200 Buchanan Field Road, Buchanan Field, Concord, California

# The Cleco

## December \*\*\*\* 2021

## NEWSLETTER



## Upcoming Board Meetings:

Wednesday, January 5 - 7 pm Wednesday, February 2 - 7 pm

## General Meetings:

Wednesday, January 26 - 6 pm Wednesday, February 23 - 6 pm

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER

Season's greetings fellow aviation enthusiasts. I hope this message finds you in good health and good spirits! I find myself much more optimistic than I was last year at this time, thanks to the opening of the clubhouse where we have resumed holding in-person meetings and events.

Our combined EAA/MDPA Thanksgiving Dinner was well attended with a total of 47 attendees, of which approximately 33% were EAA chapter 393 members. Executive Chef Scott Davis put together a delicious meal, and he was assisted by Lucy Hart and Debbie Madison.

Our next event is our Holiday Dinner which is a Chapter 393 event that will be held at the clubhouse on December 11th, which is this coming Saturday. Tracy Peters will be the chef for the dinner with yours truly assisting. Rich Finkle has sent out a Wild Apricot invitation which everybody should have received. The Wild Apricot system is the same system that the MDPA has been using for four years.

While our chapter has been using a "free" Wild Apricot system for several months to facilitate the recent elections in October and the Thanksgiving dinner, we have not as of yet formally adopted the system to run chapter administrative functions. Rich Cunningham has been working with Webmaster Rich Finkle to familiarize him with the new system.

The Wild Apricot system will allow our chapter to greatly reduce the amount of man hours which we currently spend on event management which includes registration, payments, reminders, calendar and can provide custom registration forms. Additional features which are included in the program are: online payment and recording, online donations, invoicing, custom financial reports, website templates and an email distribution system.

The new email system will allow administers to receive confirmations that the end user received the email, provides for personalization of emails which can be accomplished using templates and for better communication, the Wild Apricot system has a mobile application which can be downloaded for enhanced communications.

I hope to have a presentation ready for the membership by the January General meeting where we will bring it up for a vote. With the current amount of EAA 393 members that are already in the

system, the cost to the chapter would be less than \$60 a month. Those costs will be recouped in a different ways which will be explained at the presentation.

Moving on to other items, our chapter Young Eagles events officially ended with a final event at the Patriots in Byron on November 6th. Our chapter will resume Young Eagles events in March of 2022 with Tracy Peters as the new Young Eagles Coordinator. I want to take this opportunity to thank both Rose Desmond and Steven Tucker for their service to our chapter and the aviation community. We wish them well in their future endeavors with EAA Chapter 663 at Livermore!

The November elections has provided us with changes in a number of other positions with Ryan Bailie as our Vice President elect and Scott Davis as Treasurer. Pete Mitchell remains as Secretary and Bill O'Brian as Editor.

Rich Cunningham transferred the 393 website management to Rich Finkle following Rich's approval by the board as our new Webmaster. Additionally as previously mentioned, Tracy Peters was approved by the board as our Young Eagles Coordinator.

Bennett Ashley remains onboard as our membership coordinator, Greg Karamanougian as our VMC Coordinator and Paul Milner as our IMC Coordinator.

Lucy Hart, who has been the driving force behind our dinners and social events will continue on in this role. I have checked our chapter bylaws and do not see an official position for this role, perhaps it is time to create one. Lucy has done an outstanding job going all the way back to the springtime of 2021 in bringing people together!

Director of Badges (sic) Greg Karamanougian is putting toge ther a list of members who need badges. New members who have never received a badge will get one at no charge. Members who have misplaced their badges or who desire a new badge will be charged a nominal fee of \$15.00. Greg has been working on this for several months and is ready to place the order soon. If you would like a new badge, contact Greg at gregkarson@yahoo.com.

Honored lifetime member Scott Achelis is waiting for us to finish prepping Don Baldwin's Teenie Two so that he can put it on the market. The Teenie Two (TT) is in a hangar on the northwest side of the field. What needs to happen is for the TT to be shined up with some metal polish and elbow grease. It looks like this volunteer event will happen on December 18th, weather permitting. A separate email will be sent out in the next couple of days inviting you to participate in this event.

With the holiday dinner coming up next Saturday, Lucy Hart and Debbie Madison are asking for some help in decorating the clubhouse. Specifically they need help hanging Christmas (holiday specific) lights inside the clubhouse. This involves using a step ladder to attach the lights to the ceiling. If you are able to help please contact Lucy at lucyHart552@gmail.com and let her know you can help!

2021 was quite different from 2020 in many ways and brought with it the necessity for change in our chapter operations. For those of you who read the EAA National annual report, you may find that similarities in the national experience to our chapter experiences.

2021 also challenged many of us personally and I believe that we are all better for it. I look for 2022 to bring more opportunities for us to enhance our personal growth, our chapter and that of the local and national aviation communities.

Happy Holidays, Ron Lem President, EAA 393

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## **EAA 393 General Meeting Minutes**

## **October 27<sup>th</sup> 2021**

President Ron Lem called the meeting to order at 19:23 in our **Clubhouse.** Over thirty-eight members, spouses and guests were present. Members present verified compliance with County COVID-19 Health Screening guidelines. Dinner was prepared and served by volunteers, featured an Oktoberfest theme of Wienerschnitzel, sauerkraut, potatoes, sausage, with Black Forest cake for dessert. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with cleanup, before and after.

Treasurers Report – Harvard Holmes
Our bank balance is \$48,501 plus \$500 Zelle and \$10,000
Young Eagles Fund.

Secretary – Peter Mitchell Membership stands at 95, 03 due for 2021.

Election of Officers for 2022 – Harvard President – Ron Lem Vice-President – Ryan Baillie Secretary – Peter Mitchell Treasurer – Scott Davis Newsletter Editor – Bill O'Brian

Speaker – Tom Hammit Led us thru the building of his RV 14, he is on the homestretch working on the finishing kit.

Rich Finkle has donated a horizontal band saw.

Meeting adjourned 20:20 PJM

## 393 Board Minutes November 3rd 2021 Hodge Flight Services

President - Ron Lem Present Vice-President – Mike Cunningham Absent Present Secretary – Pete Mitchell Treasurer – Harvard Holmes Present` Newsletter Editor – Bill O'Brian Present Tech Counselor - Jim Agua Absent Web - Rich Cunningham Present YE's Coordinator – Stephen Tucker Present Dinner Coordinator -Needed Membership Coordinator – Bennett Ashley By Proxy IMC Coordinator - Paul Millner Absent VMC & Chapter Photographer - Greg Kar Present Amazon Prime / eScrip -Needed Tracy Peters - Club House Absent Bill Bower - Past President By Proxy Tools – Lee Teicheira By Proxy Our Board meeting was conducted at Hodge Flight Services Office. Dewitt's offer saved us from "sanitizing" the clubhouse after our meeting.

President Ron called the meeting to order at 19:04. Nine members were present plus three by proxy and guest Debbie Madison.

Treasurer – Harvard H Via email

Harvard reports \$49,036 in Checking, \$500 in Zelle, \$10,000 in our Academy Fund, a total of \$59,036. October general meeting dinner income was \$350, expenses so far \$268.

#### Secretary – Pete M

Membership is currently 95, with 3 due for 2021.

The AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2021. has been issued a **\$18.42** donation.

"When you shop at <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/65-1197798</u>, AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchases to Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 393 of Concord CA at no cost to you!"

#### Cleco - Bill O

Send your photos or story's to Bill at <a href="mailto:Obrianob@yahoo.com">Obrianob@yahoo.com</a>. Bill wants material no more than ten days after meeting.

#### 2021 Dues

Chapter dues are payable January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remit to EAA 393 Box 6524 Concord CA 94524-1524

Or by Zelle <a href="mailto:Payments@EAA393.org">Payments@EAA393.org</a> or 19256853700

Eleven members have paid 2022 dues.

#### VMC – Greg K

Ron and Greg will be sitting up a subgroup of our groups.io page to allow

Dialog on each month's presentation.

Facebook – Bennett A
Here is the link to our EAA 393 Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/eaa393
Send material to Bennett at <a href="mailto:BennettAshley925@gmail.com">BennettAshley925@gmail.com</a>.

Harvard reports the President and Vice-President positions are contested and will be decided by secret ballot. Harvard motioned we used Wild Apricot, courtesy of MDPA. MSC

Rom L motioned Rich Cunningham for Web Master. MSC

Meeting Adjourned 20:45 (MSC Motion Seconded Carried)
PJM

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President Ron called the meeting to order at 18:55 in the Clubhouse Fireplace room.

Treasurer – Harvard H Via email Harvard reports \$49,367 in Checking, \$500 in Zelle, \$10,000 in our Academy Fund, a total of \$59,867.

Secretary – Pete M

Membership is currently 94, with one due for 2020, 22 have paid 2022 dues.

Bill O'Brian motioned we except Rich Cunningham's resignation, without prejudice as Web Master, MSC

Harvard H motioned Rich Finkle as Web Master. MSC

Greg Karamanougian motioned we recommend the Wild Apricot system to our membership. MSCGreg Kar motioned Tracy Peters as Young Eagles Coordinator. MSC

Ron Lem motioned a YE's schedule of March thru October, no July with a possible Patriots event. MSC

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Send your photos or story's to Bill at <a href="mailto:obrianob@yahoo.com">obrianob@yahoo.com</a>. Bill wants material no later than 12.10.21, for a Cleco date of 12.20.21.

Ron L authorized Harvard Holmes with Tracy Peters to evaluate our old computers those not needed for flight simulators be disposed via silent auction.

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Facebook – Bennett A
Here is the link to our EAA 393 Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/eaa393
Send material to Bennett at BennettAshley925@gmail.com.

Meeting Adjourned 21:50 PJM

And here, folks, are pictures from our December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas party, which was quite enjoyable and a success. Thank you, Tracy, for such a wonderful and very tasty meal!



Volunteer of the Year, Bill Lawence, as presented by prior winner, Lee Teicheira.



El Presidente de EAA 393.



Three happy diners.

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And here we have Mr. and Mrs. Volunteer of the Year, Bill and Candy Lawrence.



Enjoying the feast.



A most superior and delicious meal.



Yo happy editor and wife Marilyn.

## NEW INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS!

(I am leaving the list in this newsletter for another month, and deleting all the pictures from earlier newsletters)

## LIST OF EAA TOOLS IN CLUBHOUSE SHED & OTHER LOCATIONS 22 May 2021

The EAA tool items are stored on the plastic shelves to the left of the door

#### PLEASE RESERVE THESE SHELVES FOR THE EAA TOOLS ONLY

To use these tools, please make arrangements with an EAA Board member.

#### **ITEMS IN SHED**

B&D Workmate 200 - workbench Bathroom scales - go with multiplier arms Snap-On Borescope Corner clamp Scissors jack Hand drill Vise Multipler arms – go with bathroom scales Vise (red) Stencil cutter Sidewinder rachet and sockets (right angle) Rolling seats (2 red metal) **Jigsaw** Drill Small optical borescope Fuel can - 1 red plastic

#### ITEM IN A-11 (Eric Schuldt's hangar)

Engine hoist – orange metal

#### ITEMS IN B-7 - (Lee Teicheira's hangar - in junction with the Sonex project)

AN supplies (hardware) from Don O'Neill – 1 metal box with 4 drawers

Grizzly sheer press 12 inch AN supplies (hardware) – donated by Don O'Neill

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### AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL THE NEWS FOR NOW, FIT TO PRINT.



## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!

If you order ANYTHING on AMAZON, PLEASE go instead and sign in to SMILE.AMAZON where you sign up to send donations to our EAA chapter 393. Once you sign up, you are done. THEN instead of going to Amazon, you always buy from SMILE.AMAZON, and we automatically get the donations. This procedure is AMAZON'S way of contributing to the communities of the USA. Hey, folks, I just checked yesterday, and when I ordered two more items from Smile. Amazon, I had given so far, since signing up, \$143. Basically, that means our household is spending a lot of \$ there, but it sure helps the club.

YOU CAN TOO!!!! JUST SIGN UP, AND DO IT!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to our sponsors!

(at various places in NL)



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NOTICE to AIRMEN: Please send me any old aviation pictures you have of yourself, your planes, and EAA events, a sort of look back at history.

Yo Newsletter Editor, Bill

Thank you to all our Young Eagle pilots!

## And, how could we forget this very consistent sponsor?????



## Our meetings are open to the public.

Join us for dinner at 6:00 pm (\$10 donation) with the general meeting at 7:00 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 4pm.

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Yo tax dollars at work

That's all, folks !!!!!!

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