



**March 24, 2010**

**Speaker:** John Potter

**Topic:** Seaplanes

John owns a Rockwell Commander and is a member of MDPA.

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**The Menu** by Rick Bourgeois

Dinner is served beginning at 6:30pm – Price is \$7:

- Baked Ziti
- Kernel Corn
- Garlic Bread
- Green Salad
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- 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!**

**NOTE:** Bill Reining's son is donating a refrigerator.

**DUES are now LATE!**

Send your \$30 to Bob Belshe at:

**The Experimental Aircraft Association  
Chapter 393 of Concord, CA  
P.O. Box 6524, Concord, CA 94524-1524**

or bring it to the next meeting.

Memberships run from Mar 1 to the end of February. Let us know of any changes in your aviation life – i.e. phone, email, project(s), etc.

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**Upcoming Speakers/Topics**

Dates and topics may will change!

Tracy Peters 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.

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**Notes from the President:**

**Dues**

Our yearly chapter dues are \$30, due by the end of February. At this point in early March we have many members who have not yet paid their dues. The money collected each year allows us to support many activities, including but not limited to:

- Payment to the EAA national organization (for insurance for all our activities, support of the Young Eagles program, and a wealth of resources)
- Payment to the Mount Diablo Pilot's Association (MDPA) for the use of their meeting room.
- Hosting of the EAA393 web site
- Publication of the Cleco
- Stipends for out-of-town speakers
- Picnic and Holiday Party expenses
- Awards to members

If you haven't done so already, please pay your dues to Bob Belshe, our Treasurer, as soon as possible!

**Air Academy**

Now is the time to nominate candidates to attend the EAA Air Academy this coming summer in Oshkosh. Our chapter can sponsor someone by using the credits we earned from our Young Eagles program last year (over \$500). To quote from the EAA website:

*For young people ages 12-18, the EAA Air Academy is a unique summer camp that takes their interest in aviation to the next level. Participants spend a week at the purpose-built Air Academy Lodge in Oshkosh, completely immersed in the thrilling world of aviation. Top-notch aviation instructors help kids explore the world of flight through aviation studies, hands-on activities, flight simulation and many other exciting experiences. The highlight of the week is a flight in a real airplane! These camps provide the foundation for a lifelong love of aviation as well as the opportunity to create friendships with fellow aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 888-322-3229 or visit [www.airacademy.org](http://www.airacademy.org)*

**Here are the dates and fees for 2010, by age group** (note – the fee does not include airfare to Oshkosh):

Ages 12 – 13 (\$600 fee)

Session 1: June 14 to 18, 2010

Session 2: June 20 to 24, 2010

Ages 14 – 15 (\$800 fee)

Session 1: June 26 to July 1, 2010

Session 2: July 5 to July 10, 2010

Session 3: July 12 to July 17, 2010

Ages 16 – 18 (\$1000 fee)

Session 1: July 20 to 28, 2010

Session 2: July 30 to August 7, 2010

I encourage every member to consider boys and girls in their extended family, neighborhood, church, etc. who might be interested. Please pass your suggestions to Dick Sperling, our Young Eagles Chairman.

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## Member Profile

by Rich Sperling

I got involved in model airplanes at a very young age while growing up near Chicago O'Hare airfield. I can remember seeing bombers (even a B-36) and fighters and trainers passing by overhead and dreaming about flying. When I was about 11 years old my family moved to the Detroit Area, by that time I had progressed to flying U-control model airplanes in a local park. Ringmasters and Super Clowns powered with a Fox 35 engine were cool, fast and very maneuverable!! One fateful day a friend's dad walked over, watched for a while as we flew, they asked if we would like to go up in a "real airplane?" Chuck took a group of us up for a ride in the Howard that he owned. I learned that he was a commercial Pilot for GMATS and a former WWII civilian primary

instructor in Waco's. He later owned a UPF-7 that I had several hops in a few years later. This was sort of like my "Young Eagles" flight and I was hooked on becoming a pilot. Chuck became my aviation mentor and encouraged me to follow my dream and found a Cub I could rent for \$7.00/hr., dry, during summer breaks.

At Western Michigan University I majored in business administration and signed up for Army ROTC, due to the menacing draft threat. The university also offered a private pilot course, including flight instruction for a whopping \$280.00! My parents didn't agree, but I decided to enroll while a student and earned my Private ticket flying C-150's. Western now has a College of Aviation in Battle Creek and operates the largest fleet of Cirrus aircraft for flight training. The Dean is a former United pilot.

Graduating in 1965 with a freshly minted commission in the Army, I was already slated for a basic course in the Rotary Wing flight school. (**Whoops**, who said anything about flying helicopters? I am a fixed wing guy! **Answer:** The Army decided!) I had accepted a reserve commission with three years Active Duty and three Reserve duty; due to my timing I spent one year flying the UH-1's in Vietnam immediately after my wings were pinned on! I accumulated 720 combat hours, flying for two different Assault Helicopter Companies within the First Aviation Brigade. **and during that year, an Air Medal with 22 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Distinguished Service Cross.** (See; [legionofvalor.com](http://legionofvalor.com) then type in my last name)

After active duty I was in the Cleveland Area; using the GI bill I obtained my Commercial fixed wing, instrument, multi-engine and CFI tickets, while also working full time for a Helicopter Air Taxi Company flying Jet Rangers. I also added a helicopter CFI endorsement on that job. Onward and upward, I was lucky enough to get a class date and start with United Airlines and initially trained to work as a flight engineer on the B 727. Airline careers have steep bounces and after my probation year was furloughed for 7 years. My Army Reserve career flourished and I worked hard to support my family. My employment with United Airlines resumed in 1977 and while based in Washington DC I owned a Bucher Youngman BU 131 in partnership with a friend and fellow Army Officer. That was a real classic to own and fly!!

My Army Reserve career continued to change as Vietnam continued; I became Airfield Commander, Company Commander (Chinook unit), IG Officer and Safety Officer with ever growing responsibilities and promotions.

I departed DC in 1980 due to a seniority bump, left my BU 131 there and moved to be based in San Francisco for the remainder of my flying career with United. More Army Reserve duties were part of my parallel track careers and after serving 30 years, I retired as a Colonel, Aviation Branch and holding Master Army Aviator Wings. My family also changed and I am now remarried for the last 24 years to my soul mate, Marilyn; we have one son who now attends Cal Poly in San Louis Obispo. Mr. C soloed in a light sport aircraft last summer prior to departing for college. With United I worked on or flew B 727, B 737 , B 757/ 767 DC-8, B 747 (rope start) ,and the B 747-400. I am type rated with ATP in the 737, 747, 757/767 and BV 107. Best job was on the B 747-400 flying the pacific routes to Asia and Australia. While doing that I also served as United's ALPA SFO Safety Chairman for several years a most interesting and challenging job.

I was drafted into becoming Young Eagles Coordinator by Pat Peters after arranging for my son's Boy Scout Troop to take airplane rides while working on their Aviation Merit Badge!!!



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## EAA 393 Board Meeting Notes

March. 2, 2010

### **The Board Meeting started promptly at 7:00pm.**

Present were Bill Reining, President; Pete Mitchell, Secretary; Bob Belshe, Treasurer; Linda McKenzie, Newsletter Editor; Dick Sperling, Young Eagles Coordinator; Rich Bourgeois, Meals Chairman; Renee Robinson, Webmaster; Ken McKenzie, Past President/Board Chairman; Guy Jones, Past VP; Louis Goodell, Past Treasurer.

Absent were Tracy Peters, Vice-President; Tom Howard, Fly-Outs Coordinator.

### **Treasurers Report**

Combined Savings & Checking balance is \$4,798.71

#### **Revenues \$573**

Dues income \$400, Dinner Income \$173

#### **Expenditures \$100**

Dinner Expenses \$60.

Postage & Newsletter Printing \$40.

### **Dinner**

Rick's Menu for March will consist of Baked Ziti, Kernel Corn, Garlic Bread, Green Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Beverages.

### **Young Eagles.**

Dick Sperling received a letter from EAA National, outlining the 2009 Young Eagle flight credits. There is a discrepancy between what Dick submitted and what EAA National has given the Chapter credit for. Dick and Pete will work to reconcile the discrepancy.

Young Eagles dates the year are as follows:

#### **April 10**

**May 15** (omitted in error from previous calendar)

**June 20**, will be registration at Buchanan's open house, with a **June 26** Flight Date.

#### **Sept 18**

#### **Oct 16**

No groups, Scouts etc, are on board at this time.

Dick still has some awards to give out at the next meeting, hopefully the recipients will be present.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Submissions for the March newsletter are due by Fri, Mar. 12.

Members whose dues are past due will receive a reminder with their March, April and May Clecos.

### **Webmaster**

Renee is attempting to build a map of California that will show the locations of the EAA chapters and their websites.

## Signs

Tracy has set the materials for the buiding's sign to the sign maker.

## President

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Rich Sperling

EAA Chapter 393

Young Eagles Coordinator

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**Last Reminder** You need to replace your paper pilot certificate by March 31, 2010.

**NOTE:** The following notice appeared in the Jan 8 issue of EAA's e-hotline. To see the entire publication click on the following link.  
<http://www.eaa.org/ehotline/issues/100108.html>

*Pilots who still have not replaced their old paper pilot certificate should do so now or risk being unable to exercise their hard-earned privileges in the not-too-distant future. All paper pilot certificates will expire after March 31, 2010. FAR 61.19(h) reads: "Except for a temporary certificate issued under §61.17 or a student pilot certificate issued under paragraph (b) of this section, the holder of a paper pilot certificate issued under this part may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2010."*

[Click here](#)

[www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/airmen\\_certification/certificate\\_replacement/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/) to replace your airmen certificate. The FAA says to allow 4 to 6 weeks for mail processing and 7 to 10 days for online processing so don't delay!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS of Upcoming Events

### Fly In Pancake Breakfast

**Where:** Minter Field Air Museum is hosting our Fly-In Pancake Breakfast. (Minter Field is north of Bakersfield, along Highway 99).

**When:** April 17 2010

All Flying Machines are invited.

Come show us, your fellow pilots, and the public, why your so proud to call yours, the finest Flying Machine in the world.

War Birds, Antiques, Private, Commercial, Corporate, Experimental, Home Built, Light Sport, Gliders, Ultralights and all are invited.

Come one come all and have fun telling others how your club, organization and flying machine, is better than his or hers.

The Airport is open all day. The Breakfast starts at 8am.

To reserve a parking spot, E-Mail to [mfam@minterfieldairmuseum.com](mailto:mfam@minterfieldairmuseum.com) or call 661-393-0291 or 661-654-9159.

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### EAA Chapter 119's Day in the Sky Watsonville

**Where:** Watsonville Municipal Airport

**When:** Saturday April 17, 2010, 9am-5pm

We expect about 2000+ people to join us at the festival this year, and about 500 young people with disabilities will get to go flying for 20 minute flights along the central coast. Passenger registration is not open yet, but we'll send another email in a few days about that.

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**AIRCRAFT FOR SALE:**

1975 Piper Warrior -- Price: \$11,000  
4000 total time on airframe -- 1900 SMOH  
151hp 4cyl Lycoming

Call Bruno at 925-228-2852 for additional info

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**HANGAR SPACE FOR RENT**

West Ramp CCR  
Ideal for low wing homebuilt or Project under construction  
\$230/mo (shared space)

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**HANGAR FOR SALE**

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Hangar B-15, South facing  
\$56,000-with transfer of title  
**Contact** - Carl Johnston: [cbj42@me.com](mailto:cbj42@me.com) or  
775-220-3663

Details are available in the January Cleco

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**HANGAR FOR SALE**

Hangar B-11 - \$60,000  
**Contact** - Steve Crews: [steve@bayareastairs.com](mailto:steve@bayareastairs.com)  
or (707) 310-6276

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**AIRCRAFT FOR SALE**

1974 CITABRIA 7KCAB  
Airframe Total Time: 7568 Hours  
Engine/HP: 150 HP  
Engine Times: 1131 SMOH

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**Meeting and Event Schedule (2010)**

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
Jan 5		<b>Jan 27</b>	Jan 30	
Feb 2		<b>Feb 24</b>	Feb 27	
Mar 2		<b>Mar 24</b>	Mar 27	
Apr 6	Apr 10	<b>Apr 28</b>	May 1	
May 4	May 15	<b>May 26</b>	May 29	
Jun 1	Jun 28	<b>Jun 23</b>		
	<i>Golden West Fly-In</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>			<b>Jul 17</b>
	<i>AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin</i>			<i>Jul 26-Aug 1</i>
Aug 2		<b>Aug 25</b>	Aug 28	
Sep 7	Sept 18	<b>Sep 22</b>	Sept 25	
Oct 5	Oct 16	<b>Oct 27</b>	Oct 30	
Nov 2		<b>Nov 17</b>	Nov 20	
Dec 7				
	<i>Chapter 393 Holiday Party</i>			<b>Dec 12</b>

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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