



THE STROBE

Placerville EAA 512 Newsletter

July 2020

Prez Sez... *That's the Spirit!*

Since we can't go to AirVenture in Oshkosh this year, EAA is bringing it to us. EAA's **Spirit of Aviation Week** starts next Tuesday, July 21 and runs through July 25. It is intended to be an online, virtual version of the annual Oshkosh convention complete with interactive forums, workshops, live speakers, awards ceremonies, retrospectives, and a virtual exhibit hall with vendors and even show specials on products. Please visit <https://www.eatogether.org/> to get an overview and check out the offerings and schedule. Note that there is a feature to add any of the events on the schedule to your online calendar so you will get a timely reminder that an event is about to begin. And you won't even get winded having to run halfway across the convention grounds to get there!

Also mark your calendar for October 10th; we are planning the long-delayed celebration of the life of our late beloved friend, mentor, and Chapter co-founder, Robert "Bob" O'Hara. Details are still being worked out but it will be outside the EAA hangar starting at noon, with whatever precautions we need to take to make it safe for everyone. We'll announce more as we get closer to the date.

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

July's General Meeting will be hosted virtually via Zoom on Wednesday at 7pm. For more info on this meeting please refer to pg. 2.

For more info about Zoom, visit:

support.zoom.us



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Please join us for our virtual chapter meeting online at our usual meeting time of 7 pm, third Wednesday every month. This Wednesday will be the third month we've done this, and so far, I think it's been successful. Not as good as meeting in person, of course, but still nice to see everyone while we wait for the situation to improve. Look for a Zoom meeting invitation in your email inbox this week.

Let us know how you are adapting to the pandemic. Are you flying? Working on your plane or hangar? Working on a rating? Please take some time and send some material to Helen Brand for the newsletter – she would be very happy to get it. Photos, articles and anything else related to aviation our chapter are always welcome.

By: Al Herron

In Memory of Robert "Bob" O'Hara

I am honored to be participating in a Leukemia Cup Sailing Regatta event, benefiting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). By participating in the Leukemia Cup Regatta series, I am raising funds to help find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients and in memory of Bob O'Hara who passed away, in early 2020, of Leukemia.

You can help me win the Leukemia Cup in my area by donating to my page.

<https://pages.lls.org/regatta/gba/sanfran20/tsullivan>

Thanks,
Tim Sullivan.



Jim Wilson will be hosting the General Meeting via **Zoom** on

Wednesday, July 15, @ 7pm.

Check your email for the invitation to EAA 512's Zoom Meeting.

KPVF AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAYS

The year is half over and we've not had a display day. The property tax on vintage planes (over 35 years old) is ongoing. Do you want to pay the tax on your plane *or* do the required 12 show and display days?

I talked with George Buttles; he has no plans on re-starting display days. I will do it, this year. I expect to organize **four Sat/Sun/Mon sessions, starting in August**. If this does not work for you, feel free to go to other airports in California for your exemption. An ad will be put in the Mountain Democrat, July 22nd. And a donation will be available for you to help offset the cost of this \$25 ad.

The sign-up rosters may possibly be at EAA 512 Hangar, Dick's hangar; T-15, or Jason Brand's hangar; T-18, across from the main gate—**10:00 am to 2:00pm**.

As it looks right now, Dick Wampach will work Sat-Sun, & Jason on Mon. Forms for first-timers, and standard log-in sheets for previous users of the system. (See page 5 for more info)

By: Dick Wampach

LOG BOOK

7/9/2020 IFR flight out to KOAK from KSAC. During this flight I crossed the 100hr mark in my log book!! Just need another 150 minimum to go!

Greg Stein



6/13/20 Aftermath of Rancho Murrieta Fire by Sloughouse, from June 13.

Greg Stein



7/3/2020 The plane is a GCAA model. For the month of July, this acronym stands for: Great Citabria All American.

Jason Brand



7/11/2020 At Alvord Desert, OR. A picture I (Walter) took over the weekend.

Walter Brand



**HAVE YOUR LOG BOOK SUBMISSION
FEATURED IN AUGUST'S STROBE!**

Email your entry to the Editor (Helen) at:
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RAY AVIATION

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Award, part of annual \$1.2 million Ray Aviation Scholarship program

On July 8, 2020, **Andrew Gordon**, a recent high school graduate and a member of Chapter 512 and son of Judi and Glenn Gordon of Cameron Park is the recipient of the Ray Aviation Scholarship. This is a unique full-scholarship opportunity for flight training, thanks to EAA Chapter 512 of Placerville and the Ray Aviation Scholarship program administered by the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Andrew is one of about 100 scholars to receive the award for 2020, only the second year of scholarship.

The Ray Aviation Scholars program provides up to \$10,000 scholarships to young people who are seeking to learn to fly. The Ray Foundation has provided \$1.2 million to fund the scholarship program, which seeks to improve the flight training success rate from the current industry standards of 20 percent to 80 percent for program participants. Local EAA chapters are responsible for identifying youth for the Ray Aviation Scholarship program and mentoring them through flight training. The Ray Foundation is furthering the legacy of James Ray, an EAA lifetime member who was dedicated to aviation and youth education.

In the first year of the program, 105 scholars were awarded flight training scholarships. The success rate for those scholars is likely to exceed the goal of 80 percent.

Andrew will be training at Foothill Flight Center, based at the Cameron Park Airport. The scholarship is designed to support a flight student through both written and practical segments of flight training that are part of successful FAA pilot certification. Andrew is seeking a Sport Pilot certificate in a light sport aircraft. The flight school is ideal for Andrew since he lives across the runway from the school and they operate a light sport aircraft. He will be able to don a yellow vest and carry his hand-held radio and walk or march across the runway exercising extreme caution! As part of his qualification for the scholarship, he had to show a serious and keen interest in aviation by participating in a Young Eagle flight. He did five YE flights plus ride along with his parents, both avid pilots, on many flights in different aircraft since he was a young boy.



Andrew is pursuing an aggressive program which must be completed with a check ride for his certificate within one year. His intention is to complete the major tasks of solo in less than two months, FAA written exam in less than 6 months, and complete his FAA check ride before he reports to training in the US Air Force early next year. His goal in the Air Force is to become an air traffic controller. The chapter wishes Andrew well as he embarks on his new aviation career as a pilot and future member of the U.S. Air Force.

EAA chapters play a critical role in the success of the Ray Aviation Scholarship program. Chapters interested in participating are prequalified by EAA through an application process. If selected, they mentor and support the scholarship recipient throughout their flight training journey. Once selected as a Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund participant, candidates also commit to volunteer service with the local EAA chapter.

EAA Chapter 512 is one of 900 local chapters of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the world's largest organization for recreational flying. It meets at Placerville Airport on the third Wednesday each month. More information on EAA Chapter 512 is available at <https://chapters.eaa.org/eea512>




By: Judi Gordon

2020 VETERAN & VINTAGE AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS PLACERVILLE AIRPORT

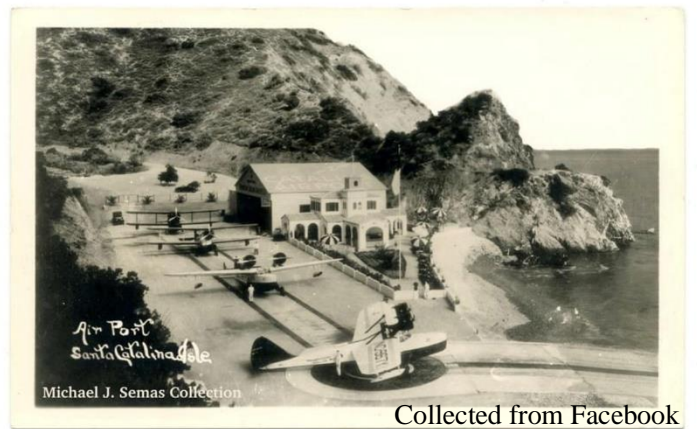
SAT, SUN, MON, 10am-2pm

- ◆ August 1, 2, 3
- ◆ September 5, 6, 7
- ◆ October 3, 4, 5
- ◆ November 7, 8, 9



<  Antique Images from the Collection of
Michael J. Semas
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Hamilton Cove Seaplane Base, Catalina Island, California. Image taken early 1930s. I found this image in Oregon over the weekend and it took me completely by surprise. I never thought about sea planes landing at Catalina Island! In 1931, the base shown in this image was constructed by Philip Wrigley at Hamilton Cove, which is north of Avalon. It had an unique turntable at the top of the runway which allowed for an easy turn around of planes. The base operated until it was closed after the beginning of WWII. Today a condominium complex occupies the site. Follow this link to learn more: http://www.airfields-freeman.com/CA/Airfields_CA_PacificIslands.htm#hamiltoncove



Collected from Facebook



EAA Brings Aviation Community Together for EAA Spirit of Aviation Week

The Experimental Aircraft Association is showcasing the whole spectrum of flight this summer in a virtual way, as **Spirit of Aviation Week** on **July 21-25** will celebrate the entire aviation community.

The five-day event will include streamed and on-demand content, encompassing nearly every subset of aviation, with a focus on educational, informational, and entertaining content. EAA's special interest groups will also be heavily involved, bringing highlights that include homebuilts, warbirds, vintage, aerobatics, ultralights, and much more.

"Nothing can replace the Oshkosh experience in-person during AirVenture week, as that event personifies the common passion we have for flight, in all its wonderful ways," said Jack J. Pelton, EAA's CEO and chairman of the board. "As unfortunate as it was that the cancellation of AirVenture 2020 took away that personal experience, countless people and groups have stepped forward to ask what they could do to virtually create something from Oshkosh that brings us together as aviators and aviation enthusiasts. We're going to incorporate as many of them as possible during a full five-day event."

EAAtogether.org will be the exclusive home of the entire five-day event. The schedule is expected to launch in the coming weeks before the virtual opening day, under the theme and hashtag #EAAtogether. [Read More...](#)

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**Pancake Breakfast...
It's gonna be a while...**



Courtesy car is here!

EAA Chapter 512
Monthly Board of Directors
July 8, 2020
Minutes

Meeting called to order at: 7:03 p.m. by: Al Herron

Board Members Present (Online Meeting):

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| ✓ Al Herron, <i>President</i> | ✓ John McPherson, <i>General Director</i> |
| ✓ Jim Wilson, <i>Vice President</i> | ✓ Dave Lugert, <i>General Director</i> |
| ✓ Judi Gordon, <i>Treasurer</i> | ✓ Tim Sullivan, <i>Past President</i> |
| ✓ Rob Bulaga, <i>Secretary</i> | |

Other Members Present:

- ✓ Dale Kral
- ✓ Hal Stephens
- ✓ Dick Wampach

Business from the Floor, Changes to Agenda - none

Approval of Minutes - approved

Board Member Reports

➤ **Al Herron – President**

- Due to COVID-19 postponed meetings and events, the Chapter budget has been revised by slipping it back one year. The draft 2021 Budget and its revised timeline are available in our GoogleDocs folders.
- Spirit of Aviation Week, aka Virtual Oshkosh, will be held July 21 – 25.
- Dick Wampach is stepping down as the IMC/VMC Club moderator. We need someone to fill his position if we want to continue the program. We will announce this need in the Stobe.
- We continue to utilize our down time to work on existing hangar projects. We still need to establish timelines for task completions and to break out individual tasks for volunteers.
- We need a coordinator to plan Bob O’Hara’s October memorial service. So far suggested plans include:
 - Asking for a volunteer coordinator at next week’s General Meeting
 - Having a food truck cater the event (COVID-19 guidelines prevent us from preparing our own food)
 - Having the CAP Honor Guard, from Lincoln, participate in the memorial
 - Having Vultures Row, from Cameron Park, participate in the memorial
 - Change the sign in our hangar from “Bob O’Hara Honorary Hangar” to “Bob O’Hara Memorial Hangar”
 - Consider purchasing a brick or tile at Oshkosh to honor Bob
 - Support Tim Sullivan’s efforts to raise money for a leukemia fund (Bob died of leukemia). This will be addressed in the Strobe and at the General Meeting.
- Scott Allen, a potential new member, has a Citabria and is looking for a hangar, or part of a hangar, for his aircraft. If you know of one, please contact us.

➤ **Jim Wilson – Vice President**

- Ray Aviation Scholarship - Andrew Gordon completed his application and has been awarded \$7,500 towards his Sport Pilot License. He will be training at the Foothill Flight Center in their Evektor LSA. Rules for the scholarship require that Andrew solo within 90 days, take his FAA written within 6 months, and take his check ride within one year. He plans to fly 2-3 times per week. The scholarship funds will be held by the Chapter; the initial payment will be for 40% of the total. Monthly progress reports need to be submitted.
- The flight simulator demo at Travis AFB in September may be cancelled due to COVID-19.

➤ **Judi Gordon – Treasurer, Membership**

- Banking account balances (from last month, update needed):
 - Cash and checks on hand: \$750.80
 - Chase Checking 6001: \$14,312.93 (of which \$5,705.70 is earmarked for scholarship funds)
 - Chase Savings 8668: \$2,922.06 (Airport security account held in trust. Not property of EAA 512)
 - Total as of 6/30/2020: \$15,063.73 plus \$2,922.06 in Airport Security Account.
 - We are expecting \$1,480 from Benevity.
- The Strobe currently reads “No General Meeting”. Although we are not having a meeting at the hangar, we are having meetings. We will change the notice to read “Virtual General Meeting”, or something similar.

➤ **Tim Sullivan – Past President**

- The Home Depot is out of the materials necessary to build the new loft railing. We will look for other sources.
- The pile of steel on the side of the hangar needs to be carted away.
- The hump in the pavers on the east side of the hangar is getting worse and is a trip hazard. We will address this shortly.

Committee Reports

➤ **Dave Lugert – Scholarship**

- Tobias Kline will be taking A&P classes through SacState in the fall. This is a 3 semester program. He has asked that our Scholarship Program support him for lab fees, tools, and transportation. He has provided proof of enrollment and tuition payment. We will award him \$500. Tim Sullivan will donate tools, if Tobias wants them. Tim also suggests that we introduce Tobias to Ricky Atkins, since this is the Sunny Atkins Scholarship Fund and Ricky has been looking for an apprentice.

➤ **Dale Kral – Tool Master**

- Tool cabinets on wheels were ordered. After 4 weeks, we were told that the order was cancelled due to COVID-19. No available stock.

➤ **Dick Wampach – Aircraft Display Days**

- Dick is coordinating the airport’s Aircraft Display Days. They will be held the first full weekend (Sat/Sun/Mon) of each month for the next 4 months.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. by: Al Herron