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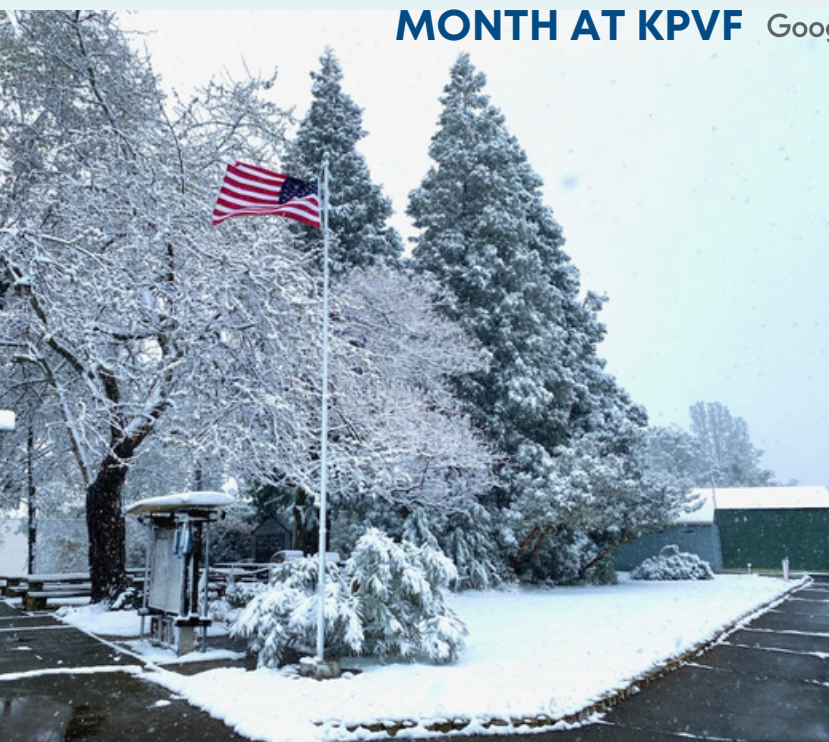


**JOIN US EVERY 3RD
WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH AT KPVF**



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We meet at the EAA 512 green Quonset hangar, on the north-western side of the airport



April thru October, join us for Potluck Picnic Social, 6pm; followed by General Meeting, 7pm @ KPVF

The chapter will provide hotdogs and hamburgers for the picnic. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Bring your aviation enthusiasm and we will do our best to answer your questions and share the **many** exciting opportunities that the Experimental Aircraft Association has to offer our aviation community.

The air up there in the clouds is very pure and fine, bracing and delicious. And why shouldn't it be? — it is the same the angels breathe.

~Mark Twain

Snow?! That's right! Our very own Audrey Brand happened to catch these lovely pictures of our 512 hangar



<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea512>



APRIL 2024

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



EAA 512 Members,

As we welcome the arrival of spring, I am delighted to announce that our flying season is about to commence. The warmer weather brings with it the perfect opportunity for us to take to the skies and enjoy our shared passion for aviation. Whether you're a seasoned pilot or a novice enthusiast, there's something truly exhilarating about the start of a new flying season, and I look forward to seeing all of you out on the airfield. Check this newsletter and future ones for **fly outs** to meals or events. ~ **TIM SULLIVAN**

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Your 512 Board

President Tim Sullivan

Vice President Jim Pinkowski

Treasurer Judi Gordon

Secretary Rob Bulaga

General Directors

Audrey Brand, Sean Conley-Widing

Mother's day, May 12

Don't forget Mom!

I DON'T WANT FLOWERS



**I SAID I WANT "FLIGHT
HOURS"**

EAA 512 Movie Night Presents



The Bloody Hundredth (2024)

In the cold, blue skies over Europe, a new kind of combat was fought in an environment that had never been experienced before. It was a singular event in the history of warfare.

Unprecedented and never to be repeated. Airmen from 40 American bomber groups bled and died in staggering numbers in air combat. One of these groups, hyper-aggressive and undisciplined, suffered so many casualties in such a short period of time it became known as the Bloody Hundredth.

Date: Sunday April 28th, 2024, 6:00 pm social, 7:30 pm movie

Location: Starfall – 3204 Western Drive, (061), Cameron Park, CA

**Snacks & Drinks: Potluck! Please bring something to share.
Beer and Soft Drinks will be provided.**

Seating: We already have seating available for around 12 people, but space for plenty more. Please bring a folding chair to ensure you have a comfy place to sit.

RSVP: glennandjudi@gmail.com

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SOAR WITH THE EAGLES

On Saturday, May 18, Chapter 512 will host a Flying Start Event.



This event is being held in conjunction with the EAA Learn to Fly Week; a national campaign to help aspiring pilots take flight. Leading up to the Flying Start event, individuals interested in learning to fly can participate in a variety of free interactive webinars hosted live. These webinars will run May 13 through May 17, and cover topics ranging from getting started in flight training, how to save time and money, and other flight training tips.

Webinars are free to attend, but pre-registration is required - visit www.EAA.org/LTFWeek.



Flying Start attempts to provide for adults the same thing the Young Eagles program provides to youths, namely; motivations to pursue the dream of flight along with ways and means to obtain a pilot certification. If you know someone 18 years of age or older who is - or might be - interested in learning to fly, please invite them to sign up for our Flying Start event **and** put them in contact with **Jim Pinkowski**.

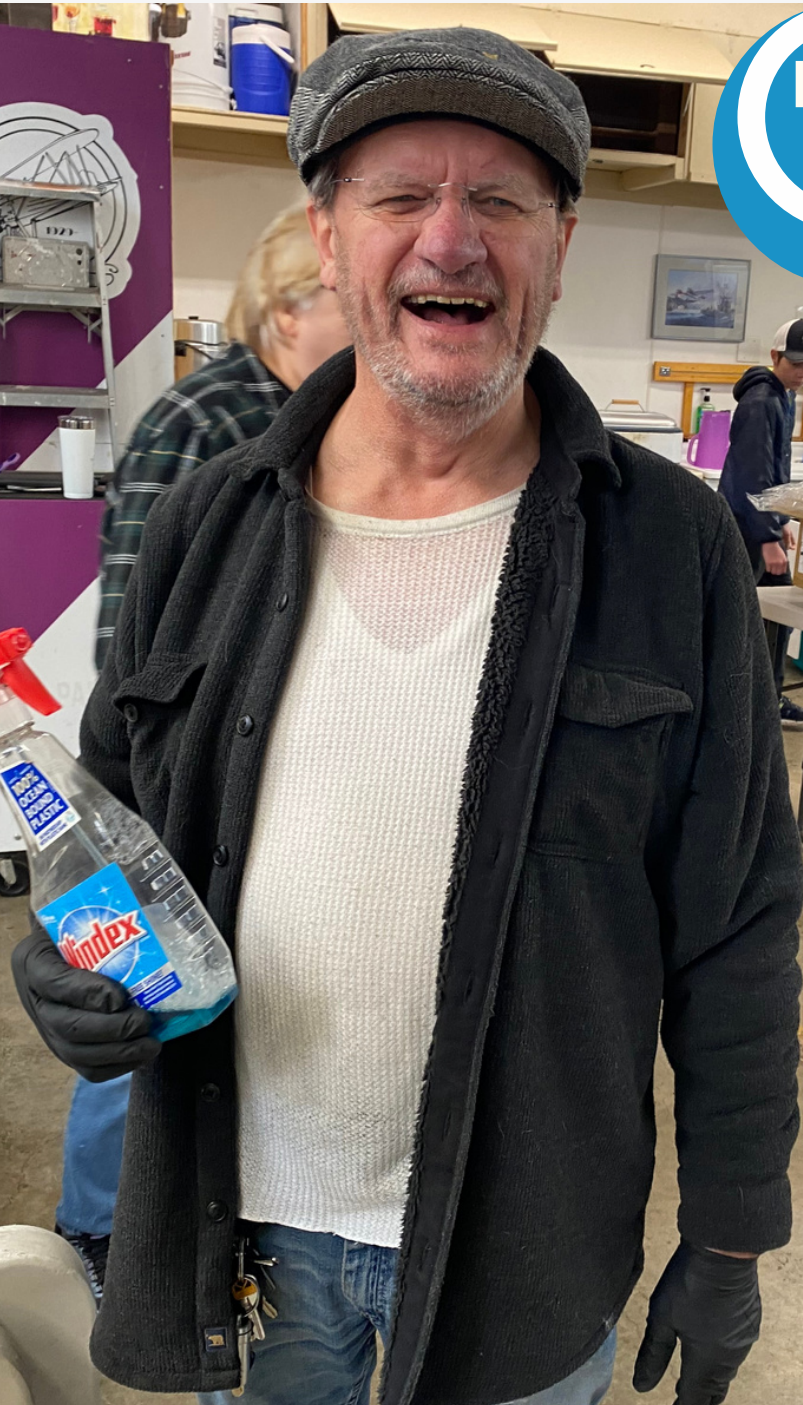
If we - if YOU - can motivate 5 or more individuals to attend our Flying Start event, our Chapter will receive additional promotional support from EAA, and be given two weekly passes for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024!

[EMAIL JIM](#)

Believe me, **this is huge**, so get out there and shake the trees to see how many prospects we can sign up! Participants will view a short presentation prepared by EAA National, and be given an opportunity to take an Eagle Flight with a Chapter volunteer pilot!

Accordingly, **we will need members to fly our Eagles**, so we are soliciting **volunteer pilots** from within and outside our chapter. **Experienced Young Eagle pilots** are already familiar with what this entails, so if you are in this group, please consider volunteering:

I would sincerely appreciate it! ~Jim



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512 Hangar Cleanup Day



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Air Venture July 22-28, 2024



Whitman Field is home to the "The World's Busiest Control Tower" at OSH! We book a Chapter campsite each year, and have an amazing time camping together and bonding as a group. The location of our campsite is always in a premier spot, with no need to spend precious hours on a school bus.

Please contact Judi Gordon to indicate your interest in camping with us, and for help with coordinating logistics, should you need it!

[EMAIL JUDI](#)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN, CONT'D.

In addition to our flying activities, I am pleased to remind you that our first Saturday monthly **pancake breakfasts** started up again in April. These breakfasts have always been a fantastic way for us to come together as a community, share stories, and fuel up before taking to the skies. Make sure to mark your calendars and join us for some delicious food and great company.

Furthermore, I am excited to announce that we have lined up some very **interesting speakers** for our upcoming April and May meetings. These speakers will be sharing their expertise and insights on various topics related to aviation, providing us with valuable knowledge and inspiration. I encourage all members to attend these meetings and take advantage of this opportunity to learn from industry experts.

As mentioned in the March general meeting we are looking for ideas to celebrate our **50th anniversary** of the chapter in June during our pancake breakfast. If you have any suggestions, ideas, or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the executive committee. Together, we can make this flying season and our club activities truly memorable.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Let's make this season one to remember!

~Tim Sullivan



SPOT AN ERROR?
PUBLICIZE AN EVENT?
SHARE A STORY OR PIC?
CONTACT EDITOR BEKI PARKS
SUBMISSIONS DUE BY THE 5TH

Aircraft of the Month

Vought F4U-1D Corsair

ALCO 12

ALCO 12



“Whistling Death”

Stats

Manufacturer:
Vought Aircraft Company

Physical Description:

R-2800 radial air-cooled engine with 1,850 horsepower, turned a three-blade Hamilton Standard Hydromatic propeller with solid aluminum blades spanning 13 feet 1 inch; wing bent gull-shaped on both sides of the fuselage.

By V-J Day, September 2, 1945, Corsair pilots had amassed an 11:1 kill ratio against enemy aircraft. The aircraft's distinctive inverted gull-wing design allowed ground clearance for the huge, three-bladed Hamilton Standard Hydromatic propeller, which spanned more than 4 meters (13 feet). The Pratt and Whitney R-2800 radial engine and Hydromatic propeller was the largest and one of the most powerful engine-propeller combinations ever flown on a fighter aircraft.

Charles Lindbergh flew bombing missions in a Corsair with Marine Air Group 31 against Japanese strongholds in the Pacific in 1944. This airplane is painted in the colors and markings of the Corsair "Sun Setter," a Marine close-support fighter assigned to Marine Fighter Squadron VMF-113 in July 1944.

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FLEDGLING GROUND SCHOOL

Do you know any 11-14 year-olds interested in aviation??



Jake Hakala helps out drawing our runway for the day.

EAA 512 Treasurer Judi Gordon, holds a mini "Ground School" for kids passionate about aviation, but still just a bit too young to start official lessons.

Topics are taught at an age-appropriate level, and are engaging and interactive. Meetings are held quarterly at Judi's home in Cameron Park @ O61. Lessons are followed by snacks and an aviation-related movie.

This quarter's topic was "Traffic Pattern and Comms" - twelve attendees turned a gray day into an entertaining, educational afternoon with Judi!

The next Fledgling Ground School is scheduled for Sunday, July 7.

For more information, contact Judi at ea512pvf@gmail.com





**Please Volunteer,
We need YOU!**

- GRANT/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
- PILOTS FOR FLYING START
- PILOTS FOR YOUNG EAGLES

VOLUNTEER

● LIVE

BREAKING NEWS

DONATE YOUR RECYCLED CANS AND BOTTLES! DROP OFF AT THE GENERAL MEETING OR CONTACT US AND WE CAN GET YOU IN TOUCH WITH HAL STEPHENS.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF A BBQ FOR OUR CHAPTER PICNICS STARTING THIS APRIL...
IF YOU HAVE ONE TO DONATE, PLEASE LET US KNOW**

JOIN JUDI GORDON FOR \$500 BREAKFAST CLUB AT JUDI'S HOUSE IN CAMERON PARK - THIS REPLACES THE FORMER ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP

If you would like to post an event to the attention of our membership, please contact Jim Pinkowski or Michael Zwijacz: eea512pvf@gmail.com

Please send ideas for future fly-outs to Jim Pinkowski



Apr
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First Pancake Breakfast of 2024!



California Capitol Airshow

The California Capital Airshow will take to the sky over Mather Field this year on **July 13-14** during the traditional summer vacation period well before the school year begins for aspiring future aviators and their families! The CCA is pleased to host the only west coast appearance of the aerobatic team many consider to be the best in the world.

The Frece Tricolori, also known as the “Tricolour Arrows” in English, are officially designated as the 313° Gruppo Addestramento Acrobatico, Pattuglia Acrobatica Nazionale (English translation: 313th Acrobatic Training Group, National Aerobatic Team). It has been 30 years or more since the last time this unit extensively traveled abroad and this is a rare opportunity to enjoy something truly different. They are a 10 jet team trailing red white and green smoke trails in the national colors of Italy.



Please note that admission gates will open each day at 3 PM and the show will extend through the twilight hours and well into darkness with spectacular nighttime pyrotechnics! Accordingly, airshow **Fly-In accommodations will not be provided this year** as festivities may end as late as 10 PM during non-towered field operations. Apologies in advance to all who enjoy arriving by air, the fly-in is scheduled to return for the show in 2025.

Please convey your questions or concerns to Jim Pinkowski, who is as surprised as you are.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

Wed, 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picnic 6pm; General Meeting & Presentation, 7pm @ KPVF. <p>Speaker: Juan Carlos Devilla, Flight Surgeon</p>
Sat, 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt-a-Highway, 8:30am @ Cameron Park McDonald's
Sun, 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movie Night, 6pm @ Gordon's Home, O61

The 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month are **Historical Aircraft Display Days**, 8am-12pm @ KPVF *



MAY

Sat, 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pancake Breakfast 8-11am @ KPVF
Tues, 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMC/VMC Club Meeting with Wings credit! 7pm @ KPVF
Wed, 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting, 6pm @ KPVF
Mon, 13	13 - 18 EAA Learn to Fly Week
Wed, 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picnic 6pm; General Meeting & Presentation, 7pm @ KPVF. <p>Speaker Needed! Please submit ideas</p>
Sat, 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flying Start @ KPVF - ages 18 & up Adopt-a-Highway @ Cameron Park McDonald's
Sat, 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come Fly with Me! (TBD)

JULY

Tues, 02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMC/VMC Club Meeting with Wings credit! 7pm @ KPVF
Sat, 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pancake Breakfast 8-11am @ KPVF
Sun, 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fledgling Ground School, 1pm @ Gordon's home, O61
Wed, 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting, 6pm @ KPVF
Sat, 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500 Breakfast Club, 8:30am @ Gordon's home, O61 13 & 14: California Capital Airshow @ KMHR *
Wed, 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picnic 6pm; General Meeting & Presentation, 7pm @ KPVF. <p>Speaker: Dale Kral, Workshop Usage & Rules</p>
Mon, 22	22 -28 AirVenture 2024 @ OSH *

JUNE

Sat, 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50th Anniversary of EAA Chapter 512 Pancake Breakfast 8-11am @ KPVF
Tues, 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMC/VMC Club Meeting with Wings credit! 7pm @ KPVF
Wed, 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting, 6pm @ KPVF
Sat, 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt-a-Highway @ Cameron Park McDonald's
Wed, 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picnic 6pm; General Meeting & Presentation, 7pm @ KPVF. <p>Speaker: Jason Miller - The Finer Points</p>
Sat, 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come Fly with Me! (TBD)
Sat, 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Eagles @ KPVF