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EAA 512 Placerville

October 21

Prez Sez...

CHAPTER ELECTIONS & SOMETHING-RUDDER

I am reaching out to you because our chapter needs your support!

CHAPTER ELECTION - This week, Wednesday evening starting at 6 PM, is our last picnic meeting outdoors. And according to our bylaws, it is also that time of the year when we elect officers and directors who serve a one-year term. We must publish a "slate of candidates" and hold an election in November. As we did last year, we will send out a survey for all members to pick a candidate or write-in a name to serve in a chapter office. We will have current officers listed as incumbents, but you can also write-in your choice.

I am asking our members to step up and serve the chapter to get new blood with fresh ideas and energy on the board. The best way for you to serve is as a director for which we will have

GENERAL MEETING

At the EAA 512 Hangar

Wednesday 20th at 6pm

Happy Hour, Picnic, and Meeting

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two vacancies on the board by next year. The Director position has a vote and does provide valuable input to board decisions and

initiatives. Because our meetings are virtual Zoom meetings, your commitment is 2 hours on the second Wednesday each month. So, I will be looking for volunteers at the general meeting. This is not too much to ask of our members. It can be a great opportunity to build the chapter in membership, fundraising, and youth education. I will publish the "slate of candidates" on Election Day, November 2 and we will count the votes and announce the results on November 17, our last chapter meeting for 2021 (except for the Christmas party December 15). The names with the top votes will be elected! **Period.** No recounts, no dangling chads, no resignations for embarrassing emails from 10 years ago. If you choose to decline your office, you will be banished from the use of runway 23-05 and suffer great public humiliation! You will be CANCELLED!

CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS - We can and are making a difference in young people's lives through our chapter scholarship program and the Ray Aviation Scholarship program. Last year, we applied for and won a scholarship for one of our chapter members, Andrew Gordon, who earned his Sport Pilot Certificate before he joined the Air Force in July 2021. With the knowledge and discipline, he is now completing his training in the Air Force as an air traffic controller! That is a great accomplishment that our chapter and his parents are very proud of.

With the success of our first scholar, we applied for a second Ray Aviation Scholarship this year and were selected for a \$10,000 scholarship. We had three applicants but only one scholarship. We awarded Jaeger Ruckman the big scholarship and gave a \$1,500 chapter Sonny Atkins scholarship to Nathan West, a 19-

year-old aspiring pilot who started training in Cameron Park early this year on his own dime, and Aidan Andrews who began ground school instruction as a prerequisite to flight lessons.

Then, unexpectedly and to our astonishment, the EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship program reached out to chapters who already had Ray scholars and asked if they could administer another scholar for the year. The chapter responded **yes, yes, yes!** and Aidan was selected and is applying for the Ray scholarship for year 2021-2022.

The challenge for all student pilots in California is the high cost of flight training. Even if you have a scholarship, you want to stretch those dollars to get the maximum amount of flight training. So where and how will these young aviators learn to fly? The answer is right here at the Placerville airport, just like I did eight years ago.

It was 2013 when I got back into aviation after a 45-year hiatus. I first took flight instruction when I was 18 in Fresno while attending college. Many years went by before I got back into flying. Rather than pay the high rates of the FBO, I went out and bought a Cessna 150 so I could learn in my own plane. After 4 years of ownership, I sold that fun little airplane to a guy in Yuba City for more than I paid and stepped up to a Cherokee 180 with several partners.

LOCAL FLIGHT TRAINING - When the chapter was able to award money for flight training in 2020, there were no instructors with aircraft on the field. Oh how I wish I had my 150 back!

Prior to travelling to Oshkosh this year, I started searching for a Cessna 150 as a trainer to use at the Placerville airport. I found a very good Cessna 150L in Walla Walla WA and contacted

Will Mathews to see if he was available to pick up the plane and bring it home to PVF. Will as a newly minted CFI, and a chapter member who got his YE flight with Judi Gordon in 2019, became hooked on aviation. In less than 2 years, he got his PP, instrument, commercial, multi-engine, and tail dragger endorsement and lives in Placerville. When asked the question, he said yes. Will met me in eastern Washington as I drove west from Oshkosh and he flew the airplane back to Placerville the first week of August as the west burned.

Will is now giving basic instruction to Jaeger and Nathan in the plane so they can obtain their private pilot certificates. This is not a chapter airplane nor is it a club airplane. With the acquisition of the plane, I started a business called Great Planes LLC for instruction and rent



to our young chapter members to advance their flight training. The plane has limited use, if not exclusive use dedicated to youth flight training.

Flashback to 2013-2015, local student pilots Audrey Brand, Joe Herrick, Greg Stein, Brian Hicks all got flight training or a check-ride in my 150M. I am continuing that tradition with 150L,

affectionately called "the Green New Deal" because it sips fossil fuels at 5 gph.

She is equipped with a Stratus ADS-B Out, a new Garmin Aera 660 GPS, TKM radio, and a brand-new O-200 engine with 25 hrs. SMOH.



What is the future for Great Planes? Our hope is to continue to graduate new pilots and offer a primary trainer for flight instruction to chapter members. The plane was used as a static display at the Young Eagle rally and can be displayed in a new EAA program called AeroEducate. You can learn more about it at [AeroEducate](#).

As a member of both EAA and AOPA, I encourage chapter members to get involved in youth education at the chapter level and in the community. Never has there been more opportunity for an aviation career, or a greater need.

I plan to attend the **November 16 AOPA High School STEM Symposium** at 3 PM PT. Please contact me if you would like to attend this virtual STEM Symposium.

[AOPA High School Aviation STEM Symposium - You Can Fly](#)



I hope to see all of you at our chapter meeting to celebrate our student pilot scholars as they pursue their aviation dreams. I have asked them to be present and talk at the meeting.

Jim Wilson

General Meeting

At the EAA 512 Hangar
Wednesday 20th at 6pm.

Happy hour, Picnic, and Meeting

(Indoors of course)



Julie Clark Flight Raffle

We are beyond fortunate to have renowned world-famous airshow pilot, Julie Clark in our very own backyard. Julie lives at the Cameron Park Airpark, and is impressed with EAA 512's passion for supporting youth in aviation.

To help us continue to provide this valuable service, Julie has generously donated a 30-minute flight in her T-34, including aerobatics, hands-on flying, and/or sightseeing to our Chapter as a fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund. This is a raffle that comes to an end at next week's General Membership Meeting. Tickets are available for \$50, and the drawing will be held the next day, Thursday, 10/21. Our Scholarship Fund relies solely on fundraising and donations. We are providing funding to our scholars to the tune of \$24,500 in this calendar year!

Purchase your raffle ticket from Judi at the meeting on Wednesday, or contact Judi at judieaa512@gmail.com if you won't be at the meeting but still want to participate.

Please consider supporting this amazing program by making a contribution to our Scholarship Fund. If purchasing a raffle ticket 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 you are able to. It's all relevant and it all adds up!

Solo

I started Flying back in 2013, soloed in 2014, and after life getting in the way, I finally passed my Private Pilot Checkride on Friday.

Nate Prince

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foothillflightcenter What a way to start the weekend! A huge congratulations to Nate for passing his Private Pilot checkride! Hard-earned and well-deserved, Nate has poured his heart into learning to fly for several years and is a great advocate for the aviation community!



Before the Wright Brothers discovered flight, this was how airplanes got around



When I was young, I was poor. But after years of hard work, I am no longer young.



Update from the Midwest

September 7th- September 19th

That's right!! I'm back in the Midwest, though not for as long this time. Since getting Instrument rated back in February, I have been working on my Commercial rating to progress on toward my dream of being a Part 135 operator. As we all have seen and heard, not much GA flying was happening out of the PVF airport this past month, and with the Sacramento Flying Club Cherokee going down for its annual at the beginning of August not much flying was happening for me. I did do a couple ferry flights across the country out to Jackson MS, and from Kankakee IL back to Cameron Park, though no flight training was happening, I was able to keep time building toward part 135 SIC minimums and ATP 1500 hr. mins.

I saw a YouTube video by Blancolirio (Juan Browne) about a little flight school out in Southeastern South Dakota come out shortly after Airventure. I didn't think much about it, but as all these hurdles continued to buildup slowing my flight training down, I began to talk over with my parents about the possibility of going out to check it out. I called Riggins Flight Service in Madison, SD up to get more information regarding their operations and if they would be able to accommodate helping me finish up my

Commercial. They were more than glad to, and we discussed the additional ratings they offered. With a kick in the pants by mom I headed out to Madison, SD.

When I got here, they had all the logistics all figured out. Everything from housing to transportation, to flight scheduling, and scheduling the DPE.

With about 7 hrs. of refresher and getting checked out in their Cherokee 140 I had my endorsements in hand and the Check ride scheduled. On September 11, 2021, I achieved my Single Engine Commercial Pilot's Certificate.

The next morning, I was scheduled for my first Multi Engine training flight. Riggins uses the PA-23 150hp Apache for their ME training. I asked the front desk to schedule me for minimum 2 flights per day, they obliged and in 3 days with 6 hrs. of training I was going in for my check ride! On September 14, 2021, I successfully completed the Comm. ME w/ IR.

Next step is working on completing my Tailwheel endorsement. For my tailwheel training I flew a Piper Super Cub 120HP. The training went as could be expected, reinforcing of keeping the stick in the lap during Taxi, and after landings. Wheel landings came easier to me because it felt more like a nosewheel landing, but once I figured out the 3-point landings I enjoyed those more. About 5 lessons later I was ready for the sign off!

Greg Stien

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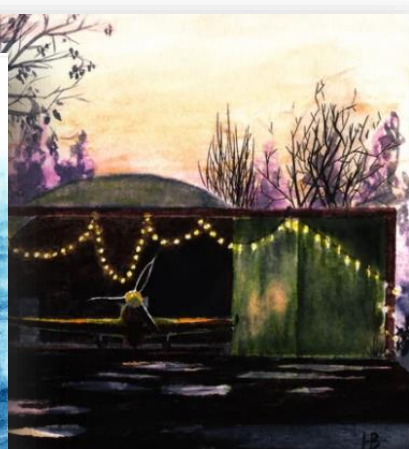


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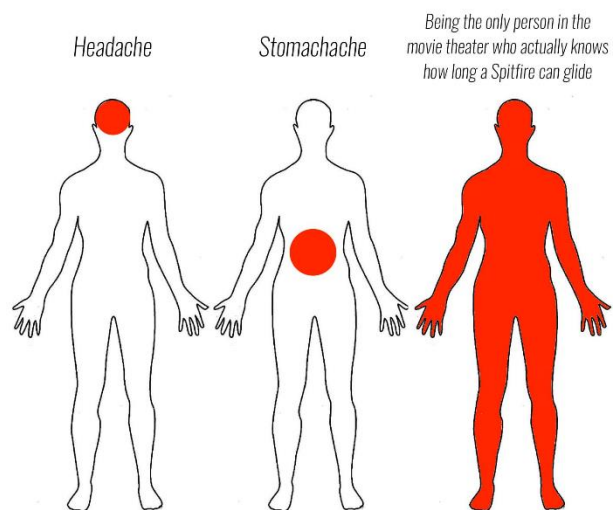
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Where Does It Hurt?



**EAA Chapter 512
Monthly General Gathering
Sept 15, 2021
Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by: Jim Wilson

Number Present: 23

Guests and first time members:

Name:	Interest in Attending:	Contact Information (if tendered):
Ben Varozza	Learn to fly, YE flight	Added to MailChimp
Ashley Spencer	Learn to fly, YE flight	Added to MailChimp
Derek Eurel	Rusty pilot	Added to MailChimp

PICNIC

- Social hour at 6:00

MEMBER PROJECTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & INTRODUCTIONS:

- Everyone in attendance was invited to introduce themselves, stating their names and a little about themselves.
- Tim Sullivan announced that Greg Stein just got his twin engine rating.

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pancake breakfast Oct 2; considering a Nov 6 make-up
- Display Day Oct 2, 3
- Young Eagles October 9. Young Eagles event will be scheduled on YEDAY.ORG website for 30 kids. 20 kids for public event, 10 kids for Scout Troop Folsom as a Private event
- Silent auction for an exciting, 30 minute, ride in Julie Clark's T-34 in the fall. Contact Judi for details. 7 members have pledged to purchase a \$50 raffle ticket from Judi. We need a minimum of 7 more purchases, otherwise, the auction will be cancelled.
- Please read the Strobe for information and activities about the chapter.

PROGRAM

- Jim Wilson presented "Long Road to Oshkosh & Back", his experience driving to, attending, & driving back from AirVenture 2021.
- Glenn Gordon presented on the "Timber Tiger - Ryan ST" project and display at Oshkosh.
- Kristin Taylor, a 17 year old Ray Scholar from Independence Oregon's Chapter 252, presented, via Zoom, "How I Got Into Aviation"; her flight training, aspirations for aviation, and building experience.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM by: Jim Wilson

EAA Chapter 512
Monthly Board of Directors
Minutes
Oct 13, 2021

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 p.m. by: Jim Wilson

Board Members Present:

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

Dave Lugert, *General Director*
Al Herron, *Past President*

Others Present:

Dick Wampach

Tracy Bertram

Approval of Minutes - Approved

Board Member Reports

○ **Jim Wilson – President**

■ **Pancake Breakfast**

- Serving about 120 people, 12 airplanes flew in. Gross revenues **\$1130** consisting of \$678 breakfast, \$180 donations, \$102 Helen cards, \$150 Raffle, \$20 dues.

■ **Ray Aviation Scholarship**

● **Jaeger Ruckman - 2021 RAY SCHOLAR**

- Medical (2nd class) completed 6/7/2021
- Student Pilot certificate application completed 6/7/2021. Sign-off from Kolby at FFC waiting.
- Jaeger was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship. As of 10/12/21, the first installment of \$4,000 had not yet been received. It is expected to be available in 7 to 10 days.
- Jaeger's first flight, with CFI Will Mathews in Jim's C-150, was on 9/12. At this time, Jaeger has flown 8 hours in the C-150.

● **Aidan Andrews - 2021 RAY SCHOLARSHIP**

- EAA announced that chapters with a successful scholar may apply for a second scholarship for 2021. Aidan was the runner up and qualified by age. He will complete his on-line application before the deadline of Oct 31. EAA will send the training agreement letter to the scholarship coordinator for signature. First installment of \$4,000 will be deposited directly to the chapter account.

■ **Sonny Atkins Scholarship**

● **Aidan Andrews**

- Update: The previous award of \$1,500 will be declined for the when/if the full Ray Scholarship of \$10,000 is awarded.

● **Nathan West**

- Update: Nathan began instruction in the Cessna 150 on Sept 14 with CFI Will Mathews. Nathan soloed on Oct 11 with 7.3 hours. Nathan has a total flight time of about 40 hours toward his private pilot certificate and is expected to be ready for his check ride in 10 to 12 hours.

■ **Cessna 150 N18233**

- Jim Wilson purchased a 1972 Cessna 150 in Walla Walla WA on Aug 3, 2021 for the purpose of instruction and rental operating under the name Great Planes LLC. Will and Gerhart delivered the aircraft, which arrived at Placerville on Aug 5 and is parked on the ramp near the west gate.
- Jim submitted an application for a commercial Insurance policy quoted by Old Republic Aerospace. Policy is expected in days and will be financed with a 40% payment and 3

- quarterly payments of about \$1,000 with interest at 12.9%. The initial payment of \$1957 is due soon. Payment will be made by Great Planes LLC by direct deposit.
 - Great Planes will invoice the chapter for reimbursement from scholarship funds of \$1,957. The total expected annual hours are 200. Expenses allocated as follows: Jaeger 60/200, Nathan 30/200, Aidan 60/200, new student Venkat Tirumala 30/200, Jim 20/200.
 - Great Planes will rent the aircraft at a wet rate of \$90/hour with fuel adjustments each quarter based on the price of fuel. Currently \$5.46 x 5.5 gph equals \$30 fuel per hour.
- **Young Eagle event on Oct 9**
 - The YE event started at 0830 on the east ramp near the fuel pumps. A total of 39 kids were flown. 33 youths were scheduled for the event; there were 4 no-shows and 10 walk-ins. The flights concluded at about 1 PM.
 - Seven aircraft from our Chapter, 2 gyrocopters from Lincoln, and Don Burns' GlasStar 2000 from Red Bluff participated.
 - Tracey Fremd asked if the privacy clause prohibits sharing pictures of kids with other parents. Judi and Tracey will discuss the easiest way to share photos with parents requesting pictures.
 - Lessons Learned
 - More emphasis on donations and scholarship funds.
 - Sell tickets (\$2 to \$5) for hot dogs, chips and soda. Water \$1.00
 - More volunteer participation to cook hot dogs and sell tickets.
 - One static aircraft should be sufficient to show and tell fundamentals of the aircraft.
 - Flight simulator worked well to entertain kids as they waited for their flight.
 - Check-in and assignment of boarding numbers worked well.
 - Request port-a-potty donation from Wilkinson or other resource.
 - Signage for donations, lunch, directions, etc.
 - Need list of volunteers with specific assignments.
- **Movie Night, "Above and Beyond", at the Gordon's hangar on Oct 8**
 - 63 people in attendance including 19 from EAA 512 and remainder from airpark and other aviation friends.
 - \$145 in donations
 - \$300 in tickets for Julie Clark raffle sold. Need to collect from those who pledged a ticket.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Discussed whether to do a make-up event on November 6 for the cancelled Sept 4 pancake breakfast. Perhaps a fly-in and steak sandwich lunch, similar to Yuba City/Sutter County Airport. Decided not to hold such an event this fall but will re-address this option early next year.
 - At the October general meeting, we will take nominations for next year's board members. The board member election will be held in November.
 - Our annual Christmas Party is planned for December 15 with a 5:30 happy hour and dinner at 6:30. The Volunteer Gift exchange is limited to \$15 gifts. We will ask Kim Stein to coordinate the gift giving.
- **Chapter Goals**
 - The loft improvement project continues to make progress. Our goal is to have all work on it completed prior to the Christmas Party.
- **General Meeting Presentation**
 - Jim W. asked Greg Stein and Nathan West to speak and update their training experience at the Oct 20 meeting.
- **Judi Gordon – Treasurer, Membership**
 - Banking account balances as of 09/30/2021:
 - Cash and checks on hand: \$4,900

- Chase Checking # 6001: \$11,806.60 (\$9,997.10 of the total is earmarked for scholarship funds of which \$1,500 is earmarked for Nathan West).
- Chase Savings # 8668: \$2,922.39 (Airport security account held in trust. Not property of EAA 512)
- Total as of 9/30/21: \$16,706.60 plus \$2,922.39 in Airport Security Account.

Committee Reports

- **Fundraising – Judi Gordon**
 - **Julie Clark Raffle** – We have sold \$1250 in raffle tickets. The final opportunity to purchase tickets is at the October 20th general meeting. The raffle drawing will be held the next day, Thursday 12/21.
 - **Potential Future Fundraisers**
 - **Dining to Donate** – dinner at a local restaurant, as we have done before
 - **Movie and Dinner** – We considered renting a local movie theatre. The consensus was the we preferred the relaxed atmosphere of movie nights at the Gordon hangar in Cameron Park.
 - **Fly-in Lunch**
 - **Crowdsourcing**
 - \$10,000 goal for a scholarship award
 - Hangar restoration and expansion
 - STEM program
 - **Legacy Planning**
- **Facility Improvements**
 - Jim Wilson and Dale Kral are replacing the loft balcony rail with new posts. Three 4x4 posts were installed with the aid of Hal's lift. All 8 posts should be installed by this Oct 17th. Tim will drill holes for wire rope. A 2x6 cap rail will be installed to complete the job by the end of October.
 - Jim primed posts and will prime stairs and rail in the stairwell.
 - Jim will obtain paint color chips for posts, balcony rail and stairway. We plan brown or beige in contrast to steel hoist and beam.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. by: Jim Wilson