



November 18

Introductions – we will spend some time catching up on all the progress made by our members.

Depending on the time left after introductions, we may have Bill Reining's presentation:

Crossing the Border: Flying into Canada by **Bill Reining**. An introduction to the paperwork and preparation to cross the border without getting the authorities upset.

Upcoming Speakers/Topics

Dates and topics may will change!

Tracy Peters, our new Vice President is seeking input regarding speakers for our meetings. If you know of an interesting, willing and available speaker, let Tracy know. Our members represent another untapped resource. If you are doing something interesting that you could talk about, let Tracy 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:

Some Business And A Little Reflection

One thing that our chapter needs almost as bad as a new Newsletter Editor is a

Membership coordinator.

Our new member outreach could really use an energy injection. We have all the pieces in place to do an excellent job recruiting new members, we just lack that special someone to take the reins.

The last fellow to hold the position, Bill McCoy, set up a really comprehensive program and with some help from Bill Reining's new member packet, we have some really excellent tools. What we don't have is someone to coordinate the effort.

The job mostly entails talking to prospective members about what we do and introducing them to members in the chapter who share their interests.

If this sounds like something you are willing to do, let an officer know and the job could be yours.

Wow, has it really been almost 4 years since I began writing this column? Just like pilots, time flies as well.

In my first column I stated that I wanted to steer the chapter back to the experimental side of aviation. I'm not sure that I made much progress with that. However, in my second term I outlined 3 things that I wanted to accomplish. I had better success with that list.

My 1st goal was to find us a new place to meet. Thanks to MDPA (and the airport for evicting them from their old digs), we now share their new room.

My 2nd goal was to create a tighter social structure within the chapter. This has

happened to a greater or lesser degree with the advent of the chapter dinners. What began as a rough potluck affair, has become a regular high quality event, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Rick Bourgeois and his gang of helpers. An unforeseen side benefit has been an important source of revenue for the chapter.

My 3rd goal was to get the chapter a place of its own. A place not only to meet and eat, but a place where members could get together and either work on their own project, or help out with a chapter project 7 days a week, 365 days a year. To this end, we were well along the road to securing a building that we, and all the other pilot groups could share, aka the Buchanan Field Pilot Education Center. However, the crash of the economy stopped that for now. While I still believe that it's possible, it's still several years down the road.

All in all, 2 out of 3 doesn't seem like a bad record to go out on.

As you know, by now we will have a new president, Bill Reining, for the next 2 years. Initially I had intended to serve for 2 years and then get on with the GlaStar. However, when it was time to turn over the reins 2 years ago, no one stepped up, and I decided that I could continue in the job for another 2 years. After all, I had just spent the previous 2 years learning the job, so the hard part was over.

I hadn't really decided to step down this time either, but the aforementioned economic reality has interfered with my short-term retirement plans.

The original plan was to sell my greatly appreciated house, and move to the foothills and build a nice big hangar with a nice living space and a runway close by, then enjoy a nice life filled with experimental aviation.

Now, with the housing market depressed as it is, I have been pressed into the landlord business for a few years, until the value comes back up. This necessitated securing alternate living quarters on my reduced (early retirement has its shortcomings) retirement income.

However, once again proving the adage that it is better to be lucky than good, I was offered a larger house to live in indefinitely, free. So for the next few years, I will be renovating said house full time, beginning next fall. The difficult

part of this is that this renovating takes place in Point Reyes, about 1.5 hours away from Concord, and way too far to drive for regular chapter meetings. So for the 1st time in over 20 years, I will not be able to be active in 393.

I have all the confidence that you will continue making progress towards your new facility. I know that you are in capable hands with the new officers. I look forward to attending the occasional meeting and get-togethers.

In the mean time, I have a plane to finish.

What Do We Want To Be When We Grow Up? by Bill Reining

An opportunity for the chapter to rent a hangar has provoked a general question – what additional activities would the chapter like to investigate? Is the membership content with the current collection of meetings, speakers, informal and organized fly-outs, Young Eagles rallies, summer BBQ and winter holiday party?

As many of you know, EAA chapters quite often have their own hangars, which are used both as a “club house” and as a place to work on mutual projects. This is probably a lot easier in parts of the country where hangars are much less expensive. Nevertheless, our chapter may have an opportunity to lease a big hangar near the run-up area for runway 32R. We would have to sub-lease part of it to make the monthly payments affordable for the chapter. Many details need to be worked out.

Would a number of members enjoy the opportunity to work together on a chapter project? We could assemble a kit airplane for a member, or group of members. There are several Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) designs that might be of interest.

We could simply use the chapter portion of the hangar as a place for a workshop, open to all members. In time, we could probably install useful power tools that an individual may not have (such as metal bending equipment, drill press, compressor, band saw, etc.). Since the hangar is in the middle of the fenced off area, it may not be the best place for general meetings, and would certainly require some improvements if we wanted to make it a “clubhouse”. It could, however, be very useful for all manner of

practical demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Please give this some thought. Although much of this article has discussed having a hangar, please don't hesitate to mention any idea you think might be of interest to the EAA experience. We will devote a little time to this subject at the next meeting, and will distribute a survey to collect more ideas in the near future.

The Menu by Rick Bourgeois

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

- o Shrimp Scampi over Linguine
- o Garlic Bread
- o Green Salad
- o Chocolate Chip Cookies
- o Beverages

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!**

MDPA has agreed for us to have a refrigerator.

Donation Needed!

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

This year we have provided Young Eagles flights to 129 potential young pilots of which about 48 also completed their Boy Scout "Aviation" Merit Badge the same day (thanks to Tracy Peters), a major accomplishment for Chapter 393.

Now we are heading into the home stretch on the Young Eagles program for 2009. However, we still need a maximum effort for the **November 21 Young Eagles Rally!**

The Sea Cadets, Concord Ship, about 25 - 30 members, will arrive at 07:45AM and be ready for Tracy Peter's Aeronautical Knowledge class from 08:00-09:00AM. Flights will commence about 09:15AM at Sterling Aviation, and be over about 12:00PM. The Cadets are expected to be in a parade in Brentwood that afternoon.

I'll conduct the safety briefing for our volunteers at 08:45AM in the MDPA room with coffee and donuts provided by our own Guy Jones. The tower tour and computer simulator will also be available for those not flying.

Please let me know if you are planning on helping that morning by email or a phone call (925) 356-5656.

For the next Cleco (January, 2010) I'll provide a summary of the Chapter 393 Young Eagles Program since 1992, based on an updated report from EAA Headquarters. You will be surprised at how much we have accomplished!

Thanks again for your help in making the Young Eagles Program, a success story we can all be proud of.

Rich Sperling
EAA Chapter 393
Young Eagles Coordinator

EAA 393 General Meeting Notes October 28, 2009

Ken McKenzie called the meeting to order and recognized the following guests: (The editor apologizes in advance for mangling names and stories.)

Tom Shaw lives in Martinez and has been flying a long time. He is now getting into Light Sport Aircraft. He is thinking of building or buying an airplane.

Tony Dymond is resuming flying after 29 years. He has worked on a number of roadster projects, and is now ready to work on airplanes.

Richard Otto has been working on a Zodiac 601 (built from scratch), and now has rented hangar space on the west side. He is looking for help with the electrical aspects.

A round of appreciation was expressed to Rick Bourgeois for the meal preparation, and particularly to his helpers Marie (his daughter) and Jacob (Marie's friend).

Louis Goodell, our Treasurer, reported \$942.22 in our checking account and \$2,653.06 in our money market account.

Rich Sperling reported on our successful Young Eagles events for the year, and one more event coming up this month. Rich notes that he checked with EAA National to see the number of Young Eagles flown by Chapter 393 members. He will report on his findings in the January 2010 Cleco.

Rich has arranged for additional discounted fuel for our Young Eagles program for our next event on Saturday November 21.

Sara Holmes gave a brief report on plans for our Holiday Party. You can register online, or with a paper copy from the newsletter. A few extra tables are needed for the raffle items. Tracy Peters will help with tables and the sound system. Decorating and sound system setup will start at 4 pm. We also need volunteers to help remove decorations in the evening, after the party. Contact Sara at HarvardHolmes@comcast.net if you are able to help.

Elections:

Ken McKenzie announced the existing nominations:

President: Bill Reining,
Vice President: Tracy Peters,
Secretary: Pete Mitchell,
Treasurer: Bob Belshe.

Newsletter Editor: NONE

Ken noted that no candidates had been found for the Newsletter position and that members need to consider "what they can do for the Chapter," not just what the Chapter can do for them.

The proposed slate was elected by unanimous voice vote.

Bill Reining reported on the Contra Costa County Airport Advisory Committee meeting of October 20, 2009. The committee comprises 8 people who advise the county Board of Supervisors on aviation matters. The Committee has no official authority, but the Board of Supervisors takes their advice seriously. The Director of Airports, Keith Freitas and his staff were there. Bill Reining, Rich Sperling, Guy Jones, Ray Nilson, and Jerry Alves were there from Chapter 393. Agenda items included:

- A proposed power plant near Byron,
- Activities at Buchanan and Byron,
- A meeting at Napa,
- Parachuting [at Byron?],
- **Inspections** for all airport leaseholders. The West Ramp hangars are being inspected on December 3rd. All occupants must be there or send a representative. Inspection topics include: 1) any alterations and additions, to ensure they are in accordance with rules, regulations and permits; 2) proper maintenance of the premises; 3) allowable use [the hangars are intended for aircraft storage].
- Tenant Recognition: airport historians Bill and Tillie Larkin are being recognized. Bill strongly encourages attendance at these meetings. Getting to know these committee members will give us a better opportunity to influence airport decisions for the benefit of the community served by the airport, including residents who live nearby.

Presentation:

Bill Reining introduced the hangars open for visiting, and gave directions. The group broke up into carpools to visit the hangars.

Ray Nilson is building an RV-9 with an Eggenfellner Subaru engine.



Joe (mostly) and Steve Senatori built this plans-built Sierra helicopter, powered by a Lycoming 320. Joe did all the welding on the tubular steel frame.



Eric Schudt rebuilt this yellow Volksplane, after flying it 30 years ago. It is ready for its first (rebuilt) flight. Rich Sperling and Don Baldwin are admiring it.



Eric taxis in after a smooth first flight. His only squawk was that the wind almost blew his hat off (removed in this picture), and it was cold.



Harvard Holmes talks about the Lancair IV-P under construction by he and his wife Sara.



EAA 393 Board Meeting Notes

November 3, 2009

Attending: Ken McKenzie, Bill Reining, Sara Holmes, Harvard Holmes, Bob Belshe, Guy Jones, Louis Goodell, Rick Bourgeois, Rich Sperling, and Pete Mitchell.

1. Louis Goodell, Treasurer, reported \$1,310.82 in checking, and \$2,653.22 in our money market accounts. We are beginning to receive money for the Holiday Party. Our bank charged us by mistake for two months – Ken McKenzie will fix it. Our web server, EsoSoft has been paid through November 2011.

2. Bill Reining, Vice President, reported that in November we would have extended introductions. Bill will also speak on his recent trip to British Columbia – how to cross the border into Canada and back.

In December we have our Holiday Party, so no speaker is needed.

In January, possible speakers are Dr Pinkhard, an AME, and Stewart Munson, developer of an airspace visualization system on top of Google Earth.

Suggestions for speakers included the developer of the submarine built like an aircraft; and a developer/user of the "flying suits" used by parachutists in the Swiss Alps (as seen on YouTube).

3. Rich Sperling, Young Eagles Coordinator, reported on the October 17th event.

On November 21 there will be a Young Eagles event with the Sea Cadets (details above). We will fly out of Sterling Aviation. Rich has obtained more discounted fuel for the event at PSA through AvFuel. Rich hopes to have a tower visit set up after the class. He'd like Steve Senatori to set up the flight simulator again, like the October 17th event.

Rich will order the controls and software for the X-Plane simulator program to have our own system. Tracy Peters hopes to be able to donate a computer.

For next year, Rich has identified 5 tentative dates for Young Eagles events: April 10, 2010; May 15 (also International Learn to Fly Day); June 26; September 11, and October 16. Rich suggested that a good follow up to the Young Eagles flights would be to ask the FBOs to donate an hour of flight instruction and auction it off. Rich will talk to the FBOs.

Rich has talked to Pat Peters about Pat and Tracy's plans for an air show in 2010. Pat is well along with getting volunteers who can help manage such an event, and Pat has talked to the local Chambers of Commerce. The desired date for the air show is Father's Day, June 20, 2010. We would take registrations for Young Eagle flights on that day, but all the flights would take place a week later on June 26.

4. Rick Bourgeois announced his menu plans for the upcoming November 18 meeting. This triggered discussion of a pancake breakfast. We reviewed how MDPA does it and how we might do it – how many people are needed and what do we do after the breakfast. What would be needed for a safety seminar?

5. Sara Holmes reviewed plans for the Holiday Party (Sunday, December 13). She noted:

- the electronic sign up,
- Wine is being donated by Bill Reining's family,
- She and Marilyn Sperling will decorate,
- Tracy Peters will set up a sound system,
- we need to undecorated and be out by 10 pm

- Ken McKenzie will invite the Sterling and PSA owners as guests,
- Tom Howard and Ken McKenzie are coordinating raffle prize acquisition and sales.

6. We agreed to send our newsletter to the MDPA board.

There was discussion on who gets electronic newsletters and who gets paper newsletters. Pete explained that the roster has a distribution code:

e = distribution defaults to email notification;
 E = email notification has been requested;
 s = a paper copy is mailed because we have no email address for the recipient.

S = a paper copy has been requested.

Harvard (newsletter editor) requested a list of external recipients so they could be added to his list of people to email when the newsletter is ready.

7. Bob Belshe recommended that we discuss with MDPA their expectations about how much we use the room. Ken McKenzie agreed to take this up at the MDPA board meeting the next evening. [This resulted in preparation of a Memorandum of Agreement, now in progress.]

8. There was more discussion of a sign on the building. [At the MDPA board meeting, it was agreed to put our sign on some unused building space, and leave the existing frame for MDPA use.]

9. The Cleco input is due November 8.

10. Rich Sperling and Bill Reining are selecting a new recipient of the Perpetual Plaque. Louis Goodell is revising the trophy to make more room for names.

11. Bill Reining recommended to board members that they attend the next Airport Advisory Committee meeting, to be held on November 17 at 3 pm. The afternoon time is to allow them to honor a new eagle scout.

12. Should we have a chapter communicator to send out emails and mailings? Harvard Holmes recommended that we set up an email reflector on Yahoo, Google, or other server to meet this need.

13. Discussion continued on how to find a new newsletter editor. We need to chop it up. The work can be divided into taking pictures

(already provided by Tom Howard), taking notes, composing the newsletter, and printing/distribution. It was noted that the printing/distribution was already separated (thanks to Louis Goodell, who has agreed to continue this for awhile) and this work was declining as more members read electronic copies. Harvard Holmes feels that taking notes and writing them up is the most work intensive part of the newsletter production. But there is no reason this work can't be shared by several people. Suggestions for note takers were made and Ken McKenzie will follow up. Sara Holmes suggested that interviews with members, perhaps one per month would have wide interest.

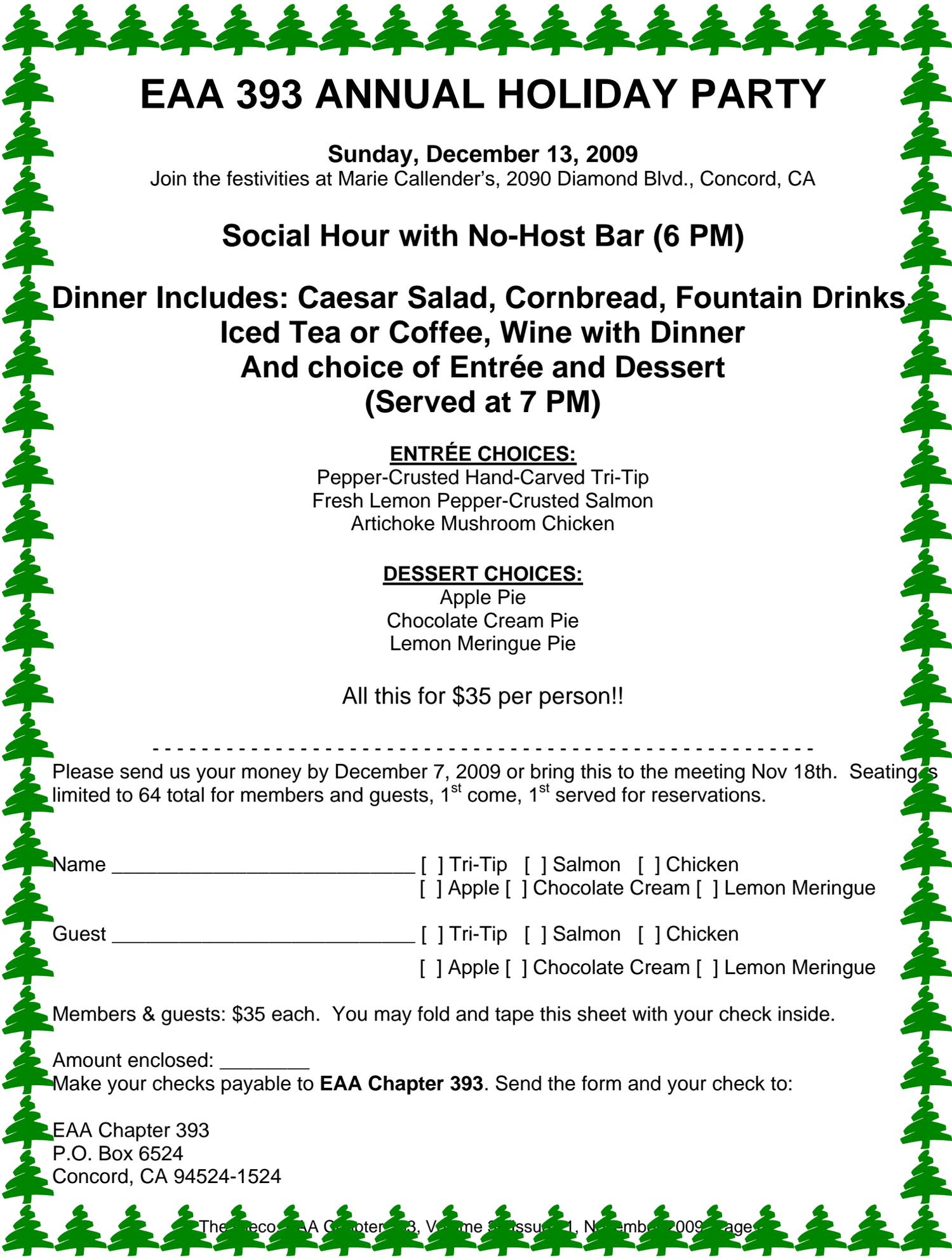
14. Beth Lee, Assistant Director of Airports has asked Marilyn Sperling if she would write a Young Eagles article for their newsletter. Tom Howard has agreed to help with photographs.

15. Discussion continued on a possible project and hangar for the Chapter. Bill Reining suggested that we expand the discussion and get more clear on what kind of project we will use the hangar for. Would we help out on an existing project with a willing builder? Should it be our own project? (According to EAA National, chapters can't operate aircraft, but they can build them.)

Rich Sperling noted the shortage of hangars at the airport and suggested that we could use a warehouse if it were close by. It was noted that commercial space is \$1/sq. ft./month (much more than a hangar).

We need to poll our members to see if they are interested in a Chapter project, and more generally, what they would like to get out of their chapter. Bob Belshe suggested that a brief questionnaire could be put in the email text that announces the newsletter.

16. The need for a chapter Membership Coordinator was repeated and some candidates were proposed.



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: _____

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Informal Fly-out to Rancho Murietta

October 21, 2009



A nice little airstrip just out of town.



Where is that Mexican restaurant?



We found it!

1966 Mooney M20E for Sale

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Special price for EAA 393 members! The price is going down and it will be sold soon! Speak up if you are interested.

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Meeting and Event Schedule (2009, 2010)

Board Y Eagles General Fly-out Other

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
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	
Dec 7, 2010				
	<i>Chapter 393 Holiday Party</i>			Dec 12

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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