



# THE STROBE

Placerville EAA 512 Newsletter

January 2020

## Prez Sez... Jetsons

Welcome to 2020! Where's my flying car? Oh, wait, Rob Bulaga and team are working on it! Won't be able to lament not having "flying cars" much longer from the looks of things.

We had a very productive board of directors meeting for the chapter last week. This is going to be another fun and productive year for Chapter 512. Last year we started some hangar improvements and other projects, the focus this year is going to be finishing those up and re-energizing our ongoing programs to make them more efficient and effective. Plan for some upcoming workdays and some new opportunities to participate, plus some new capabilities and features at our hangar - not to mention lots of fun & flying along the way.

I am, however, saddened to report the loss of another member of our chapter family. George Buttles's beloved wife Vicki passed away on New Year's Day after a long illness. Our heartfelt condolences go out to George at this difficult time. Vicki will be missed.

We hope to see most of you at membership meeting this week. In the meantime, do something uplifting – go fly!

By: Al Herron

I fly every morning, weather permitting. I walk out to the airport and set my baggage down. I lift off the ground and enjoy the beautiful views. When it's time to return, I park the plane and by some miracle, the wind has blown all my baggage away.

-Kathy Zancanella

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## **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: Dee Howe for donating Jim's headset for the Young Eagle program.

## **N733RN FINALLY HOME!**

New Year's Eve was a happy day for our faithful C-172N when it was beckoned home by the bright landing lights and welcoming party of PVF. After three long months of delayed shop time at Art Craft Paint (SMX) our bird is looking new again after 38 years of ownership.

The quality of the finished shop product was exceptional in so many ways as were the materials used. It was my intent to incorporate a number of additional upgrades as part of the completed exterior project items. With the suggestions and guidance of our technical advisor (and who keeps us all flying), Dick Wampach, I was confident in the decisions to incorporate the list of items below:

- \*Paint scheme design layout; In-house
- \*R&R with new fairing tips; In-house
- \*New window glass; Full Throttle Aviation, Auburn
- \*New exhaust fairing; Full Throttle Aviation, Auburn
- \*R&R of exterior antennas; Airborne Electronics, SAC

### **Art Craft Paint**

Installation of:

- \*Vortex Generators Kit
- \*Horizontal stabilizer abrasion boots
- \*Clear 3M abrasion tape
- \*All new inspection panel stainless steel screw kit
- \*All new control surface attachment hardware
- \*New painted iconic Skyhawk image & lettering placards
- \*Shadowed tail number lettering

Thank you to everyone who kept me sane during those long 3 months!

New Adventures Await!!!

By: Dave & Barbara Lugert



Photo courtesy Dave Lugert



Photo courtesy Dave Lugert

## **We Need Your Help**

**HANGAR IMPROVEMENT WORKDAY**

**January 18th, 10 AM - 2PM**

Goal: Arrange upstairs loft, move furniture, add casters to several large items.

All work performed indoors. Gloves recommended.

For questions please contact Tim Sullivan (530) 417-0761

Fancy it up anyway you can!





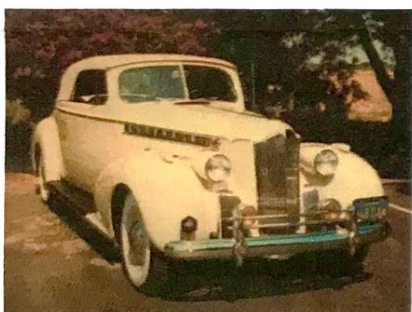
**Jim W. Shannon**  
1929-2019

Born in Van Nuys, Jim grew up in Truckee, Dunsmuir and other small towns of northern California where his father worked as an agent for the Southern Pacific railroad. After Jim's graduation from Redding High School, the family moved once again. This time to Placerville.

Jim was already on his way to perfecting his mechanical skills, owning and riding a British motorcycle, one of something like 20 or so "bikes" he owned through out his long life.

Jim worked at an auto dealership in Placerville until Uncle Sam requested his service in the army's first helicopter unit where his education continued at the Sikorsky factory.

As he returned to civilian life, the space race had begun. For the next decade, first as a rocket test technician, then as a test engineer, Jim worked on the Gemini engines that powered manned NASA space missions. In the meantime, while working nights at Aerojet, he spent daylight hours finishing his family's new home in a wooded setting just outside of Placerville.

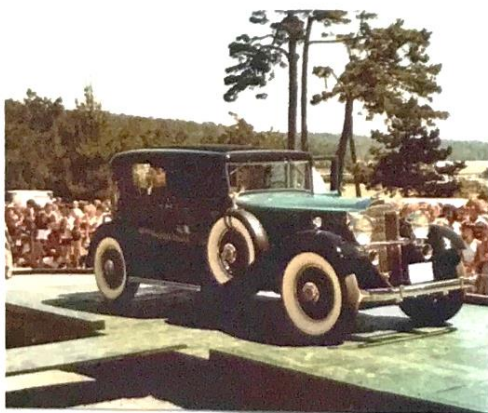


Using metal, the material with which he was most familiar, Jim's talents took a new turn, creating original sculpture which was recognized in reviews of the Sacramento area art world. Many of the pieces featured frogs whose whimsical activity brought a chuckle to the viewer.

Jim's ability to repair that which was worn or broken and replicate that which was missing served him well in his next endeavor — the restoration of classic cars. It started with a 1940 Packard convertible, which among its many awards, was chosen Best of Show on a Packard tour to Victoria, B.C. Another Best of Show winner was his 1932 Packard club sedan at the Sacramento Concours. The car had already taken home a 1st place ribbon from the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours.

At mid-life, Jim fulfilled a long time desire. He took flying lessons and obtained his private pilot's license. Flights, in his Cessna 152 and the 2 sport aircraft he built, fill the pages of two log books for a total of nearly 2500 hours. The books also tell the story of adventures and destinations throughout the western US.

In his 80s, Jim optimistically began work on yet another project, the rebuilding of a Smith mini-biplane. But time ran out on October 23. He is survived by Betty, his wife of 63 years, and a daughter, Holly Foster.







## FlyKart II

Update at next chapter meeting!

## January's Log Book



Audrey's friend was so excited about going flying with her, she forgot to take her Dramamine and even more excited when she realized she didn't even need it! ^



At Wings Cafe KAUN



Cockpit Companions.

# The Spitfire Café @KHLM

The Spitfire Cafe that opened July 2019 last year continues to evolve. And frankly...it's a nice little coffee shop to fly into for a short break (especially a flight instruction break).

Grilled tuna sandwich was fantastic! It's not your typical full-service restaurant or cafe. The Coffee and waffles are also highly recommended whilst listening to some big band tunes surrounded by WWII aviation decor ... in fact I am told that we need to go back and try the Oreo waffles (served with ice cream) ...

If you fly in there: from the transient parking, head south towards Kracon and go through the gate to the outside of the airport. It is on the south east corner of the Kracon building.

By: Jason Brand

Banana Pecan Waffle



Tuna Sandwich

## oc·to·ge·nar·i·an

/ ˌäktəjəˈnerēən /

*noun*

a person who is from 80 to 89 years old.

"Dick Wampach is officially an *octogenarian* pilot."

# 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**



**The Spitfire LHM**

All folks from  
Hangtown 512, consider  
Yourself invited  
With a FREE CUP  
OF

COFFEE. OR DRINK. OR WAFFLE! 🍌❤️



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:**

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



**FEB 1 - FEB 6**

### Ground School on a Cruise Ship

Miami, Florida Cruise Port



Interested



Going



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Miami, Florida Cruise Port

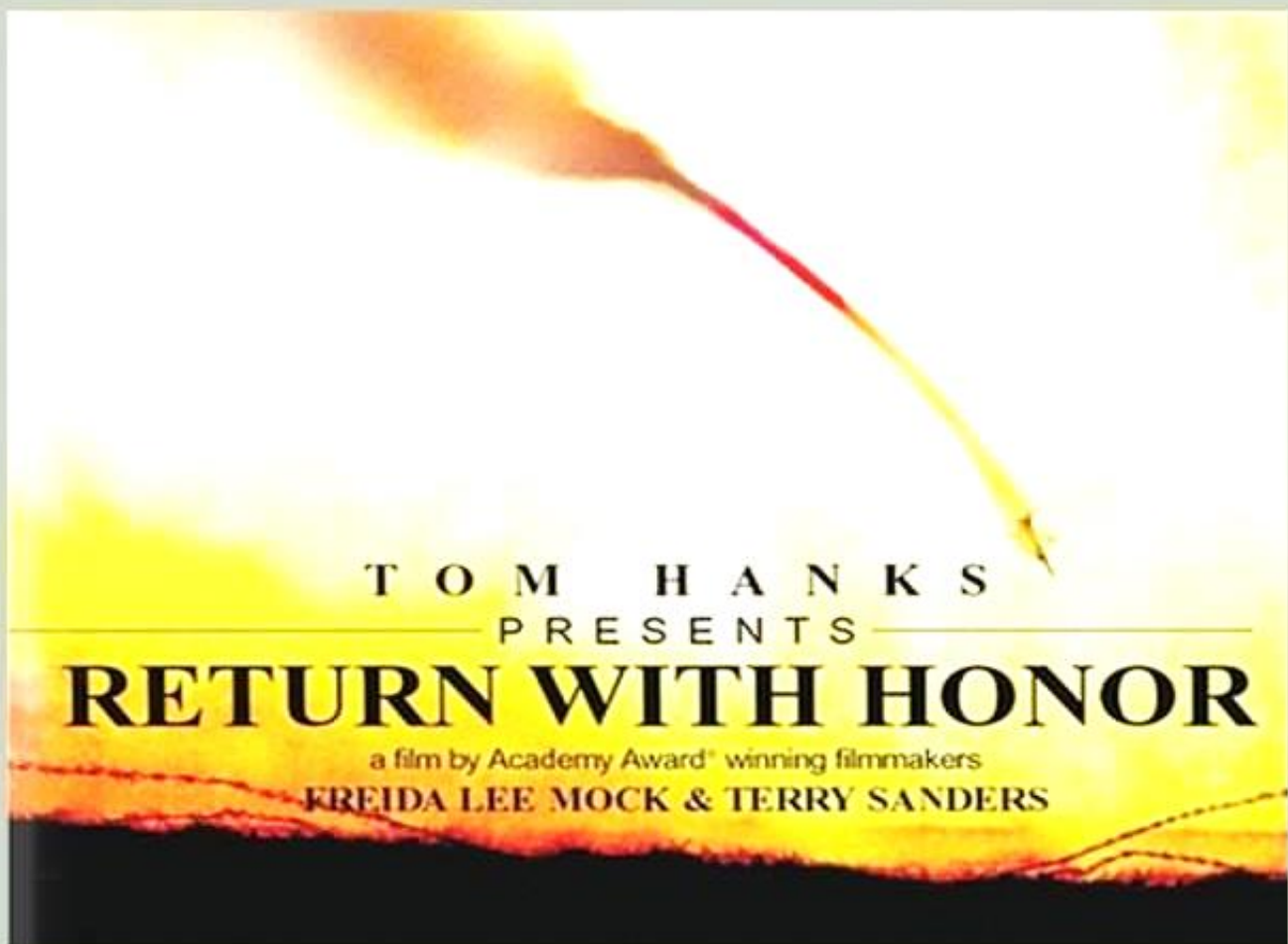


Public event by **The Spitfire Flight School**  
and **The Spitfire Cafe at Lincoln Airport**



Feb 1, 09:00 - Feb 6, 09:00





**RETURN WITH HONOR** tells the powerful, moving story of American pilots shot down over North Vietnam and their challenge to survive with honor as POW's. A tribute to heroism, endurance, and brotherhood under duress, the film recalls the transformation from top-gun aviators to captives. Told in their words, rich with survivor humor, and complete with North Vietnamese archival footage, the film is a universal story of honor and duty.

**Date:** Sunday January 19th, 2020, 6:00 pm social, 8:00 pm movie

**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)



## Private Pilot Ground School

Wednesdays 6-8pm • begins Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> • 13 weeks  
Cameron Park Airport

**\$599**

price includes all course materials, except ASA Prepware Online license (approx. \$40)



**INSTRUMENT GROUND  
INSTRUMENT GROUND**

**MACH 5  
AVIATION**

**February 4th—March 10th**

**6 Weeks Tuesday & Thursday**

**6pm—9pm**

**HELD AT THE AUBURN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

**WWW.MACH5AVIATION.COM**

**(530) 889-2000**

## Chapter Board of Directors

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**Scholarship Chair:** New committee

### EAA Flight Advisor:

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### EAA Technical Counselor / IMC & VMC / FAAS Team Coordinator:

Dick Wampach (530) 677-8251  
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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/Christmas Party                         | EAA Hangar Placerville Airport |
| 1 Tue of the Month | IMC/VMC                                                 | EAA Hangar Placerville Airport |
|                    | <b>ONCE-A-YEAR EVENTS</b>                               |                                |
| Jan 19             | Return With Honor 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  
January 8, 2020**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at: 6:58 p.m. by: Al Herron

**Board Members Present:**

- |                                     |                                           |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| ✓ 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** - none

**Approval of Minutes**

**Board Member Reports**

- **Al Herron – President**
  - Al presented a spreadsheet of multi-year Chapter goals including: Hangar Repairs, Hangar Upgrades, Ground School, Young Eagles, Pancake Breakfasts, Fundraising, Scholarship Programs, and STEM/Maker Center. These items will be discussed in more detail during future meetings. The goal is to create one-, three-, and five-year plans to address these topics.
- **Jim Wilson – Vice President**
  - Ground School – Due to a lack of an instructor, we will not be offering a Ground School this year. We will look into the possibility of setting up a ground school in coordination with Folsom Lake College's local campus. We will also look into setting up a workshop assist with the online, Sporty's Young Eagle's classes.
  - Ray Foundation Scholarship – We do not qualify for this scholarship program this year. We will position ourselves to participate next year.

- Chapter Leader Boot Camp – This year’s annual EAA Boot Camp will be held on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Sacramento Executive Airport. This free, all-day event is open to anyone wishing to attend.
- Young Eagle / Eagle Flights – This year, we are going to try to offer introductory flights during our Pancake Breakfasts.

➤ **Judi Gordon – Treasurer, Membership**

- Quarterly Treasurer’s report – Judi presented a Chapter Balance Sheet, a Quarterly Profit and Loss Sheet, and an Annual Profit and Loss Comparison for 2018/2019.
- Membership update – A new year is upon us. Dues are due. Annual dues are only \$20.
- Raffle filing – We have been approved by the State Attorney General to hold raffles during 2020.
- Annual Bookkeeping Review - Russ Sardini, as an independent consultant, will meet with Judi on Jan 9<sup>th</sup> to review our accounting books.
- Banking account balances:
  - Cash and checks on hand: \$1,104.22
  - Chase Checking 6001: \$15,103.12 (of which \$5,705.70 is earmarked for scholarship funds)
  - Chase Savings 8668: \$2,921.92 (Airport security account held in Trust. Not property of EAA 512)
  - **Total as of 12/31/19:** \$16,207.34 plus \$2,921.92 in Airport Security Account.

➤ **Dick Wampach – General Director**

- IMC/VMC Club – The budget for refreshments at the IMC/VMC meetings is \$10/month. So far we have been spending less than this.
- Paul Koscheka, the FAA Safety Representative from the Sacramento FSDO, will be our speaker at our January meeting next week.
- Pancake Breakfasts start again in April. Volunteers are welcome

➤ **Dave Lugert - General Director**

- As a service project, we are looking into creating two “Doggy Bag” dispensaries for the airport. Jeremy, the assistant airport manager, has volunteered to build the dispensaries. He has experience doing this. The cost will be less than \$50. Chapter members are encouraged to donate plastic bags to the cause.

➤ **Tim Sullivan – Past President**

- We have a \$12K quote to leak-proof the Hangar roof and replace the windows. We will be getting additional quotes.
- The shed on the side of the Hangar is falling apart. Tim recommends tearing it down and building a box around the air compressor.
- The cabinets above the kitchen area (labeled “A” through “G”) need to be mouse-proofed prior to our Pancake Breakfast season.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by: Al Herron**