



# THE STROBE EAA 512



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



Google Maps

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

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.

“ It is a little known fact that even Santa must keep his pilot's license current in order to make his deliveries every year. ”

~ Experts of r/flying

Looking for some light reading? Maybe some inspiration for your project?

[CHAPTERS.EAA.ORG/EA512/PROJECTS/MEMBERS-BUILDERS-LOG](https://www.chapters.eaa.org/ea512/projects/members-builders-log)

Catch up on our Members Builder's logs!



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



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Dear EAA Chapter 512 Members,  
As we close the chapter on its 50th remarkable year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support and involvement from every one of you. It has been an absolute honor to serve as your chapter president, and this year's successes would not have been possible without the efforts of our dedicated volunteers.

Our members' active participation, the tireless work of our committee chairs, and the commitment of our volunteers have been the driving forces behind keeping our chapter vibrant and thriving. From organizing events to running programs, your contributions have ensured that Chapter 512 continues to be a community we're all proud to be part of.

~ **TIM SULLIVAN**

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### THANK YOU, 2024 BOARD!

**President** Tim Sullivan

**Vice President** Jim Pinkowski

**Treasurer** Judi Gordon

**Secretary** Rob Bulaga

**General Directors**

Audrey Brand,  
Sean Conley-Widing

### ELECTION RESULTS

- **President** Rob Bulaga
- **Vice President** James Johnson
- **Treasurer** Judi Gordon
- **Secretary** Beki Parks
- **Directors at Large**  
Sam Garcia, Jason Clapson







# Holiday Party

## SETUP

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### CALLING ALL ELVES!

We're gearing up for a jolly holiday party, and we need a few extra hands to make it a truly magical event! If you're up for some festive fun and a dash of holiday cheer, we'd love to have you join us on Tuesday, December 17 at 6pm

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What's in it for you?

- Keep warm with Hot coffee and delicious treats
  - Enjoy laughs and camaraderie with friends
  - The satisfaction of making a difference
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What can you expect?

- Sprucing Up, light cleaning
- Setting up decorations: We'll need some festive hands to help decorate the space and create a magical ambiance.
- Setting up seating and table space



EAA 519

# HOLIDAY PARTY



DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 pm

★ WHOLE SMOKED TURKEY  
Courtesy of Tim

PLEASE BRING A SIDE OR  
DESSERT TO SHARE

★ Activities

GIFT EXCHANGE  
Optional - \$25 or less

No charge to attend, but  
donations gratefully accepted

★ RAFFLE  
KICKOFF!

See next pages





# 2025 RAFFLE

Enter  
to Win

This year, EAA 512 is hosting a raffle with some very special prizes!



5 items are being offered - Al Herron's leather jacket, two pieces autographed by Bud Anderson, a framed, signed Freccce Tricolori Poster, and a beautiful airplane-themed quilt!



TICKETS \$10 EACH  
OR 11 FOR \$100

WILL BE SOLD AT VARIOUS  
CHAPTER EVENTS IN 2025

See the next  
pages for more  
prize details!

2 SEPARATE DRAWINGS WILL  
OCCUR: NOV 10 AND DEC 17





# NOV 10, 2025 RAFFLE

## Item # 1 - Al Herron's Leather Jacket

Around 15 years ago, EAA offered a special one-year program allowing each chapter to purchase a unique leather coat. While the program initially limited chapters to a single coat, our then-president's efforts secured three for our chapter. These coats, with a retail value of \$900 each, were raffled off as a major fundraiser. The lucky winners were Tim Sullivan, Bob O'Hara, and Al Herron. Sadly, January 2025 will mark the second anniversary of Al's passing. His widow, Gail Herron, has generously donated his coat back to the chapter for another raffle, giving someone new the opportunity to enjoy this special piece.

**TICKETS \$10 EACH  
OR 11 FOR \$100**

**IN HONOR OF AL,  
WE WILL RAFFLE  
THIS ITEM ON WHAT  
WOULD HAVE BEEN  
HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY,  
NOVEMBER 10, 2025**



**Proceeds will benefit the General Fund**





# DEC 17, 2025 RAFFLE

## Item # 2 - Signed bottle of Old Crow

This is a truly unique piece of aviation history: a bottle of Old Crow whiskey, signed by none other than WWII triple ace Bud Anderson! Anderson, former EAA 512 President and legendary pilot, famously flew his P-51 Mustang named "Old Crow," throughout the war. This bottle is a rare collectible, connecting the iconic whiskey brand with one of its most famous namesakes and a true American hero. Don't miss your chance to own this extraordinary piece of memorabilia!



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OR 11 FOR \$100



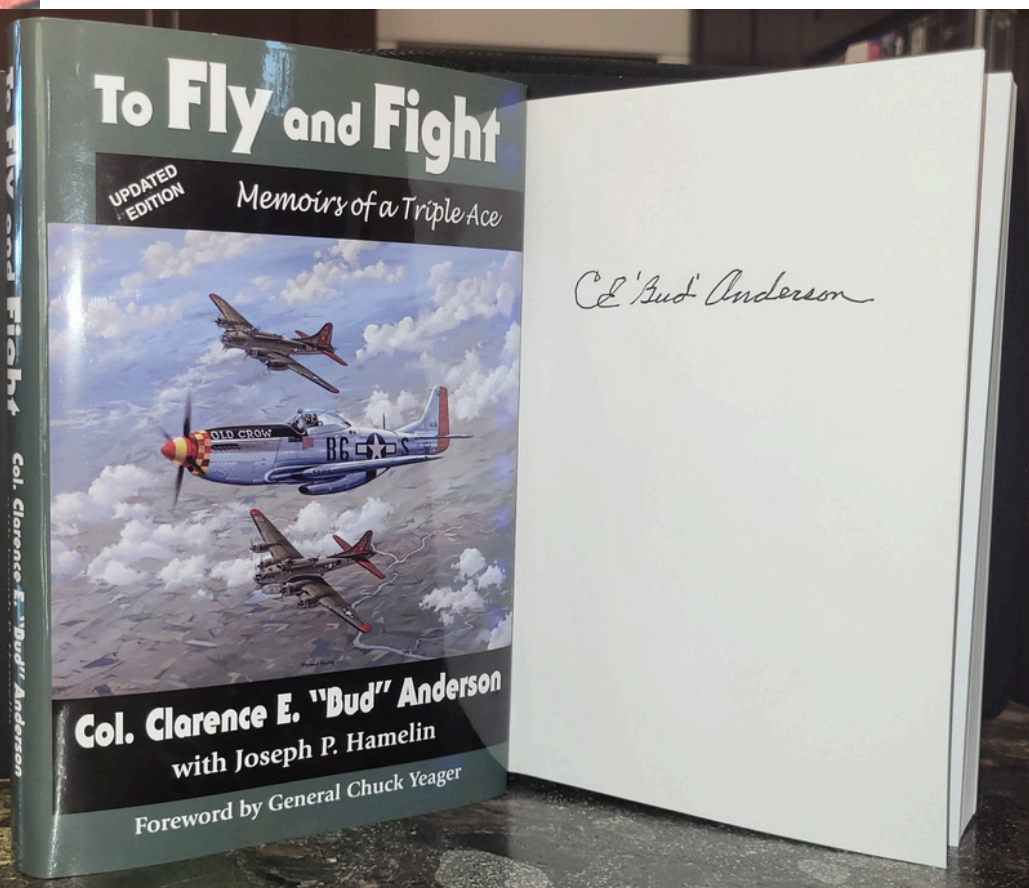
Proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund



# DEC 17, 2025 RAFFLE

## Item # 3 - Autographed Bud Anderson autobiography

Buy a ticket for a signed copy of "To Fly and Fight," the gripping autobiography of WWII triple ace Bud Anderson.



Through his own words, Anderson recounts his daring exploits flying the iconic "Old Crow" Mustang. This signed edition is a prized addition for the bookshelf of any aviation aficionado.

TICKETS \$10  
EACH OR 11  
FOR \$100

Proceeds will  
benefit the  
Scholarship Fund







# DEC 17, 2025 RAFFLE

## Item # 4 - Autographed Frecce Tricolori Poster

This artfully framed and matted poster commemorating the 2024 Capitol Airshow has been signed by the entire legendary Frecce Tricolori aerobatic demonstration team of the Italian Air Force! This isn't just a poster; it's a piece of aviation artistry, capturing the thrilling spectacle of one of the world's premier aerobatic teams. Imagine owning a piece of history, signed by the very pilots who performed those breathtaking maneuvers in the skies above.

**TICKETS \$10  
EACH OR 11  
FOR \$100**



**A unique opportunity to own a  
lasting piece of airshow magic!**



**Proceeds will benefit the General Fund**





# DEC 17, 2025 RAFFLE

## Item # 5 - Airplane-themed Quilt

This delightful piece features a playful pattern of little airplanes soaring across a sky-blue backdrop with little puffy clouds. The cheerful design is complemented by a classic striped backing, adding a touch of timeless style. But don't let the whimsical design fool you – this is a quilt of exceptional quality. The carefully chosen fabrics are soft yet substantial, promising warmth and comfort. The binding, that crucial edge finishing, is expertly sewn with a clean and professional finish that will withstand years of use.

And don't let its charming appearance deceive you about its size: this is a generous **80"x80"** quilt – perfect for snuggling up on a full-size bed, draping over a smaller one, or even using as a cozy throw on the couch.

**TICKETS \$10  
EACH OR 11  
FOR \$100**

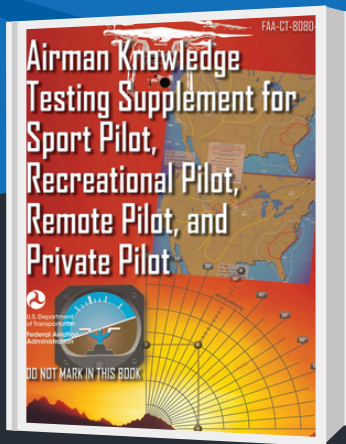


**Proceeds will benefit the General Fund**



# PRIVATE & SPORT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

→ Led by Jeff Selling



## This course is intended to prepare you to take the FAA Written Exam

Week 1, January 11th, will be an orientation and then a short introduction to basis aircraft nomenclature. Followed by an opportunity to get up close and personal with several of our members aircraft.

We want both the person new to aviation, as well as those of you who have already started preparing for the FAA Written Test, but need some help crossing the finish line.

Materials are your responsibility.

There is no tuition. But understand that we are an all volunteer staff for a non-profit and would appreciate a donation of your choosing.

### Details

- ✓ Saturdays: 9:30 to 12:30 for 10 weeks, starting January 11th 2025
- ✓ Held at the EAA 512 Hangar
- ✓ These are not flight lessons

[CONTACT US TO ENROLL](#)

Please use our chapter email to communicate interest or ask any questions.

## MISSING OUR EMAILS?

If you are not receiving a monthly notice from the chapter about the general meeting and other events, please follow the appropriate procedure below if you are using one or more of these accounts.

**Gmail users:**  
check your spam folder

PC/Browser: Drag and drop this email to your "Primary" tab

Mobile: tap the 3 dots, then "Move to," then "Primary"

**Apple iCloud Mail users:**  
Add our email to your VIP list

**Outlook users:**  
Add our email to your favorites

**[eea512pvf@gmail.com](mailto:eea512pvf@gmail.com)**

TRIED EVERYTHING & STILL NO NEWSLETTER? EMAIL THE EDITOR & WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP\*

If you can spare \$5 or \$10 monthly for a latte, please instead consider becoming a monthly supporter of EAA 512!

*Truly Grateful for you.*



Thank you to our generous members for contributing to Young Eagles, to our hangar maintenance, and so much more!

\*No representation or warranty, express or implied, with respect to the completeness, accuracy, fitness for a particular purpose, or utility of these materials or any information or opinion contained herein. Consult your physician if symptoms persist.

# EAA 512 IMC/VMC Club Meeting

Join Bill Scanlon for Aviation Safety Analysis and "What Would You Do?"

Our Aviation Safety Analysis for discussion include the following: Human Factors for Pilots - Situational Awareness, Decision Making, Threat and Error Management and Design Automation. This is an audience participation event. After a brief Audio/Video presentation we ask "What Would You Do"? Everyone is encouraged to join in the discussion. Videos depicting actual flights that encountered challenges are chosen from a library provided by EAA .

**Pilots of all skill levels are encouraged to attend.**

To view further details and registration information for this seminar, [click here](#).





## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN, CONT'D.

I also want to extend my deepest appreciation to our **2024 Board of Directors** for their hard work and dedication. Their leadership and guidance have been **invaluable** throughout the year.

As we look ahead, I am excited to welcome the new Board for 2025. Let us show them the same unwavering support, enthusiasm, and teamwork that have defined this chapter. Together, we can make the coming year even better, building on the foundation we've worked so hard to create.

Thank you for making this year so memorable. Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

Blue skies and happy flying,

**Tim Sullivan, President,  
EAA Chapter 512**

## SCHOLAR UPDATE



**Sam Garcia**  
is 512's  
newest  
Private Pilot!



# The \$500 Breakfast Club

Please join us  
8:30am December 21  
RSVP to Judi Gordon

We're bringing together aviation enthusiasts to raise funds for EAA Chapter 512. Together, we'll support hangar maintenance, fund scholarships, and plan unforgettable activities and events.

Come hungry and ready to contribute! Enjoy a delicious potluck brunch while sharing your creative fundraising ideas.

## FLEDGLING GROUND SCHOOL



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.

To join us for the next session on January 5 at 1pm,  
contact Judi at [ea512pvf@gmail.com](mailto:ea512pvf@gmail.com)





**Please Volunteer,  
We need YOU!**

- GRANT/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
- GROUND SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS & HELP
- PILOTS FOR YOUNG EAGLES
- PANCAKE BREAKFAST COORDINATOR

**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.

**THANK YOU MARK EVON FOR DONATING A BBQ GRILL FOR OUR CHAPTER PICNICS!!!! WE APPRECIATE YOU SO MUCH!!**

**WANTED: Charts**

Please donate your RECENTLY expired San Francisco VFR Sectional charts and spare Navigation plotters for our upcoming Private/Sport Pilot Ground School starting in January  
Contact: Jeff Selling

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

**NOW ACCEPTING MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE STROBE!**  
DO YOU HAVE AN AIRPLANE TO SELL? PARTS THAT YOU WANT TO BUY? HOW ABOUT A YARD SALE, BIRTHDAY WISHES, OR PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS?  
CONTACT US FOR PRICING

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO POST AN EVENT TO THE ATTENTION OF OUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT JIM PINKOWSKI OR MICHAEL ZWIJACZ:  
[EAA512PVF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EAA512PVF@GMAIL.COM)

MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS, BOTH BOARD AND CHAPTER, ARE ON THE [WEBSITE UNDER "CHAPTER MISC"](#)

  
Please send ideas for future fly-outs to **Jim Pinkowski**



# Chapter dues for 2025 have increased to \$30 per calendar year *There are several ways to pay!*

## Check:

Make payable to EAA 512 and mail to:  
**Chapter 512 Treasurer**  
3204 Western Dr.  
Cameron Park, CA 95682

## PayPal:

<https://www.paypal.com>  
</paypalme/EAA512>

## Venmo:



As a reminder, you must be a member of EAA National to be a member of local Chapter 512.

[Click here to become a member of EAA National](#)



# 2025 Calendars are in

Buy yours at a Chapter event today-

Only \$20, proceeds go towards 512's General Fund



# CHAPTER 512 MERCH

- Chapter 512 Iron-On Patches \$5/ea.
- Chapter 512 "Baseball Style" Hats\* \$20/ea.
- Chapter 512 Insulated Travel Mugs \$30/ea.

**Supplies are limited so don't wait, order today!**

**Email Chapter 512 Merchandise Sales at [caa512pvf@gmail.com](mailto:caa512pvf@gmail.com)**



## WEAR YOUR LOGO WITH PRIDE!



### \*\*\*\* Chapter 512 Logo Shirts \*\*\*\*

- Men's Long Sleeve Shirt\* (XL) \$30/ea.
- Men's T-Shirt w/o Pocket\* (XL) \$20/ea.
- Men's Polo Shirt w/ Collar\* (L) \$40/ea.
- Men's T-Shirt w/ Pocket\* (XL, L & M) \$25/ea.
- Women's V-Neck Shirt\* (XXL, XL, L & M) \$20/ea.
- Youth T-Shirts\* (L, M, & S) \$15/ea.

\* Various colors available



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DECEMBER

Tues, 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holiday Party setup, 6pm @ KPVF</b></li> </ul>
Wed, 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EAA 512 Holiday Party 6pm Doors open for Social Hour, 7pm Dinner. @ KPVF</b></li> </ul>
Sat, 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>\$500 Breakfast Club, 8:30am @ Gordon's home, O61</u></li> </ul>

## FEBRUARY

Sat, 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF</u></li> </ul>
Tue, 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>IMC/VMC Club meeting @KPVF</u></li> </ul>
Sat, 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF</u></li> </ul>
Wed, 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 512 Board Meeting, 6pm</li> </ul>
Sat, 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>\$500 Breakfast Club, 8:30am @ Gordon's home, O61</u></li> <li>• <u>Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF</u></li> </ul>
Wed, 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Meeting, 7pm @ KPVF.</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation: Richard Dilbeck, FAA DAR</b></p>
Sat, 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF</u></li> </ul>

## JANUARY

Sun, 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Fledgling Ground School, 1pm @ Gordon's home, O61</u></li> </ul>
Tue, 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>IMC/VMC Club meeting @KPVF</u></li> </ul>
Wed, 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 512 Board Meeting, 6pm</li> </ul>
Sat, 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF</u></li> </ul>
Wed, 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Meeting &amp; Presentation, 7pm @ KPVF.</li> </ul> <p><b>Speaker: Bob Star, Icing: a Case Study</b></p>
Sat, 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>\$500 Breakfast Club, 8:30am @ Gordon's home, O61</u></li> <li>• <u>Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF</u></li> </ul>
Sat, 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF</u></li> </ul>

Donate to EAA 512 through your workplace charitable contributions: It's easy! Just select "Hangtown Chapter 512 Experimental Aircraft Association Placerville" EIN 94-3269608

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



\* Not an EAA Chapter 512 event