

Prez Sez...

Thriving

One of the more enjoyable—and frustrating—parts of being chapter president is writing this monthly column. It's enjoyable because it gives me the chance to communicate to our membership what is happening in the chapter (yes, there are still things going on despite the pandemic) and also gives me a good excuse to slow down and reflect on where we've been and where we are going. It can be frustrating because sometimes it's hard to come up with content, sometimes having to just rely on whatever dubious thoughts might be rattling around in this old gray head of mine.

So, this month: lots to report. First, every year at AirVenture EAA National recognizes excellence at the grass-roots level of the organization by presenting chapter awards. Among these, they select the three best chapter newsletter editors. Number two on that list this year is our very own Helen Brand! Helen volunteered to take on the newsletter editor duties from Kim Stein, who was at the time juggling chapter secretary duties, a new job, and helping her two sons starting their own careers. Helen took what was already a very good newsletter—The Strobe—and added her own twists, with clever features and sprinkled throughout with humor and fun surprises.

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

August's General Meeting will be hosted virtually through Zoom on Wednesday at 7pm. For more info on this meeting please refer to pg. 3. For more info about Zoom, visit: support.zoom.us



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She has worked very hard and has always met deadlines, at one time even producing the Strobe on a laptop from the back seat of the family car on the way to Oshkosh 2019. Congratulations Helen, well done! View the EAA Chapter Awards video at <https://www.eaa.org/videos/6173676275001>.

Helen's segment starts at 4:08 in the video and is very nicely done.

Want to make the Strobe even better? Contribute content! Remember, Helen's job is editor—not writer. Our newsletter helps drive membership, participation, and fundraising. The more the editor has to work with, the better the newsletter will be, and the better the chapter will be. You don't have to be an expert writer, you just need to tell a story: a project you are working on, a flight you've made, an interesting anecdote or photograph. Get it in Helen's hands and she will make it shine!

Several things are happening in October which require some coordination and planning, as well as some volunteer participation by our membership (that means you!). A few things will need to be done in-person but most can be handled remotely. First, after much consideration, we have decided to proceed with the much-delayed Celebration of Life in honor of Bob O'Hara on Oct. 10. This was first planned for June but the coronavirus scuttled that plan. We think we now have a plan to safely conduct an appropriate farewell. The event will be outdoors (hopefully in much cooler weather than we are having this week), attendees will be properly distanced and masks will be required. Also, the number of invited attendees will be limited with RSVPs required. Details are still being worked out but expect an invitation in your email inbox well in advance of the event. A directly related event is that Tim Sullivan is participating the following weekend in the San Francisco 2020 Leukemia Cup Regatta on October 18. Bob suffered from this condition and donations may be made in his name at <https://pages.lla.org/regatta/gba/sanfran20/tsullivan>. (See pg. 3 for more info)

Finally, chapter officer and board of director elections are coming up in October. That means now is the time that a nominating committee needs to be

formed and a slate of candidates determined. This year will be challenge in that at least one Executive Officer opening will need to be filled. In addition, there is the issue of how to conduct the election during a pandemic. Zoom? Mail-in? Smoke signals? We'll need some out-of-the-box thinking on this one—are you up to the challenge?

Not done yet, folks. I'm pleased to announce that the Scholarship Committee has been hard at work and has awarded funds to one existing recipient, Greg Stein, for ongoing advanced training, and to a new recipient, Tobias Klein, who is training to be an A&P. Tobias is a very personable young man who has a huge passion for things mechanical, and we think he will do very well. Tobias is pretty new to aviation and the whole flying culture, but he's sucking in information like a sponge. He's very hungry for experience, which is unfortunately a little more difficult to come by right now. If you have any work you need to do on your aircraft and would like some assistance in exchange for a little of your time and knowledge, contact our own Dave Lugert about having Tobias give you a hand.

At the request of Hal Stephens, the 512 Board of Directors has approved earmarking all funds received from Hal's recycling donations to our Scholarship Fund. This is an ongoing allocation, so bring all your recyclables to Hal if you can. In addition to California CRV containers such as drink cans (CRV labels intact and cans crushed please), Hal can accept high-end metals such as aluminum, brass and copper but *not* steel or other ferrous metals, please, as the current market for these is very low. On the other hand, Hal will accept other materials such as gold, silver, precious gems and any unobtainium you happen to, uh, obtain.

Till next time, fly—and be—safe.

By Al Herron

Special Thanks

To: You; all who've donated recyclables and batteries to support the EAA Scholarship Fund! If you have more, contact Hal Stephens!

In Memory of Robert "Bob" O'Hara

I am honored to be participating in a Leukemia Cup Sailing Regatta event, benefiting The *Leukemia & Lymphoma Society* (LLS). By participating in the Leukemia Cup Regatta series, I am raising funds to help find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients and in memory of Bob O'Hara who passed away, in early 2020, of Leukemia.

You can help me win the Leukemia Cup in my area by donating to my page.

<https://pages.lls.org/regatta/gba/sanfran20/tsullivan>

By: Tim Sullivan.

Notice to General Membership

The EAA Chapter 512 is looking for additional volunteer members for the Scholarship Committee. The committee members will be reviewing the current scholarship program for possible changes and/or updates to meet the changing needs of future applicants.

Should you wish to participate, please contact Dave Lugert as a volunteer member for Board approval.

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Jim Wilson will be hosting the General Meeting via Zoom on

Wednesday ♦ August 19 ♦ 7pm

Check your email for an invitation
EAA 512's next Zoom Meeting.

REQUEST FOR AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE EXPERIENCE

Tobias Klein, one of our Scholarship Recipients, is an accepted student at Sac City College, enrolled in the A&P (Airframe & Powerplant) Program. Tobias is seeking exposure and hands on experience in varying types and models of light aircraft to further his knowledge and understanding of design, construction and operation.

In consideration of Tobias's limited past aircraft experience, he would like to help/**shadow** (for no compensation) in your annual inspections, tire changes, R&R engine accessories, oil filter changes, landing gear swings, painting preparation, etc. Any and all as needed!

If you have any such work to perform in the coming months, please give serious consideration to Tobias as he represents the future of our skilled certified fleet maintenance needs!

Tobias is from Cameron Park. Please give me (Dave Lugert) a call and I'll put you in contact with Tobias. Thank you.

Dave Lugert
Cell: (831) 214 - 4247

LOG BOOK

8/7/2020 Shelter Cove; Don't let the lonely tent and Citabria Member Only pictures fool you. A few EAA512 members and non-members managed a last-minute getaway. Not pictured are a C172, RV7. It was a lot of fun with good food and camaraderie. What Happens in Shelter Cove, Stays in Shelter Cove.

Jason Brand



8/2/2020 Please make a left turn on departure to avoid the Moon hazard.

Jason Brand



7/10/20 What it's like to view Comet NEOWISE from the sparseness of Oregon's Alvord Desert. [Read more](#)

RAF Article by Richard Mayes

Photos: Jason Brand



The Last Leg

It was a warm sunny afternoon as we drove through the town of Sweetwater, Texas... Off in the distance we noticed we were coming up on an airport, yes, we point out every airport we see; don't you? To our surprise this was not just another little airport. As we got closer it became apparent, one of the hangars had WASP written in large black letters. As we zoomed by on Highway 20, Dan said, "we need to go to the WASP museum" and the seed was planted. We knew we did not have time that day, as we were on the final leg to Abilene, Texas with Chuck's truck "Yeti". We had promised him we would not delay, with more side trips, and today we would arrive at his new home. We pressed on and arrived at Dyess Air Force Base, 45 minutes later.

Chuck left September 11, 2019 for USAF basic training. Of course, we had visited him over the course of his training, but he was at his first duty station and we were all excited to see his new home. As we drove from the gate to his barracks, we were delighted with the display of aircraft that lined Arnold boulevard, ready and waiting for their pilots to return. With over 33 static aircraft, this one mile stretch of road, is a museum and open to the public the 2nd Friday of the month.

Upon arrival, and after hugs and catching up, Dan announced that we were taking Chuck on a road trip. On Chuck's day off, we headed back to Sweetwater to visit the WASP museum. Although Chuck was limited to a 75-mile radius from the base, due to Wuhan Flu Pandemic, we were in luck, the museum was only 42 miles away.

The National WASP museum sits in a large hangar on Avenger Field, where the lucky few, came to become pilots during WWII. The museum honors the life and legacy of these women, the first women to fly America's military aircraft. It contains photographs, scrapbooks, personal and professional correspondence, pilots' logs, and flight manuals related to WASP experiences during and after training at Avenger Field. Also found in the hangar are 4 of the 5 trainers these women trained on. In its heyday, the training equipment at Avenger Field consisted of over 200 airplanes including: PT-17, PT-19, BT-13, AT-6, and the UC-78.

When traveling through Sweetwater, Texas make sure to stop in and say hi. This museum is well worth the visit. It is free, but a worthy cause to donate to and become a member. As you continue down 20 do not forget to plan a stop at Dyess AFB and check in with Chuck.

By: Kim Stein



a. Dyess AFB B1B static display; Dyess is home to the B1B and C-130J



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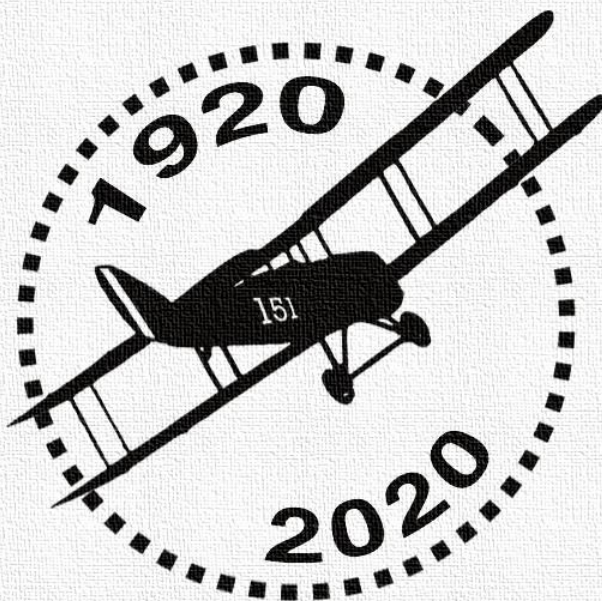
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**EAA Chapter 512
Monthly Board of Directors
August 12, 2020
Minutes**

Meeting called to order at: 7:09 p.m. by: Al Herron - Meeting held via Zoom

Board Members Present (Online Meeting):

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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> | |

Other Members Present:

- ✓ Dale Kral
- ✓ Hal Stephens

Business from the Floor, Changes to Agenda - none

Approval of Minutes – skipped over

Board Member Reports

➤ **Al Herron – President**

- Bob O'Hara memorial service planning
 - Al will be the central focal point for coordinating Bob's memorial service. He will make a list of tasks and questions that need answers. That list will be available by **next week's General Meeting**.
 - In order to prevent too large a crowd from gathering, in violation of COVID-19 guidelines, attendance to Bob's memorial will be by invitation. Invitations to Chapter members and other organizations will be sent out in the coming weeks.
 - The time and date for Bob's memorial service is Noon-3 PM, Oct 10th.
 - Jim Wilson will coordinate food for the event. Currently, we are leaning towards a catered meal provided by Back 40 BBQ.
 - A remembrance tile for Bob will be dedicated at the El Dorado County Memorial Park. Unveiling of remembrance tiles will occur on Veteran's Day, Nov 10th. A small, 8"x4" tile costs \$150; a large, 8"x8" tile costs \$500. Tracy & Susie Bertram have pledged \$300 for Bob's tile. Hal Stephens and Tim Sullivan have pledged \$100 each. We will purchase the large tile. At the Memorial Park, very few of the tiles are the large ones, so Bob's will stand out.
- The Chapter elects next year's officers in November. We need to start recruiting candidates. Al will not be available to be president next year. We will ask for volunteers to form an election candidate nominating committee at **next week's General Meeting**.
- Congratulations to Helen Brand for her award from EAA National for her outstanding work on our newsletter.
- Hal Stephens has requested that we allocate all recycling income to scholarship funding. This request has been granted.
- An IMC/VMC Club moderator is needed if we want to continue program. Requests for volunteers will be made at **next week's General Meeting**.

➤ **Jim Wilson – Vice President**

- Ray Aviation Scholarship update – Andrew Gordon has completed 6 flights towards his Sport Pilot's License. To fulfill the scholarship's requirements Andrew needs to solo within 90 days of his award. He is on his way.

➤ **Judi Gordon – Treasurer, Membership**

- Banking account balances as of 7/31/2020:
 - Cash and checks on hand: \$750.80
 - Chase Checking 6001: \$14,312.93 (of which \$4,300.70 is earmarked for scholarship funds)
 - Chase Savings 8668: \$2,922.06 (Airport security account held in trust. Not property of EAA 512)
 - Total: \$15,063.73 plus \$2,922.03 in Airport Security Account.
- We received \$1,480 from Benevity for the volunteer work the Brand's have done.
- We received \$3,000 (40%) from the Ray Scholarship Foundation and have passed these funds onto the flight school, primarily (some to insurance premium).
- In August, Tobias Klein repaid the \$500 scholarship money, which remains earmarked for his return to school.
- Tracy and Susie donated \$300 for the Bob O'Hara Memorial brick. Another \$100 committed from Hal Stephens, and \$100 committed from Tim Sullivan.
- Mark Pilkington donated \$1,000 for Greg Stein's scholarship and \$2,000 was paid out to Greg's flight school.
- To maintain our 501c status in good standing, we need to track volunteer hours. Please submit totals to Judi.

➤ **John McPherson - General Director**

- An article has been submitted to the Mountain Democrat and should be published by the end of this week.

➤ **Tim Sullivan – Past President**

- Work progresses on preparing the workshop area and adding wheels to various tables and cabinet's.
- The side of the hangar, behind the gate, still requires additional cleanup.
- The Brand's are doing a great job maintaining our gardens and lawn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. by: Al Herron