



The Strobe

EAA 512 Placerville

December 2020

Prez Sez... *Passing the Torch*

This is my final article in this column. I've thoroughly enjoyed taking on the duties of president of EAA Chapter 512 for the past two years, especially since I get to work with such a wonderful and dedicated group of people. The job of the president, in my view, is to set goals and a direction for the organization, then try to stay out of the way as much as possible while those with actual talent do the hard work to move the organization forward. I am extremely happy with the progress we have made, even during this difficult year. Our members laid down a solid foundation for future success of the chapter with physical upgrades to our facilities and expanded programs and services for our members such as the Tool Crib and participation in the Ray Foundation Scholarship. The year 2021 shows promise for a return, albeit gradual, to more normal activities. I'm very happy that Jim Wilson will be taking over as president. Jim Wilson's leadership is already evident in the Chapter. He has done yeoman's duty as vice-president for the past several years, not to mention Young Eagles/Eagles, Ground School, and Pancake Breakfast coordinator among other accomplishments. He also was the driving force behind expanding and upgrading our kitchen area, which allowed us to bring our pancake

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

This Wed at 7pm, via Zoom.
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

breakfast fundraisers to a whole new level. I expect a very energetic future for the Chapter with Jim at the helm. We also start the New Year with a very strong lineup in our board of directors and various coordinator positions. We still have plenty of room for more volunteers if you would like to help us grow. We could especially use help with fundraising and scholarship efforts. I expect *all* our members to participate to the fullest extent possible in Flying, Friendship, and Fun!

My best wishes to all the members of EAA Chapter 512 for a happy holiday season, and to a very bright New Year indeed.

By: Al Herron



General Meeting Info

Wednesday ♦ Dec 16 ♦ 6:30pm

Check your email for an invitation to EAA 512's next Zoom Meeting or use the temporary link below to join the day of

[TEMPORARY LINK](#)

[Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)

Editor's Notes

(naturally important)

To benefit those of you who want to contribute content to the newsletter, below are some tips on how to do just that. Become a producer of next months issue! Your content is greatly appreciated—don't delay to send something in!

All submissions must be emailed to
Helen at:
more_right_rudder@yahoo.com

Pictures & Articles

Imbed email, attachments, word.docx, google.docx

NO PDF's (difficult extract pictures & text)

Links

Always welcome links to third-party articles, pictures, ads, and misc.

TO COMPLETE A SUBMISSION, INCLUDE

1. **Title** (how would you like content to be titled for the newsletter?)
2. **Date** (pertinent, timely, or evergreen?)
3. **Content** (submissions, pictures, articles, links, attachments)
4. **Note** (additional details on how you'd like it published?)

DEADLINES 3RD SUNDAY

(anything later is unlikely to be published)

Sincerely,

The Editor

December Zoom Meeting

Please plan to join us on Zoom, December 16 at 6:30 for our general membership meeting. Normally this would have been the date for our annual Holiday Party, so in lieu of the party this will be purely a social get-together, no chapter business. Grab some 'nog and your ugliest Christmas sweater and join in the fun! We'll send out the Zoom invitation by email, so check your email!

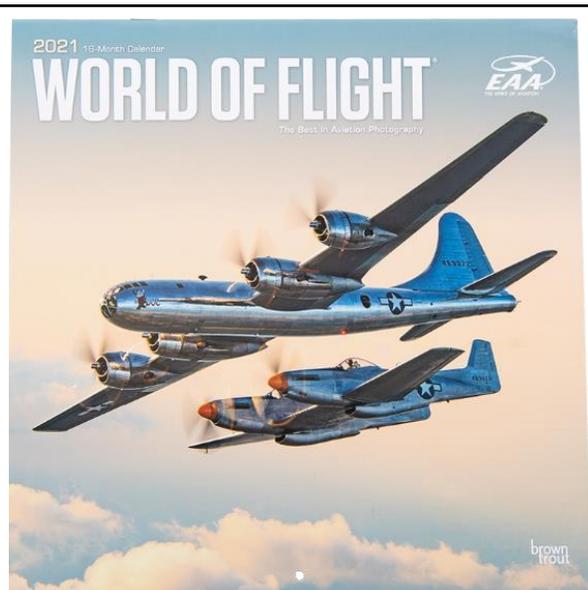


IMC/VMC

In case you missed this notification form last month, the IMC/VMC meetings have resumed. If you are interested in attending please email or call Greg Stein to ensure you're on the mailing list to attend.

Email: greg.stein777@gmail.com

Call: (916)862-0175



EAA Calendar Fundraiser

EAA Chapter 512 is offering the EAA World of Flight calendar to our members as a fundraising activity, and we're doing it a little differently from most fundraisers.

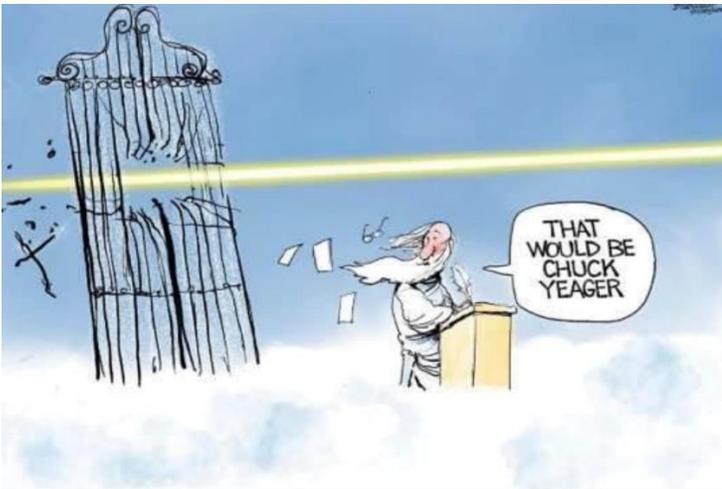
We are offering you the calendar *at our cost*: \$7.85 each if we can get commitments from at least 10 people. We will let you decide the amount of additional contribution you would like to make, starting at \$0.00.

Please let Judi Gordon know how many calendars you would like by emailing her at judieaa512@gmail.com, then mail her a check for \$7.85 per each calendar plus whatever contribution amount you would like to make.



Santa's Sleigh
is down for an
annual

Back up pilot
North Pole
Bound



RIGHT THERE!
FAR 91.113 (D) (4) !!
A SLEIGH HAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY
OVER ALL OTHER AIR TRAFFIC!



YOU ARE GOING TO LOSE AN ENGINE ON TAKE-OFF...

2021 VETERAN & VINTAGE AIRCRAFT DISPLAY

PLACERVILLE AIRPORT

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

APR 3-4 ♦ MAY 1-2

JUN 5-6 ♦ JUL 3-4

AUG 7-8 ♦ SEP 4-5

9am - 1pm

Presented by EAA Chapter 512 in conjunction with
Pancake Breakfasts [Sat. 8am to 11am]

(COVID-19 PERMITTING)



Ground Schools Beginning January 2021 Reserve Your Seat Now!

Private Pilot

Tuesday Evenings
First Day 1/5/21
\$399

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Instrument Rating

Thursday evenings
First Day 1/7/21
\$399

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General Meeting Report

EAA Chapter 512
Monthly General Gathering
November 18, 2020

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by: Al Herron

Number Present: 18 Zoom connections, 21 people present

Guests: None

MEMBER PROJECTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Rob Bulaga – GoFly has announced that the competition is continuing on a first-come-first served basis. Competitors will fly at their home base with GoFly sending observers there. The first team to successfully complete the competition requirements will win the \$1M prize. Rob plans to fly his revamped entry sometime this spring.
- Glenn Gordon – The 95% scale Ryan ST-L had its first flight in Boulder, CO. The Gordon's showed a video of the flight that is available on YouTube. Glenn also mentioned that he is donating a set of wind and fuselage rotators to the chapter. These can be used to fabricate and/or paint aircraft components.
- Bob Pensien – The tools for his RV-14A build were delivered today.
- Greg Stein – Greg passed his Instrument written with a 90% score. The last milestone to earning his instrument ticket is his cross country trip. Greg bought into a share of Jim Pinkowski's Cherokee 180. Since this aircraft is not part of the Part 141 school, Greg cannot use this aircraft for his instrument ticket. He will, however, use the plane to build time towards his eventual ATP rating.
- Alexa Rauchfoss – Alexa and her son, Eric, are new members. Eric is a 16 year old junior at Ponderosa H.S. He plans a career in aviation and is looking into attending the Air Force Academy. John Crocker will talk to the Rauchfoss's the help them.
- Andrew Gordon – Andrew completed his first solo on Nov 10th. The next milestone in his Ray Scholarship award is the Sport Pilot written exam.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Elections – 85 ballots for Board Elections were emailed out to our members. 30 responses were received. The results were overwhelmingly for the officers and directors that were running unopposed on the ballot. At the General Meeting, no new candidates were put forward. A show of hands at the General Meeting was unanimous for the slate. Next year's Board will be:
 - President – Jim Wilson
 - Vice President – Jim Pinkowski
 - Treasurer – Judi Gordon
 - Secretary – Rob Bulaga
 - Director – Dave Lugert
 - Director – John Crocker
- IMC/VMC – Greg Stein will be hosting the IMC/VMC meeting starting Tuesday, Dec 1. He has sent out an information email about the event. Both in-person at the hangar, with social distancing, and remote attendance will be accommodated.

Holiday Observance – Due to COVID-19, our annual Holiday party has been cancelled. Members are encouraged to virtually attend the EAA's annual Wright Brother's Memorial Banquet on

- Thursday, Dec 10th. Details can be found in the Strobe. We will hold a holiday themed, General Meeting, via Zoom, on Wednesday, Dec 16th.
- Aircraft Display Days - The schedule for the Display Days has been changed to 9AM to 1 PM on the Saturdays and Sundays of our first 6 Pancake Breakfasts. The first Display Day is scheduled for April, regardless of whether or not we can have a Pancake Breakfast due to COVID-19.

PRESENTATION

- We had problems with the sound again this month. Consequently, there was no presentation this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM by: Al Herron

**EAA Chapter 512
Monthly Board of Directors
December 9, 2020
Minutes**

Meeting called to order at: 7:02 p.m. by: Al Herron

Board Members Present (Online Meeting):

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| √ Al Herron, <i>President</i> | ∅ John McPherson, <i>General Director</i> |
| √ Jim Wilson, <i>Vice President</i> | √ Dave Lugert, <i>General Director</i> |
| √ Judi Gordon, <i>Treasurer</i> | ∅ Tim Sullivan, <i>Past President</i> |
| √ Rob Bulaga, <i>Secretary</i> | |

Other Members Present:

- | | |
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| √ Dale Kral | √ Jim Pinkowski |
| √ John Crocker | |

Business from the Floor, Changes to Agenda - none

Approval of Minutes – motion to approve by Dave Lugert; seconded by Judi Gordon; approved

Board Member Reports

➤ **Al Herron – President**

- Transition update – Al had handed over all of the President’s files to Jim Wilson.
- Bob O’Hara memorabilia - Boxes of Bob’s documents have been donated from Collen via Stan Dodge. These boxes are in the hangar loft. We need volunteers to audit the contents and to make recommendations on what to do with them. One possibility is to make a donation to the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum in Hood River.
- Chapter records - There are boxes of old chapter record in the loft. Volunteers are needed to go through, organize, and file these, as needed. Records of chapter historical value should be saved or scanned. Unimportant records may be discarded. While goingthrough these records, we will specifically see if we can find the Chapter’s original Charter from EAA National.
- Hangar loft - Tim Sullivan has set up a very nice office area upstairs. We should take advantage of it.
- Scanner/Printer - Large-format (11x17) color printers with scanners can be had for under \$300. We will look into acquiring one for our hangar to facilitate document storage. This is not urgent.

➤ **Jim Wilson – Vice President**

- Ray Scholarship Update – Jim presented tables and charts documenting Andrew Gordon’s progress towards his Sport Pilot License. The Ray Scholarship is providing \$10,000 towards this goal. The actual cost, by the time Andrew completes his license, will probably be \$1700-\$2000 above that.
- Ray Scholarship Future - Chapters that successfully participate in the program in 2020 are eligible to opt into a 50/50 matching fund. If the chapter commits to \$5,000 in funding, the Ray Foundation will match with \$5,000, guaranteeing the chapter a scholarship slot. In addition, we can apply for a fully funded scholarship, too. I.e., we can support two scholarships is we have candidates. Candidate nominations and applications start in mid-January.

Chapter Renewal – Our renewal with National is due by 12/31/20. Jim has filled out the forms; Al will sign them (*Al actually signed them on Thursday, Dec 10*). Our fee for renewal

- is \$633; \$100 for Chapter dues, \$483 for liability insurance, and \$50 for the Peter Burgher Chapter Development Fund. As part of Chapter renewal we provide a head count of active, paid Chapter members; 73. We also have designated Jim Wilson and Jim Pinkowski as our Young Eagle Coordinators.
 - On-line Chapter Leader Webinar – EAA National is putting on webinars to enhance Chapter leadership abilities. Jim Wilson, Jim Pinkowski, and Judi Gordon have been attending for us.
 - New Officers – The new board members have been granted access our GoogDrive. Bank signatures for our new officers will be filed by the end of the year.
- **Judi Gordon – Treasurer, Membership**
- Banking account balances as of 11/30/2020:
 - Cash and checks on hand: \$338.05
 - Chase Checking 6001: \$13,889.83 (of which \$5,270.71 is earmarked for scholarship funds - of this, \$500 is earmarked for Tobias Klein)
 - Chase Savings 8668: \$2,922.16 (Airport security account held in trust. Not property of EAA 512)
 - Current total: \$14,227.88 plus \$2,922.16 in Airport Security Account.
 - Ray Scholarship – The next round of Ray Scholarship money (\$3,000) was received yesterday. More than half has already been used.
 - Volunteer hours - Charlie Becker and Patti Arthur, who is the EAA tax consultant, said don't do it in QB. There is no IRS or state tax relevance. If it's needed for matching funds like Benevity, then do it, otherwise if we want, track on an Excel spreadsheet.
 - Member definition – We discussed with Charlie Becker the definition of a “member” for purpose of tracking year-to-year growth. The conclusion reached by Jim Wilson and Judi Gordon is that each paid group counts as 1 and each additional spouse or child pilot within a group counts as +1.
 - Membership - We are considering offering multi-year memberships as is done on the National level: We will continue discussions on whether or not to offer a multi-year discount. We will also look into arranging for electronic payment of dues.
- **Dave Lugert - General Director**
- IMC/VMC – Dave reported that the resumption of the IMC/VMC meetings on Tuesday, Dec 1st, was a success, with 7 people attending in person and another 7 attending virtually. Greg Stein had some difficulty reaching all of our membership. If you did not receive notice of the meeting let us know.

Committee Reports

➤ **Fundraising – Judi Gordon**

- Movie Night - We were talking about having a fundraiser screening of Top Gun at the Regal Placerville, but they are temporarily closed due to COVID. We may see if an event at the Drive-in movie theatre in Sacramento is feasible.
- Amazon Smile – We received \$30.85 from Amazon Smile for the quarter. This is 0.5% of eligible purchases, representing total purchases of \$6,170 for the quarter.
- 2021 Calendars – Al will solicit orders for EAA Calendars through the Strobe and at the next General Meeting.
- Fundraising Webinar – Judi attended the Fundraising Webinar hosted by EAA National. Ideas that were brought up included:

- Pancake Breakfast/Fly In - When the two are combined, a 3x to 4x increase in donations are seen.
- 50/50 Raffle – These are not legal in California.
- Raffle - With a donated prize (a local helicopter company donated a half hour flight valued at \$315. The chapter sold 200 \$10 tickets.)
- Aviation Day Camp - 5 half-day sessions netted \$1,800. Another chapter ran a 1-week session in June with 24 participants and netted over \$3,500.
- Young Eagles Workshop - YE Workshop allows us to run a camp 1-day to multi-day - turnkey, affordable program. Sporty's underwriting half the cost of the materials. \$35/person cost to us.
- Silent Auction - One chapter did it during their annual fly-in. Another chapter does it at every meeting and event, with items donated by members from their hangars.
- Charitable Flights under CFR 91.146
- Host the EAA Trimotor or B-17
- Hangar Dance
- Actively seek donations - One chapter has received and sold 3 un-airworthy aircraft which they sold. They also receive tools, transponders, comms etc. Can ask for vehicle donations.

➤ **Scholarship – Dave Lugert**

- Tobias Klein – The A&P program at Sac City College has been cancelled due to COVID-19. We had awarded Tobias a \$500 scholarship towards this program. He returned the funds to us. We will hold those funds for him while anticipating the return to normalcy.

Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

- Strobe – In the past the Strobe had a “Classified” section where members could advertise and sell aviation related items. We will be starting that up again.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. by: Al Herron