

200 Buchanan Field Road, Buchanan Field, Concord, Californ

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## NEWSLETTER



#### **Upcoming Events:**

Board Meetings:

Wednesday, December 5th - 7 pm

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7 pm

General Meeting:

Wednesday, January 23rd - 6 pm

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!!! Saturday, December 15th, 6pm

### **EAA 393 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!**

#### Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 6PM

Join the festivities at the Airport Clubhouse, 200 Buchanan Field Rd, Concord, CA

Hors d' oeuvres 6PM
Dinner Served at 7PM
MAIN COURSE CHOICES

Beef Tenderloin or Roasted Turkey Breast
Included with Main Course, Entrées and following courses
Oven Roasted Herb de Provence Potatoes,
Ratatouille, Broccoli, Buttered Green Beans, Garden Salad
Coffee, Desserts, Cold Drinks, Wine/Beer
Silent Auction

All this for \$29 per person!! Prepaid, or \$35 At the Door

Please RSVP by December 5, 2018
Name \_\_\_\_\_
Guests \_\_\_\_
Members & guests: PREPAID \$29 each, or \$35 At the Door.

## While we're at it, Annual Membership Renewal is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

#### Please consider renewing at this time!

2019 Membership Renewal \$30 Individual or \$40 Family. Amount enclosed:

Please make your checks payable to **EAA Chapter 393**.

Send the form and your check to:

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Ruth Nichol, Credit The International Women's Air and Space Museum, Cleveland, Ohio

#### **FLY GIRLS**

#### How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History

By Keith O'Brien

Illustrated. 338 pp. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. \$28.

On the spines of books everywhere, "girls" are sticking with all the tenacity of a chewed piece of bubble gum. As the author of one such book whose title includes the word "girl" — a term even I find grating — I can offer only this defense to beleaguered readers: Contained within the woefully misapplied noun is a reminder that for much of American history, grown women were not merely called girls, but frequently treated like helpless children. In Keith O'Brien's exhilarating "Fly Girls," the title stands in reverence not to misplaced nostalgia but to the female aviators who were hindered by the deep gender inequities that defined the golden age of flying.



From left: Amelia Earhart, Ruth Nichols and Louise Thaden. Credit Thaden Family Collection

These are women few of us have heard of before, with the exception of Amelia Earhart, whose saga shines so brightly that it nearly <u>blinds</u> us to all other pioneering female pilots. As O'Brien explains of their forgotten histories, "each of the women went missing in her own way." Their numbers were not large; while many wished to fly in the 1920s and 1930s, few could feasibly do so. In 1928, among the 29 million women living in the United States, fewer than a dozen held pilot's licenses. There were fewer women licensed to fly than there were female construction workers, electricians and police officers. Those who did pilot aircraft were frequently mocked and then disregarded. The fliers garnered such a plethora of nicknames that at times the book reads like an encyclopedia of degradation: "petticoat pilots," "ladybirds," "flying flappers," "powder puffs" and, of course, "fly girls." O'Brien distills the attraction of such insults, writing, "A woman with a good plane and a bold plan was impossible to ignore — and easy to disparage."

#### <u>WANTED!</u> HANGAR SPACE FOR RENT

This local EAA Chapter 393, Concord (Buchanan 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

925 395-0672





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AIRVENTURE 2018 FLIGHT PICTURES.

#### JOINT MT. DIABLO PILOTS ASSOCIATION & EAA CHAPTER 393 THANKSGIVING DINNER & PROGRAM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018 @ 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

Our Thanksgiving dinner was something to be remembered, over 60 attendees, and very good food, and, we were all so engrossed with our speaker Bill Larkins and his many old photos, that we completely forgot to take any photos ourselves.

This was the annual joint dinner meeting with EAA 393 and Mt. Diablo Pilots Association. To see the above mentioned photos, go to the MDPA website and see their most current newsletter.

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Your Newsletter Editor, Bill

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#### 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 200 Buchanan Field Road. Enter from the west side of the building, on the west side of the airport. We always have various speakers and presentations of interest to aviators, after dinner.

Chapter 393 fly-outs are open to chapter members and guests. See the following article explaining them:

Wednesday Fly-Outs

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 HarvardHolmes@comcast.net or 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: South Lake Tahoe, 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, Renee Robinson, Stu Schuster, and Clint Beacham. Pilots sometimes advertise that they have empty seats, but not always. Harvard Holmes, Bill Reining and Stu Schuster 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 11:00am and return by 3:30pm.

Hello, Airventure 2018!

(coming up below)





Keep going for one more plane pic.

## Hello, great, grand blue sky yonder!



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That's all, folks.

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