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EAA 512 Placerville

June 22

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GOAL: 100% SUCCESS RATE

On May 28, "Top Gun Maverick", the sequel to the original "Top Gun" (debuted May 21, 1986), played in all the theaters 36 years after the original movie. Top Gun inspired a lot of young men and women to follow a path of military flight training as a fighter pilot or WSO. In 1986, it was the Navy F-14 Tomcat. In the latest version, it is the F/A 18 Hornet and Super Hornet. Tom Cruise, now 60-year-old, as a Navy Captain (O-6) who was passed over but called into action to train young Navy and Marine Corp pilots, including a woman, for an impossible attack mission into enemy territory.

At the time of the first Top Gun, I was a Navy lieutenant at Moffett Field in a P-3 Patrol Squadron. Our mission was to search for Soviet submarines in the Pacific. My nephew was a 10-year-old who grew up playing basketball and track. He enrolled in electrical engineering at

GENERAL MEETING

JUN 15

PICNIC 6PM
MEETING 7PM

Ya'll remember to
bring dessert or a side dish!

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Stanford University and took some flight instruction at Palo Alto. After graduation, he entered the US Marine Corp as a F/A-18 fighter pilot. He achieved his dream and did it for over 17 years. He later inspired me to get back into flying after a 45-year hiatus.

Fast forward to 2022. Tom Cruise is tasked to prepare a team of Navy/Marine Corp pilots for their difficult mission, but admitted he was not a "classroom teacher". He took his students to the beach to play football with two footballs simultaneously on offense and defense. With this "team-building" exercise, they accomplished the task and ultimately succeeded in their mission.

As the scholarship coordinator, I imagined my task, like Maverick, was to prepare the student pilots to complete their flight training in the allotted time and money.

What does it take to earn a private pilot certificate in less than a year for the \$10,000 scholarship award? Many hours of study and preparation are required. In the past two years, the chapter has awarded eight students scholarship money equally split between the Ray Scholarship and Sunny Atkins Scholarship. Our first two students, Andrew and Nathan, achieved their goals of a private pilot certificate. Five more are in the pipeline: Jaeger, Zane, Ben and Liana, and Tobias for A & P. The goal of EAA is an 80 percent success rate in the Ray scholarship program. I think the chapter goal should be 100%. How can we achieve that goal? Answer: **Through mentorship.**

While the chapter is neither a school nor a squadron, we don't see students on campus or at the hangar more than once a month. It is

chapter members who provide the mentorship. People like Judi Gordon and Dave Lugert have devoted many hours to students, in the air or on the ground. They make the difference. Students who reach out to chapter members will be rewarded with their knowledge and support. If one student falls short and fails any one of the mission critical tasks: solo, written, check-ride in the 90/180/360 days allotted, the chapter will fall below the 80% success rate, and put future scholarships at risk.

What are the expectations of scholars in the Ray program? Each student should submit a written monthly report to the scholarship coordinator to include hours of flight time, hours ground study, achievement of goals, any questions and volunteer participation. The student must allocate time for study and preparation for the check-ride.

The CFI also has a responsibility to advise the student and evaluate their readiness for the check-ride. But in the end, it is the student who must do the hard work to become a pilot. A student may demonstrate good pilot skills, but that alone will not get him or her across the finish line. A formal ground school, on-line or in a classroom, can help attain the knowledge if the student puts in the time and has good study habits.

Becoming a pilot is a wonderful goal and is fun as a recreation, but also provides great opportunity as a career choice. **Student pilots, stick with it and you will be rewarded.**

Jim Wilson

YOUNG EAGLES

JUNE 12, 2022

The Young Eagles event on June 11 was a great success with the participation of Civil Air Patrol cadets, chapter members, chapter pilots and visiting pilots. The flights started promptly at 8:30am. The last flight was at 10:30 before the density altitude got too high and the temperature above 90 degrees.

We intentionally limit the number of kids to around 35 with a 10% wait list so as not to overburden the ten pilots and aircraft. We provided water and hotdogs for \$2.00. The day before, the price of aviation fuel went to \$7.39 per gallon, the highest ever at PVF. After our expenses for food and water, we took in \$180 for the general fund. Of course, the pilots contribute their time, aircraft and fuel to make kids and parents very happy for what is usually their first ride in a small plane.

Last week, I got several calls and emails about the event. Chapter member Brian Tucker was helping a friend, Yuri, to coordinate a flight for 10-year-old Makar visiting from Ukraine. They were not able to register online, so I promised Yuri that Makar would get a flight. I matched him with Jason in the Citabria because of the tandem seating and fabulous view on both sides. It turns out Jason and Yuri work for the same company but never met in person. After



Makar's flight, Audrey traded places with Jason and flew Makar's mother, Luba.

Audrey said, "Luba had never flown in a small plane and although her English was broken, I gathered she was thrilled with the experience. Her other son and husband are not permitted to leave the country at this time and so she escaped with her younger son until things cool down and today was a helpful distraction for them. She says there is barely any general aviation in Ukraine.

"I am always intrigued by the new people I meet. It is a blessing to have these experiences and to learn from others...learned today that our country has freedoms above and beyond so many others. I pray we can keep them..."

A successful day flying 30 Young Eagles. Greg Stein flew three kids and two CAP cadets and a chapter member. And additional flights were given for parents and chapter members. It was a great day!

Jim Wilson



EAA Chapter 512 Placerville, CA Tracey Fremd

Please get your personalized magnetic name badge order in early so you'll have it in time for Oshkosh or our next pancake breakfast!
\$12.50/ea.

Text Audrey at 530-409-4468 or email to flyingchic@usa.com
Delivery is approximately 1-2 weeks.



Shasta Historical Society

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FRIDAY FUN FACT. Chet Derby from Red Bluff spent his long life in Aviation, flight instructor, pilot, crop duster and dare devil. This photo taken in the 1940's at the Market Street bridge shows him in a most incredible aerial maneuver. #ShastaCountyHistory #ShastaCounty #ShastaHistorical



MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE OVERDUE

DON'T FORGET! 2022 membership dues!

You can send a check for \$20 payable to EAA 512 to:

Zane Ruckman
3204 Western Drive
Cameron Park, CA 95682

Alternatively, you can pay by Zelle using this QR code.



We hope that we can count on your continued support!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at zaneeaa512@gmail.com

Thank you!





We still have a few EAA 2022 calendars for sale for \$21 each. These are beautiful calendars. (*that's true*)

If you are thinking "It's already April - it's a little late!" don't fret! These are actually 16-month calendars that will carry you well into 2023!

If you'd like to order a calendar, please email Judi Gordon at judieaa512@gmail.com

2022 California Capital Airshow commemorates *75'th Anniversary* United States Air Force

The 2022 California Capital Airshow commemorates the 75'th anniversary of the United States Air Force with an airshow heavily skewed toward military air power. In acknowledgment of this significant anniversary, the flight line will be filled with US Air Force assets, complimented by NATO military aircraft largely unknown to American airshow audiences. Picture a NATO country's equivalent of our Air Force One, and the B1, B2 and B52 in formation over the skies of Sacramento! That's all that can be revealed for now, but rest assured the airshow is coordinating with the US Department of Defense to make this happen, so stay tuned – it's going to be exciting! **General aviation fly-in traffic is always welcomed and encouraged**, so mark your calendar for October 1-2 and we'll see you there!!!

Notice to Pilots KSAC Sacramento Executive

The Sacramento Executive Airport control tower is currently understaffed which mandates the following operational changes.

Control tower hours of operation:

- 08:00 - 19:00 (Monday-Friday)
- 10:00 - 18:00 (Saturday-Sunday)

The following services are NOT available when there is only one controller on duty in the Control Tower at KSAC:

- Practice approaches
- Pattern Work
- Flight Following

Listen to the ATIS at KSAC prior to taxi, or before calling the control tower inbound, to hear what services are currently available.

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2022 VETERAN VINTAGE

AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS AT PLACERVILLE AIRPORT

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AUG 6, 7

SEPT 3, 4

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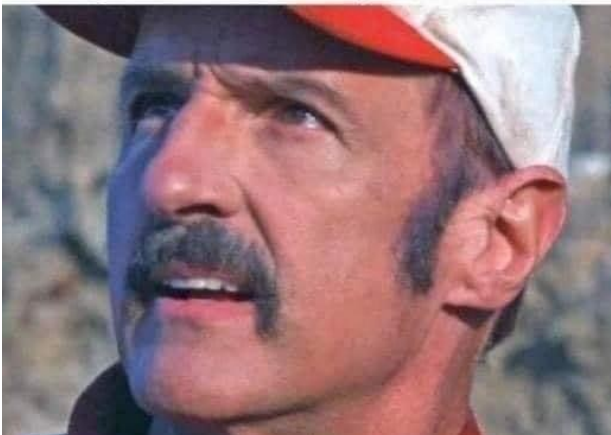
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hears helicopter in the distance
Me, stopping whatever I'm doing, for absolutely no reason



**EAA Chapter 512
Monthly Board of Directors
Minutes
May 11, 2022**

**In-person meeting, Gordon hangar, 3204 Western, Cameron Park.
Called to order at: 7:03 p.m. by: Jim Wilson**

Board Members Present:

Jim Wilson, *President*
Jim Pinkowski, *Vice President*
Judi Gordon, *Treasurer*
Rob Bulaga, *Secretary*

Dick Wampach, *General Director*
Neil Robinson, *General Director*
Al Herron, *Past President*

Others Present:

Glenn Gordon
Perry "PJ" Jensen

Dave Lugert
Tracey Fremd

Approval of Minutes -

- The minutes of the April Board Meeting were approved.
- After some discussion, it was decided that we will delay posting the minutes in the Strobe until the Board has approved them. Consequently, the May minutes will not be posted until the June Strobe comes out.

Guest Reports

- **PJ Jensen - Fundraiser**
 - Sunday June 5: Cameron Park (O61) fly in and breakfast at the Gordons, 8:00 to 11:00. Breakfast burritos will be served; \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. We will advertise this event in the Strobe and with a Chapter Blast.
 - This event will conflict with PVF Display Day, but this is the best date to schedule around other Chapter events (YE flight June 11, Oshkosh end of July)
- **Glenn Gordon - Safety/regulatory/legal concern regarding operating at O61**
 - Glenn is a member of the Cameron Park board. The C.P. board is concerned about the flight school being run out of the residential side of the airport, in violation of an FAA advisory. If we pay SN (Sierra Nevada Flight) invoices for our scholarship students, we may be complicit in this operation. We will check with EAA National for a legal clarification. In the meantime, since SN is selling their aircraft and their flight instructors are leaving, this problem may solve itself.

Board Member Reports & Announcements

- **Jim Wilson – President**
 - **May Pancake Breakfast**
 - 5/7/22: \$1,172: \$928 breakfast, \$237 donations, \$7 Helen's cards
 - Cool weather and overcast hindered incoming flights. Four aircraft flew in.
 - Served 120 paying guests and 15 staff (estimate)
 - **T-Mobile SBI Small Business Internet - Neil Robinson**
 - Neil researched various options for us to have good internet connectivity at the Hangar. T-Mobile was the best. \$50+tax per month, including hardware—in one bundled connectivity solution. High-speed internet gateway, no contract, cancel anytime.
 - The Board approved a motion for June thru October test period.
 - **Area 51.2 (Side yard improvements)**
 - We are seeking additional members for the Area 51.2 planning committee. Currently we have Jim Wilson, James Johnson, Dale Kral, and Zane Ruckman. We would like at least one more person. See Jim Wilson to volunteer.

Phase 1 - Work party June. Demolish old shed, clear area, remove old concrete and

- dispose, excavate gravel and soil and dispose at the airport, replace with fresh gravel. James Johnson offered his John Deere tractor. We will ask Jim Golding's son-in-law, Jim, for the use of his dump truck. The side area is 21ft x 36 ft. Maximum structure size from 16' x 28' to 18' x 33'.
- Phase 2 - Develop plans for replacement structure, drainage and concrete foundation. Structure options: 20' container, stand-alone steel carport, wood post and beam shed, stand-alone or connected to hangar roof.
- Phase 3 - Select and approve conceptual plan
- **Chapter Recognition**
 - The Chapter has received a GOLD award from EAA National, for being an outstanding chapter. The Gold banner has been added to our website. When the physical banner arrives, we will hang in the Hangar.
- **Movie Night**
 - On May 1st, the movie "8 Days to the Moon and Back" was shown at the Gordon's hangar. 67 people were in attendance.
- **Ray Aviation Scholarship Status**
 - Jaeger Ruckman - 2021 RAY SCHOLAR
 - Passed his written test with 85% on 3/24. Total flight time as of 5/11, 44.7 hrs.
 - Ray Foundation has released the final \$2,000, which was deposited into our account on 4/11/22. Total rental & instructor expenses to date: \$6521 or \$146/hr. Jaeger has been flying the Great Planes Cessna 150 out of Placerville and using Will Matthews for his flight instruction.
 - A motion was made and approved to pay Great Planes' invoice of \$583 for April.
 - Will Matthews invoiced the Chapter \$160 for instruction. This invoice has been paid.
 - Aidan Andrews - 2021 RAY SCHOLAR
 - Instruction began mid Nov at PVF. He flew 11.2 hrs. at PVF then moved to Cameron Park. He soloed in 26 hours. His total costs to date are estimated at \$7864 or \$179/hr.
 - Total time at the end of April estimated to be 44 hr. His monthly reports do not total flight hours.
 - Aiden passed the FAA written exam on 4/5 with a 77%. Jim received results today which are required for the written report to EAA and final payment of \$2,000 in funds. Jim will submit the online report this week.
 - Sierra Nevada has held invoices until money is available. The \$2000 may cover past due invoices. No remaining funds for additional instruction and checkride are available.
 - Checkride scheduled for 5/22. Est. cost \$1000 for DPE and aircraft.
 - Judi taking him for a flight at MCC on Sunday - will shut the engine off.
 - Ben Varozza - 2022 RAY SCHOLAR
 - The Chapter was awarded two 50/50 matching funds scholarships. We selected Ben as the first scholar. Ray Foundation paid the first \$2,000, and we matched \$2,000 from Sunny Atkins for a total of \$4,000.
 - Ben's objective is to complete flight training in 5 months, before enrolling in college in Florida in late August. As of 5/10/22 he has 10.2 hours.
 - A motion was made and approved to pay the Great Planes invoice of \$1,091 for March-April.
 - Will Matthews invoiced the Chapter \$545 for Ben's instruction. This invoice has been paid.
 - The second 50/50 scholarship is optional. We have until September to select a scholar for the October 31 deadline and to raise the funds. We have \$6,716.81 in Sunny Atkins funds available.
- **Sunny Atkins Scholarship**
 - Nathan West

- The Chapter has previously awarded Nathan \$2500 through the Sunny Atkins Scholarship.
- Nathan passed his Private Pilot checkride on 3/26/22 with 77 hours. His first 30 hours were flown at FFC.
- Zane Ruckman
 - On 2/3/2022, Zane applied for a Sunny Atkins Scholarship for his glider rating. He has been taking lessons in Judi's motorglider (\$85/hour wet + \$25/hour instructor). On 3/12, the scholarship committee voted to award Zane \$1,500. Zane soloed on 4/24/22, at 9.5 hours. He has 15.5 hours as of 5/11/2022.
 - A motion was made and approved to pay Judi Gordon's invoice of \$212.50.
- Language of the scholarship
 - The Scholarship Committee needs to meet to finalize revisions to the Sunny Atkins Scholarship. The Committee is currently composed of Jim Wilson, Judi Gordon, Andrew Gordon, and Dave Lugert.
- **Potential Scholars in the Pipeline** (see minutes from April 2022)
- **Upcoming Events**
 - May 18: Membership meeting
 - Picnic dinner and special guest presentation
 - Cancel May 28: Fundraiser Dinner to be rescheduled for the fall - Dale and Amy Kral at 6 PM. Cost per plate between \$10 and \$15. Swedish Meatballs and egg noodles, salad, garlic bread, coffee. At \$15, dessert would be included. BYOB. A flier will be available. Proceeds will support tool crib improvements.
 - June 5: Cameron Park (O61) fly in and breakfast at the Gordons.
 - June 11 YE event. Need to query available pilots and compliance with the Youth Protection Program. Check your expiration date. [EAA Chapter Member Look Up](#). We currently have 17 YE's signed up.
 - Need to set up a time for volunteers to meet/discuss. Could be a Zoom meeting.
 - July 25 - 31: AirVenture, OshKosh, WI
 - We have entered our chapter into the pancake breakfast lottery
 - We have reserved 3 campsites
 - People attending:
 - YES: Glenn Gordon, Judi Gordon, Andrew Gordon (+ 3 friends), Zane Ruckman, John Montorello, Marissa Montorello, Venkat Tirimula, Elana Khavkin, Ben Khavkin, Chris Silva, David Rucinski
 - PROBABLY: Nathan Prince (+1 friend)
 - MAYBE: Will Matthews, Tracy Bertram, Nathan West
 - PROBABLY NOT: Brand Family, Jim Wilson, Dick Wampach
 - September 10: Flying Start Event
 - We will promote the event at Pancake Breakfasts.
 - Judi has ordered marketing materials
 - Once we have the marketing materials, Zane will go talk to high schools in the area.
 - Don Bradley from Foothill has volunteered to be the required CFI at the event.
 - We still need volunteers and presenters. A sign-up sheet will be available at our General Membership meeting.
- **Jim Pinkowski – Vice President**
 - **General Meeting Presentation**

For the May 18 General Meeting, our guest speaker will be Ben Lomov. Several years ago he flew a YE flight, secured his private pilot certificate in Sacramento, purchased a Pitts Special, and became a successful aerobatic pilot and competitor. He has an entertaining, "Get to know Me" video on YouTube:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMkDQSUzSyE> This is a must watch for our scholarship student pilots!

- **Judi Gordon – Treasurer**

- Banking account balances as of 04/30/2022:
 - Cash and checks on hand: \$8,687.28
 - Chase Checking # 6001: \$16,950.72
 - Chase Savings # 8668: \$2,922.54 (Airport security account held in trust. Not property of EAA 512)

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (AS OF 04/30/2022)
SUNNY ATKINS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$14,696.81 (LR: \$1,500, BV: \$5,000 (Ray Match), ZR: \$1,480) AVAILABLE: \$6,716.81)
RAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$7,772.52 (JR: \$4,108.52, AA: \$1,864, BV: \$2,000)
OPERATING FUNDS	\$3,168.67
TOTAL	\$25,638 PLUS \$2,922.54 IN AIRPORT SECURITY ACCOUNT

Instead of reporting month-end balances, we will be transitioning to current numbers as of the Board Meeting. Our current balances are:

- Banking account balances as of 05/10/2022:
 - Cash and checks on hand: \$9,827.28
 - Chase Checking # 6001: \$14,179.97
 - Chase Savings # 8668: \$2,922.54 (Airport security account held in trust. Not property of EAA 512)

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (AS OF 05/10/2022)
SUNNY ATKINS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$14,424.31 (LR: \$1,500, BV: \$4,727.50 (Ray Match), ZR: \$1,480) AVAILABLE: \$6,716.81)
RAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$5,676.02 (JR: \$3,948.52, BV: \$1,727.50)
OPERATING FUNDS	\$3,906.92
TOTAL	\$24,007.25 PLUS \$2,922.54 IN AIRPORT SECURITY ACCOUNT

Committee Reports

- **Fundraising – Tracey Fremd**
 - Tracey has been beating the bushes getting donations to support our Chapter and our activities. She has put together a short PowerPoint presentation extolling the merits of EAA and Chapter 512, while highlighting Young Eagles and our scholarship programs. She recently made lunch presentations to the Optimist Club at Sacramento Executive Airport and to the International Rotary Club in Cameron Park. She offered 6 month free memberships at both of these events.
 - Donations:
 - \$250 from Sac Executive Airport for a Discovery flight certificate to be raffled off

- \$500 from Axis Jets
 - \$500 from Ford's Only
 - \$300 from Rick at Rag Time Aero
 - Tracey is currently looking around Placerville for other organizations to reach out to.
 - Judi is investigating a fundraising opportunity particularly aimed at our scholarship recipients: Adopt-A-Highway and Clean California have teamed up to offer a volunteer incentive of up to \$250 per month for litter cleanup events. We will likely get a roadside sign with our Chapter name/number on it. Volunteers must be age 16 or older.
- Preliminary Board actions included:
- Select a highway – We will ask for Highway 50, in or near Placerville.
 - Select a direction, Eastbound or Westbound – We're open to whatever is available
 - Select services that we're willing to provide from the list below – initially we would support Litter Removal & Supplemental Litter Removal

ADOPTION TYPE(S)			
<input type="checkbox"/> LR: Litter Removal	<input type="checkbox"/> VC: Vegetation Control ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> SLR: Supplemental Litter Removal	<input type="checkbox"/> WC: Wildflower Planting ¹
<input type="checkbox"/> GR: Graffiti Removal	<input type="checkbox"/> TP: Tree and Shrub Planting ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> SWP: "Spot" Wildflower Planting ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

¹Once a requested location becomes available, you will be required to submit work plans and a work schedule for review and approval ²Spot wildflower planting adopters do not receive a sign.

- **Membership** – Zane Ruckman
 - Currently we have 60 paid groups. Those 60 groups represent 72 members and 104 people. NOTE ON HOW WE COUNT MEMBERS: Beginning in 2020, each paid group counts as 1 (group). Each additional pilot (spouse, child) per group counts as 1 (member). Each non-pilot per group counts as another 1 (people). As an example, the Ruckmans count as 1 group (Ruckman Family), 2 members (Jaeger and Zane), and 8 people (includes Jaeger, Zane, parents, and siblings). A group with no pilots or one pilot counts as 1.
 - We have 35 unpaid groups. Zane will be contacting them, as appropriate.

Comments and Announcements

- **Dick Wampach** - Dick would like to make sure we extend a thankyou to **Andrea Carpenter**, manager of the Starbucks on Coach Lane in Cameron Park, for donating cups and coffee to our Pancake Breakfasts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. by: Jim Wilson