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EAA 512

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WELCOME TO THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 512

Join us every third Wednesday of the month at 7pm on the Placerville Airport. We meet at the EAA 512, green Quonset hangar. Bring your aviation enthusiasm and we will do our best to answer your questions and share the many opportunities the EAA has to offer our aviation community.

Contact us at: eea512pvf@gmail.com

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**If you are interested in volunteering,
we would love to hear from you!**

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**Join Us at the
Placerville Airport
EAA Chapter 512 Hangar
For Our Famous Pancake
Breakfast
First Saturday of the Month
April — October
8am-11am**



Memberships are Due!

Pay with PayPal use [PayPal.ME/EEA512](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/EEA512)

or mail a check to:

Chapter Hangar

3484 Airport Rd

Placerville, CA 95667

President's Column

I hope everyone has fared well as we approach the end of winter and you in good health and high spirits. As we approach a significant milestone in our club's history, I am excited to announce that Chapter 512 will soon be celebrating its 50th anniversary!

For half a century, our club has been a beacon of community, friendship, and shared passion for aviation. It's a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of our members, past and present, that we have reached this remarkable milestone. As we reflect on our journey, we are reminded of the countless memories, friendships forged, and achievements attained over the years.

To mark this special occasion, we are eager to celebrate in a manner befitting of such a significant anniversary. However, we believe that the best ideas often come from our diverse and creative membership base. That's why I'm reaching out to each and every one of you for your ideas on how we can commemorate our 50th anniversary in a manner that truly reflects the spirit of our Chapter. Your input is invaluable in ensuring that our anniversary celebrations are inclusive, memorable, and reflective of the values that define our club. The board has decided that the celebration will happen in tandem with the June 1st Pancake breakfast.

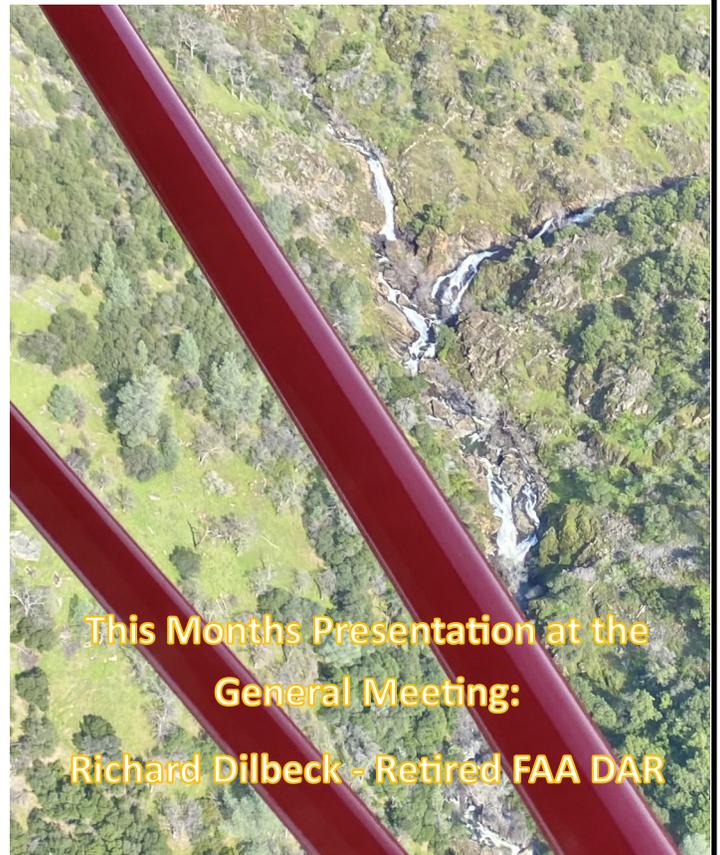
Please take a moment to share your memories, thoughts, ideas, and suggestions with us. You can do so by emailing to the chapter email address list in this strobe or speaking directly with a member of the board.

Let's come together as a community to make our 50th anniversary celebrations truly unforgettable. I am confident that with your input and enthusiasm, we will create an event that honors our past, celebrates our present, and inspires our future. Here's to the next 50 years of friendship, camaraderie, and shared experiences!

Tim Sullivan



Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers, some who work quietly yet diligently behind the scenes!



**This Month's Presentation at the
General Meeting:
Richard Dilbeck - Retired FAA DAR**

Photo by A Brand - Dutch & Johnson Falls Convergence

Coloma, CA

Upcoming Aviation Related Events

Come Fly with Me!

March 23, Saturday; lets plan to meet up around 11:00 AM PST at the Two-Niner Diner in the Petaluma Airport (O69) for the inaugural 2024 **Chapter 512 \$100 Hamburger Fly-Out!**

Future fly-Outs will occur every 4th Saturday of the month. New venue suggestions are always welcome; please contact Jim Pinkowski or Michael Zwijacz with questions and/or comments.

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Photo by Jim Pinkowski

National EAA Flying Start Event

May 18; Saturday; Chapter 512 will be hosting a **Flying Start Event** to coincide with the EAA National flying Start Event day. Flying Start attempts to provide for adults the same thing the Young Eagles program provides to youths, namely; motivations to pursue the dream of flight along with ways and means to obtain a pilot certification. If you know someone 18 years of age or older who is or may be interested in learning to fly, please invite them to sign up for our flying start event and put them in contact with me (Jim Pinkowski) in order to pre-register.

If this Chapter can motivate 5 or more individuals to attend our Flying Start event, we will receive additional promotional support from EAA, and be given two weekly passes for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2004! Believe me, this is huge, so get out there and shake the trees to see how many prospects we can sign-up!

Participants will view a short presentation prepared by EAA National, and be given an opportunity to take an Eagle Flight with a Chapter pilot volunteer! Accordingly, we will need members to fly our

Eagles, so we will be soliciting volunteer pilots within and outside our chapter. Experienced Young Eagle pilots are already familiar with what this entails, so if you are in this group, please consider volunteering and I would sincerely appreciate it!

Do you know any 11 - 14 year-olds interested in aviation?

Our Treasurer, Judi Gordon, will be holding a mini "Ground School" for kids passionate about aviation, but still a bit too young to start official lessons. The topics will be taught at an age-appropriate level, and will be engaging and interactive. Meetings will be at her home in Cameron Park, on a quarterly basis. Lessons will be followed by snacks, and an aviation-related movie.

Contact Judi at eea512pvf@gmail.com



Whitman Field is home to the "The World's Busiest Control Tower"!

We book a Chapter campsite each year, and have an amazing time camping together and bonding as a group. The location of our campsite is always in a premier spot, with no need to spend precious hours on a school bus.

Please contact Judi Gordon to indicate your interest in attending, and for help in coordinating logistics, should you need it!

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Adopt-A-Highway by Judi Gordon



We've been meeting as a group on the 3rd Saturday of the month (weather permitting) for highway cleanup. We have a lot of fun, build camaraderie, do some good for the planet, some good for our chapter, and get a little exercise.

Our contracts with CalTrans are for 5 years, and began in November 2022. We have a contract for 2 miles of Highway 50 eastbound, and for 2 miles of Highway 50 westbound, approximately between the McDonalds on Coach Lane, and Yummy Dumplings on Cambridge.

Food motivated? Not ME!

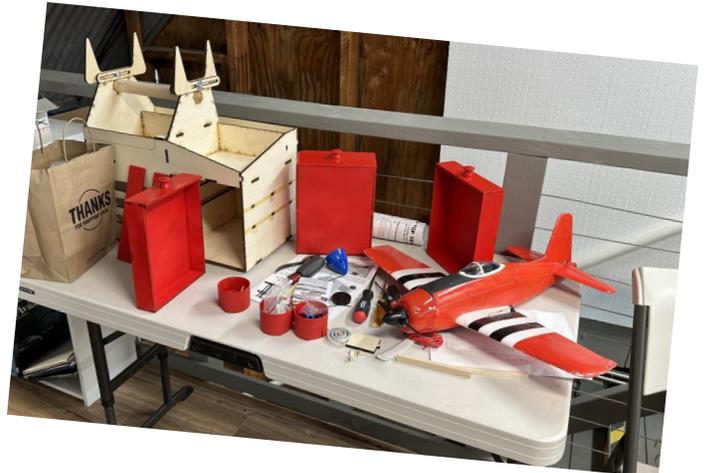
Interested in joining us?

Please email ea512pvf@gmail.com with "Adopt-A-Highway" in the subject line. We'd love to have you!

-Judi Gordon



Build & Fly Model Photos by Jim Vonderwerth



Vonderwerth's Grow Wings!



We were super excited as Friday Feb.16th approached as we had scheduled our 1st glider flights thru Noelle Mays at Williams Soaring Center which is North of Sacramento off the 5. Noelle and her husband Rex Mays own the center with help running the place with their two boys Ben and Nick.

We arrived and were greeted with a smile by everyone there. Ben was introduced to us and he'd be our instructor for our visit. Ben showed us all around the grounds, the flying center and the hangar. A super duper cool place I must say with all kinds of fun and rare aircraft not just gliders. We got caught up with the ins and outs / ups and downs of the Ask 21B glider and after a one on all family members present lesson it was time for the first flight.

After a quick rock, paper, scissors dual I jumped into the cockpit awaiting further instruction from Ben. A tow line hooks up to the glider and after a wag of the rudder from us each aircraft we were on our way. Down the runway we went and up into the air in no time. We headed west for approximately 5 miles at 70 kts

and once we reached 4k ft we released the line from the Pawnee toe airplane and were on our own we were. Ben gave me some additional instructions on the flying of the glider and then handed over the airplane to my control. I got to practice a bunch of different maneuvers for around 20 mins or so and then we started making our way back to the runway. Ben asked if I'd like to do a "top gun landing" or some other slower way and I op for the 1.5G speed pass @ 120kns with a quick 180 degree turn around touch-down like everyone else did who followed my flight. What a blast we all

loved every minute of the day and can't wait to do it again.

Our excitement was contagious as Lissie who came along with Zack, Trent, and I decided she too wanted to fly and went up for Ben's 4th ride of the day. Mapped at about an 1 1/2 hours drive from Folsom we ended up on the way back and landing at Chevy's on the river to re-fuel and settle in a chilling rest of the afternoon. It was technically a school day for Zack and both he and Trent agreed it was the best field trip ever!

- Jim Vonderwerth



Announcements

Volunteers Still Needed to Fill these Committees

-Grant/Fundraising Committee

-IMC/VMC Facilitator for Monthly Meeting

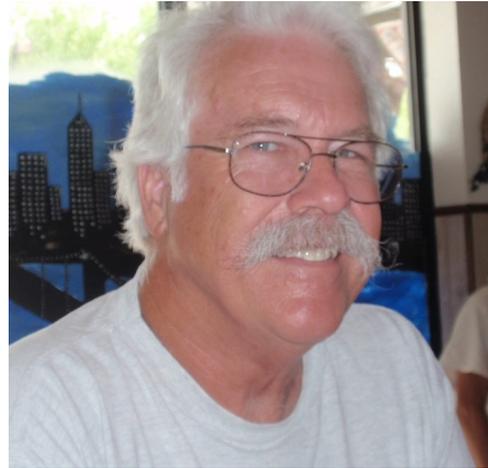
Please donate your recycled cans and bottles to our chapter. Drop off at the General Meeting or contact us and we can get you in touch with Hal Stephens.

We are in need of a BBQ if you have one to donate for our chapter picnics starting this April.

If you would like to post an event to the attention of our membership, please contact Jim Pinkowski or Michael Zwijacz. ea512pvf@gmail.com

IMC/VMC Volunteer Needed

Greg Stein is looking for someone to help facilitate leading the IMC/VMC Discussion the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. He has done an amazing job making every effort to keep this going along with his busy flying schedule.



ATTENTION: *If you have a build project update, have recently flown into a place with an air museum or some great food, or would like to share your aviation experiences & knowledge, please submit your content and photos to more_right_rudder@yahoo.com*

We would love to hear from you!

**Helpful Pro-Submission Hint for a Happy Editor- Send typed content via word document no font changes or special spacing & send photos, graphs, and diagrams separately as a jpeg!*

Submissions are due day after the general meeting!

Thanks,
The Editor



Dave Walters lost a three year long battle with pancreatic cancer on 12/29/23. Dave is survived by his wife Barbara, his daughter and son, and his stepson and step-daughter. Dave ran his own marine repair business for over 50 years and with his honesty and reliability has had some repeat customers for many of those years. Dave was always the first to volunteer to help anyone in need. He will be missed by many. A celebration of life is being planned for mid June.



On March 16th, Nancy Stephens was fondly remembered with love and gratitude by the Board of Directors of the Emblem Club, of which she was a long time member and officer.

Advertisements

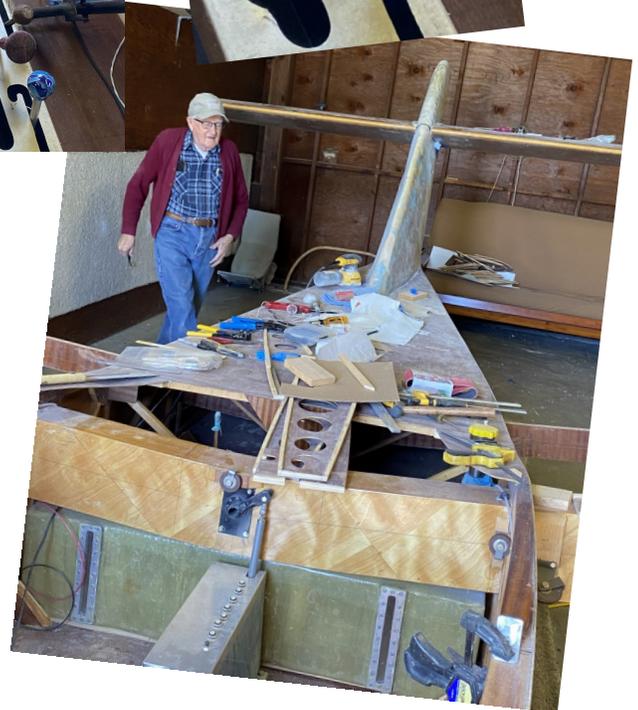
[CHALLENGER II LIGHT SPORT](#) • \$4,000 • **ESTATE SALE** • 2 place aircraft Licensed as a motor glider with 21' wings, rotax engine, 3 blade prop. Wings are off aircraft ready for pickup. Only has 50 hours flight time on engine and airframe. Owner has constructed a new panel with instruments to be installed in aircraft. Owner passed away and widow motivated to sell. Kits for this plane cost over \$16k plus Rotax engines are quite expensive. Great opportunity for someone to finish project. Contact 925-437-5650 Also has a ballistic parachute.



Builder's Corner

Jim Golding finally has an opportunity to bring his Osprey aircraft project to Placerville for construction & assembly.

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Calendar of Events 2024

Eyes out of the Cockpit!

March

- 20 - General Meeting/Presentation EAA Hangar 7pm
- 30 - Hangar/Garden Clean Up Day/Pancake Breakfast Preparation 8am-1pm Lunch Provided

April

- 6 - Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
- 6 - Historical Aircraft Display 8am-12 noon Sign In!
- 7 - Historical Aircraft Display 8am-12 Noon Sign In!
- 10 - BOD Meeting 6pm
- 17 - General Meeting/Presentation EAA Hangar 7pm
- 20 - Adopt-A-Highway 8:30am

May

- 4 - Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
- 4 - Historical Aircraft Display 8am-12 noon Sign In!
- 5 - Historical Aircraft Display 8am-12 Noon Sign In!
- 8 - BOD Meeting 6pm
- 15 - General Meeting & Presentation 7pm/Picnic 5:30pm
- 18 - Fly Start EAA National Ages 18 and Up
- 18 - Adopt-A-Highway ???
- 23 - Fly With Me! Meet at O69 11am for lunch

June

- 1 - Pancake Breakfast 8-11am/50 Year Anniversary!
- 1 - Historical Aircraft Display 8am-12 noon Sign In!
- 2 - Historical Aircraft Display Day 8am-12 Noon Sign In!
- 16 - Adopt-A-Highway
- 29 - Young Eagles PVF

July

- 6 - Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
- 6 - Historical Aircraft Display 8am-12 noon Sign In!
- 7 - Historical Aircraft Display 8am-12 Noon Sign In!
- 22-28 - EAA Air Venture 2024 Oshkosh

August

- 3 - Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
- 3 - Historical Aircraft Display 8am-12 noon Sign In!
- 4 - Historical Aircraft Display 8am-12 Noon Sign In!

