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**Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, September 2**

**Dinner – 6:15 pm \$15**

**General Meeting – 7:00 pm**

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# Program: September 2 Meeting

**SPEAKER: Doug Lumgair**

**TOPIC: The Recreational Aviation Foundation**

Please join us Wednesday September 2nd for our EAA 124 monthly Chapter Meeting. This month, longtime Chapter Member **Doug Lumgair** will present on the **Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF)** and the incredible work they do facilitating recreational flying for all of us.

Doug has recently become the California State liaison for the RAF and will present on the RAF and the work they do to preserve, improve and create airstrips for recreational flying access. His presentation will include the online RAF airfield guide and several special airstrips and projects they've been working on lately. Doug will also share practical, real-world techniques for high-density aircraft operations, tailwheel operations, and safe backcountry/off-airport flying!

Doug has over 40 years of aviation experience, including being a CFI, an A&P mechanic, charter flying in Southeast Alaska, and leading fly-out groups for advanced pilots at the annual Lone Pine Fly-In. He specializes in tailwheel aircraft instructing, backcountry flying, and off-airport advanced flight instruction. He's given over 900 hours of tailwheel instruction, including in Stearmans and "Twin Beech" aircraft.

Doug has an incredible passion for stick-and-rudder flying, attitude flying, and keeping safe options open at all times. He's a wealth of information. It should be a great night!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

***The Recreational Aviation Foundation preserves, improves and creates airstrips for recreational access.***



## Dinner Menu:

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Fixin's, Baked Beans and Coleslaw. Dessert is Chocolate Cake and Vanilla Ice Cream. **\$15**

# News and Updates

## August 29 - Another Successful Young Eagles Event!

*Submitted by Sam Werback, photos kindly provided by Aaron Markowitz*

Wow, you should've been there! After a bit of fog clearing everyone had a fantastic day flying or supporting. We flew 69 Young Eagles and 5 adults in a smoothly run and happily received day. Probably a recent record!

Thank you to our pilots... Bob Edwards, Bob Leach, David Klein, Dom Cerniglio, Doug Lumgair, Lew Peterson, Martyn Lewis, Paul Doto, Paul Hollingworth, Rick Beach and Steve Crawford.

And, wow, what a supporting crew. Thank you to all in no particular order... Chris Hoover, Jenny Hollingworth, Mary Ptak, Carol Lawson, Aaron Markowitz, Don Callen, Ross Wilcox, Rich Rossi, Sonja Ottolini, Sam Werback, Darrell Ottolini, Mikey Ottolini, Andy Werback, Wyatt Kirby, Mendy Tuhtan, Antonia Cerniglio, Kristin Nagata, Walker Alecock, Brayden Hall, Sue Sarmin, Kevin Quirk, Sam James, Rosa Turner, Colin Rennard, Sam Ely, Tim Wayman, Tim Peterson, David Heal, Nizar Fadel, Amber Dhiman. What a crew. Some did a lot and some did a little and it all added up to a smoothly run day. Thank you all.



## YAKS (Our New Youth Aviation Club!)

The second meeting of the new YAKS club took place on August 19 and again there was a good attendance, including some new faces!



We caught up with Board Member **Paul Hollingworth**, whose idea it was to form the club, to find out how things are going. He told us the "Points for Flights" program is coming together as the members agree on the types of volunteer activities they will undertake and how many points each one will be worth towards getting a free flight.

Paul also expressed his gratitude toward the several Chapter pilots who have already offered YAKs flights in return for points earned.

One of the key ideas behind YAKs is that the members themselves should drive it – deciding what they want to gain from it and learning not only about aviation but also key life skills such as teamwork, collaboration, mentoring others and presenting information. At the second meeting, club members **Koy Mayer** and **Connor Magee** stepped up to prepare and deliver a general aviation presentation, which included information about Airspace, one of the topics the group wanted to learn more about.

Also at the meeting, **Sam James**, last year's EAA124 Ray Scholar and one of the club's most experienced members, shared with the group his inspiring story of becoming a pilot.

### **As a reminder...**

Our Youth Aviation club is open to anyone aged 10-25 yrs with a keen interest in aviation, with a special focus on 14-18 yrs.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 7pm at the hangar (5550 Windsor Road).**

**Discussion topics:** We'll be talking in more depth about Airspace. PLUS one of our fearless Yaks is going to tackle the challenge of answering the fundamental question: *why do planes fly??*

If you're a young person wanting to learn more about aviation, we'd love to have you join us! You can just show up on the day. Or contact **Paul Hollingworth** at [Paul@bayareagyro.com](mailto:Paul@bayareagyro.com) or **Jenny Hollingworth** at [jennyhollingworth14@gmail.com](mailto:jennyhollingworth14@gmail.com) for more information.

## Around the Hangar...

Things around our hangar have been a little quiet lately... but we did catch **Campbell Potter** moving his Cessna 172 over to the hangars to do a little maintenance.

Love his ingenuity in using the Chapter's sweeper as a tug – and the view from Chapter 124 is not too shabby either!



## FOR SALE: Exceptional Alon A-2 for sale at Lakeport Lampson

*Submitted by EAA 102 Member Michael Amerlan*

"I'm the owner/restorer of N6559Q, a Grand Champion-caliber 1965/2020 Alon A-2 Aircoupe.

I hangar it at 102 and have recently listed it for sale on Trade-A-Plane, Craigslist and Ebay. I'm contacting nearby Chapters to let members know about it as it would be close for any interested member to come by for a look."

Here's a link to the listing: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/168591642804>

Interested? Please contact Michael Amerlan: [707-350-7000](tel:707-350-7000)



# Time Marches On (Where Were You 30 Years Ago?)

**By Andy Werback**

Heads Up! P-51 at 2 o'clock!

It was always interesting to be driving through Sacramento near Madison Ave. on the way to the Sierra for some skiing. Suddenly, there would appear a P-51 Mustang headed straight toward you in a diving pass.

This full-scale replica of General Chuck Yeager's P-51, named "Glamorous Glen" after his wife Glennis Yeager, sat for many years atop a 46' "control tower" at the Aces Supper Club, Holiday Inn (now Wyndham).



General Yeager was of course involved, signing autographs at the opening of the Aces Supper Club in 1999. Yeager was a Double Ace and well known for his test pilot career, including as the first person to break the "Sound Barrier" (despite being thrown off a horse the day before). (His flying partner for many years, Bud Anderson, was a Triple Ace. Both of them attended many Oshkosh Air Shows and gave very popular talks about their experiences.)



Around 2003, however, time was starting to take its toll on the P-51 – a wing was falling off and it needed serious attention. It must have been very expensive to lift such a large item; nevertheless, the decision was made to remove it.

But where to? Nobody in Sacramento knows where it went, according to the *Sacramento Bee*.

Well, maybe we can help with that. **Larry Rengstorf** and **Chris Brown** were able to provide a little more background information!

Don Doherty, then president of the Pacific Coast Air Museum, heard about this refugee and arranged for it to be moved to Santa Rosa. He had a plan to get it mounted at the corner of Airport and Skylane Blvd, near the Charles M. Schultz County Airport (and where a hotel might eventually be built). Mounting it on a pedestal would be tricky, but with Budd Elliff and Precision Crane supporting the Air Museum, amazing things can and have happened over the years. Unfortunately, politics and more got in the way, and the P-51 sat for many years in a parking lot adjacent to the current location of the museum.

Eventually though, even that posed problems. The airplane, composed of a heavy steel frame and lots of foam covered in fiberglass, continued to deteriorate. Restoring it would take a large amount of time and effort. And so the airplane sat for years, slowly reverting to its component parts and materials.

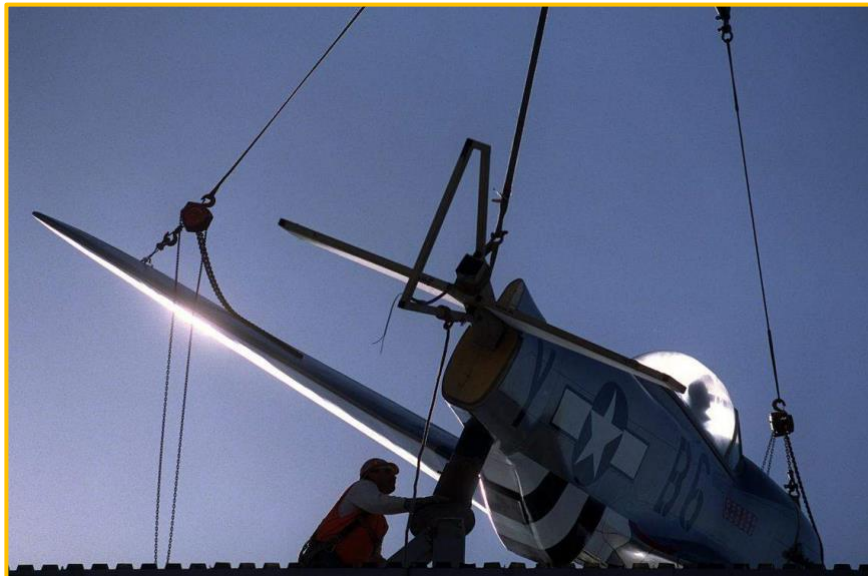


Finally, around 2022 or so, the property owner started requesting that the Museum do something. The owners of the P-51 were contacted and permission from Don Doherty and Guy Smith was finally obtained to clear the remains, after salvaging some notable parts such as the nose and tail.

Today, it once again looks like a parking lot:



In 1999, the *Sacramento Bee* showed a photo of the plane being lifted onto the roof, with the accompanying caption:



*A replica of Gen. Chuck Yeager's P-51 Mustang WWII-era fighter plane is lifted on Dec. 7, 1999, by a crane atop a 46-foot reproduction of an airport control tower built above the new Aces Supper Club near Interstate 80. (Jose M. Osorio, Sacramento Bee)*

You can read more about the fate of the P-51 in the *Sacramento Bee* [here](#)



## EAA Chapter 124 Board Meeting Minutes

**August 5, 2026**

Meeting convened 5:30 pm.

**Members in attendance:** **Dominic Cerniglio** (President) **Marlon Young** (Vice President) **John Whitehouse** (Treasurer) **David Franco** (Secretary) **Paul Hollingworth, Jeremiah James**

The first order of business involved replacing the recently vacated Facility Manager position. The president made a motion nominating **Jeremiah James** to replace **Mike Tovani** as Facilities Manager. The motion was approved unanimously 6 to 0.

**Youth Aviation Club:** Youth activities coordinator **Paul Hollingworth** reported on initiating a youth-focused effort named **YAKs**. The idea is that youthful participants will learn about building careers in aviation and earn points that allow them the privilege of flying with participating pilots.

**Shelving supplies:** A motion was made to authorize the expenditure of \$267.49 for shelving materials intended to organize meal prep supplies. The motion passed 5 in favor and 1 abstention.

**Treasurer's report:** Chapter coffers remain largely stable. Current monthly proceeds slightly topped expenditures.

**Ray Scholarship fund disbursement:** Monies were approved for brake pads and replacement tires for the Airwatch C172 training plane.

**Charitable 501C3 entity creation:** Members interested in creating a separate entity that would accept charitable donations for the benefit of Chapter 124, are exploring the benefits and drawbacks of creating such an entity. Interested members are planning on contacting retired professionals within the chapter to instruct the effort.

Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm



## EAA Chapter 124 General Meeting Minutes

**August 5, 2026**

Meeting convened 7:00 pm.

The president thanked Chapter member **George Marshall** and his collaborator **Brenda** for creating a fabulous pasta feast! The president welcomed new visitors to the gathering, and asked people to share their own aviation interests.

It was announced that the female aviator group The 99s is hosting a poker tournament on October 24, 2026 at the Sonoma Jet Center.

Ray Scholarship awardee **Brayden Hall** announced that he has passed his written private pilot test and will be completing the solo cross-country portion of his training which is close to being completed.

The president invited **Paul Hollingworth** to introduce a new youth-oriented group within the Chapter. The Youth Aviation Club otherwise known as YAKs, intends to pair younger members with seasoned aviators. Young members will earn points for various service activities which they can apply towards gaining flight experience with participating mentors.

**Paul Hollingworth** also reported on his videotaped 4<sup>th</sup> of July flight which involved flying over the fireworks busting in air! He described the experience as thrilling and well worth doing in a gyroplane. Paul then shifting into sharing his Oshkosh Air-venture 2026 observations. His recounting and accompanying pictures gave those who couldn't make the journey a real sense of the world's greatest aviation extravaganza!

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm



# Chapter Business

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Chapter meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. FOOD (\$10) AND SOCIALIZING (free) from 6:15 to 7:00 pm. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**Directions:** The site is located on the west side of Sonoma County Airport. Take the Shiloh Road exit from Highway 101 in northern Santa Rosa. Turn left at the stop light (west) and continue to a "T" intersection. Turn left again and follow the road to the EAA sign on the left.

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