

# THE STROBE



Placerville EAA 512 Newsletter

February 2019

## Prez Sez...

We knew this day would come, but that doesn't make it any easier. In recent years we have lost several valued members of the chapter; it's part of life, and we grieve the loss of each. Bob O'Hara, however, held a unique place in our chapter history. One of the small band of original founding members of Chapter 512 in 1974, Bob was an active member till the very end. A force of nature, with many creative talents, with absolute dedication to the chapter and aviation *writ large*, a heart *writ larger* yet, a wickedly quick sense of humor, and a friend to all. He was pilot, friend, mentor, artist; spinner of yarns extraordinaire, fellow traveler of the skies, builder, adventurer; a life lived large and with gusto. To say he will be sorely missed is a discomfiting understatement; he was the very essence of our chapter family. We commit him now not to the earth, but to the skies.

*Godspeed, Bob O'Hara.*

By: Al Herron

## 2020 Membership dues are due!

Send your check for \$20 payable to  
EAA 512 @

**Judi Gordon**  
**3212 Western Drive**  
**Cameron Park, CA 95682**

Please include you and your spouse's  
date of birth (year is unnecessary).

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# Robert “Bob” O’Hara

Bob passed away Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> after a short battle with cancer; he was 89 years old. Bob Joined the Army Air Corps at the age of 16 at the tail end of WWII and he served as a gunner on an A26 in the Korean War. After the war he was instrumental in building one of the largest Civil Air Patrol squadrons in the state where he flew over 4,500 hours in an AT-6 on search and rescue missions. Bob’s love of flying was sparked at a child. Part of Bob’s legacy is a collection of some 13 or more North American AT-6s purchased from the Davis-Monthan “boneyard” near Tucson, AZ. These served the Civil Air Patrol Squadron for many years at Whiteman Airport in the San Fernando Valley. Part of that group of aircraft lives on now as part of the “Skytypers” company fleet. All through his life he owned, built or rebuilt aircraft, including a Vought F-4U Corsair and, of course, his beloved Taylorcraft. People either saw Bob flying over Georgetown in his little yellow Taylorcraft or driving his Beetle.

During his life he was one of the original Pink Panther animation artists, and was also in a few different movies including *Never So Few* and *Tora! Tora! Tora!* Bob created backdrops, scenery and props for several films, wrote episodes for the *Outer Limits* and the *Twilight Zone*, and was an accomplished artist and even modeled for a bit. For many years he had weekly art in the *Mountain Democrat* called “Behind the Wheel”. He was an editor and writer for *Plane & Pilot*, and *Air Classics* magazines, and illustrated several books, comic books and coloring books. Bob and his first wife Dotty moved to Camino in 1971 where he worked for the Air National Guard.

Bob and his second wife, Anne, built a home in Georgetown in the late 70’s. He quickly became one of the “gang” at the Corner Kitchen.

Bob was very proud of being one of the founding members of Chapter 512 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in Placerville in 1974. He helped build the hanger and planted the wonderful EAA picnic grove that we all enjoy today. Bob loved flying Young Eagles and was honored in 2018 as one of only fourteen pilots who had participated in all 25 years of the Young Eagles program. In his later years, Bob rose at the crack

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of dawn nearly every Saturday to fly his T-craft around the patch on his morning “patrol”. He opened the hangar for every pancake breakfast at the monthly EAA event and greeted and served people with a smile. He had a quick wit and could tell a funny tale or joke to please the crowd. Bob never met a stranger and rarely had an unkind word about anyone. He truly loved his life.

The last few months of his life he lived with his daughter, Colleen, in Idaho. She was at his side when he passed away. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Anne. He is survived by his two children, Colleen O’Hara and Randy O’Hara.

In lieu of flowers or cards, contributions to the EAA Chapter 512 can be made at:

EAA Chapter 512

3483 Airport Road

Placerville, CA 95667

Dad will be greatly missed. Audios amigo and fly high.

- Colleen O’Hara

Coedited by: Jim Wilson

Please feel free to add photos, stories or remembrances at this link:

<https://www.wilksfuneralhome.com>



## **ALERT!** **PHISHING SCAMS**

Because our chapter leadership email addresses are available on our website, it is easy for scammers to “spoof” emails to appear to be from the EAA Chapter. **None of our chapter officers will ever ask a member to make purchases on behalf of the chapter** without prior personal contact or discussion, and never for non-specific items. Be particularly leary of any email requesting purchase of gift cards, transfer of funds, or other requests of a purely monetary nature. If in doubt, take no action and contact a chapter board member.

## *Special Thanks*

To: **The Gordon Family** for hosting a magnificent movie night at their hangar in Cameron Park, last month.

**What does a Boeing 747 say  
when it bounces?**

**Boeing, Boeing, Boeing.**

Dick Wampach



*The three most useless things to a pilot  
are the altitude above you, the runway  
behind you and a tenth of a second ago.*

*Unknown*

## **Dear Reader,**

There's been a new section added to the Strobe this month in hopes of encouraging you to contribute content to the newsletter. This addition is Log Book.

Log Book is a section dedicated to brief writes ups about flying trips or aviation related projects you may have done in the last month, year, or decade. All that is required to complete a submission:

- one picture
- 10+ words of flight/build project event
- A date

Do these submissions need to be accurate? Nope.

If you like this month's Log Book, consider sending in your own Log Book Entry to be published in the next newsletter!

Send your content to Helen at:

**more\_right\_rudder@yahoo.com**

*\*Deadlines are always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

*Sincerely,*

**The Editor**



# Hangar Work Day Report

On January 18<sup>th</sup> 2020, members of the EAA Chapter 512 (plus a guest!) attended the Hangar Improvements Day at the chapter hangar from 10-2pm. It was a nice warm and clear day for January. The improvement activities included organizing the upstairs loft office and lounge. Placing on wheels and cleaning up: main kitchen refrigerator, several filing cabinets, and several storage cabinets. Also cutting the lathe table in half, setting up a computer, further securing storage areas, cleaning out the outside shed for future demo, sorting and out filing cabinets (more to go on that), and a number of other items. What a great turn out! We got a lot done and there is always more to do. Another hangar work day will likely be happening in March before we start out seasonal activities.

## Thanks to our crew:

John Mcpherson

Rob Bulaga

Dave Lugart

Al Herron

Tracy Bertram

Dale Kral

John Vibiral

Jason Brand

Jim Wilson

Tim Sullivan

By: Tim Sullivan

*Special Guest:* Adrian Tintas



Photos Courtesy of Jason Brand

# LOG BOOK

1/25/20

We [Jason and Helen] went for a formation flight with a friend from Georgetown Airport. It was a terribly smokey day, but the lakes were glassy and the flying was smooth. By: Helen Brand



2/14/20

We [Audrey and Jason] had a lovely sunset flight up surveying the snow pack and it's looking a little thin up there. Hope the bears don't wake up!

By: Audrey Brand



2/14/20

Clam chowder and chicken fried steak are just two of our favorites on the menu at Nancy's Cafe in KWLW. Saturday we [Audrey and Walter] were able to meet up with my dad and brother for a nice visit at Nancy's Airport Café at Willows.

By 11:30 there were several planes all lined up and pilots from local valley airports chatting and checking out each other's choice of wings.

One pilot even mentioned, "We were like dogs all out sniffing each other."

He had flown in to shop across the road at Walmart. One pilot flew in the "orangest" Piper I've ever seen!

It turned out to be a great flight round trip with no winds although there was some haze in the valley. While crossing the wildlife refuge, Walter compared the massive flocks of geese congregating below us to white ocean sea waves washing up onto a sandy beach. We even heard some fellow Chapter 512 members over the radio calling in to Oroville.

Happy Flying!

By: Audrey Brand





# Things to Do n' Ads

## THE SPITFIRE

**KHLM** (Lincoln Airport)

### Mission Statement

"The Spitfire@LHM has been created in the spirit of aviation and human achievement. We provide flight and ground instruction to pilots seeking financial aid to fly. You're welcome to volunteer here in exchange for training."

**Call: (916) 755-2440**

**E-mail: [spitfirelhm@gmail.com](mailto:spitfirelhm@gmail.com)**



The Gordon Family (Cameron Airpark - O61) sold their biplane and now have room in the corner of the hangar for a homebuilt approx. 25' wingspan/21' long. A Pipistrel Virus SW (motorglider) lives in the hangar too.

This is a nice hangar at a private airpark residence. It has a bathroom, electricity, lighting, and a compressor too.

**For more information, please contact**

**Judi Gordon at:**

**[glennandjudi@gmail.com](mailto:glennandjudi@gmail.com)**



**Hangtown EAA Chapter 512** shared a post.

Yesterday at 22:29 • 🌐

Hangtown EAA512 Pancake breakfast starts up in April ...ooooohhh



**Dwight Jarboe** ▶ **Piper J-3 Cub**

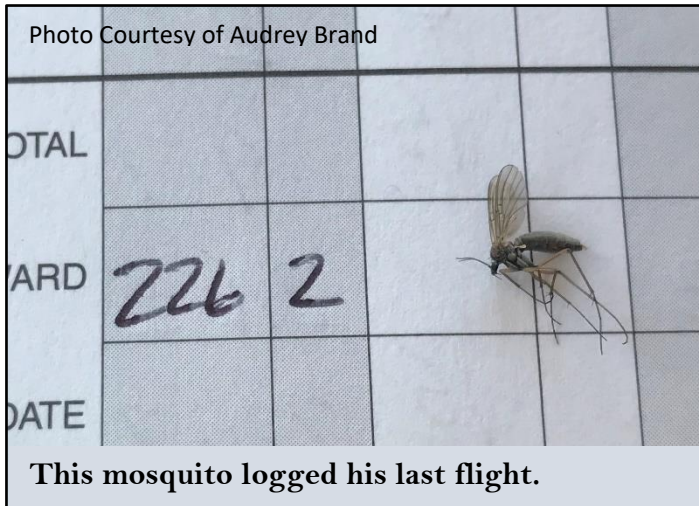
Yesterday at 21:05 • 🌐

Seeing the Continental A65 cylinders on my workbench brought this to my mind. Feel free to suggest a caption.





Photo Courtesy of Audrey Brand



This mosquito logged his last flight.

The Friends of Oceano Airport present...

# OCEANO AIRPORT

## CELEBRATION

**FRIDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>** \$10  
**Beach Burger Fry & Dance**  
 5:30-10:00 p.m. Featuring Leo and the Boyz

**SATURDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**CELEBRATION DAY 2020**  
**A SALUTE TO VETERANS**

Help Those Serving Our Country: Bring items to donate for troop care packages: protein bars, jerky, trail mix, hard candy, canned meat, instant drink mix, black socks, baby wipes, cup of noodles for our troops overseas.

Veterans, Active Duty, Law Enforcement, and First Responders eat for FREE

Free Admission, Airplane Displays, Family Friendly!  
 8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, 12:00 Veteran's Salute, Live Music, Lunch, Static displays, Camping on Field, Oceano Fuel discount.

# OROVILLE AIRPORT DAY

*Young Eagles* **Fly-In** 

Your aviation journey starts here.

## Free Admission!

Aircraft, Custom Cars, Motorcycles, Search and Rescue demos

**MAY 16<sup>th</sup> 2020** **Oroville Airport**  
 225 Chuck Yeager Way  
 Oroville, Ca 95965  
 8:00am - 2:00pm 530-370-6266 for info

## 2020 WEST COAST FLY-IN

# MAULE

**FRIDAY MAY 15 - SUNDAY MAY 17**  
 Kernville, California L05

Transportation to Town  
 Whitewater Rafting  
 Tri-tip BBQ Dinner  
 Movie Under the Stars  
 Camping and Hot Showers  
 Local Backcountry Airstrips

Limited tickets available at  
[kernvalleyairport.com > events](http://kernvalleyairport.com/events)

# \$99



*Glenn and Judi welcome you to their hangar for*

FOCA Movie Night

## Presenting - "APOLLO 11"

(No, this is NOT the Tom Hanks movie "Apollo 13")



***Apollo 11*** is a 2019 American documentary film which focuses on the 1969 Apollo 11, the first spaceflight from which men walked on the Moon. The film consists solely of archival footage, including 70 mm film previously unreleased to the public, and does not feature narration, interviews or modern recreations. The Saturn V, Apollo crew consisting of Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong, and Michael Collins, and Apollo program Earth-based mission operations engineers are prominently featured in the film.

**Date:** Sunday March 1st, 2020, 5:00 pm social, 6:30 pm movie, social after.

**Location:** Glenn and Judi Gordon's Hangar – 3212 Western Drive, O61

**Snacks & Drinks:** Potluck (finger food only please)... please bring something to share. Beer and Soft Drinks will be provided.

**Seating:** We already have seating available for around 12 people but space for plenty more. Please bring a folding chair to ensure you have a comfy place to sit.

**RSVP:** [glennandjudi@gmail.com](mailto:glennandjudi@gmail.com)



## Chapter Board of Directors

### President:

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**Scholarship Chair:** New committee

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## NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

**Hangtown Chapter 512**

3483 Airport Road

Placerville, CA 95667

[www.512.eaachapter.org](http://www.512.eaachapter.org)

**Note:** Membership in EAA National is required for membership in local EAA Chapters. Application for both memberships may be made simultaneously. All Chapter memberships are family memberships.



**Chapter 512 Dues: \$20.00**

**Please make checks payable to: EAA 512**

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

EAA number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Expires\*: \_\_\_\_\_ # of participating family members : \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address\* \_\_\_\_\_

City\* \_\_\_\_\_ ST\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\* \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

DATE & TIMES	REACURING EVENTS	LOCATION
2 Wed of Month	Board Meeting	EAA Hangar Placerville Airport
3 Wed of Month	General Meeting	EAA Hangar Placerville Airport
1 Tue of the Month	IMC/VMC	EAA Hangar Placerville Airport
	<b>ONCE-A-YEAR EVENTS</b>	
March 1st	Apollo Movie Night @ Glenn and Judi's Hangar	3212 Western Drive, 061
May 21	Save The Date	Smiths Prairie Airport, Idaho
May 15	West Coast Fly-in Maule	Kernville, CA L05

**EAA Chapter 512  
Monthly Board of Directors  
February 12, 2020**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at: 6:47 p.m. by: Al Herron

**Board Members Present:**

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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>      |                                           |

**Business from the Floor, Changes to Agenda**

- **Jeremy Gutenberger – Airport Manager's Office**
  - Jeremy is currently overseeing both the Placerville and Georgetown airports, single-handedly. He works Sundays through Thursdays.
  - Since Jeremy is covering both airports alone right now, he would like volunteer help on various airport projects, including:
    - Rest room repairs (dry rot) and painting (inside and out)
    - Painting the county hangars
    - Help with mowing and brush clearing (the seasonal help that previously did this retired after 25 years)
  - The county is setting up free WiFi for the entire airport. The system will work through CalNet and provide 25 Mb upload capability. This service should be operating soon.
  - The Airport Advisory Committee will meet at the airport office on Tuesday, February 18. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the airport office door.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Board Member Reports**

- **Al Herron – President**
  - Chapter 512 has been recognized with an EAA Silver Award, given for our numerous activities .



- Breakfasts start in April, so we need to begin preparations. We would like to install a hood over the grill.
- We have been invited to participate in a STEAM event at Union House Elementary School, Elk Grove, April 30, 5:30 – 7:00. We did this event last year, too.
- Flying start program this year? Two Airventure wristbands are offered for the May program.
- Young Eagles: Doug Lewin has requested a YE presentation for his Aerospace engineering class at Vista del Lago High School (Folsom). Volunteers for this program will talk about YE and Flying Start programs.
- We have been asked to make an aviation presentation on Monday, Feb. 17, to the Girl Scouts at the Cold Spring Church.

➤ **Jim Wilson – Vice President**

- Jim and Dale Kral are in the process of organizing the tool area.
- We are planning a Flying Start program in May.

➤ **Judi Gordon – Treasurer, Membership**

- Banking account balances:
  - Cash and checks on hand: \$660.80
  - Chase Checking 6001: \$15,493.69 (of which \$5,705.70 is earmarked for scholarship funds)
  - Chase Savings 8668: \$2,921.94 (Airport security account held in trust. Not property of EAA 512)
  - Total as of 1/31/2020: \$16,154.49 plus \$2,921.94 in Airport Security Account.
- The Chapter currently has 95 group memberships, representing 169 members. About ½ of the memberships have been paid for so far this year.
- The Gordons will be hosting a movie night at their house/hangar on Sunday, March 1. Social hour starts at 5PM; the movie starts at 6:30PM. The movie will be the 2019 documentary, Apollo 11. Bring finger food; they will provide beer & drinks.
- The format for our filing system has been defined. Our chapter records will be stored in the cloud on Google Drive. All officers, and former officers, are encouraged to transfer any Chapter files on their personal computers to the Google Drive account.
- The annual Chapter financial review has been completed. It is recommended that we include the value of our tools and hangar in our assets.

➤ **Rob Bulaga – Secretary**

➤ **John McPherson - General Director**

- John will be preparing a press release touting our Silver Award.

➤ **Dave Lugert - General Director**

- Dave has been working with the Placerville Kennel Club to get a doggy bad dispenser installed at the airport. The Kennel Club will provide the hardware and maintain the dispenser.

➤ **Tim Sullivan – Past President**

- Tim is in the process of porting our Chapter website to a new location. This change should be

- complete by March 31.
- Tim is still getting quotes for our hangar roof repair/maintenance.
- There was some discussion about the design and appearance of the new railing for the hangar loft area.
- We are looking into replacing the 3 overhead fans in our hangar with a single, larger fan.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **➤ Monica Breaux – Fundraising**

- The Committee is looking to have 2 large, signature events and multiple smaller events each year for fundraising. They are open to suggestions.
- Our Chapter has been approved to hold raffles.
- We may consider crowd sourcing funds for the hangar roof repair/maintenance. We are also considering holding a barbeque to raise funds for the roof.
- The Fundraising Committee needs more members. Are signup sheet will be passed around at the next general Chapter meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. by: Al Herron**