



Chapter 1230

Nut Tree Airport - Vacaville, CA

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Meet the 2023 Board of Directors

Barry Pomeroy, President

Since a very young age Barry was interested in aviation. After retiring, his dream came true: he obtained his private pilot's license in 2015. Shortly after that, he purchased a share of a Cessna 182 and flies as often as possible. Barry has been active in the chapter since 2016. He has been serving on chapter's board since 2021 as Vice-President and Acting President.



He actively participates in the Young Eagle Rallies to promote aviation in young people with a goal to make a difference in young people's lives.

In addition to flying, Barry is an avid golfer and volunteers at the annual AT&T ProAm at Pebble Beach.

Andy Simpkinson, Vice-President



Andy has been flying since before he was born. His father is a private pilot and flew the family on trips frequently. He instilled in Andy the love of flying. At air shows in the 70s, Andy decided he wanted to be a fighter pilot after watching them fly. After college he joined the Air Force and finished top of his pilot training class. He was on active duty for 15 years. After active

duty he continued to serve the country and in 1999 joined the reserves where he completed his tour at Travis commanding the 349 ALCF (a ground job running a mobile command post).

After retiring from the Air Force in 1999, he worked for Southwest Airlines and retired as a Captain in 2020.

Andy received his private pilot's license in 1981. He bought his RV-9A in 2010, joined EAA and put over 1200 hours on his plane. In addition to his love of travel, he has flown to Oshkosh twice since 2017.

Young Eagles Update

The March, April and May Young Eagles events were very successful! In March we flew 35 children, April, 29 children and in May 39 children. The online registration has been working smoothly for the parents and volunteers working check-in. Additional pilots are always needed!



Brian Swasey, Treasurer

Brian became hooked on flying after chartering a super cub in Alaska to take him into remote areas for hunting and fishing. That is when he decided he wanted to build and fly his own airplane. He didn't know anyone involved in aviation so in 2013, he decided to join our chapter. Members convinced him it would be better to buy an Experimental plane already built so he could be flying sooner and with less expense. He began flight training at Cal Aggies Flying Farmers in Davis in May of 2014. Finally, after some set-backs he completed his check ride in February of 2016. In June of 2017 he purchased a Glastar flew it back to California solo. Since then, he has flown to Idaho several times where he enjoys back country flying and airplane camping. While he enjoys flying, he also enjoys working on planes. Brian never has trouble coming up with a new improvement project on his plane. Aside from countless small improvements, he has built auxiliary fuel tanks from scratch, and built and installed amphibious floats. Nearly finished with the floats, Brian began training for his float rating in February 2021. Once again, a few set-backs drug it out until 2022 when he passed my check ride for single engine seaplanes. He retired in 2021 after 33 years of teaching with plans to fly to Alaska in his plane. Brian said "Retired with my own seaplane, could life get any better?"



Anita Pomeroy, Secretary



Born and raised in the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area, Anita relocated to the West in 1990 and loves living in NorCal where she met her husband, Barry.

After COVID-19, she wanted to help the chapter regain the momentum from past years and became the Secretary of the Chapter since 2021.

In addition, she volunteers at Young Eagle events, air shows and enjoys the occasional flight for lunch, visits with family or taking a bay tour.

New Airport Manager

Please welcome Catherine McKenzie Cook as the Airport Manager at Nutree. We hope to have her join a meeting to introduce herself and meet the chapter members.

We look forward to working with her for fly-in display days.





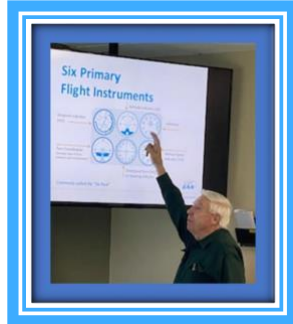
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Young Eagles Workshop

On Saturday, April 1st the EAA Chapter 1230 hosted a small workshop (part 1 or a 2 part series) for 9 Young Eagles. The day began with a classroom setting discussing the various types of aircrafts, compass headings, aerodynamics, and flight instruments. The second half of the day was held in a hangar where the Y/E's were able to build a small scale wing rib. While waiting for their projects' glue to dry, the pilot volunteers explained instrument panels in the different types of aircrafts housed in the hangar, and then everyone took a tour of the aircrafts parked outside on the ramp/tarmac.



We thank the volunteers: Jim Edwards, Kevin Hendershott, Renee Snow, Barry Pomeroy and Anita Pomeroy for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm of aviation. The volunteers and workshop participants enjoyed the day and are ready for Part 2! Since this was the first workshop, we wanted to keep the group small so the volunteers gained experience presenting as well as to ensure the timing of the topics

allowed for discussion and questions. Additional workshops will be advertised to all young eagles as the workshops are scheduled. As you can see from the photos, the group was engaged and interested in learning more about aviation. Stay tuned for upcoming events!



Pilots & Members Needed

The last 3 years has taken its toll on the chapter membership. We encourage you to invite your friends from the aviation community to get involved, join and attend chapter events & meetings. You can join or renew your membership on-line by using the link below:

JOIN or RENEW Chapter 1230 Membership

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1230>

Articles and Build Projects Needed

If you have a project or would like to share your knowledge, please email us at

information.eaa1230@gmail.com

Fly Out

Every 2nd Saturday of the month, take off from Nutree Airport is scheduled for 9:00 AM with destinations to be determined. Jim Edwards will be coordinating the fly outs.

Upcoming Guest Speaker

We are hoping to host a former USAF Thunderbird pilot, Whit Collins as a guest speaker in June. This will be scheduled as a Social Event/Pot Luck. Stay tuned for more information! Date to be determined

Monthly Meetings

We look forward to seeing you the second Tuesday @ 7:00 PM for the monthly meetings in the meeting room at the Nutree Airport. Doors open at 6:30!