

## October 2016 Newsletter

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: OCTOBER 26TH

This Month's Speaker will be

Dick Sperling (see below for biography)

Upcoming Wednesday Meetings: November 2nd Board Meeting 7pm 16th General Meeting 6:30pm

> December CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

## President's Notes

By Bill Bower

October is upon us as well as the fall season. Fall is a great time of the year. Slowly the heat of the summer starts to disappear as well as as the leaves on the trees. A great time to get some flying time in the books.

Summer may be over but we still have one more Young Eagles event remaining for 2016. The October event is not advertised widely to the public because it is the one we try to dedicate to the Scouts. So we are looking at a big event and will need as many pilots as possible to get them up and flying. Unfortunately Stephen Tucker is out of state this month so if you are available to fly on the 15<sup>th</sup> please e-mail myself or Tracy Peters.

Our General Meeting will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> with another great dinner planned by Rick so make sure you have it marked in your calendar. As well mark December 10 for Chapter 393's annual Holiday Party.

**Now for the biggie.** We are scheduled for a visit by the EAA **Ford Tri-Motor November 17<sup>th</sup>-20.** This is a big weekend and hopefully we will do as well as we did with the last visit. Tracy Peters is coordinating, but we will need all hands on deck for that weekend to make it a success. Make sure you tell your family and friends. Online booking is currently available at eaa.org. Look under flight experiences. Cost is \$70 for adults online or \$75 during the event. Kids under 18 are \$50.

Hope to see everyone at the General Meeting and for everyone have a great month and a great Halloween.

#### COLONEL RICHARD SPERLING IS THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL MEETING. HERE IS HIS AVIATION BIOGRAPHY.

Col. Richard Sperling has over fifty years of flying both fixed and rotary winged aircraft and has accumulated over 16,000 hours of flight.

His past experience includes serving in the United States Army as a commissioned officer. He was on active duty for 5 years and reserve duty for over 25. His duties included piloting assault helicopters in Vietnam and providing administrative assistance in various command and staff positions. In addition, Col. Sperling acted as an emergency preparedness liaison officer to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Prior to retirement, Mr. Sperling was a commercial pilot for United Airlines for 27 years and was type rated in B737, B767, and B747-400 flying all over the world.

Col. Sperling is a ROTC distinguished military graduate of Western Michigan University. He is a graduate of the Air Defense Basic Course, Army Rotary Wing School, Transportation Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, and several classes taught by the National War College. After completing the Chinook (CH-47) Transition he commanded an Assault Support Helicopter Company and later commanded a Combat Engineer Battalion.

Colonel Sperling's significant decorations include The Distinguished Service Cross, for Extraordinary Heroism, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 22 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, and many other military awards.

# October 26, 2016 Meeting Dinner Menu

By Rick Bourgeois

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

Minestrone Soup, Garlic bread, Salad Dessert Drink

> EAA 393 Board Meeting October 5<sup>th</sup> 2016

Vice-President Ron Lem called the meeting to order in the clubhouse fireplace room, also present Secretary Pete Mitchell, Tresurer Harvard Holmes, Membership Coordinator Vi Jenkins, Newsletter Editor Bill O'Brian, Dinner Coordinator Rich Bourgeois, Young Eagles Safety Rich Sperling, Eagle Flights Scott Achelis, Guy Jones, Tracy Peters, Jack Davi and 393 member/MDPA President Maurice Gunderson.

MDPA President/393 member – Maurice Gunderson

There is interest in a 393/MDPA Thanksgiving November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, with Scott Achelis father-law Dean "Diz" Laird as featured speaker.

MDPA's first Saturday cook is retiring, they are considering a simpler breakfast menu, 393 members are welcome.

MDPA would like to meet this years academy student Ashley Wallig.

The County has hired an exterminator to reduce our rodent/snake problem. Our garden is suspect of attracting rodents.

MDPA is willing to promote the Tri-Motor visit.

Treasurer – Harvard Holmes

Our bank balance is \$9,680. Harvard has requested an update from Bill Bower and Stephen Tucker on funds spent for our academy student Ashley Wallig. The \$1,710 credit from National will be applied toward this years academy, airfare and next years deposit for our male candidate.

Secretary – Pete Mitchell

Membership stands at sixty-two, with two new members Alejandro Levin and Jeff Klaus.

Young Eagles – Tracy Peters

As Stephen is out of state during October, Tracy will handle Stephens's duties. 30 Scouts have signed up and a few walk ins are expected.

General Meeting Dinner – Rich Bourgeois Minestrone Soup, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert and Drinks. Dinner at 18:30 meeting at 19:30. Ford Tri-Motor Visit November 17 - 21

PSA has agreed to provide hanger and ramp space as last year. Parking at Sams Club. Brochures are being shipped.

We will need two shifts of four each day plus Rich Bourgeois.

Holiday Party Update.

Tracy and Rich will be sending out an Evite and email message. Last year we had food waste trying to anticipate arrivals without reservations, there will be an additional charge this year for those arriving without a reservation. Scott Acheles will auction three items.

Membership Coordinator - Vi Jenkins

Vi reports we are out of new member packets. A welcome letter from Bill Bower and other materials are needed.

Meeting Adjourned 21:00

## Young Eagles Quotes: These are comments the young eagles wrote about their flights in August.

"It was so fun. I don't know much about planes, but I'm going to learn more about them."

"The effect that happened was very intense and scary."

"He was an awesome pilot and I want to be a pilot too because of him!"

"Pilot Stew was the best; that was so COOL!"

"It was fun. All the things look like toys. The pilot was helpful with all of the instructions."

"I enjoyed my flight and my experiences as a pilot."

"It was a good flight. The pilot was very experienced. The landing was so good. I want to be a pilot"

### THERE YOU HAVE YOUR FEEDBACK, PILOTS. I HOPE THESE COMMENTS ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP FLYING THE YOUNG EAGLES.

(more comments in future issues)



# + QUOTE OF THE MONTH +

The natural function of the wing is to soar upwards and carry that which is

heavy up to the place where dwells the race of gods. More than any other

thing that pertains to the body it partakes of the nature of the divine.

- Plato, Phaedrus

# COMING SOON TO AN AIRPORT NEAR YOU ON NOVEMBER 17th THROUGH 20th !!!





# EAA 393 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

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Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 6PM Join the festivities at the Clubhouse, 200 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA

> Hors d' oeuvre's 6PM Dinner Served at 7PM

ENTREE CHOICES Beef Tenderloin or Roasted Turkey Breast

Included with entree Oven Roasted Herb de Provence Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Maple Glazed Carrots, Ratatouille Buttered Green Beans, Garden Salad

> Coffee, Desserts, Cold Drinks, Wine and Beer Silent Auction

> > All this for \$29 per person!!

Please send us your money by December 1, 2016 or bring this to the meeting Nov 18th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ [] Beef Tenderloin [] Turkey

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Beef Tenderloin [ ] Turkey

Members & guests: \$29 each, \$36 at the door. Renew membership: \$30. Amount enclosed:

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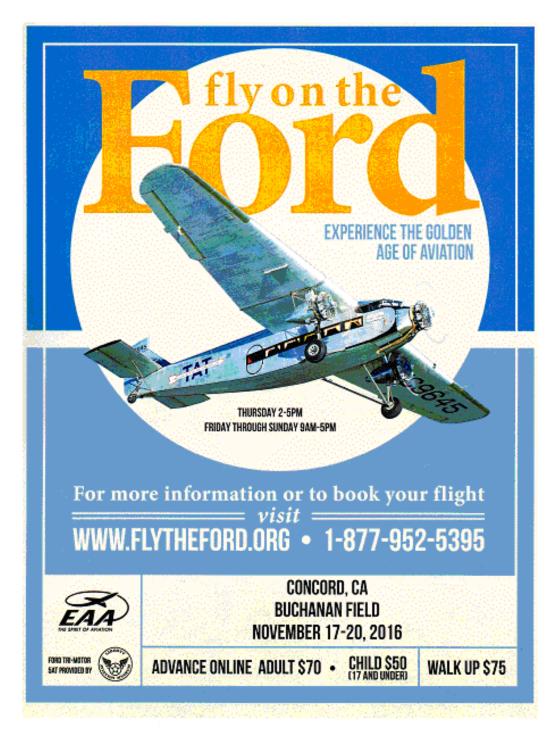
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# Here are some planes from the recent air show in Sacramento and a familiar face.





Mark your calendars for the November 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> For the FORD TRIMOTOR visit to Buchanon the club is sponsoring. 16 volunteers will be needed. SEE TRACY PETERS FOR SIGNUP AND DETAILS!



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## WANTED! HANGAR SPACE FOR RENT!

This local EAA Chapter 393, Concord (Buchanon Field), California is looking to rent a hangar large enough in which to build a kit plane.

Anyone who has any information regarding this plan, please contact this person:

Ron Lem 925 532-6561





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