

THE STROBE



Placerville EAA 512 Newsletter

October 2019

Prez Sez... Great Volunteers

Courtesy of PG&E, this article is a few days late, which gives me the opportunity to say what a great job the chapter did on the October Young Eagles rally. Our chapter volunteers are amazing. Just days before the event Young Eagles Coordinator Jim Wilson was fretting that we only had three aircraft available and twenty-six kids to fly – all of course being managed by the online reservation system EAA provides. That's when the power went out. It didn't come back on until very late in the afternoon on Friday, giving Jim scant time to recover--not entirely sure who was going to show up. True to form, seven pilots showed up with their aircraft along with a whole bunch of ground volunteers, even after a very disruptive few days of power outages. We flew a great bunch of kids; everything went very smoothly and all had a great time despite somewhat smoky conditions due to the Caples fire. That's what I love about this chapter – they're always there when it counts. It's not something I'd ever want to take for granted, so THANK YOU everyone!

In a much more somber tone, we note the passing of long-time member Jim Howe on September 26. A celebration of life for Jim will be held at the Hangtown Aviation hangar (#22) on Saturday, October 19th at noon. We have many members involved in the chapter to varying degrees. All contribute to the success of the chapter, to the extent that makes sense for them, and we're grateful for everyone. There are always a few members that seem to go that extra mile, to the point that they become a part of the very fabric of the organization. Jim Howe was one of these. His passion for aviation, his dedication to the success and growth of the chapter, along with his easy-going, always-smiling and pleasant demeanor and dry wit added to the richness of the EAA chapter 512 family.

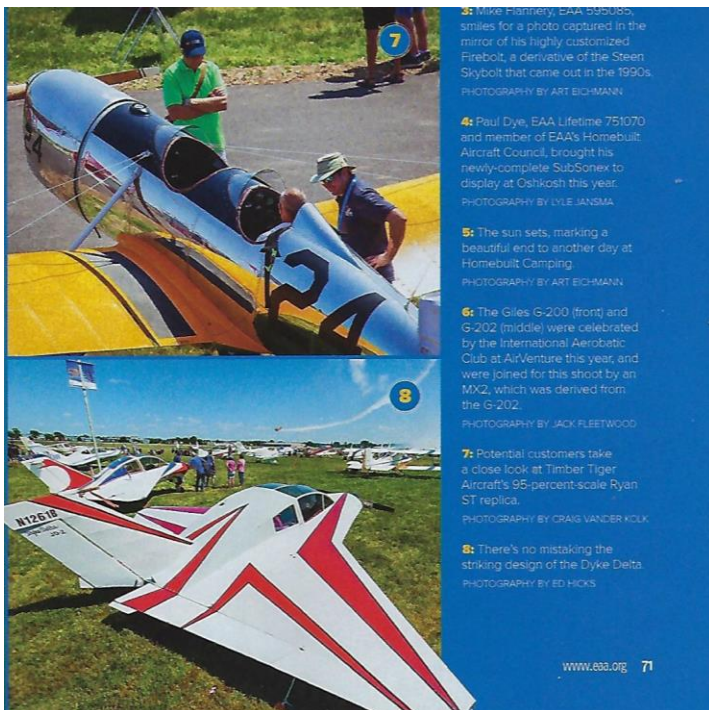
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Jim's chapter participation over the last few declined along with his health, so some of our newer members may not have had the chance to get to know him well. For those of us who did, he will be missed very much.

Be sure to attend the October general meeting on Wednesday, October 16th. We will be having our annual officer elections. One needed in particular is to elect a new Secretary; this important position has been unfilled since the middle of the year. Also, mark your calendar for our annual holiday party on Wednesday, December 18. Happy hour commences at 5pm and the feasting begins at 6!

By: Al Herron



Tabloids

The paparazzi has been following one of our chapter members, closely. While at Oshkosh, an undercover photographer caught Glen Gordon off the red carpet, posing by a Ryan ST replica. He was sporting normal clothes: a hat, T-shirt, and sunglasses.

'Till Math Do Us Part

Very shortly I will be taking my first flight review. How I've flown time! I have begun to wonder what sort of things I will need to review and what I may have completely forgotten since my exam. Going through the list of things, my number one weakness keeps cropping up. A very common assumption if you are a pilot, you are also good at math; especially doing calculations in your head. However, that is not the case with me.

There is hope for us who struggle with formulas by using helpful memory aids that have been devised to guide us within accuracy so we can make quick decisions while flying. When departing from Placerville in the early morning with calm winds, more often we can expect to arrive in the afternoon with winds that aren't in our favor such as crosswinds, gusts, and sinking or rising air.

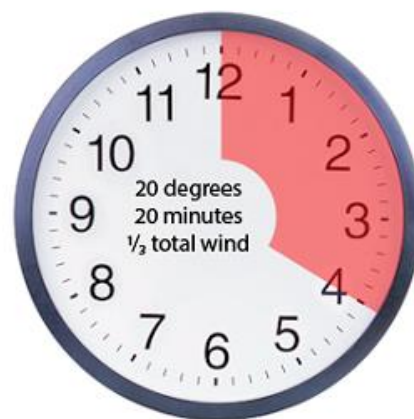
One simple way to remember crosswind component is by using the face of an analog clock. If the winds are reported 20 degrees off the runway heading 230: Reporting 210 at 10. What is my *crosswind component*?

Visualize 20 degrees equals 20 minutes. 20 is 1/3 the way around the clock. Therefore, the crosswind component is 1/3 of the wind. $10 \times \frac{1}{3} = 3.3$ knots is my crosswind component. After listening to AWOS while 10 miles out, you can begin thinking about your aircraft limitations and your personal limitations. Happy crosswind landings!

By: Audrey Brand



Tahoe Lake Area: The view from up here!



Check out **PilotWorkshops.Com** and get more ideas like this and others to help improve your flying experience.

El Dorado County Airport

Lease Rates Letter & Petition

If you lease hangar space at Placerville or Georgetown airports, or are just interested in keeping our local airports viable, you might be interested in a letter submitted to the county regarding the recent drastic increase in lease rates. The letter requests the county meet with hangar owners and revisit the lease pricing structure. The letter and, should you desire to participate, an electronic petition may be found at: <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/edc-airport-lease-rates>

By: Al Herron



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Please have your content submitted before the 3rd Sunday of that month. Attachments are accepted, except **PDF's** as it's difficult to extract images and text.
Sincerely,
The Editor



I have some exciting news to share with all of you! Facebook prompted me (as they do each year) to create a fundraiser for my birthday. In doing so, they commit to contributing a dollar. So, I chose Hangtown EAA Chapter 512 as my not-for-profit, and my friends and family contributed a total of **\$474!** This took almost zero effort on my part!

It turns out that rather than feeling it's "rude" to ask for money, many people are happy to contribute towards a worthy cause in celebration of someone that matters to them. I hope that everyone here who has a FB account will consider setting up something similar for their birthday or for any celebration, really.

Please consider the idea.

By: Judi Gorden

Private Pilot



Greg Stein -->

Hello All,
It has been a while since I last sent out an update on my Flight

training for my Private pilot's license. This will be an exciting long-awaited update though!

On September 4, 2019 I took the PPL checkride and passed!! There were many hurdles that I had to jump through however, which makes this more of an exciting moment for me. Early on in-flight training, in 2015 I received my 3rd class medical, shortly after I was in an ATV accident that left me a quadriplegic. This automatically disqualified my medical and left me in a body that I thought may not ever be able to touch the flight controls again. I had many folks, from the aviation community, encourage and talk me through how they were going to make sure I was going to sit left seat again, after my recovery.

After making a nearly complete recovery, I then went in to get my medical renewed, which was approved by the AME, however the FAA denied it. They wanted me to visit the FAA in Oklahoma. So, another year went by. I was told of the opportunity to prove my physical ability in person to the FAA at EAA Airventure. In 2018 I found their hangar and was approved almost instantly after showing my neck mobility. My hope was restored at this point and, in November 2018, I started flight training once again.

But my road blocks and walls were not quite over. As I was getting ready for the checkride—which had been scheduled for the week after Airventure 2019—I got a call from my instructor informing me that the Piper Warrior I had been training in the past year was still down for its 100-hr. inspection. The AME hadn't gotten to it when he predicted he would. It continued to be pushed back every week for the next month. I found 2 other aircraft that I might possibly take my test in, but they also needed their 100-hr. I finally found a C-172, that was of sound mind and available. So, more training in this new aircraft and in its systems, good thing I had some previous experience using these systems with CAP cadet orientation rides, so it was more of a refresher.

The check ride was scheduled again, only to be cancelled again due to weather (I had a lot of weather cancelations over the past year). We tried again for the next week, this time, with success. The Examiner and I went through the procedures and oral discussion with some minor hiccups here and there. After the flight portion he told me to park like a true pilot next to the TBM 800 on the ramp. At this point I couldn't tell whether or not I had actually passed but after shutdown and securing the plane he congratulated me. I am finally a private pilot and one step closer to my goal of Corporate Aviation.

I want to give a special Thank you to John Crocker, Jim Wilson, Dick Wampach, Al Herron, Hal Stephens and the rest of HANGTOWN EAA Chapter 512 members for their support through my recovery and support since joining the chapter at 11 years old. I am now 20 years old. I'd also like to Thank Tim LoDolce and EAA Chapter 1073 members of Truckee CA for their scholarship, which helped finish the cost of this stage of my career.

By: Greg Stein

SATURDAY NIGHT

The wife and I had an interesting night out on Saturday, September 28. We went to a fund-raising dinner night; it turned out to be a catered Mexican buffet of burritos or taco salad with entertainment provided by "VoCal" (Voices of California) a singing group of 40+ men, mostly from Northern Cal. Their music is based on BarberShop style which I find to be quite entertaining and made for a very enjoyable evening. A quartet of the members "Artistic License" have been ranked in the top 10 in international Barbershop competition, 3 times in the last 5 years---Quite an achievement in this style of entertainment! Oh, did I not mention, 3 of the VoCal singers are family, 1 is in the Artistic License group!

The Venue was located on north Howe Avenue in Sacramento. At around 6:30 cell phones began lighting up with a Tornado warning and some loud thunder rumblings for half an hour. A bit unusual for our area, made for some heavy rain on the ride up Hy-50 later on.

VoCal is raising monies to go to England in May of 2020 and will tour the country for about 3 weeks.

Now for the pitch---they will be performing at the Harris Center in Folsom on Saturday Dec 7, 2019 at 1:00pm. The theme is Christmas with some Elvis inspired songs. I highly recommend this afternoon of entertainment; Jan and I will be there. Call 800-385-659 for reserved seating.

Dick Wampach

OCTOBER ALBUM



Photo Courtesy of Jason

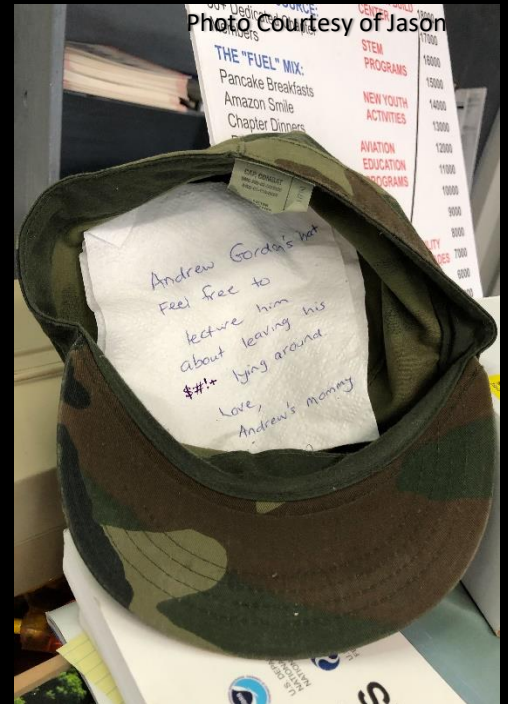


Photo Courtesy of Jason



Photo Courtesy of Kim Stein



Photo Courtesy of Jason Young Eagles



Photo Courtesy of Jason

Young Eagles



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Things to Do n' Ads

Special Thanks

To: **John McPherson** for taking over cooking the sausage!

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FOR RENT

Hangar Space Available

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 Cessna 150 lives in the hangar too. It is a daily commuter when the weather is good.

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:

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Attention!

Pilots & Aircraft Owners

Join Minter Field Air Museum and California Pinups and Patriots at [Wings 'N' Wheels](#) Minter Field on **November 2, 2019**. Start [registering](#) for your visit to Wings 'N' Wheels at Minter Field in Shafter, CA.

There will be tons of cool stuff to see and do. Also, there will be plenty of food and drink.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT! FLY IN AND STAY ALL DAY.

[Click here](#) for registration form. Fill it out and mail it back or Email it to us and we'll save you a spot in 2019 [Wings 'N' Wheels](#).

ANTIQUE AIRCRAFT DISPLAY AND FLY-IN

At: 1C9 - Frazier Lake Airpark

7901 Frazier Lake Rd, Hollister, CA

Frazier Lake Airpark's Antique Aircraft Display and fly-in will be held on the first Saturday of every month throughout the year of 2019, and additionally on Sunday in June, July, and August.

Hours are from 10am to 4pm
Admission and parking are FREE

More Info frazierlake.com



For more information about
End O' Summer visit:
<https://www.376.eaachapter.org/>

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Guest Speaker

At the next general meeting:

Ney Grant will share his story about flying into Cuba. If that sounds interesting, join us at the EAA Chapter 512 Hangar on the 16th of October at 7pm!



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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

Hangtown Chapter 512

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Placerville, CA 95667

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 Sat of the Month	Antique Aircraft Display and Fly-in	1C9 – Frazier Lake Airpark 7901 Frazier Lake Rd. Hollister, CA
1 Tue of the Month	IMC/VMC	EAA Hangar Placerville Airport
DATE	ONCE A YEAR EVENTS	LOCATION
Oct 19 8am	End O' Summer	Sierra Sky Park, Fresno, CA
Oct 27-29	Kern Valley Fly-in	Kern Vally Airport, CA
Nov 2nd	Wings and Wheels	Minter Field in Shafter, CA

**EAA Chapter 512
Monthly Board of Directors
October 9, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at: __6:50__p.m. by: Al Herron

Board Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Al Herron, <i>President</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Dick Wampach, <i>General Director</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Wilson, <i>Vice President</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> John McPherson, <i>General Director</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judi Gordon, <i>Treasurer</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Sullivan, <i>Past President</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary – <i>position open</i> | |

Guests: Jennifer Hunt, local winery

Business from the Floor, Changes to Agenda

Approval of Minutes no minutes recorded

Board Member Reports

➤ **Al Herron – President**

- Elections: Incumbents remain in office for 2020. By-laws call for 1-year term. Open positions are Secretary, two directors at large.
- Holiday party: In lieu of regular meeting, Holiday party will be Wednesday, 12/18. Social hour commencing at 5, dinner at 6. Chapter will provide tri-tip, chicken and spiral ham. Members bring pot-luck sides and desert.
- Budget planning for 2020: The Judi Report using QuickBooks was submitted for review.
- Committee activities: Fund Raising and Scholarship committee did not report.
- October guest speaker is Ney Grant, West Coast Flying Adventures, Cessna 210 pilot will talk about his adventure flight to Cuba in May, 2019.
- November guest speaker: Paul Marshall, CalDART (<https://caldart.org/>).
- 2019 project wrap-ups:
 - Upstairs office area: Tim Sullivan installed a new wood plank floor in the loft to improve the office space. A desktop computer running Windows 7 was donated by Tim's mother.
 - Shop area/tools: Dale Kral has inventoried tools and is doing necessary repairs to various tools. Dick W. donated a large metal cutting band saw for chapter use and requested a letter of donation. EAA announced a tool crib program for chapter to apply and receive upto 30% or \$300 toward purchase of tools. A motion was approved to spend \$625 on scales for weighing aircraft. Judi sent the authorization form to EAA for 30% payment for the Tool Crib Program. Dale will purchase the scales which must be secured and locked in a cabinet. Members must sign out and sign in for valuable tools.
 - Work day: side yard cleanup (date TBD). Hal and Jim cleaned side yard and made several loads to the recycle center. The recycle center would not accept the large panels. Rick Gaylord is looking into disposal sites that will accept the panels.
- 2020 project planning:
 - Hangar structural repairs and upgrades: A new cable and post rail in the loft is planned for next year. A top priority are corrugated roof windows to replace the original leaky skylights and a professional grade roof sealant installed by a roofing contractor (TBD).

- Kitchen improvements:
 - ◆ Fabricate a range hood & exhaust system to improve ventilation.
 - ◆ Storage plan
 - ◆ Cabinet upgrades

- **Jim Wilson – Vice President**
 - Ground School – We are looking at alternative ideas to ground school if we do not have a dedicated CFI instructor available for 2020. A consideration is a combined online self-study by students at home augmented by weekly or bi-monthly study group lead by chapter mentors.
 - Pancake breakfast: year in review. The mainstay of chapter revenue is the seven times-a-year pancake breakfast. Gross income was nearly \$6000, with a net profit of about \$3,200. We greatly appreciate all the chapter members who work diligently each month to welcome guests and put on the great breakfast.
 - Cops & Rodders, Cameron Park Young Eagles, Sept. 28 was a disappointment due to the low ceiling and poor visibility. No flights were flown.
 - The October 12 Young Eagles flight was a success with 6 aircraft and pilots flying 25 Young Eagles.

- **Judi Gordon – Treasurer, Membership**
 - Membership update
 - Banking account balances:
 - Cash on hand: \$300.00
 - Chase Checking 6001: \$16,494.79 (of which \$5,855.70 is scholarship funds)
 - Chase Savings 8668: \$2,921.85 (airport security fund held in trust. Does not belong to EAA 512)
 - **Total as of 9/30/19:** \$16,794.79 plus \$2,921.85 in Airport Security Account

- **Dick Wampach - General Director**
 - IMC/VMC Club
 - Fly outs
 - FFAST program Paul Koscheka with FSDO is tentatively scheduled for January 2020.
- **John McPherson - General Director**
 - Media interaction
 - October 18 John and Jim are meeting with the Girl Scout mobile STEM program in Sacramento.

- **Tim Sullivan – Past President**
 - Hangar progress

Committee Reports

- **Helen Brand – Strobe Editor**
- **Monica Breaux – Fundraising**
- **Al Herron or Judi Gordon – STEM Committee**
- **Hal Stephens – Scholarship**

Meeting adjourned at ____9:00____p.m. by: Al Herron