasurer. The slate of nominees for the next term is as follows:

- President: Bill Reining
- Vice president: Tracy Peters
- Secretary: Pete Mitchell
- Treasurer: Bob Belshe
- Newsletter editor: **OPEN**

In addition to the elected positions listed above, we have appointed positions as follows:

- Young Eagles Coordinator: Rich Sperling
- Technical Counselor: Rick Lambert
- Dinner Coordinator: Rick Bourgeois
- Fly-out Coordinator: Tom Howard
- Webmaster: Renee Robinson
- Chapter Photographer Tom Howard
- Government Affairs: Rich Cunningham
- Membership Coordinator: **OPEN**

We appreciate the continued service of the old-timers, and we look forward to the participation of more newcomers in the years to come.

So we are now assured that the chapter will run for the next 2 years. However, the bad news is that you may not be able to read about it, since we have no candidates for the newsletter position.

While there are chapters that have no newsletter, I would hate to think that 393 would become one of them. We have had a newsletter since before I joined in 1988. Back then it was typed and photocopied. Now,

computers have made it possible to produce a much more polished product with color pictures. Most of the members choose to receive it via e-mail off the website, so we only need to print a small number of copies. This has enabled the chapter to produce it at a fraction of the cost of a hardcopy delivered by the postal service.

Every member should expect to contribute something to running the Chapter, beyond just paying dues and showing up for the meetings.

For any member who has an interest in journalism, becoming Newsletter Editor is an opportunity to get your feet wet.

The real work is in assembling and writing the material. Most of the newsletter is derived from contributions from the President (President's letter), Vice President (information about upcoming speakers), the Secretary (notes from the Board meetings), the Treasurer (budget reports), Young Eagles Coordinator (reports of past and future events), Dinner Coordinator (upcoming menu), Fly-out Coordinator (information about destinations) and Photographer (lots of pictures from past events).

As for the writing, all that is left is for you to write up a brief description of the general meeting and include it in the newsletter. Past editors have enjoyed including aviation jokes and other items of interest. They have also solicited articles from other members who have made interesting trips, solved problems with their aircraft, or who have a story to tell.

This is a great opportunity for someone to create their own "look" for the Cleco. Once you have all of the material collected and/or written, all that remains is to glue it together. Past newsletter editors have used Microsoft Word to compose the newsletter, but most any program can be used to format the material for publication/distribution. The final version is converted to PDF, regardless of what word processor is used.

Harvard is happy to be a continuing resource to whoever takes on the newsletter.

We invite one of our members to step forward and produce this most useful element for our chapter, the newsletter.

If anyone is interested in either the Newsletter Editor or the Membership

Coordinator positions, please let me know, or just show up at this month's meeting, and I will open up nominations again.

Another reason to come to the meeting, is the election. We need your votes. So come for dinner and to vote, and then we have some great projects to see in the hangar tour afterward. See you there.

The Menu by Rick Bourgeois

The tentative menu for the next meeting is as follows (for just \$7):

- American Chop Suey
- Dinner Rolls
- Green Salad
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Drinks

Let Rick know your suggestions. Some we've already heard are: turkey, and corned beef.

Rick thinks a **pancake breakfast** would be fun. Do you? **Would you attend? Let Rick know!**

Fly-outs by Tom Howard

As always, please let me know if you have, or need a seat, so I can mix and match them.

Fly-outs are usually scheduled on the Saturday following our regular monthly meeting. If the weather is not conducive for flying, the event is often postponed to the following Saturday. Watch for email from Tom TurnPrez@SBCglobal.net, and be sure to give us your email address if you haven't been receiving fly-out information.

We are seeking ideas for new fly-out destinations.

[Editor's note: Informal fly-outs also occur on irregular Wednesdays. Email HarvardHolmes@comcast.net to get on the list if you are interested. Often there is a spare seat for wingless aviators.]

Young Eagles by Rich Sperling

Our Young Eagles event on October 17 was a roaring success! We had 25 Boy Scouts and another 10 youngsters, for a total of 35 Young Eagles flown. This puts us at 129 Young

Eagles flown this year, well over our goal of 100 for this year.

Our next Young Eagles event is scheduled for November 21. We have a large and enthusiastic bunch of Sea Cadets to fly on this date.

The Young Eagles program is putting an increased emphasis on the educational aspects of the program. Sporty's Pilot Shop has donated a certificate to each Young Eagle, which is good for Internet based ground instruction for a pilot's license.

Next year there is hope for an enhanced Buchanan Field Open House, with an air show organized by Pat and Tracy Peters.

All the best, Rich Sperling

EAA Chapter 393, Young Eagles
Coordinator

EAA 393 General Meeting Notes

September 23, 2009



President Ken McKenzie welcomed members and guests. Guests were Kenneth

Moyer from the Concord Tower and his son Mathew, and Jerry Quint from Chapter 526.

Rich Sperling outlined his plans for the next Young Eagles event on October 17, 2009.

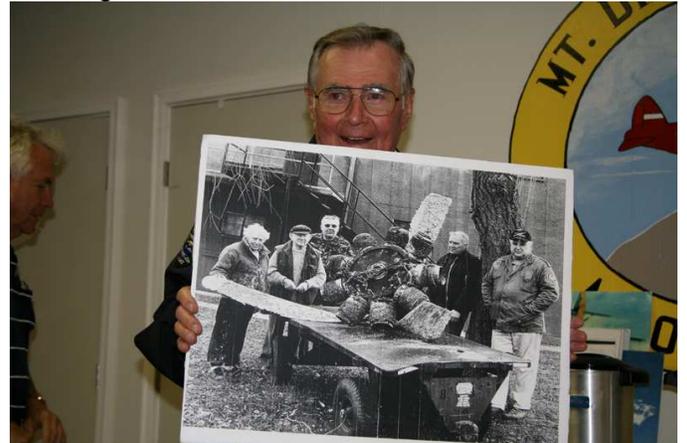
There was further discussion and solicitation of candidates for Chapter offices.

We gave a round of thanks to Simone (Rich Bourgeois' daughter) for her help in preparing the wonderful shrimp and pasta dish for our dinner.

Bill Reining announced that he was working on hangar tours for our next general meeting.

Presentation:

Heber Smith is a World War II veteran who flew as a bombardier in B-17s. He flew 35 missions over Europe in 1944. Heber graduated from Berkeley High School in 1942 and started at Cal as a freshman. After he turned 18, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. In April of 1943 he was called to active duty. He then went through 12 to 16 weeks of ground school. After taking aptitude tests, he was selected for a position in a bomber crew. He was sent to Victorville (in southern California) for 12 to 16 weeks of training. Then he was sent to Dalhart Texas for 16 weeks of combat training.



Heber gave us vivid accounts with photographs and maps of the following missions: He flew his second mission on D-day! His sixth mission went to Lyon, and his 12th mission to Kiel. On the 27th of July, they attacked the Elena Oil Works at Merseburg; the aircraft received so much flak damage that they got another aircraft. On the 31st of July, they went to bomb Munich. During the attack,

engines 1 and 2 were hit and shut down. Their choice was to go to Switzerland or go home. Now, the B-17 will not hold altitude on two engines. They elected to go home and eventually ditched and got rescued. (In 2006, he got an email message that an engine from their bomber had been recovered from the ocean!)

Presentation:

Ed Ricks, with Paradise Aircraft Company was able to join us for this meeting and presented some details of the Paradise P-1 light sport aircraft. <http://www.paradiseaircraft.us/>

The Paradise P-1 is based on an experimental aircraft that has been produced in Brazil for several years. After it is built in Brazil, it is shipped to Sebring, Florida and re-assembled. There are also plans for another importer in Tracy, California.

The P-1 is a 4-place plane in Brazil, but it has been restricted to 2 seats, and in the weight that it can carry, to meet the LSA regulations in the USA. Paradise also makes a larger 4-seater for the Brazilian market. Paradise is making 10 planes per month. The P-1 is stressed to +4 and -2 G's. It cruises at 120 mph and can use unleaded, low leaded or automobile fuel. Annual inspections are expected to cost ~\$500, and the 100 hour service should cost ~\$300. The demonstrated crosswind performance is 15 kts of crosswind. Take off is at 52 mph. The aircraft is relatively heavy (for an LSA) at 800 lbs empty. It has a steel cage fuselage. It uses the Rotax 912 engine. The plane can be ordered with 40 gallon tanks for no extra charge. These come with longer wings.

Prices start at \$111,000 and go up to \$117,000 when additional features such as glass panels and autopilots are included.

Ed Ricks is in Arizona, and is looking for dealers in northern and southern California. In January 2010, he expects that the P-1 will be fitted with floats.

EAA Chapter 1476 (Rancho Murietta) Fly-in Breakfast and Forum Notes
October 3, 2009

EAA Chapter 1476 (Rancho Murietta) invited several northern California EAA Chapters to attend a fly-in breakfast and Forum. The Forum was intended to promote discussion and an exchange of ideas between chapters. Bill Reining, Ken McKenzie, Harvard Holmes and Rich Sperling attended from Chapter 393. About five other chapters attended.

The agenda began with a focus on the elements that facilitate the establishment of a local chapter. These include the role of EAA National, how to maintain membership, website development, flight and technical support, and EAA National resources for local chapters. Discussion points included:

- Having a chapter facility is a strong motivator
- Different activities appeal to different members
- The national leadership academy is highly recommended
- A volunteer web site was recommended as a source for specialized help, e.g., web pages <http://www.1-800-volunteer.org/>
- Flight and technical support are essential for the local chapter
- A directory of chapter advisors would be useful
- Our "new member" packets were noted as an example for member recruitment

Activities that will attract members were then discussed. These included:

- Youth activities: The host chapter (1476) had operated an "aviation camp" that ran for two weeks in the summer. They had also sponsored an "aviation club" at the local high school. Rich Sperling noted our Chapter's work with the Boy Scouts and Sea Cadets.
- Homebuilt projects: Chapter 1476 members had built and restored a variety of aircraft.
- Airport Day was another community service event undertaken by Chapter 1476.

How can a local Chapter support a hangar/place to meet in? Examples (Placerville) were given, but no clear answers about financing were given. A larger hangar

with tenants might subsidize space for EAA use. This seems like a good way to get members more involved.

How do we get publicity support? Chapter 1476 noted that the local newspaper reporter was supportive and would publish articles. They also put posters in supermarkets and convenience stores.

Chapter 1476 sponsors a "Historical Display" where historic aircraft are displayed to meet the requirements for property tax reduction.

An Airport Open House is another way to support the airport and engage the public. "R/C planes were the highlight of the show."

Fly-outs are popular. Chapter 376 (Fresno) has Saturday Dawn Patrols – a fly-out to breakfast somewhere. They also do lunch every second Saturday.

Finding officers was discussed, and more than one chapter confessed that the existing officers had been in office for an awfully long time. No one else wanted to volunteer. The group feeling was that members have potential that they don't realize!

The Forum concluded with an invitation to reflect on the meeting and email comments back to the organizers. These comments would be passed back to EAA National for their input.

EAA 393 Board Meeting Notes

October 6, 2009

1. Louis Goodell, Treasurer, reported \$902.64 in checking, and \$2,653.06 in our money market accounts.
2. An inquiry about hosting the B-17 yielded "no information yet."
3. Bill Reining reported that in October we would have hangar visits. Possible projects include Harvard Holmes, Ray Nilson, Rick Lambert, Pete Wiebens, Bruce Seguine, Pat Peters, Steve Senatori, and Bill Call & Duane Allen.
4. Rich Sperling noted that we still have some discounted Avgas for Young Eagles pilots. The October 17 event is expected to have about 25 Boy Scouts. Tracy Peters will do the ground school in the other (terminal)

building. The Boy Scouts will also get a tour of the control tower.

On November 21 there will be a Young Eagles event with the Sea Cadets.

Rich Sperling reported on our trip to Rancho Murietta for the EAA Chapters Forum. He found several good ideas for follow-up with young people, beyond Young Eagle flights.

On another trip, Rich went to Santa Monica for the ceremony to announce the new Young Eagles chairmen: "Sully" Sullenberger and Jeff Skyles. Rich met a number of EAA Young Eagle supporters and staff.

Finally, Rich reported that he had a great time at the Reno Air Races. Both the air show and the races were great.

5. Rick Bourgeois announced his menu plans for the upcoming October 28 meeting.

6. There was more discussion of the sign to be put on the building.

It was confirmed that we do appear on the Airport's list of tenants at the Airport bulletin board.

7. The Cleco input is due October 14.

8. Plans for the Holiday Party on Sunday December 13 at 6 pm were reviewed. Discussion included: we need a sound system to use; we need an agenda for awards and presentations; we need a slide show/video as a review of the year's activities; we need to recognize first flights; and we would like to have a raffle – who could organize it?

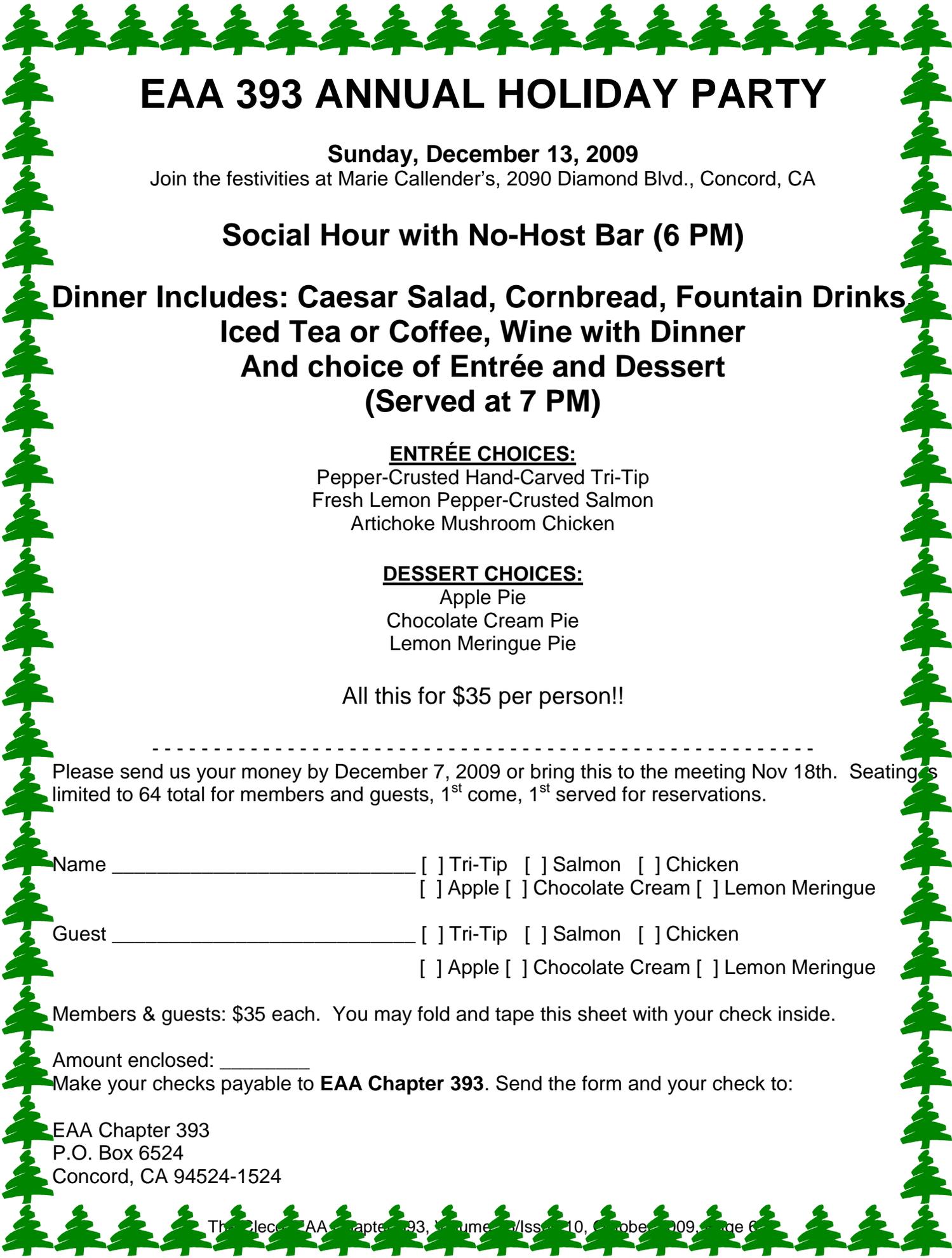
Sara Holmes will do a budget (in time for the Cleco).

Louis Goodell is doing a new Perpetual Plaque with room for more names.

Bill Reining has offered to solicit a wine donation from his son (who has a vineyard up in Lampson).

9. More discussion ensued about how to take some ideas from the October 3 Forum for local chapters and apply them to get members more involved. It was noted that MDPA puts on a monthly pancake breakfast for \$5 and afterwards there is a fuel discount with Sterling.

10. Members to be nominated for Chapter elected and appointed officers were discussed.



EAA 393 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Join the festivities at Marie Callender's, 2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA

Social Hour with No-Host Bar (6 PM)

**Dinner Includes: Caesar Salad, Cornbread, Fountain Drinks
Iced Tea or Coffee, Wine with Dinner
And choice of Entrée and Dessert
(Served at 7 PM)**

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

Pepper-Crusted Hand-Carved Tri-Tip
Fresh Lemon Pepper-Crusted Salmon
Artichoke Mushroom Chicken

DESSERT CHOICES:

Apple Pie
Chocolate Cream Pie
Lemon Meringue Pie

All this for \$35 per person!!

Please send us your money by December 7, 2009 or bring this to the meeting Nov 18th. Seating is limited to 64 total for members and guests, 1st come, 1st served for reservations.

Name _____ Tri-Tip Salmon Chicken
 Apple Chocolate Cream Lemon Meringue

Guest _____ Tri-Tip Salmon Chicken
 Apple Chocolate Cream Lemon Meringue

Members & guests: \$35 each. You may fold and tape this sheet with your check inside.

Amount enclosed: _____

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

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Informal Fly-out to Boonville, Sep 30, 2009



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We all had lunch on the sidewalk.

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Meeting and Event Schedule (2009, 2010)

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
Oct 6	Oct 17	Oct 28** ** elections	Oct 31	
Nov 3	Nov 21	Nov 18	Nov 21	
Dec 1	<i>Holiday Party</i>			Dec 13
Jan 5, 2010		Jan 27	Jan 30	
Feb 2		Feb 24	Feb 27	
Mar 2		Mar 24	Mar 27	
Apr 6		Apr 28	May 1	
May 4		May 26	May 29	
Jun 1		Jun 23	Jun 26	
<i>Golden West</i>				<i>Jun 11-13</i>
Jul 6			Jul 31	
<i>Arlington Fly-in, Arlington, Washington</i>			<i>Jul 7-11</i>	
<i>Chapter 393 Picnic</i>			Jul 17	
<i>AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin</i>			<i>Jul 26-Aug 1</i>	
Aug 2		Aug 25	Aug 28	
Sep 7		Sep 22	Sep 25	
Oct 5		Oct 27	Oct 30	
Nov 2		Nov 17	Nov 20	

Our meetings are open to the public. Join us for dinner at 6:30 pm (\$7) with the general meeting at 7:30 pm on the above dates in the building at 161 John Glenn Drive north of Sterling Aviation. Enter from the airport side of the building.

Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See the newsletter for arrangements.

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