

Prez Sez...

SUMMER SOLSTICE IS NEAR!

Just a few days to the longest day of the year, June 20th is the solstice with the last light after 9 PM. It is June already as I write this article. I wonder "does anyone read it?" It is my job as president to report what is going on at the chapter. Using the analogy "If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to witness the tree fall, does it make noise? You could argue <u>NO</u>, but a lot of molecules of air get **very excited**.

With my simple scientific logic, I can tell you the reader, there is a lot of excitement at the chapter hangar even if no one reads this article. The year-long pandemic is in the rear-view mirror, masks are coming off, and people are gathering again at family-friendly chapter activities.

If the May pancake breakfast was a success, June was even better than May. We exceeded our expectations with gross revenue over \$1,300, counted 18 aircraft on the tarmac and served over 125 friends of the chapter. Chapter 512 is back with a vengeance, but if you sit at home and do not come, look what you are missing!

GENERAL MEETING

At the EAA 512 Hangar Wednesday 16th at 6pm Happy Hour, Picnic, and Meeting

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Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.

Author Unknown

Saturday, June 12, was Young Eagles Day and the chapter hosted a very successful event starting at 8 AM and running past noon. The last YE event was October 2019. We thank the many pilots and ground crew who supported the cause, and the Civil Air Patrol with a dozen cadets who escorted kids to the aircraft. We needed every pilot and aircraft to fly 44 young eagles. Nearly every type of aircraft was represented on the tarmac. In addition to the chapter pilots, Doug, Dave, Dick, Dale, Hal and John, Jodie and Larry, we welcomed three gyroplanes from Cameron Park and Lincoln: Chris Silva, Dug Smith, and Randy Ownsby. Glenn Gordon flew the Pipistrel from Cameron Park, joined by Logan Wright and Jordan Shaw from Woodland in Pipistrels, and two SR-22s from Las Vegas, Judi's brother Mike Radomsky and Albert Khavkin.

Our next chapter gathering and picnic meeting at the hangar will be this Wednesday evening, June 16. Greg Stein will give a photo travel log and debrief of his solo cross-country ferry flight across America in 30 hours in a RV-12 without an autopilot. What an adventure. Do not miss this event!

We expect good weather for the outside picnic, so plan on coming out for happy hour at 6 PM, BBQ picnic at 6:30 and the camaraderie of fellow aviation buffs, new and old. The chapter provides the meats (hamburgers and hot dogs) and the members bring a side dish or dessert. Look for more details in the Strobe or just bring what you want!

If you have not been to the hangar in a while, look at and enjoy the beautiful garden that Audrey works tirelessly to maintain and improve!

While you are at the hangar, have a look at the new stairway to the loft. The original stairs were built for mountain goats! The new stairs are

gentler. It is still a construction zone, so if you climb the stairs and Dale or Jim are working, wear a hard hat. The handrails in the loft are not yet complete.

With only 45 days remaining before the start of AirVenture, members of the chapter are making plans, exchanging contact information, planning travel arrangements, buying tickets and making reservations for accommodations. Judi is coordinating a list of members who are making the trek to Oshkosh. The chapter will reserve three campsites for tents and vehicles in an area near Paul's Woods. This is the primo spot with a short walk to the south gate near show central. If you are planning to attend Oshkosh 2021, and have not yet been in touch with Judi. please reach her judiEAA512@gmail.com.

Jim is planning a road trip in his Sprinter camper van with seats for three passengers. The middle seat on the bench will be empty and has more legroom than a Southwest 737 to Milwaukee. An early morning departure on Thur. 7/22 will put us over the drop zone on Sunday at noon, the day before the show starts. The 2100-mile journey in 3 ½ days is an adventure in itself. Interstate 80 is the fastest route to Oshkosh via Iowa City/Cedar Rapids than across the Mississippi River at Dubuque and a diagonal vector across Wisconsin. Plan to expenses for fuel, motel campground fees. A road trip is still the most economical way to travel across the country to Oshkosh.

Planning ahead is critical! If you plan to fly commercial to Milwaukee, rental cars are expensive if available and transit choices to/from the airport are very limited. Finding a ride in an Oshkosh bound GA aircraft is statistically like winning the lottery, at best a roll of the dice. You should know and trust the pilot

and plan to share expenses for fuel, motel, and car rental. Weather can always be a factor and may delay your departure/arrival or even be a cause for cancellation. If you have questions, talk to Judi and/or Jim before you finalize your plans.

Welcome to new members 2021

 Tracy Fremd, Amelia Korveziroska, Dave McClelland, Mehrdad Mehranpour, Brian Rauchfuss, Ruckman Family, Nathan West, Dr. T (Dr. Venkat Tirumala), Tiffani Shiro, and Miro Majorek.

In the Pilot Pipeline Update

- Andrew Gordon, EAA 512 Ray Scholar, scheduled his check ride this week. We wish you all the best! Just keep the blue side up and you'll be fine!
- Greg Stein, Private Pilot, Instrument, working on commercial rating. Completed solo ferry pilot coast to coast.
- Willard Mathews, Private Pilot, Instrument, Multi-engine CFI Rating, preparing for ATP.

New Scholars

- Jaeger Ruckman Congratulations 2021
 Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient
- Nathan West 2021 Sonny Atkins Scholarship
- Aidan Andrews 2021 Sonny Atkins Scholarship

Project Updates

- Neil Robinson- Moved from Folsom to Amador City in a beautiful new house with a barn to complete his RV-12.
- Jim Golding, Osprey II, Placerville
- Rob Bulaga, Fly Cart II, Folsom GoFly competition sponsored by Boeing. See January issue of Sport Aviation. Working on multiple projects with ducted propellers.

Completed Events

June 5 - Pancake Breakfast, Display Day

June 11 - Gordon's Friday movie night, Big Blue Hangar at O61, 3204 Western Dr. sponsored by Chapter 512

June 12 - Young Eagles Rally with 45 kids and 15 pilots

Upcoming Events

June 16 - Chapter Gathering at the EAA Hangar

Looking forward to seeing everyone at these events at our THRIVING EAA Chapter 512!

Mostly by Jim Wilson

General Meeting

At the EAA 512 Hangar Wednesday 16th at 6pm.

Happy hour, Picnic, and Meeting

IMC/VMC

1st Tue of the Month at 7pm

At the EAA 512 Hangar

To ensure you're on the mailing list to attend; please email or call Greg Stein.

Email: greg.stein777@gmail.com

Call: (916)862-0175

Young Eagle Rally Success!

















Thanks to our YE Pilots!

Doug, Dave, Dick, Dale, Hal, John, Jodie, Larry, Chris Silva, Dug Smith, Randy Ownsby, Glenn Gordon, Logan Wright, Jordan Shaw, Mike Radomsky















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Rob Bulaga first logbook entry

LOG BOOK

6/19/1975 First Fight: 50 years ago, on June 19th, I had my first flight in a small aircraft. It just happened to also be my first lesson. o.6 hours of dual in a Cessna 150. Best \$6 I ever spent! That's right, at the military flying club where I started, the wet rate for a 150 was \$6/hr. The instructor was another \$4/hr. \$10/hr net. 10 weeks later I passed my Private Checkride. My entire Private Ticket, including physical and my first pair of glasses (20/40 vision, but I was going for a 2nd Class medical), cost less than \$500.

Of course, to be fair, on my summer job as a lab technician I was only earning \$1.50/hr, so, \$500 seemed like a pretty large investment at the time. Add to the mix, that's also the summer I met and started dating my future wife. It was a busy summer. (a) (see top of page)

Rob Bulaga

Akrofest aerobatic competition, as spectators, of course.

Representing the chapter at the

10/10/20



Jason Brand

3/9/1909 "First flight of the Santos-Dumont N° 20 'Demoiselle', French light sport single seat high wing monoplane with a 24-hp Dutheil et Chalmers engine. The fuselage consisted of three bamboo tubes forming the primary longerons, of about 2 inches diameter, connected by oval steel tubes."

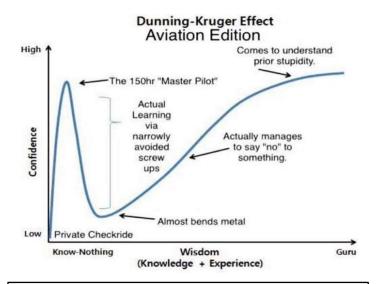




Jason Brand



Copied from Facebook post by Ron Eisner



Vultures Row Aviation Hiring Warbird Restoration Mechanic

Vultures Row Aviation is a WWII Aircraft Restoration Facility located on the airport in Cameron Park, CA. We are a company that specializes in Warbird restorations and airframe components. We are looking to hire aircraft mechanics with aircraft sheet metal experience for our Aircraft Restoration position.

We are working on restoring numerous WWII Corsairs and need to grow our employee base. We are prepared to interview immediately and hire ASAP. We have plenty of work for the next 15 years. This is a great opportunity to grow your aviation career!

We are looking for people who have 1+ years' experience fabricating airframe parts and building aircraft sub-assemblies using sheet metal tools and equipment. You will be repairing and fabricating new parts from original parts, blueprints and engineering drawings. Warbird experience is preferred. Experience with hydraulic and electrical systems, aircraft fabric, painting, or aircraft assembly or final assembly is a bonus but not required. Attention to detail is a must. A&P preferred. You must be able to bring your own hand tools to the job.

See what we do on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/VulturesRowAviation

For more information or to submit a resume, contact Carol Wahl by email at

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AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS

PLACERVILLE AIRPORT

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9AM-1PM

> JULY 3, 4 AUG 7, 8 SEPT 4, 5

Sponsored by EAA Chapter 512

SATURDAY DISPLAY HELD WITH EAA 512'S PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Owners must sign-in their aircraft for each date

Visitor sign-in

June Album



Figure 3. Placerville Airport, NE



Figure 4. Pink Rainbow over Pleasant Valley, E

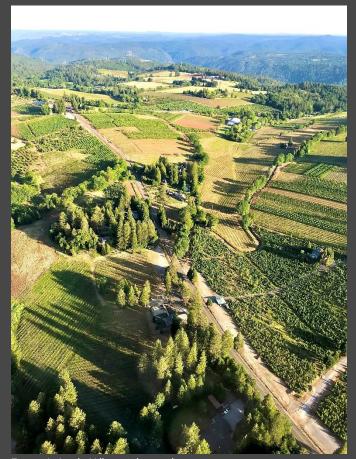


Figure 1. Apple Hill, straight out departure



Figure 2. Sutter Buttes, W



Figure 5. Curtiss B2 Condor bombers flying formation over Atlantic City, NJ, circa 1929



Figure 6. Anthony Fokker standing next to a Chrysler Airflow flanked by a Fokker F.XXXVI at Schiphol Airport, Noord-Holland, 1934

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RIDE WITH JULIE CLARK

Julie Clark has generously donated a 30-minute flight, including aerobatics, hands-on flying, and/or sightseeing to our Chapter as a fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund. This is a silent auction that will continue through our 9/15/2021 General Membership Meeting. We are hoping to provide funding to \$16,000 in this calendar year.

Bidding starts at \$700, and increases in \$50 increments. Judi Gordon is keeping track of the bid sheet. Please contact Judi at judieaa512@gmail.com to place a bid.

Please consider supporting this amazing program by making a contribution to our Scholarship Fund. If bidding on the Silent Auction is within your capabilities, that would be an amazing contribution, and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for you to boot! If not, please consider contributing any amount to the scholarship fund, you are able to. It's all relevant and it all adds up!

Judi Gordon

Editor's Notes

(therefore notable)

Add value to the newsletter; contribute your own stuff. The Strobe is produced by your content. Anyone can do it. It's easy, it's fun, it's publishable.

Email Submission [to Helen] at:

more_right_rudder@yahoo.com

EMAIL SHALL INCLUDE

- 1. **Content** (article, doc, link, image, meme)
- 2. **Title** (or I'll be creative on your behalf)
- 3. **Credit** (known or unknown)

No PDF's (no longer a new rule)

DEADLINE 3RD SUNDAY

OF EACH MONTH

(rare exceptions)

Have an article you'd like to submit but not confident about your writing skills? Free proofreading available on request.

Contact Al Herron at:

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This is your Newsletter

You've wanted to get something published in The Strobe but haven't got around to it. Whether you're daunted by the thought of writing, don't have time, or fear the editor, be hindered no more!

The first thing you oughta' know: this newsletter is made up of articles, pictures and jokes sent in by the same people who read it. And, if you enjoy this production, why not help produce The Strobe? All it takes something short, something random, something interesting, or something funny.

The second thing you oughta' know: the editor is totally cool (not because she wrote this of course). It kind of is my job to make sure your submissions appear in the newsletter with class. Don't worry about sending in perfection; this isn't TIME magazine!

Sincerely,

The Editor



SHOP AVIATION

Timeless and original aviation-themed greeting cards. 20% of the proceeds go to EAA 512, and the art is locally painted by a chapter member, Helen Brand.

Support the EAA 512 and keep in touch with friends and family this summer!

SHOP AVIATION CARDS www.ordinarypencils.com



JULY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 EAA 512 Pancakes + Display Day 8am
Independence Day Display Day 8am	5	6 IMC/VMC 7pm EAA Hangar	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 EAA 512 Board Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 EAA 512 General Meeting 6pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Student: "why don't you trust me to solo yet? I'm ready!"

Also that student:





EAA Chapter 512 Monthly Board of Directors MINUTES June 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at: __7:02___p.m. by: Jim Wilson

Board Members Present:

€ Jim Wilson, President
 € John Crocker, General Director
 € Jawe Lugert, General Director
 € Judi Gordon, Treasurer – via Zoom
 € Al Herron, Past President

€ Rob Bulaga, Secretary

Others Present:

€ John McPherson – via Zoom € Dale Kral (Tool Crib)

Business from the Floor, Changes to Agenda

Helen Brand has developed a website for selling her aviation cards, and wants to include EAA 512
as a beneficiary of the profits. She asked to advertise her cards in the Strobe. In addition, the
Board offered to put a link on chapter website to her site. The Board unanimously approved her
request.

Approval of Minutes - approved

Board Member Reports

- O Jim Wilson President
 - Very successful pancake breakfast June 5
 - Serving over 125 people, 18 airplanes flew in. Gross revenues \$1302. \$997 breakfast, \$60 gear, \$21 calendars, Helen cards \$5, donations \$201.
 - Ray Aviation Scholarship update
 - ANDREW GORDON 2020 RAY SCHOLAR
 - O Check ride was scheduled for June 26 rescheduled to this weekend. Local DPE not available. Nearest DPE is in southern Oregon, a 3 hour flight over rugged terrain, motel, check-ride, and return. Additional cost of ~\$1,400.
 - Andrew reports 1 or both aircraft at Foothills Flight Center (FFC) are being sold.
 - JAEGER RUCKMAN 2021 RAY SCHOLAR
 - Medical (2nd class) completed 6/7/2021
 - Student Pilot certificate application completed 6/7/2021 with sign-off from Kolby at FFC waiting.
 - o 250 word essay completed 6/6/2021.
 - O Draft application to National completed 6/6/21 need to attach medical and student pilot certificate in order to submit. Will go ahead and submit with what we have so far to have it in by the 6/10 deadline.

■ Sonny Atkins Scholarship awards

- Aidan Andrews awarded \$1,500 to begin flight training towards the goal of solo. He had a discovery lesson last week at FFC. We haven't yet written the check to anyone.
- Nathan West awarded \$1,500 toward completion of his private pilot certificate. He
 currently has 30 hours flight time at FFC. He was instructed he must take and pass FAA
 written to comply with Ray Scholarship requirements of taking written within 6 months
 from the beginning of flight instruction. A check was delivered to FCC for \$1,500 late May.
 If FCC closes, we need the money back!

Chapter flight simulator provided by Jim Wilson was a big success at the recent pancake breakfast and at past events. Jim gave Aiden an hour of simulator orientation before his discovery flight, which gave him a significant advantage during his first flight. He demonstrated

- he could maneuver the plane in the traffic pattern and make a good landing.
 - The center of three monitors failed and needed to be replaced. Computer technician John English brought a temporary replacement monitor and ordered a new 32 inch curved monitor to replace the three 27 inch monitors.
 - Jim purchased the flight simulator four years ago at an expense of over \$2500 and has never received any compensation for the cost. The flight simulator is listed as a chapter asset and contributes points for the chapter Silver Medal award.
 - The operating system was recently upgraded to Windows 10. Jim is asking the board to approve the expeditor for the new monitor, replace the noisy fan and Windows 10.
 Estimate the cost at \$1000. The Board has asked Jim to provide an final price before we make a motion to reimburse him for the new monitor and upgrades.

■ Chapter goals

ACHIEVED

- Major improvements to the Sitecore website
- Reopened chapter to activities in May.
- o 5/1: Pancake breakfast and Display Day
- o 5/15: Flying Start 10-12 people flown
- o 5/19: In-person membership meeting 34 people in attendance
- o 6/5: Pancake breakfast and Display Day
- o 6/9: In-person BOD meeting

ONGOING

- Grow membership (end of 2020 was 73 members). 10 new members added so far in 2021: Tracy Fremd, Amelia Korveziroska, Dave McClelland, Mehrdad Mehranpour, Brian Rauchfuss, Ruckman Family, Nathan West, Dr. T (Dr. Venkat Tirumala), Tiffani Shiro, and Miro Majorek.
- Continue planning hangar improvement projects:
 - New stairwell 95% complete.
 - Cut three risers and place risers and post to support loft. Chapter purchased material. Estimate not to exceed \$1500. Total receipts as of today are \$1469.38. Remaining work is installation of 3 posts above stairs with wire rope and rail cap. A second 2x4 needs to be installed at mid height on right side handrail going up. Tim to drill holes in posts for stairwell wire rail. Cable and hardware purchased. Jim and Dale will complete cable installation.
 - The Airport office is requesting assistance in support of operations. Volunteer forms have been submitted for Jason and Audrey Brand, Dale Kral and Jim Wilson. Airport will call volunteers when needed. Audrey submitted an application for employment and is under review by the County.
 - Study replacement of hangar Skylights with an alternative to corrugated fiberglass. For consideration is a gable type structure or a 4 x 4 flat plexiglass panel protruding above the curved metal roof. A total of six 4 x 8 panels to be replaced with five 4 x 4 skylights and one gable covered door to the west area (AKA area 51.2)
 - Remove current loft wall and rail and replace loft rail with new posts at 4 foot spacing and wire at 3.5 inch spacing.

■ UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/12: Young Eagles Rally: Young Eagle Flight first event in 20 months on June 12. 43 kids have signed up, 42 confirmed as of today. This may be our largest YE event ever. 16 pilots with 15 aircraft, with another 3 on display (Pipistrels) who will probably not have their background check ready in time. 2 to 3 rides per pilot.
 - The Board discussed how we will handle up to 15 aircraft launching per period. Jim Pinkowski has developed a detailed plan for safety and launching.

O Jim Pinkowski – Vice President

■ 6/12: Young Eagles Rally

- Our scholars: Jaeger Ruckman, Nathan West, and Aidan Andrews will to marshall aircraft. Andrew Gordon will be in Oregon for his checkride.
- CAP cadets will walk YE's to the plane along with 3 pieces of paper: 1) Waiver, 2)
 Certificate, & 3) Logbook. The waiver must be signed prior to flight, and <u>must remain</u> on the ground. CAP cadets will return waiver to Judi. Certificate to be signed and log book to be filled out after flight and given to kid.
- Tracy Fremd will take pictures of pilot with YE and certificate. She needs to be safety briefed.
- Audrey Brand will attend and be available to greet parents and kids.
- Brandon Brown is planning to attend and may operate the flight simulator and greet parents and kids.
- **General Meeting Guest Speakers** Greg Stein will report on his adventures ferrying an RV from California to Maryland.

Judi Gordon – Treasurer, Membership

- Banking account balances as of 05/30/2021:
 - Cash and checks on hand: \$2,378.10
 - Chase Checking # 6001: \$15,950.32 (\$8,497.10 of the total is earmarked for scholarship funds of which \$1,500 is earmarked for Aidan Andrews)
 - Chase Savings # 8668: \$2,922.29 (Airport security account held in trust. Not property of EAA 512)
 - Current total: \$18,328.42 plus \$2,922.29 in Airport Security Account.
- 3 new members: Dr. T (Dr. Venkat Tirumala), Tiffani Shiro, and Miro Majorek
- About 22 members still unpaid

Committee Report: Fundraising – Judi Gordon

- O Julie Clark silent auction 30 minute flight \$700 starting bid with auction ending 9/15. We have no bids yet after Flying Start and Pancake Breakfast. If there is still nothing after 6/12 YE event, we will change to raffle tickets at \$50/each refundable until we accumulate \$700. Need to register with the state of California to hold the raffle.
- Need other silent auction items.
- Need a fundraising committee. Need to ask for more volunteers at General Meeting. Tracy Fremd may be willing to help out.
- O John Crocker mentioned the possibility of creating a Trust Fund whose interest could support Chapter activities. Auburn businesses have contributed to their Trust Fund.

o AirVenture 2021 Planning: Judi Gordon

- o 17 people attending so far, with 12 camping and 5 staying in hotels or camper vans.
- We need to book Chapter campsites the Board recommends 2 campsites. We have 9 tents so far.
 Motion was made and approved to allow EAA 512 to initially cover the cost of the campsites, and then bill each person their proportional share to be paid back to the chapter.
- We need to submit our application for the pancake breakfast lottery. We have 13 PB volunteers so far. The Board made and approved a motion to have Judi follow up on this.

o Committee Report: Scholarship - Dave Lugert, John Crocker, Jim Wilson, Judi Gordon

■ Still on the table is up to \$2,500 of scholarship fund to Andrew Gordon upon successful completion of his checkride.

New Business

• There is renewed interest in some of our members creating a Flying Club. If you are interested contact Jim Wilson.

o Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

 Glenn and Judi Gordon are hosting an EAA 512 movie night on Friday night, 6/11 at their hangar in Cameron Park. All invited including EAA 512, Vegas pilots who are flying in for YE, and the Cameron Airpark community. Very good turnout expected. Someone please bring the donation container.

Meeting adjourned at <u>9:10</u> p.m. by: Jim Wilson