



Chapter Meeting: March 28, 2012

Special Event: Hanger Tours

Including: Bob Belshe, Harvard Holmes, Ernst Freitag, and possibly more.

Dinner Movie: "One Six Right"

Dues Reminder:

It's already March, and there are still members that have not paid their dues. If you haven't paid yet, please make your payment at the next meeting.

President's Notes

by Bill Reining

We have made a little progress on the meeting room issue. We had another meeting with the MDPA Board of Directors, just before our own board meeting. A PowerPoint briefing was used to describe to both boards the situation at hand and its possible solution. Both boards, each after considerable discussion following the presentation, decided to proceed as outlined to meet with the Airport Manager.

The meeting was held on March 12. Maureen Bell (MDPA President) and I met with Keith Freitas and Beth Lee in the airport office. The meeting was very cordial. The same presentation was used to introduce our situation. While no decisions were made, they acknowledged our problem (an unaffordable rent and a need to serve food) and promised to explore solutions with us. Our desire to modify the Terminal Building with a full kitchen was discussed at length. Installation of a stove may prove to be too difficult, given all of the permit requirements and safety issues. A less ambitious remodel to rework the counter, remove the baggage conveyor, and install a sink and

refrigerators was met with much more enthusiasm. They had no problem with replacing the current strapped-together chairs with something more versatile.

We have another meeting scheduled for March 23. In the interim Keith promised to investigate other properties on the airport which are coming to the end of their lease to see if any of them might be a more affordable and practical place for us to meet and cook. He stated that he did not want to see either of our organizations disappear.

I took advantage of the meeting to ask about the new gate access cards, specifically whether the airport office would be willing to use our roster to issue cards to members who are not tenants. The answer was NO. It was pointed out that security requirements have increased since the roster policy was approved (e.g. an airplane was stolen, as well as other incidents.) Those of us who are not tenants (i.e. rent a hangar or tie-down) are encouraged to find a tenant who will sponsor us. Each tenant is allowed to sponsor two people. I think if we poll our members who are tenants, and members who need to be sponsored, something can be worked out.

All EAA 393 members are invited by MDPA to participate in their April 7 pancake breakfast and fly-out to lunch at the Watts-Woodland Country Club. Several drawings will be held for \$50 worth of avgas as well as a demonstration flight in a Sea Ray amphibian light sport aircraft. Several flight instructors have been invited – they will ride shotgun with each pilot and offer safety tips during the flight to lunch and back. Sounds like lots of fun to me!

Jack Davi and Renee Robinson will be collecting our Young Eagles volunteer forms at the March 28 meeting. Please give the rallies your close

attention – we will need all the help we can get to successfully complete this year's ambitious schedule.

Young Eagles Events

By Renee Robinson

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Young Eagle Sign - Up Night

Please bring the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet to the March 28th chapter meeting. If you can not attend, please mail it to:
Renee Robinson, Box 6524, Concord Ca 94524
before March 28th.

With our first Young Eagles rally only a month away, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this year. Since the chapter will be putting up the sign on Concord Blvd. to attract even more attention, I need all the help I can get to make this run smoothly. Please sign-up as a volunteer!

The schedule I have worked out for this year is: April 28 (Girl Scouts), May 12, June 23, August 18, September 15, and October 20 (Sea Cadets)

Thanks, Renee Robinson

Donate your old laptop computer!

We can use a few additional laptop computers for the Young Eagles events. The only software required is a relatively recent web browser, so Windows, Mac, and even Linux is acceptable.

Dinner Menu

By Rick Bourgeois

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

- Baked Ziti
- Kernel Corn
- Garlic Bread
- Green Salad
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Dessert
- Coffee and drinks (water & soda)

Let Rick know your suggestions for future meals.

February 1, 2012 Board Meeting Notes

by Pete Mitchell

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 19:00.

Present Bill Reining, Tracy Peters, Pete Mitchell, Bob Belshe, Jack Davi Rich Bourgeois, Tom Howard.

Absent Vi Egli, Kevin Hoos, and Renee Robinson.

Members at large, Harvard Holmes and Guy Jones.

Club house committee members Maureen Bell (MDPA), Scott Achelis*, Bob Weiss*, Jack Davi* and Tom Howard* (*belong to MDPA & 393).

Treasurer's Report – Bob Belshe

We have Forty paid members. Combined bank balances \$ 7,443.

501c-3: The IRS is holding our application, waiting for the State of California to approve our amended Articles of Incorporation. The State is requesting minor changes to the Articles. Bob Belshe has re-written the Articles to conform to the State's requirements. Tom Howard moved to approve the changes, Tracy Peters seconded, and the board's vote was unanimous. The President & Secretary signed the revised Articles. They now only have to be approved by the General Membership during the March meeting.

Bob is charged with establishing a Pay Pal account.

Badges **with magnetic latches** are available to existing members, through an EAA source for \$5.50. Contact Pete Mitchell.

2011 Young Eagle credits have been used to reimburse expenses as follows: \$137.53 to Jack Davi for printing expenses and \$252.06 to Renee Robinson for printer purchases (both item directly support our Young Eagles program).

Young Eagles's – Jack Davi

Jack has sent out packets for volunteers for YE events. He plans to collect the volunteer forms at the upcoming General Meeting on March 28.

Jack suggested that standard Young Eagle flight routes be defined for use during very busy rallies, and to assist pilots that volunteer from out of the area.

Jack Davi's position as Assistant Young Eagles Coordinator was made official by a unanimous board vote.

The Terminal Building & the Clubhouse need to be reserved for our upcoming Young Eagle Rally dates – Tracy Peters volunteered to make these arrangements with the airport office and MDPA.

It was decided to hang the Young Eagles banner on Concord Avenue two weeks before each rally.

Air Academy – Tracy Peters

It now looks highly unlikely that we will get a slot for the 16-18 year old academy - there are still five students ahead of us. Since positions are available for a younger age group the decision was made to switch our deposit to one of these available slots. In the future we are advised to request a slot for the older age group directly after Airventure.

March 28 Meeting - Tracy Peters / Jack Davi

The March meeting program will be a tour of selected west ramp hangers.

Dinner menu will be Baked Ziti, Kernel Corn, Garlic Bread, Green Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies, dessert and beverages. The video during dinner will be "One Six Right".

April speaker will be Bill DeRouchey, Glass Panel Designer.

Tools – Tom Howard

A Borescope is on Tom's priority list. Scale purchase has been put on hold. Scott Achelis has volunteered to work on our air compressor.

Golden West - Chapter competition

The Grass Valley Chapter is proposing a seven EAA Chapter competition. Each chapter will provide five homebuilt aircraft to be judged.

Clubhouse – Bill Reining / Maureen Bell

Tom Howard moved, Guy Jones seconded that the Presidents of EAA & MDPA, Bill & Maureen present our needs to the airport management. The vote was unanimous.

First Family - Photos



Ernst Freitag's first flight with his family in his newly completed RV-10. They had just returned from visiting their son Michael a student at Cal-Poly in San Luis Obispo.

Wednesday Fly-outs - Information

By Harvard Holmes

To maintain our proficiency, a number of pilots get together on Wednesdays and fly somewhere for lunch. Many of the aircraft owners in the chapter participate. Passengers are always welcome. Not only is it a great way to see the Bay Area, it's also fun to see and ride in our members' aircraft. The email address is WedFlyOut@eaa393.org. You may contact Renee Robinson webmaster@eaa393.org to be added to or removed from this list.

Generally, someone who wants to go flying will send a suggestion to this list a day or two before. Those who can go will respond, and a destination gets selected. Recent destinations have included: Half Moon Bay, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Boonville, Shelter Cove, Willows, Auburn, Sacramento, Lodi, Stockton, Merced, Watsonville and Salinas. If the weather is poor, a destination may be selected as late as Wednesday morning.

The most active pilots on this list are Harvard Holmes, Bill Reining, Bob Belshe, Ron Robinson, and Phil Jenkins. Pilots sometimes advertise that they have empty seats, but not always. Harvard Holmes and Bill Reining are most likely to have extra seats (4 seat aircraft). My advice is to contact a pilot in advance to make sure they have room and to get directions. Typically, you'd get to the airport by 11:30am and return by 3:30pm.

FOR SALE: 1962 Comanche 250,

Cherry condition, fully loaded, new paint, new annual, always hangared. Call Keith Martz for details and avionics. Available for viewing any day, by appointment, at Buchanan Field. Call Keith Martz, 925-933-1424 (Home) or 925-818-7235 (Cell).

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Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
Mar 7		Mar 28		
Apr 4	Apr 28*	Apr 25		
May 2	May 12	May 23		
		<i>National Learn to Fly Day</i>		May 19
Jun 6	Jun 23	Jun 27		
		<i>Golden West Regional Fly-In</i>		Jun 8-10
Jul 11				
		<i>Arlington Fly-In, Arlington, WA</i>		Jul 11-15
		<i>Chapter Picnic</i>		Jul 21
		<i>AirVenture 2012, Oshkosh, WI</i>		Jul 23-29
Aug 1	Aug 18	Aug 22		
Sep 5	Sep 15	Sep 26		
Oct 3	Oct 20*	Oct 24		

(* Events for Girl Scouts & Sea Cadets)

Our meetings are open to the public. Join us for dinner at 6:30 pm (\$7 donation) 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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