

# THE STROBE



Placerville EAA 512 Newsletter

August 2019

## Prez Sez... Vectors Please

We've done a lot of work this year and last repairing and upgrading our chapter facilities. Our finances are solid & sustainable, and our membership is strong and growing. To put it in aircraft terms, the "airframe" of the chapter is sound and found to be in good condition, the "fuel tanks" are full and the "crew" capable and prepared. So, where do you want to "fly"? What kinds of activities would you like to see Chapter 512 involved in? How would you like to see our resources invested? We have some activities we already know the chapter wants: the pancake breakfasts are very popular, as are our summer picnic meetings. The Young Eagles program for kids, and Eagles for adult prospective pilots also seem to have good support, as does our annual ground school. What other activities, if any, would you like to see?

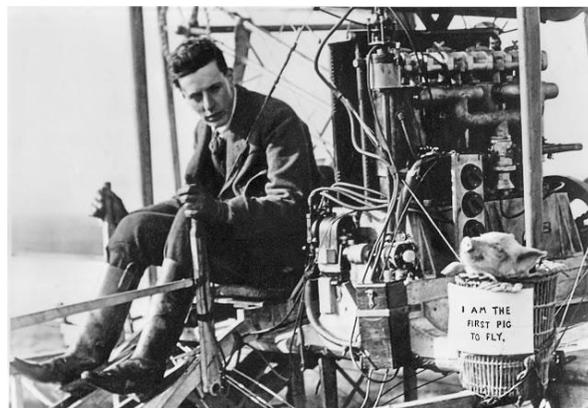
The direction the chapter takes is up to the membership. What kinds of activities would *you* like to have? More social events? More flying activities? How about aircraft building and builder support? More public outreach to bring new people into aviation? Programs for young people in the county, maybe a renewed effort on our scholarship program? Helping to facilitate some local flying clubs? Maybe some new ideas we haven't yet considered? Make your voice be heard, let the chapter leadership know what you would like the chapter to be.

Speaking of leadership, our chapter by-laws require us to elect next year's officers and board of directors at the October general membership meeting. That means we need to start identifying prospective candidates *now* so we can have a slate for voting in October. We often get behind the power curve on this task; I get it, it's not nearly as fun as flipping pancakes or flying Young Eagles. Still, without someone taking care of the managing end, none of the rest of it can happen. It's also not as much work or worry as you might think, and sometimes even fun and rewarding. Please consider either running for a position or volunteering to be on the nominating committee.

By: Al Heron

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The first pig to fly. 1909

Sent by Dick Wampach

# 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

## Trip to Oshkosh Facts

Since we returned from Airventure, many people have inquired about the Brand's Pilgrimage to Osh. Instead of a lengthy article—because it's not possible to write a short one on the matter—we gathered together to discuss the main facts of the trip. These were our top 21 picks we'd like to share.

Passed through 11 states. Toured 2 caves.  
Visited 34 gas stations. Put 5100 miles on the engine.  
We walked a total of 36 miles each in 5 days at Oshkosh.  
Eliminated 80 mosquitos. *Collectively.*  
Drove by 19 Indian reservations (made that up)  
Witnessed 1 bear, 300 buffalo, 7 horses. Caught 9 fireflies (actually a beetle)  
Dodged 2 tornados. Did 12 loads of laundry.  
Counted 99 bottles of beer on the wall.  
Then counted 999 wind turbines.  
Devoured 24 donuts.  
Ate 6 burgers each. Snacked on roughly 20lbs of jerky.  
Drank 220 water bottles. Consumed 7 ice-cream cones.  
Left with 4 humans, 1 dog. Returned with 4 gypsies, 1 dog.  
Bought 7 t-shirts.  
Our economic impact: \$17 million. (made that up too)  
More on the Brand's Pilgrimage to Oshkosh next month...

**Sincerely,  
The Editor**

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[Here is a resource](#) for Frequently Asked Questions.

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**Just remember** to always start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)!

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## Amazon Gives.

The logo for Amazon Smile, featuring the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a curved orange arrow underneath the "smile" part.

# First of All

to those whom went to Oshkosh, welcome back! Looking forward to hearing your stories—I hope you can list some or all of them in the strobe for all to read about.

First Saturday is upon us another pancake breakfast day—are you ready? Are you rested up? Are you back? Follow that up with the IMC / VMC meetings on Tuesday Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. I have the Starbucks coffee & cups. I'll be up Friday to prep that stuff & help get ready. Al tells me all the food stuff is ready.

I have a speaker lined up for the September 18<sup>th</sup> general meeting and pot luck. He was not available for August. So, after the pot luck we can go inside and participate in a short on-screen presentation and Q & A session. Dave Vega from Concord Batteries Co. will be our guest speaker for the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will come up from So. Cal. For this event. He will have a presentation on keeping your Concord battery up and ready to give you a start! His company specializes in the maintenance free “Dry” cell batteries for our planes. Dave will talk on the advantages of the dry battery and the cost advantages. Also, he will speak about the battery minder trickle charger that Concord recommends...and he just might be able to offer some of the Oshkosh special deals

I met Dave at the AOPA Livermore air show and I was impressed with his enthusiasm over the maintenance free battery. He didn't have to work very hard to impress me on the advantages. I've had to repair a number of battery boxes and other structural problems caused by “wet” cell batteries over the last 50 years. The airplane I now fly in has averaged over 8 years usage on its last 3 dry batteries, to me that's a lot better than being inconvenienced every year or two on pink power!

By: Dick Wampach

A/P, ATP, CFI



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, and to put it into perspective, I raised 263% of the money we raised at the Sizzler Bash for Cash event, which took a **WHOLE LOT** of effort.

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.

So, please consider the idea.

By: Judi Gorden



This year's turnout at Oshkosh was insane. Among those 5,500 volunteers where Jim, Tracy, Rick, and Eliot. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped make Airventure happen! Your hours were greatly appreciated.

–Happy Campers

## Rick & Eliot's "Airventure"



Rick with rare Beech Starship at AirVenture '19.



A moment of repose while visiting the EAA seaplane base.



During a brief stop in St Louis on our way home from AirVenture '19, Southwest pilot gave Elliot and I a cockpit tour and asked Elliot to enter the next leg's squawk code into the Transponder.



Eliot bought an RC model of a P51 but had never seen a full size one before.



Jack Pelton walked by as my grandson and I were on our volunteer positions at the Museum. I greeted Jack and shook his hand and asked if he would be willing to pose with Elliot. Afterward, Elliot asked me discreetly, "Who was that?"



Eliot had never been this close to a P-40 before either.



# EAA Chapter 124

in Santa Rosa is inviting area EAA chapters to their Open House and Young Eagles Rally on August 24.

<http://www.eaa124.org/> Paella and taco lunch (\$10 donation requested). Not only sounds like fun but would be a good opportunity to see how another chapter does their Young Eagles events. Consider signing up online to fly Young Eagles—maybe they'll return the favor someday if we need pilots for one of ours!

By: Al Herron

## AUG. 24 EAA CHAPTER 124 OPEN HOUSE/YOUNG EAGLES EVENT

YOUNG EAGLES IS A PROGRAM FOUNDED IN 1993 DEDICATED TO INSPIRE ENTHUSIASM FOR AVIATION, BY OFFERING FREE FLIGHTS FOR YOUTHS 8-17 AUG. 24 9:00-1:00 P.M.

**PAELLA AND TACO BAR**  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED 12:00-1:30  
\$10.00 SUGGESTED DONATION

**FLY IN, AND HAVE YOUR PLANE WEIGHED ON OUR PURPOSE BUILT CAFE FOUNDATION SCALES!**  
LOCATION: EAA FACILITY  
WEST END OF TAXIWAY CHARLIE.

**PRIOR REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR YOUNG EAGLES PARTICIPATION SIGN-UP AT: WWW.EAA124.ORG**

**COURTESY OF THE FAA SAFETY TEAM, THE EVENT WILL HAVE A SAFETY RELATED PRESENTATION. SANTA ROSA EAA CHAPTER 124 INVITES EVERYONE TO CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF AVIATION ON AUG. 24, 2019**  
LOCATION: EAA FACILITY  
**SANTA ROSA**  
CA. 5550 WINDSOR RD. 95492  
PHONE 707 494-4259  
**WWW.EAA124.ORG**

## EAGLES NEST

An absolutely fun “fly-in” day at Eagles Nest in Lone; compliments of the Sanders family. Photos compliments of Troy Eberlein. Special thanks to Troys father, Richard Eberlein, for securing the invitation.

P.S. Sanders team to race 3 aircraft in this year’s Reno Air Races Unlimited class. Dreadnaught finished 1st last year 2018 in the gold class.

By: Dave Lugert



Above Group Photo Participants: Dennis Sanders center (in yellow). Attending: Troy Eberlein, Richard Eberlein, Dave and Barbara Lugert, John and Donna McPherson, Ken Zeff, Larry Nelson



# Things to Do n' Ads

## Special Thanks

To: Al Heron for mowing the EAA 512 lawn!

## 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.”

**For more information:**

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

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

# 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:**

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

## 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](http://frazierlake.com)**

## 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. And there will be 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 this year's [Wings 'N' Wheels](#).



For more information about

*End O' Summer* visit:

<https://www.376.eaachapter.org/>

# OAKLAND AVIATION MUSEUM

## Open Cockpit Day

September 8<sup>th</sup> 12pm to 4pm

8252 Earhart Road

Oakland, CA 97621

[More Information](#)

*Save the Date*

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 (9 AM to 3 PM) Westover Field  
Amador County Airport 12380 Airport Road, Martell

## 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Please contact us to reserve space for you Classic Car Clubs participation, Vintage and War Bird Planes, as well as your local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter participation and Flying Clubs.

Please help us make this a Celebration worthy of 90 years of Aviation in Amador County!

Contact: Dave Sheppard, Airport Manager (209) 223-2376 [dsheppard@amadorgov.org](mailto:dsheppard@amadorgov.org)  
Randy Ilich, Member EAA Chapter 1539, (650) 303-9898 [randyilich@gmail.com](mailto:randyilich@gmail.com)

## Chapter Board of Directors

### President:

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### Secretary:

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### Treasurer:

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### Newsletter Editor:

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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  
E-Mail: rwampach@att.net

## 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 Sat of the Month<br>(Mar – Aug) 8am – 11am | Pancake Breakfast                   | EAA Hangar Placerville Airport                                    |
| 1 Sat of the Month                           | Antique Aircraft Display and Fly-in | 1C9 – Frazier Lake Airpark<br>7901 Frazier Lake Rd. Hollister, CA |
| 1 Tue of the Month                           | IMC/VMC                             | EAA Hangar Placerville Airport                                    |
| DATE   | ONCE A YEAR EVENTS                  | LOCATION  |
| Aug 24th 9am – 1pm                           | Young Eagles – EAA Chapter 124      | EAA 124 Facility 5550 Windsor Rd, Santa Rosa, CA                  |
| Sept 8th                                     | Open Cockpit Day                    | Oakland, CA   |
| Oct 5 - 6                                    | Capital Airshow                     | Mather Airport, Sacramento  |
| Oct 19 8am                                   | End O’ Summer                       | Sierra Sky Park, Fresno, CA                                       |
| Sept 21st                                    | Save The Date                       | Westover Field Amador County, CA                                  |
| Nov 2nd                                      | Wings and Wheels                    | Minter Field in Shafter, CA                                       |

## EAA Chapter 512

### Monthly Board of Directors

August 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by: Al Herron

#### Board Members Present:

- Al Herron, *President*
- Jim Wilson, *Vice President*
- Judi Gordon, *Treasurer*
- *Secretary – position open*
- Dick Wampach, *General Director*
- John McPherson, *General Director absent*
- Tim Sullivan, *Past President absent*

**Approval of Minutes APPROVED**

## **Board Member Reports**

- **Al Herron – President**

I will be absent from GM meeting Aug. 21. Oshkosh attendees invited to report at the general meeting and show pictures of their experience.

Secretary position still open. Jim Wilson will fill in in the interim.

Hangar work day, date is Saturday, October 26 from 8 am to noon.

- Side yard clean up, dump runs to include dismantling of solar panels.
- Upstairs office area

Web site hosting – offer from Sean Conley-Widing. Consensus is that our web site needs rework and modernization. Jim would like to be able to login to webs.com site and edit/update. Judi will assist Jim since he has not been able to edit.

Folsom RailFest, scheduled for Sept 28-29. The fly-over is canceled. This event conflicts with Cameron Park Cops and Rodders. Chapter is withdrawing from participation.

### **Jim Wilson – Vice President**

5th Annual Cops & Rodders Show and Shine Fly-in event, Cameron Park. Sept. 28. Cody Dorkin, project manager for the Aviation portion was contacted during meeting. He requested the chapter provide Young Eagle flights from the east side ramp. Parents and Young Eagles would have to drive around to the east side to board the flight. He proposed flights beginning at 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Cody will get back to Al regarding some specifics concerns and approvals. Chapter aircraft availability is limited. The chapter will man an information booth and sign-up Young Eagles online at YEDAY.ORG for the October 12 event at Placerville. Jim will take the flight simulator and Andrew Gordon offered to assist.

Our 5th Pancake breakfast was a big success! Donations of \$110 and breakfast sales of \$820 serving over 160 people. About 14 aircraft flew in.

Ground School- the chapter is seeking a new instructor for the January-April 2020 class. A flight instructor from Max Aero may be available. Jim will contact Dustin Jones for confirmation.

Storage building was picked up by Wakamatsu Farm and American River Conservancy in Coloma.

### **Judi Gordon – Treasurer, Membership**

Membership update

Banking account balances as of 7/31/2019:

Union Bank\*:

- Union Bank Checking 5051: \$0 (moved to Chase checking)
- Union Bank Scholarship Checking 3172: \$0 (moved to Chase checking)
- Union Bank Scholarship Savings 9961: \$0 (moved to Chase checking)
- Union Bank Security Savings 5504: \$0 (moved to Chase savings)

\*At the next board meeting, all Union Bank accounts will drop off reporting as they are all at zero

Chase Bank:

Cash on hand: \$545.06

Chase Checking 6001: \$15,765.39 (of which \$5,855.70 is scholarship funds)

Chase Savings 8668: \$2,921.81 (airport security fund held in trust. Does not belong to EAA 512)

**Total as of 7/31/19:** \$16,310.45 plus \$2,921.81 in Airport Security Account

### **Dick Wampach - General Director**

IMC/VMC Club held a meeting on August 6. Six attendees were present.

Fly out to Petaluma on Friday, August 9.

Flying Club - Jim Wilson is looking for members interested in forming a non-equity flying club at PVF. With the loss of the Cessna 177 belonging to Placerville Aviation last month, there are fewer opportunities to rent aircraft at the Placerville airport. An informational meeting will be held during the Sept pancake breakfast to access the viability of a club and acquisition of an aircraft of equity partners to put an airplane on lease-back.

### **John McPherson - General Director**

Media interaction. No report.

### **Tim Sullivan – Past President**

Hangar progress. No report.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Helen Brand – Strobe Editor**

**Monica Breaux – Fundraising** - absent. Judi Gordon reporting:

Next fundraising dinner is on 9/9 at Applebees in Cameron Park. They will donate 15% of the proceeds to our chapter. Our first fundraising dinner was at Sizzler, and they donated 20% which was \$180. We need people to hand out the flyers in the community.

Judi ran a fundraising campaign on Facebook for her birthday and raised \$499 for the chapter. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of this campaign.

Smile.Amazon.com continues to be a great source of donations - they give 0.5% of your purchase price to the charity you've chosen, at no cost to you. We will continue to ask people to choose our chapter and start their Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com

Judi is working on a handout for the pancake breakfasts which outlines how people can help, including the 3 items above, along with what is done with the money to encourage people to contribute.

**Al Herron or Judi Gordon – STEM Committee**

**Hal Stephens – Scholarship**

**Dale Kral – Tool Master**

Tool wish list & budget

Workspace layout

**Speakers:**

September, Dave Vega rep of Concorde Battery

October, Ney Grant, Pilot, Author is a guy with a passion for flying, the outdoors and photography, West Coast Flying Adventures, will present on his recent flight to Cuba.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:54p.m. by: Al Herron**