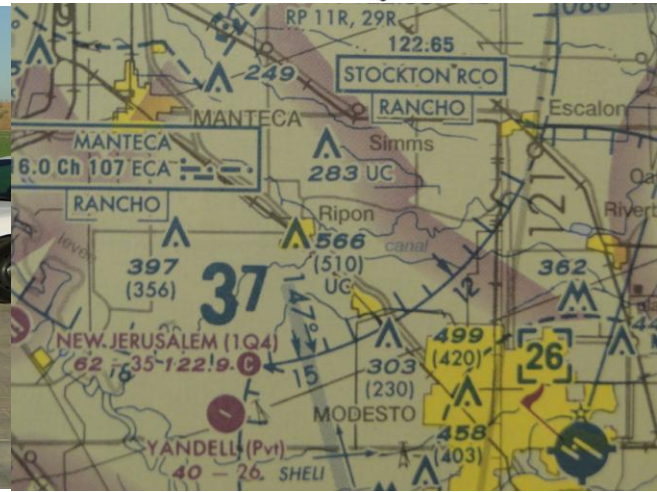




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## Aircraft Flown: Powrachute Pegasus Powered Parachute

**Aircraft Cost:** \$18,000  
**Avg. Hourly Cost:** \$21  
**Avg. Fuel Burn:** 4 GPH  
**Cruise Speed:** 26-35 MPH  
**Range:** Approx. 30-60 mi  
**Useful Load:** 500 lbs

Ripon's "Eye-In-The-Sky" continues to prove itself in rescues, suspect captures, and crime suppression missions— RPD Chief-Pilot Sgt. Steve "Sparky" Merchant

## RPD Aviation Unit: (R-L) Chief/Pilot- Ed "Anytime" Ormonde Sgt./Pilot- Steve "Sparky" Merchant

**Unit Operational:** July 26, 2009

**Avg. Hrs. Per Month:** 4.8\* (\*10+ in summer months)

### Unit Highlights/Successes:

- River Rescues
- Suspect Captures
- Crime Reduction
- Critical Infrastructure Missions
- Crime Scene Photographic Missions
- Community Education Programs

## Aviation Unit Operating Area:

- San Joaquin County
- Stanislaus County
- Agencies Supported**
- Ripon Police Department
- Ripon Consolidated Fire District
- Manteca Police Department
- Stanislaus County Sheriffs Dept.
- Stanislaus County D.A. Inv. Div.
- San Joaquin County D.A.
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Customs & Border Protection