



August 2015

Next General Meeting August 26th

Presidents Notes

My highlight was AirVenture 2015 at Oshkosh in late July. It was a fantastic time. The weather was nice all week; there was an amazing number of airplanes, lots of interesting forums, and goodies galore in the exhibit halls. There was a particularly interesting assortment of warbirds, including all the WWII regulars, plus a B-52, the F-22 and the F-35. ICON demonstrated their new A5 amphibian LSA at the Sea Plane base each day – it was very impressive on the water, skimming along and turning tight circles much like a speedboat. The brand new Airbus A-350 was exhibited on Boeing Square. Much like the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, the A-350 is made of lots of composites, has a very modern wing, and the latest generation of fuel-efficient engines. Many exhibitors were showing off their solutions for ADS-B. I gained the impression that I could get a decent system for about \$3500 in hardware, and since I own a certified airplane, another \$1500 to have it installed.

Two of our members flew their own aircraft to Oshkosh this year: Dave Thacker in his Cessna Cardinal, and Renee Robinson in her LSA. Each has plenty of stories to tell – just ask them about their trip.

I met Elliot Thompson, our candidate to the Air Academy. He was having a terrific time, and promised to attend our August 26 general meeting and provide his own Oshkosh impressions.

We have three more Young Eagle rallies this year, beginning this coming Saturday, August 15. We will need all the help we can get, since several regulars will be on vacation.

Chapter elections will be held this October, for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. Please let Jack Davi know if you are interested in holding any of these positions.

Airventure 2015 Photo by Brett Wright



393 Board Meeting Notes

August 5, 2015

President Bill Reining called the meeting to order at 19:00. Present; Pete Mitchell, Bob Belshe, Renee Robinson, Rich Bourgeois, Harvard Holmes, Rich Sperling, Guy Jones, John Davi and Scott Achelis.

Secretary & Treasurer – Pete Mitchell/Bob Belshe

We have 53 paid members and 8 due from last year. We received a second quarter check from SHARES of \$61.47 for a program total of \$465.51. Our bank balance is \$8,329. Renee will request a current balance of our young eagle credits.

August 26th General Meeting menu – Rick Bourgeois

Menu roasted chicken, potato Salad, Corn, dinner rolls, salad, dessert and drinks.

Tracy Peters will preside in Bill's absence. Our speaker will be Elliott Thompson. Elliott was our 2015 young eagle Advanced Air Academy candidate. He has lots of pictures and adventures for us. This months EAA Chapter Video will be shown. Marc Ausman of Vertical Power is scheduled for our September meeting.

Young Eagles August 15th.

John Davi is handling publicity; Tom Barlow is recruiting pilots and ground crew. CAP will supply cadets for car parking , Pete will pick up keys. Pete and Guy will setup great room and signs.

Sterling will provide fuel discount. Rick will provide nourishment. A representative from the Athenian School will observe our program and would like to tour a project hangar.

Clubhouse Updates

Microwave is installed, old one disposed. Yet to be installed are the fireplace room windows, light fixtures, white board and new garage door. Scott is planning a work party when it can be coordinated. Check out our vegetable garden, an Eagle Scout project of Scott Newman's son Payson.

The County has a development proposal for airport property including the clubhouse. They are requesting the clubs develop guidelines for a replacement to impose on any developer.

Nominating Committee – John Davi

Candidates will be announced at the September meeting with elections to follow during the October meeting. Positions available are President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Holiday Party

The party is scheduled for Saturday December 12th.

CCR Hangar Space Available

Shared space in large Port-A-Port available, ideal for Low wing project (RV, Glasair etc.) or similar flying A/C, \$250/mo.

Contact Pete Wiebens 925-933-7517

Aeromedical Reform

Flying light aircraft is the only recreational activity that requires federally mandated medical assessment and approval. The current medical application process, especially the special issuance process, is overreaching and discourages pilots from continuing to fly - as well as discouraging would-be pilots from learning to fly.

EAA is working with our medical and legal advisory councils, the FAA, and Congress to bring aeromedical policy in line with other recreational activities while preserving the excellent safety record already achieved by pilots operating under Sport Pilot rules using a driver's license in lieu of a traditional third-class medical certificate.

Work on PBOR2 Will Continue Through August Recess

July 30, 2015 - EAA continues to push hard to bring Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 (PBOR2) to a successful outcome in Congress. Thanks to the flood of calls from EAA members to their senators in support of PBOR2, the number of co-sponsors on the bill increased from 33 to 57 in a matter of days.

Despite overwhelming support from the general aviation community, the reform effort saw pushback from various powerful interest groups such as the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA). EAA strongly denounced the pushback and is putting in a tremendous effort to ensure it does not affect the outcome of this legislation.

Multiple strategies have been used in recent weeks to pass PBOR2 in the Senate, but each has come up short due to larger and more controversial political issues that are out of EAA's control. After PBOR2 met small yet fervent opposition in the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, a different tactic was attempted by its supporters. Senators Joe Manchin (D-West Virginia) and John Boozman (R-Arkansas) filed a modified version of PBOR2 as an amendment to the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill, or simply Highway Bill, recently passed by the House of Representatives.

Though EAA was optimistic that the Manchin-Boozman amendment was one of the best opportunities for PBOR2 to pass through the Senate, some senators began to see the Highway Bill as an opportunity to insert other, highly contentious issues having nothing to do with transportation. Due to the "must pass" nature of the Highway Bill, Senate leadership rejected almost every proposed amendment to the bill, including Manchin-Boozman.

Though PBOR2 has encountered multiple roadblocks over the past few weeks, EAA continues to pursue a successful resolution for long-fought third-class medical reform. Last week at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, Senator James Inhofe (R-Oklahoma), PBOR2's original sponsor, announced that he would attempt to introduce PBOR2 to the Senate floor as a standalone bill if it could gain 60 co-sponsors. To achieve the goal, EAA must work to gather co-sponsors over the August congressional recess.

You, our dedicated members, have been working hard through writing letters and calling your senators to help garner support for PBOR2. We understand the delay is disappointing, but we also want to make clear that this is only a delay. PBOR2 is still very much alive and support for it remains strong.

Pilots to Attempt Ultralight Guinness World Record

August 5, 2015 - On Saturday, October 10, the World Ultralight Fly-In will attempt to set the Guinness World Record for the first worldwide ultralight “fly-in.”

The event, put together by Dayton Ultralights with the help of members of EAA Chapter 48 in Moraine, Ohio, is open to all pilots who fly aircraft classified as ultralight and/or open air.

To participate, ultralight pilots must fly their aircraft on October 10 and submit a dated photograph to [WUFI's Facebook page](#) with their name, location, and type and model of aircraft.

Participants will then be sent a printable certificate.

“The limitations of these aircraft mean it is unlikely all of us around the world will ever get to fly together,” WUFI’s Facebook page stated. “But we can all fly the same sky, on the same day everywhere on the planet, making this the first Virtual Worldwide Fly-in!”

So far, ultralight pilots from 15 countries have signed up to participate in the event.

To see where people have signed up to fly or to add your RSVP by adding your location to the event, visit [the group's ZeeMaps page](#).

FAA Promises Strict Action Against Illegal Drone Users

August 20, 2015 - The FAA is responding to a sharp increase in drone encounters with manned aircraft. In a [statement](#) released last week, the agency said pilot reports of drones have increased from 238 in 2014 to more than 650 so far this year. The FAA is sending a clear message that they will seek fines, and even possible criminal charges for illegal use of drones. FAA certified pilots who fly their drones illegally could also be placing their certificates at risk.

Uninformed and illegal uses of drones not only pose serious risks to manned aircraft, but have proven to endanger public safety as well. Drones have recently interfered with firefighting operations in Southern California and British Columbia, grounding firefighting aircraft while wildfires rage on.

Drones are not toys. While flying them can be fun, and in many cases commercially lucrative, it is imperative that both recreational and commercial drone operators are familiar with their regulatory limitations as well as the airspace in which they are operating. EAA was one of the initial partners in the [Know Before You Fly](#) campaign created in cooperation with the drone and model aviation communities. We encourage all drone operators to visit that web page to learn how to safely share the airspace with manned aircraft.

Additionally, the FAA is encouraging members of the public to report suspected illegal drone use to local law enforcement.

Wednesday Fly Outs

By Harvard Holmes

To maintain 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, its also fun to see and ride in our members aircraft. The e-mail address is wed-flyout@eaa393.org. You may contact Harvard Holmes at harvard-holmes@comcast.net or Renee Robinson webmaster@eaa393.org to be added or removed from the list.

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

Young Eagles-Next Rally scheduled for
June 20, 2015.

Rally schedule for 2015.

September 19

October 17

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Chapter meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 200 Sally Ride Dr Concord Ca. Meetings are open to anyone who loves aviation and wants to learn more.

All are welcomed.

Menu for May 27th Meeting

- Roasted Chicken
- Corn
- Potato Salad
- Dinner Rolls and Dessert
- Coffee and drinks.



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Meeting and Event Schedule

Board	Y Eagles	General	Fly-out	Other
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General Meeting Aug 26, 2015
 Board Meeting Sept. 2, 2015
 Young Eagles Rally Sept. 19, 2015
 General Meeting Sept. 23, 2015
 Board Meeting Sept. 3, 2015
 Reno Air Races Sept. 16-20, 2015
 General Meeting Sept. 23, 2015
 Board Meeting Oct. 7, 2015
 General Meeting Oct. 28, 2015
 Board Meeting Nov. 4, 2015
 General Meeting Nov. 18, 2015
 Board Meeting Dec. 2, 2015
 Christmas Party Dec. 12, 2015

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 Club House 200 Sally Ride Dr. Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests.