



EAA 512 Placerville

October 22

Prez Sez...

WHAT'S NEW?

Welcome new county airport employee, Chris Watt who joined Jeromy Gutenberg and the airport staff as airport technician. For a long time, Jeromy was the only person working both Placerville and Georgetown airports and splitting his time between the two.

It was about two years ago the county finally filled a vacant seasonal position with a part-time person, our very own Audrey Brand who is a full-time mom, shuttle driver, camp host, pilot, baker, lawn mower operator, leaf raker, gardener. Did I leave anything out? We are very proud of her and her great contributions to the chapter and the airport.

This Sunday morning, I played my role as field reporter and headed down to the airport to see what's happening. With the new hire will the hours of operation change? Hours of operation: 0800-1700 M-TH, SUN. Closed Friday and Saturday.

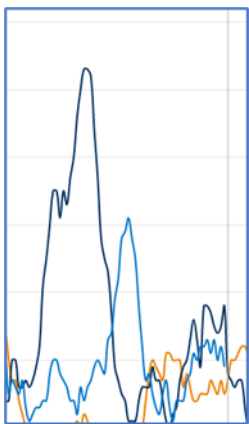
GENERAL MEETING

October 19

Picnic 6pm
Meeting 7pm

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Airport Operations: The count of helicopters on duty or standby is down to 3 from the high of over a dozen just last month. Flight Aware graph shows activity for the last 3 years. The highest blue spike shows the peak of the Caldor fire on Sept 5, 2021,

with 73 operations (landings and takeoffs) per day. The light blue spike is the Mosquito fire that peaked on Sept 15, 2022, with 48 operations. The faint vertical line on the right edge of the chart is today's date, Oct 16. The time interval on the x axis is 90 days. Beware of wake turbulence during these intervals.

During each spike, the airport was either closed or operations restricted with a control tower and closed taxiway. The strategic location of the airport is why you see these spikes. The value of the airport is severely understated by the tie-down fees charged to the federal agencies. The total bill for 2021 was just over \$10,000 and it took a year to negotiate.



De-escalation of activity and reduced operations. Picture of port-o-potty being removed from the field today. Evidence is in the tank.

The three copters with all the support vehicles, trailers, fuel trucks, occupy the entire east A ramp.

Chapter Membership: Unofficial Chapter membership listed on MailChimp at the beginning of the year was 118. Today membership has grown to 146. While that is an impressive gain, new members need to be visible. Come out to the next chapter meeting and introduce yourself. Tell us a brief story of why you are passionate about aviation or joined the chapter.

Last Picnic of the season: This Wednesday Oct 19, we hold our last picnic on the patio at 6 PM, meeting at 7. Bring a side dish, a warm jacket or step inside the hangar for warmth.

Election of Officers, Directors, and Coordinators: The chapter is required to hold an election and publish the slate of candidates each year. This is also your chance to write-in a name, to nominate someone you would like to see on the board. It could even be your name! Or think about it for next year. A position on the board is how you can contribute and perpetuate the life of the chapter 512 and the spirit of aviation.

Slate of Candidates:

- A slate of candidates for our Chapter officers is being put together. All incumbent officers are willing to serve again next year.
- Now the slate is complete, Jim will send out ballots via MailChimp on election day November 8th. Votes must be in by the 16th. We will tally the results and announce at the November General Meeting on the 16th.

NEW CFI for C150: Cindy Ashmead is an RN at Marshall, CFI, CFII, owes a C-182, tenant of the airport and gives flight reviews. She is a dedicated instructor and great mentor for young aspiring student pilots. She brought in a new student, Vanessa Densmore, who started her first lesson last week in my C-150.

| Position | Slate | Non-elected |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|
| President | Jim Wilson | |
| Vice-President | Jim Pinkowski | |
| Treasurer | Judi Gordon | |
| Secretary | Rob Bulaga | |
| Director at Large | Dick Wampach | |
| Director at Large | Neil Robinson | |
| Strobe Editor | | Helen Brand |
| Webmaster | | Jim Wilson |
| Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator | | Jim W, Neil R, Judi G |
| Young Eagle Coordinator | | Jim W, Jim P |
| Membership | | Sam Garcia with Jim W support and training |
| Fundraising | | Tracey Fremd |
| Tool Crib | | Dale Kral |
| Pancake Breakfast coordinators | | Jim W, Dale K |

New Ray Aviation Scholar: Sam Garcia of Placerville graduated from high school last year and is attending Folsom Lake College studying mechanical engineering. He was selected by the chapter board for the 50/50 matching fund scholarship. He will start flight lessons in November and should earn his private pilot certificate by next summer.

Adopt-A-Highway: We expect to start the program in November after we meet with the area supervisor and receive the requisite training. The chapter is assigned the section of Highway 50 between Exit 34 and Exit 36, that is between Cambridge Road and Cameron Park Road in both directions. If you want to volunteer for the program, contact Judi to get on the list. A 15-minute training video is required. Our plan is to meet one Saturday per month at McDonalds, usually the 3rd weekend, and begin walking the shoulder facing traffic at 9AM . A dozen people will split into two groups and spend about two hours collecting litter. For our efforts, the chapter will earn \$500 per month. This is a 5-year

contract. We currently have 24 people not counting spouse on the list. We can make this fun and rewarding by taking those earnings to build our scholarship and hangar improvement funds.

Holiday Party at the 512 Hangar: Save the date, Wednesday December 21. Social Hour at 5, dinner at 6. Optional gift exchange. Gift less than \$20.

Joke of the Month: What does a home builder do for breakfast when the cupboard is bare?



Egg and hot dog breakfast elevated!

Innovative!
Experimental!
But how do you hold it?

By the stick or the yoke?

Jim Wilson

Wayne Mikel

Wayne Howard Mikel, 95, Murrieta, California, "slipped the surly bonds of Earth" at home on Monday, September 5, 2022. Cremation and Memorial Tribute Wall, Murrieta Valley Funeral Home.

Wayne was born in Barnes County, North Dakota, April 4th, 1927, to Ira P Mikel and Mary E Knepp. He also lived in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Newport News, Virginia, Marietta, Georgia, Cocoa Beach, Florida, Sunnyvale California, Fremont, California Placerville, California and Murrieta, California.

In August 1944 at age seventeen, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps Reserves and was stationed in Georgia. Discharged within a year, he immediately enlisted in the Naval Aviation Cadet program with his stated goal of becoming a naval aviator. Basic flight training was at Livermore NAS, Livermore California, then Corpus Christi, Texas. During his enlistment and subsequent discharge, he attended seven colleges and universities as assigned by the Army and Navy, receiving his bachelor's degree from Tennessee Technological University.

He began his career at NACA, Langley (NASA) contemporary with "hidden figures" staff.

Lockheed Georgia offered more money and work on the prototype C-130. Wayne would go on to work thirty plus years with Lockheed on various classified projects, C 130, Polaris missile, Keyhole satellite, Outlaw Hawk and Outlaw Shark being among those programs.

Officially retiring from Lockheed, he continued work for Tiberon until his full retirement in 1983 with his stated goal of being retired longer than he worked (he made it).

He married Barbara Mikel January 9, 1982, in Las Vegas Nevada, participating in a group open cockpit aerial barnstorming flight demonstration for Activision. Wayne and Barbara continued 40 more years of flying, SCUBA diving, skiing, travel, and boating adventures from their aviation airpark home in Swansboro, Placerville, California, moving to Murrieta, California in 2021.

Wayne is survived by three children from a previous marriage: Sharon Jenkins, Marilyn Mikel Smith, Douglas Ryan, nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



He was preceded in death by Father Ira P Mikel, Mother Mary E Mikel (Knepp), Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, brother Everett Mikel, North Dakota, brother Russell Mikel, Annadale, Virginia, sister Agnes Mikel, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Edith Mette, Placerville, California, and Jill Vanderwater, St Petersburg, Florida.

Wayne was a gentleman in the truest and fullest sense of the word. He lived and enjoyed his life and family.

Your wings were ready, but our hearts were not.

Share your remembrances and photos via Murrieta Valley Funeral Home Memorial Wall

<https://gb774.app.goo.gl/v7VmV>

My brother posted and it will be open once I finish the obituary and select a picture to replace the candle.

<https://youtu.be/hchreTWk25s>

<https://youtu.be/2PsP85BwdSO>

[Marilyn's Remembrances - YouTube](#)



The Brand family returned from Dead Cow Lakebed this weekend with a dirty airplane and basically dirt saturated everything! We met lots of people from all around and even someone who flew in from Canada and another from Virginia! Tons of fun watching the STOL races but now the clean-up begins!

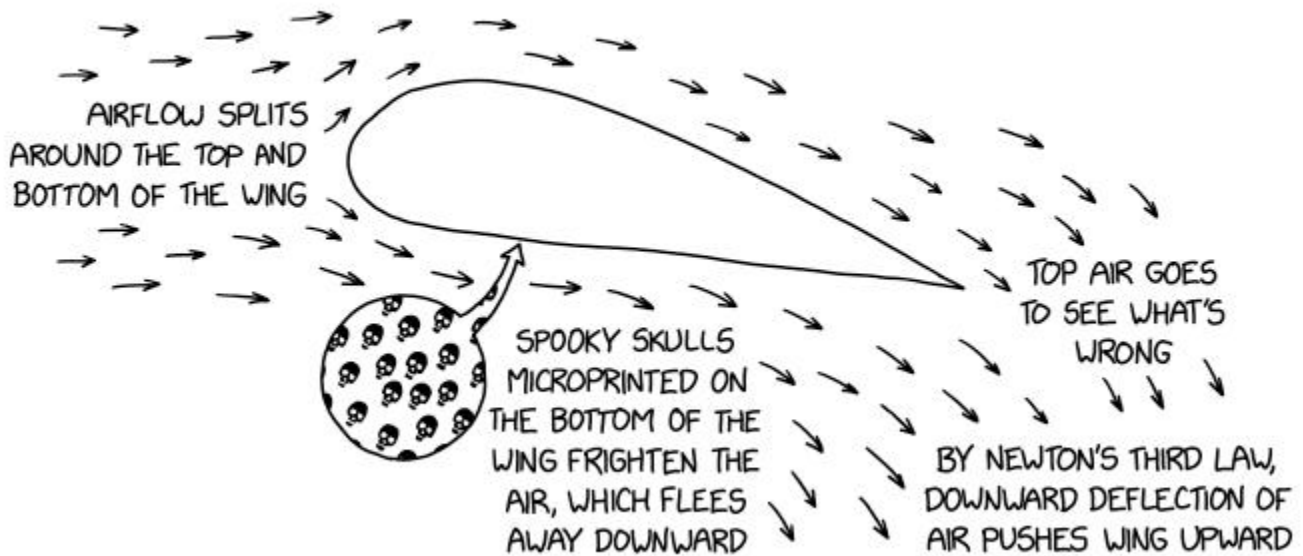


Jason at base camp



Walter and his friend Payton

HOW A WING PRODUCES LIFT



Coffee and Doughnuts

most Sundays at
KPVF FBO
sometime after 8:30am
to
sometime before lunch

Dear Reader

The newsletter is made up ENTIRELY of content submitted by YOU. If there is something you'd like to share with the membership about an airplane project, weekend flight, a joke, a pastime, photos without context, etc.—we would love to hear from you. *Don't talk yourself out of it!* Send your stuff to this easy-to-remember email address at:

more_right_rudder@yahoo.com

It's that simple.

Sincerely, The Editor

life is like a helicopter

i don't know how to operate a
helicopter

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**EAA Chapter 512
Monthly Board of Directors
Minutes
Sept 14, 2022**

**Minutes are now being
approved a month prior to
publishing*

In-person meeting, Gordon hangar, 3201 Western Drive, Cameron Park
Meeting called to order at: 6:58 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*

Others Present:

None

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for the August Board and General Meetings were approved. They will be attached to the September Strobe.

Board Member Reports & Announcements

○ **Jim Wilson – President**

- **Nominating Committee** – We still need at least 2 volunteers for the Nominating Committee. We will again ask for volunteers at the next General Meeting. All current officers and directors have agreed to serve again, if called upon.
- **Flying Start** – The Flying Start event scheduled for 9/10 was cancelled due to poor air quality. 18 attendees had been signed up.
- **Young Eagles Rally**
 - 10/8 Next YE event. 33 kids have signed up for flights and a wait list of 3.
- **September Pancake Breakfast**
 - 9/3/22: \$1,394 total: \$1,161 breakfast, \$233 donation.
 - 14 aircraft flew in
 - Served 185 paying guests and 15 staff (estimate)
- **Area 51.2**
 - Costco sells Braxton 12' x 24' Garage Shed (Do it yourself assembly. Price with discount \$4,000, curbside delivery (Folsom). valid thru 9/20/22.
 - Jim and Dale request approval of work:
 - Remove the yard of all equipment, proceed with demolition of existing shed, remove broken concrete and dispose.
 - Reroute electrical conduit inside the hangar on the west wall to a height of 7 feet to clear the new door centered in the hangar below the center skylight. Skylight will be removed and replaced with a corrugated metal panel from below. A gable roof over the door opening of 8 feet.
 - Purchase a steel exterior door and frame for installation in the west wall.
 - Purchase material, lumber and plywood or strand board for the door frame.
 - **MOTION:** Approved \$1,500 for material purchases.
- **Chapter Gear**
 - Audrey is requesting approval of funds to replenish chapter gear supply of mostly hats and shirts.
 - **MOTION:** Approved \$800 for gear replenishment.
- **Ray Aviation Scholarship**
 - **Jaeger Ruckman** - 2021 Ray Scholar, Placerville. Started 9/12/21.
 - Total flight time as of 9/1/22, 54.4 hrs.

- Total R & I expenses to date \$6985 or **\$146/hr.**
- Jaeger scheduled a checkride for 9/9/22, but DPE canceled. National is aware of the shortage of DPEs and scheduling difficulties.
- Checkride rescheduled for 9/29/22 with DPE Mark Montague. Paid \$500 non-refundable deposit from Ray Scholarship fund.
- **MOTION:** Approved Great Planes' invoice 22-026 for \$583 for aircraft and CFI Will Matthews' invoice for \$265 for August flights.
- **Ben Varozza - 2022 Ray Scholar/Sunny Atkins Scholar**
 - Chapter selected Ben Varozza as the first 50/50 scholar. Ray Foundation paid \$4,000, and we matched \$4,000 from Sunny Atkins for a total of \$8,000.
 - The objective had been to complete training in 5 months, before enrolling in college in Melbourne, FL in late August. Objective modified to complete FAA written in Florida. Ben passed the written test with a score of 92%. Jim submitted a copy of test results and completed the FAA written report to EAA for the final scholarship payment. Letter from EAA dated 9/14/22 final installment of \$1,000
 - 27.7 hours as of 9/1/22.
 - Ben will look into an EAA chapter nearby to resume flight training.
- **Sunny Atkins Scholarship**
 - Call for a volunteer at chapter meeting for a new scholarship committee member.
 - **Liana Round**
 - Total time 11.1 as of 9/14/22.
 - Will was gone part of Aug on vacation. Cindy Ashmead CFI started instruction with Liana the first week of Sept.
 - **MOTION:** Approved Great Planes' invoice 22-025 for \$132 for aircraft and CFI Will Mathews/ invoice for \$60 for August flights.
 - Funds remaining: \$1,300
 - **Zane Ruckman**
 - Total time: 17.9 as of 9/14/2022.
 - **MOTION:** Approved Judi Gordon's invoice for \$204 for aircraft for September.
 - Funds remaining: \$1,447
- **September 21 General Membership Meeting**
 - Picnic dinner at 6:00PM. General meeting at 7:00PM
- **Jim Pinkowski – Vice President**
 - **Sept 21 General Meeting Presentation** – Gill Wright will make a presentation on Advance Air Mobility; i.e., eVTOL aircraft.
- **Judi Gordon – Treasurer**
 - Our Benevity portal has been recertified. Glenn Gordon's volunteer time is now being added to our totals.
 - Banking account balances as of 09/13/2022:
 - Cash and checks on hand: \$2,146.28
 - Chase Checking # 6001: \$22,851.45 (includes **net proceeds from the Airventure pancake breakfast of \$3,186.43** including donations, deposited to our bank account on 9/13/22.)
 - Chase Savings # 8668: \$2,922.64 (Airport security account held in trust. Not property of EAA 512)

| DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT (AS OF 09/13/2022) |
|--------------------------------|--|
| SUNNY ATKINS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS | \$8,066.81 (LR: \$1,300, BV: \$1,862 (Ray Match), ZR: \$1,477) AVAILABLE: \$3,427.81) |

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| RAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS | \$4,087.50 (JR: \$2,225.50, BV: \$1,862) |
| OPERATING FUNDS | \$12,843.42 |
| TOTAL | \$24,997.73 PLUS \$2,922.64 IN AIRPORT SECURITY ACCOUNT |

Committee Reports

- **Tool Crib** – Dale Kral
 - Dale and Amy Kral will host a dinner on October 15 in our EAA hangar for \$12 per person. Proceed will be used to purchase new tools for our chapter. A flier will be available in the Strobe and at the September General Meeting.
- **Fundraising** – Tracey Fremd
 - Mae Preece used the Introductory Flight (\$250 value) with Advanced International Aviation Academy at Sacramento Executive Airport that was donated to us. She sent a very nice thank you note to us.
- **Adopt-A-Highway** – Judi Gordon
 - Jim Wilson sent out two email requests for participation from chapter members, and received a total of 22 commitments. We would like to have a pool of 25 to draw from, so that people don't need to commit to more than 4 of the 12 months each year.
 - Steps required to start:
 1. CA DOT : site review: **COMPLETED**
 2. We sign the permit applications: **COMPLETED** 8.9.22
 3. We wait to receive the encroachment permits. ← **CURRENT STEP - status report as of today: "We have not received any of our permits still. I spoke with the permits department a few minutes ago and not only are they still having issues with the new program, the analyst is behind on chain installing permits which is priority. He said he will try to work on yours this week if not, next week they will have another person to help him. I apologize and thank you for your patience. I will inform you as soon as I get it ok. Thanks again for your patience."**
 4. We complete a Safety Orientation with the Maintenance Supervisor, which includes a training video.
 5. The Maintenance Supervisor meets us at the locations to show us where to park and to show us where to leave our bags for pickup once we are done.
 6. We need to let them know 5 days prior to cleanup each month.
 7. There is a schedule of no cleanup days, which are the major holidays and the day before. It is in Google Drive.
 8. All volunteers need to have viewed the safety video and be trained on the details in the Safety Orientation. We track in Google Drive.
 9. We will receive two recognition panels, one for each direction.
 - The chapter website has an Event page with Adopt-A-Highway program details.
 - Our Scholars should participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program, going forward.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. by: Jim Wilson

**EAA Chapter 512
Monthly General Gathering
September 21 2022
Minutes**

Picnic at 6PM. 20 people in attendance.

General meeting called to order at 7:12 PM by: Jim Wilson. 22 people in attendance.

GUESTS/NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

- Guest speaker – Gill Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Young Eagles**
 - The YE event scheduled for Oct 8 is full, with 33 kids signed up, a waitlist of 3, and a waitlist for the waitlist.
 - 6 pilots have confirmed their participation. We would like a couple more.
 - The next YE event will be in June next year.
- **Scholarship Updates**
 - **Sunny Atkins Scholarship**
 - **Zane Ruckman** - continues instruction in Pipistrel for Glider pilot certificate.
 - **Liana Round** - 11.1 hrs. as of 9/21/22
 - **Tobias Klein** – continues A&P study at Sac City College
 - **Ray Aviation Scholarship**
 - **Jaeger Ruckman** - Flew 55 hours in 150 since mid Sept. Preparing for a check ride on 9/29.
 - **Ben Varozza** - Flight time 26 hrs. Soloed on 6/26 and passed the written on 9/8/22 with 92%. Enrolled in college at Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL . Ben will continue flight training in FL and engage with the local EAA chapter.
- **Oshkosh Report/Strobe**
 - Judi and Audrey wrote articles published in the Sept Strobe.
- **Adopt-A-Highway program**
 - We have 22, but need a few more volunteers to Sign-up
 - 2-mile stretch from Cambridge exit to Cameron Park exit, east and west bound.
- **Fall Fundraiser**
 - On Oct 15th Dale and Amy Kral are sponsoring a fundraiser for new tools. Details of the event can be found in the September Strobe. RSVPs are requested.

BREAK - Short break

PROGRAM

- Tracey Fremd commented on Oshkosh and Burning Man.
- Gill Wright, Chapter 52, presented on Air Mobility eVTOLs

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM by: Jim Wilson