

THE STROBE

Placerville EAA 512 Newsletter

March 2020



Prez Sez... Topsy Turvy

Well, the Coronavirus has certainly turned our world on its head, at least for the next few months, possibly longer. How this is going to affect Chapter 512 remains to be seen. To begin with, we are cancelling next week's membership meeting, see the notice elsewhere in the Strobe for details. There is little doubt the outbreak is going to have an impact on some of our chapter activities, especially considering the demographic of our membership. Many of us are in the age range considered high risk. There naturally is a certain amount of hysteria happening right now, which in a way is a good thing: sometimes assuming the worst can keep you alive. That being said, we'll do our best to keep Chapter 512 moving forward as the Coronavirus runs its course. Please do put your health and safety first, don't feel obligated to participate in any chapter activity if you think it adds to your personal risk. We'll understand.

Continuing with the "topsy turvy" theme, the recent losses of several long-time members of our EAA chapter family still has many of us feeling unsettled. We will keep our memories of them fondly in our hearts going forward. Another, though far less important, source of discomfort is the current state of our hangar. It's kind of a mess right now, but for good reasons. Last year we started several large projects including upgrading our hangar tool inventory, upgrades to our kitchen area, reorganizing our shop area to make it more useable, and creating an office area in the loft. Our goal this year ...continued on page 2

NO GENERAL MEETING

The EAA Chapter 512 general membership meeting on **March 18** is **CANCELLED** due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and in accordance with guidelines from the CDC and the State of California. We do not take this action lightly, but feel it is the responsible thing to do for the public good, and also for the well-being of our membership.

As of right now the April 4 pancake breakfast is still tentatively scheduled. We will continue to monitor the situation and make a final determination the week before the event.

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Editor's Note

In the year 1918, on March 7th, an experimental two-seater biplane was launched from a wooden ramp--not just any wooden ramp but one built on the midship turret guns of the H.M.S. Australia. Fl Cdr Donald was pilot in command and unaccompanied. Failure after failure, this launch test seemed likely to trend with previous attempts. Faced with an intimidating 20-mph headwind and daunting odds, he was thrust onward, into the crisp sea air. No one cared the biplane had no place to land, for all that mattered was that it flew and flew far over the blue.

This was one of many experiments conducted as the British Military tried to integrate aviation with the Navy. And the flight of the 7th went on to be recorded as the first *successful* launch of its kind. Still with us today, is an iconic photo, reminiscing of the moment that was: March 7, 1918. If you'd like to take a look, just revisit the image on page 1.

Sincerely,
The Editor

Airmail 100

The very first transcontinental air mail route was established and flown 100 years ago this year. The Airmail 100 group has been established with the purpose conducting a commemorative reenactment of the flight with volunteer pilots from across the country this September; mostly using EAA chapters to volunteer to fly the various route segments. The final three legs, Elko to Reno, Reno to Sacramento, and Sacramento to San Francisco are still open. If you would like to volunteer to fly one of the legs, please call Al Herron at 530-417-0064, it would be great if Chapter 512 could be part of this.

More information: <http://evworld.com/airmail100/>

By: Al Herron

Continued from page 1... is to bring all these projects to fruition and get our chapter hangar looking shiny, fresh, and better than ever. What a great way to gain back some feeling of control in this crazy year! We'll be calling on our membership to contribute to the effort in various ways including work days, taking on specific tasks such as planning and organizing, contributing suggestions, and maybe taking on some leadership positions to keep the Chapter going strong in the coming decade.

As they say, this too shall pass. The heck with it, let's have a great year!

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).

Special Thanks

To: **Will Mathews** for coming out to meet with the high school students in Folsom to explain the EAA Young Eagles Program.

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.

Announcement

We are proud to announce that our EAA Chapter qualified as one of the eligible recipients of the coveted Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund Award. The Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund is a scholarship program that is supported by the Ray Foundation, managed by EAA, and administered through the EAA Chapter network. Through the generous support of the Ray Foundation, EAA provides up to \$10,000 to deserving youths for their flight training expenses, totaling \$1,200,000 in scholarships annually.

By: Judi Gordon

YE Volunteers **EAA 52**

EAA Chapter 52 in Sacramento is looking for Young Eagles pilots to assist in their rally on May 17. Would be a great warmup for our own rally on June 13! Contact Gill Wright at gillwright@sbcglobal.net for more information.

By: Al Herron

Movie Night Report **31 participants**



LOG BOOK

3/5/20 Jason Brand took YE volunteer Rick Gaylord up for a sunset flight. Incredibly smooth air and plenty of opportunity for “being an aerial tourist”.

Jason Brand



2/26/20 First time in a small aircraft and admittedly a little nervous, my neighbor and I (Audrey) flew to Auburn for coffee and walked around looking at all the beautiful airplanes! She said it was more fun than she could have ever imagined!

Audrey Brand



3/14/20 Raining, but wanted to go flying. No flight simulator. Thank goodness the Lonestar STOL Competition was live...

Jason Brand



Dear Reader,

Log Book is a section added to the Strobe to encourage you, the reader, to contribute content to newsletter.

It is a section dedicated to brief writes ups about flying trips or aviation related projects/events you have done in the last month, year, or *decade*. To complete a submission, email:

- one picture
- 10+ words of flight/build project event
- A date to go with submission

Do these submissions need to be accurate? Nope.

Consider sharing your own entry to be published in the next newsletter!

Send your entry to Helen at:

more_right_rudder@yahoo.com

**Deadlines are the 4/12*

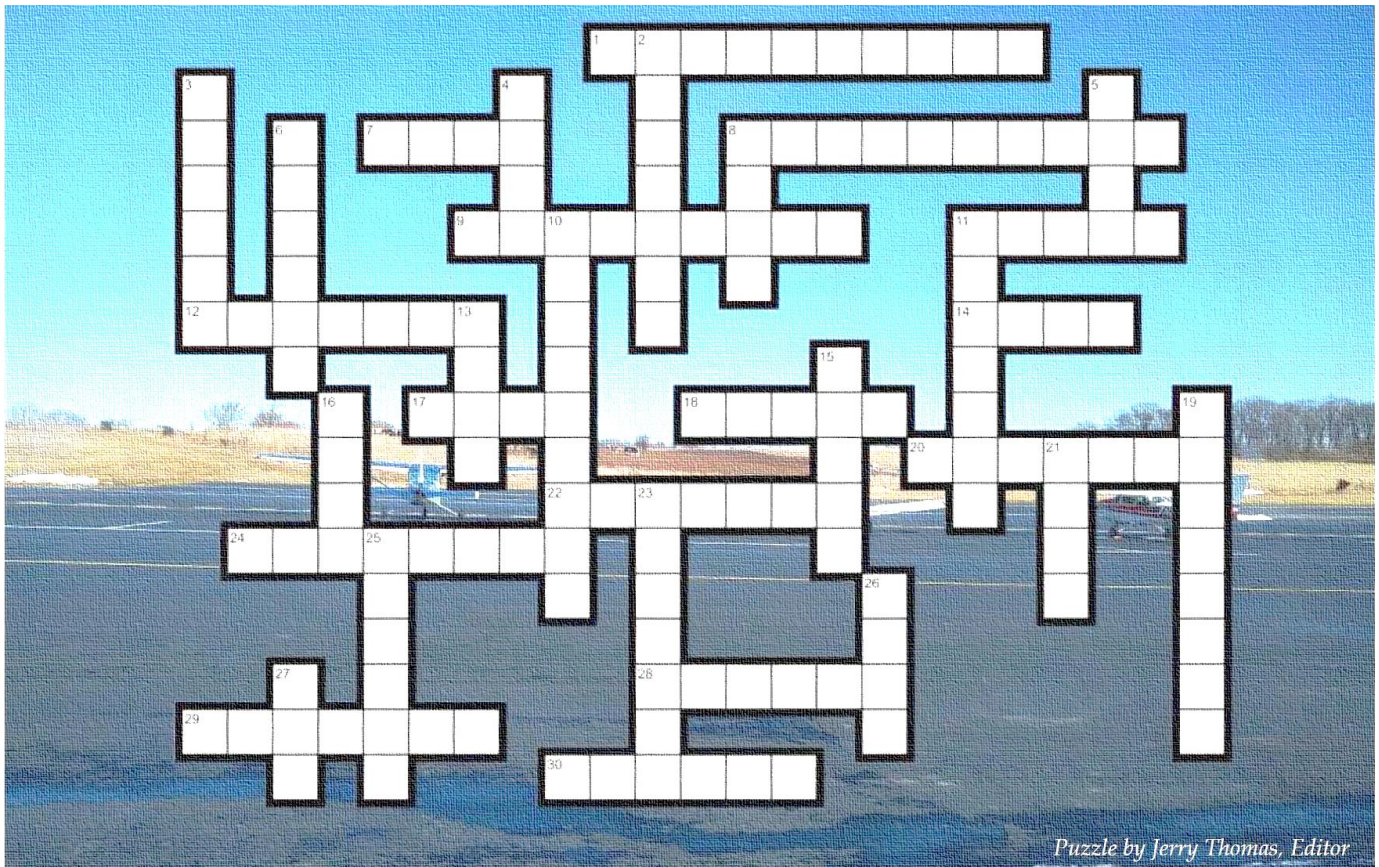
Sincerely,

The Editor

Crossword Puzzle

No Answer Key!

Sent in by: Nate Prince



Puzzle by Jerry Thomas, Editor

ACROSS

1. The lights on the wing tips
7. Access and egress point
8. Horizontal and vertical
9. Rear end of an airplane
11. The centerline of a wing
12. Messes up the airflow
14. The airplane's hood
17. You and the airplane each have one
18. The comfy place
20. The shape of the wing
22. The front edge of the wing
24. Everything else attaches to this
28. Moves the nose sideways
29. That streamlined propeller cap
30. Keeps the wind out

DOWN

2. Gets the words in and out
3. Cessnas have 'em but Pipers don't
4. The fine adjustment
5. Keeps the belly off the ground
6. Collision avoiding light
8. The main beam of the wing
10. The spinny thing on the front
11. Where to look for the pilot
13. Where the wing meets the fuselage
15. Birds have 'em too
16. Gives shape to the wing
19. Adjusts the angle of attack
21. Makes it slow down and go up
23. Makes the wing tilt
25. You need this to get going
26. Fits over each rim
27. The end of the wing

NOTE: You'll have to print this page because your editor hasn't figured out how to make it workable on a computer screen just yet. You can find the answer key is on page 12 - but no cheating!

Things to Do n' Ads

THE SPITFIRE

KHLM (Lincoln Airport)

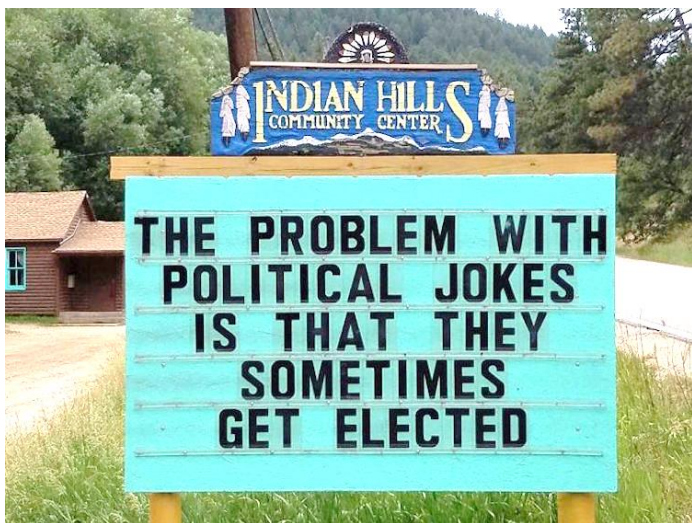
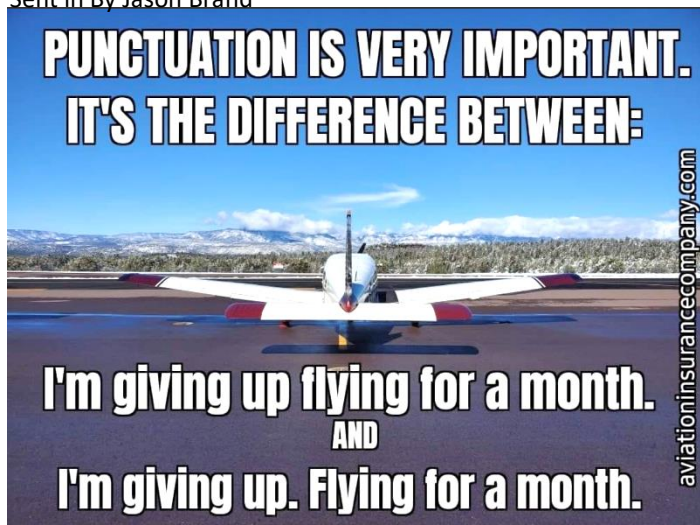
Mission Statement

"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

Sent in By Jason Brand



Sent in By Dick Wampach

FOR RENT

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 (motor glider) 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

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OROVILLE AIRPORT DAY

Young Eagles Fly-In
Your aviation journey starts here.

EAA
THE SPIRIT OF AVIATION
Chapter 1112
Oroville, Ca.

Free Admission!

Aircraft, Custom Cars, Motorcycles, Search and Rescue demos

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

The Friends of Oceano Airport present...

OCEANO AIRPORT CELEBRATION

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

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
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.

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

\$99

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

Hangtown Chapter 512

3483 Airport Road

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
* CANCELED	General Meeting —CANCELED	EAA Hangar Placerville Airport
1 Tue of the Month	IMC/VMC	EAA Hangar Placerville Airport
April 4th	Pancake Breakfast Event PENDING due to COVID-19	EAA Hangar Placerville Airport
	ONCE-A-YEAR EVENTS	
May 8st	Oceano Fly-in	Oceano Airport, CA
May 15	West Coast Fly-in Maule	Kernville, CA L05
May 16	Oroville Airport Day and Fly-in	Oroville 225 Chuck Yeager Way, CA
May 17	Young Eagles EAA Chapter 52	Sacramento Airport, CA
May 29	Go Wheels Up	San Marcos Regional Airport, TX

RUNNING OUT OF TP?



...JUST SAYIN'