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@ 7:00 PM

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[www.flyskypark.com](http://www.flyskypark.com)

What do you call an airplane that  
flies backward?

Join us for our upcoming EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Meeting on **Thursday, October 13, 2022.**

**The meeting for October and beyond (*until our hangar deck is completed*) will be the Skypark Airport FBO conference room.** Social time begins at 6:30 pm with the regular meeting beginning at 7 pm.

**October Meeting Agenda:**

- Officer Reports
- October Safety Topic– Airport Markings, **Chris Oehlers**
- October Program– Air Academy Experience, **Case McIntyre**
- Ray Scholarship Updates
- Hangar Addition Status
- Project Updates





## New Members & Visitors!

**Welcome, New Member!** Please welcome **Jim Roth** to the chapter. Jim lives in Akron and flies out of Medina Airport. Thank you for joining, Jim!

Guest Present- **Spencer Agoston**



## Chapter 846 Wishes Mary Baker a Speedy Recovery!

For those who may not know, Mary Baker fell and broke her hip on Monday September 19th on her way to the Guardians game. The next day she underwent hip replacement surgery and came through the operation well and is now recovering at home. The Chapter sent her flowers (above) and she wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.



## Another Cloud Buster...



**Congratulations, Glenn Krafcik!**  
Glenn passed his instrument checkride Thursday, September 29, 2022.

## Good Luck, Steve Steele

**Steve Steele**, former FAA CLE Program Manager, has accepted a new position in the FAA. Steve will be operating as an Inspector based out of the Pittsburgh Flight Standards District Office. Best of luck, Steve, in your new position!



## Randy Brooks Receives FAA Master Pilot Award!

### Congratulations, Randy Brooks!

Steve Steele, FAA CLE Program Manager, presented Randy Brooks with the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award during the September Gathering. This award is presented to pilots who have had fifty years of civil and/or military experience from the date of first solo and not have had his/her pilot certificate revoked. Steve reviewed Randy's flight experience over the many past decades. Randy holds an ATP certificate and a flight instructor certificate, with instrument and multi-engine instructor privileges. He trained in the Greater Cleveland area and instructed at Ohio State University Airport and the US Air Force Academy. He was also an advisor to the USAFA NCAA Intercollegiate Flying Team. He served as an Air Force navigator on C-141 aircraft and other aircraft, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. He was hired by Independence Air, becoming a Captain and a Check Airman on the Airbus 320. He has restored his Piper J3 Cub and is building a RANS S-20.

### Congratulations, Randy!!! Well deserved!

### Here are highlights of Randy's Career:

-Randy got his first airplane ride at age 6 with his Dad and brother in a Cessna 120 at Chagrin Falls Airport. That started it all.

-His Dad was a Private Pilot and would take him flying on regular basis during his years in grade school and junior high. The hook was set!

-He worked at Chagrin Falls Airport during High School as a line boy and learned to fly there. He soloed at age 16 and got his Private License at age 17. After graduating, he attended The Ohio State University where he got his Commercial and CFI ratings. During his Junior and Senior years, he taught flying for the University's Aviation program at Don Scott Field.

-After graduating from Ohio State, he entered the Air Force and attended Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather Air Force Base. He first flew on the HC-130, a Search and Rescue C-130 for 2 assignments. Afterwards, he retrained in the C-141 transport, flying worldwide cargo

and passenger missions. During his first G-141 assignment in Southern California, he earned his instrument rating at Redlands Airport. His follow-on assignment was as a non-flying Academic Instructor at Air University at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama. After receiving his master's degree there, he began general aviation flying again, using the GI Bill. He received his Multi-Engine rating, Multi-Engine CFI and Instrument CFI. He also flew some part-time 135 flights in a King Air, as well as flight instructing. It was during this assignment that he purchased his J-3 Cub with his good friend Don. Returning to operational flying on the C-141 at Charleston AFB, he continued flying in the local aero club for official TDY flights as well as personal flying. After the South Carolina assignment, he was selected to be an Aviation Science Instructor at the US Air Force Academy. There, he taught academic classes for Pilot and Navigator qualified cadets going on to flying training after graduating. The flying training was done in a T-43A, which was the Air Force version of the 737-200. In addition, he taught private and commercial ground school. Also, he served as the Officer in Charge of the Cadet Intercollegiate Flying team that competed in the



### Congratulations, Randy!

National Intercollegiate Flying association. His duties included giving flight instruction and checkrides. During his time in Colorado Springs, he purchased a Citabria and then a Mooney aircraft. His final Air Force assignment was back at Air University as a Squadron Commander and senior staff officer. There, he purchased a Bonanza and

finally, a Twin Comanche that he used to build multi-engine time. After he had accumulated the required flying time, he earned his Airline Transport Rating before retiring in 1992 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

-After his Air Force career, Randy was able to fulfill his lifelong dream of being an Airline Pilot. He was hired by a regional airline flying as United Express. There, he earned 4 type ratings; in the Jetstream 3200 and 4100 turboprops, the Canadair CL-65 Regional Jet and the Airbus A-320. He also served as a ground and simulator instructor, and as an FAA Line Check Airman in the A-320, accumulating over 10,000 hours in 13 years.

-After his airline went out of business in 2006, he worked for an FAA govt. contractor as an avionics technician for 13 years, performing RVSM testing and certification on aircraft worldwide.

-Since his first solo on July 17, 1967, Randy has over 15,000 hours flying time between his civilian and military flying careers, accumulating time in over 52 different aircraft.

## Mohican Chili Fly-in!



Gary, Randy and EAA 846-

Thank you all so much for all you've done to honor our dad over the last year. The funeral service fly-over, the beautifully written tribute, the pancake breakfast and the EAA Ashkosh Memorial - so many tributes. Dad truly loved building his plane, spending time tinkering and "noodling" with you all. Your friendships meant so much to him and he would have appreciated all the kindness sent our →

way in his honor. We have such a void in our lives with him gone and know you do as well. One of our greatest comforts is knowing how much joy spending time with you all brought him. Please use this money to do something in Pete's memory. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Anna, Dave and Family

### THANK YOU

There are not enough words to express how thankful we are for your sympathy and kindness in our time of sorrow. The support and comfort you provided will always be remembered by the family of

*Peter Allen Klapp*



The other day, at a thrift store, I bought an old record album called "Sounds Wasps Make". When I got it home and played it, I said to myself, "This doesn't sound anything like wasp sounds." Then I realized, I was playing the Bee side.



Jay Waddell's RV-9A

**Oil Change Time!  
Down in North Carolina...**

# Chapter 846 Fund Raiser a Huge Success!

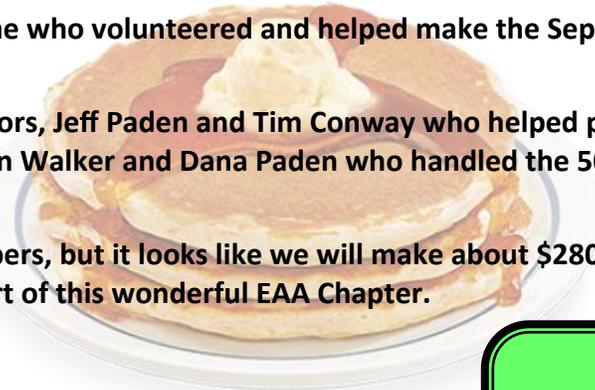
I just wanted to thank everyone who volunteered and helped make the September 17th Fly-in/ Pancake Breakfast a huge success!

Special thanks to all our sponsors, Jeff Paden and Tim Conway who helped park the over 50 aircraft that flew in to the event, and Kristin Walker and Dana Paden who handled the 50/50 raffle and exceeded last year's total by almost \$100!

I don't quite have all the numbers, but it looks like we will make about \$2800 making this year's event the best ever! It's great to be a part of this wonderful EAA Chapter.

Thanks again to all involved,

Greg Cantrell, Event Coordinator



[CLICK HERE](#) for more Pancake photos!

Wadsworth, OH

## Annual Pancake Breakfast & Fly-in Sponsored by:

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EAA Chapter 846 is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization promoting aviation programs, activities and education.



Below are the list of active volunteers. My apologies if I missed someone  
– Karl

## Deck, Deck, Deck... A HUGE THANK YOU to all Construction Volunteers! *Much more work before completion...*

- David Gerdeman
- Randy Brooks
- David Manning
- Brian Burke
- Colm Burke (*Brian's son*)
- Rob Trout
- Dale Housley
- Jay Waddell
- Chris Oehlers
- Ron Lutz
- Paul Lutz
- Paul Hancheck
- Mark Moser
- Steve Lehuta
- Lee Preisse
- Kevin Fink
- Bob Sprang
- George Salcewicz
- Greg Cantrell
- Brad Wurst
- Jerry Wang

[CLICK HERE](#)  
for more  
Deck photos!





## E-Bike “still” for sale!

Jupiter E-Bike with folding frame. Full size Atlas model that folds for transport. Brand new in April. Ridden only at Oshkosh. 500W motor, 27.5” x 3” tires, Shimano gearset. Like new. \$1400. **Contact Randy Brooks at 330-635-6919.**



## EAA Ohio Regional Newsletter, October 2022 (Click to access)

(NOTE– newsletter says September but it is October!!!)



## Ray Scholarship Update

Our 2022 Scholar, **Logan Cohara**, continues to make progress with his flight training. He is currently working on cross-country procedures and towered airport operations with his instructor and has logged approximately 35 hours of flight training so far.



## EAA Chapter 846—Upcoming Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 2, 2022	EAA Chapter 846 Board Meeting	Board meeting will be In the chapter hangar	7:00 PM
Thursday, November 10, 2022	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Meeting	Monthly chapter meeting will be In the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM
Wednesday, November 30, 2022	EAA Chapter 846 Board Meeting	Board meeting will be In the chapter hangar	7:00 PM
Thursday, December 8, 2022	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Meeting	Monthly chapter meeting will be In the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM
Thursday, January 12, 2023	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Meeting	Monthly chapter meeting will be In the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM
Thursday, February 9, 2023	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Meeting	Monthly chapter meeting will be In the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM

**\*\*NOTE– Chapter Board Meetings are subject to change. Please check [Chapter 846 Calendar](#) for last minute changes.**

# THE BUILDING CONTINUES...

	Builder	Aircraft	Published Builders Log
1	Mike Baker	Sonex	
2	Steve Bauman	G1 STOL	
3	Justin Botts	Sling TSI	
4	Randy Brooks	Rans S-21	<a href="#">Builders Log</a>
5	Jeremy Cowgar	Bearhawk LSA	<a href="#">Builders Log</a>
6	Bob Eiben	Zenith 701	
7	Mike Guenther	RV-8	<a href="#">Builders Log</a>
8	Paul Hanchek	Steen Skybolt	
9	Dale Holmes	RV-7	
10	Dale Housley	Volmer VJ-22	
11	David Kopanski	Spezio Tuholer	
12	Paul/Ron Lutz	Rans S-20	<a href="#">Builders Log</a>
13	Dave Manning	Rans S-21	
14	Bernie May	Zenith CH 750 Cruze	
15	Curt Speck	Zenith CH 750 SD	
16	Joe Stefanini	SubSonex JSX-2	
17	Matt/Josh Tomsheck	Just Highlander	
18	Rob Trout	RV-14	
19	Joe Walker	RV-7	
20	Barry Wawrin	RV-14A	<a href="#">Builders Log</a>
21	Brad Wurst	Wittman Buttercup	
22	Jim Yurichak	Kolb Fire Fly	
23	Jeff Zink	RV-7	

[Members' Projects on the Chapter 846 website!](#)



# RANS S-21 Project Update, October 1, 2022

by Randy Brooks



I've been working on the cockpit wiring for the past few weeks. This sure takes a long time! I've run all the wires to the aft cockpit area and have tested all the systems that I can at this point: nav/strobe lights, autopilot servo power, header tank low fuel level light, iPad power, stick grip PTT switches, fuel boost pump to name a few. I've also verified that both radios transmit and receive from inside the shop, in addition to the voice activated intercom. Finally, I was able to program the V-speeds into the G3X and verify



them on the speed tape.

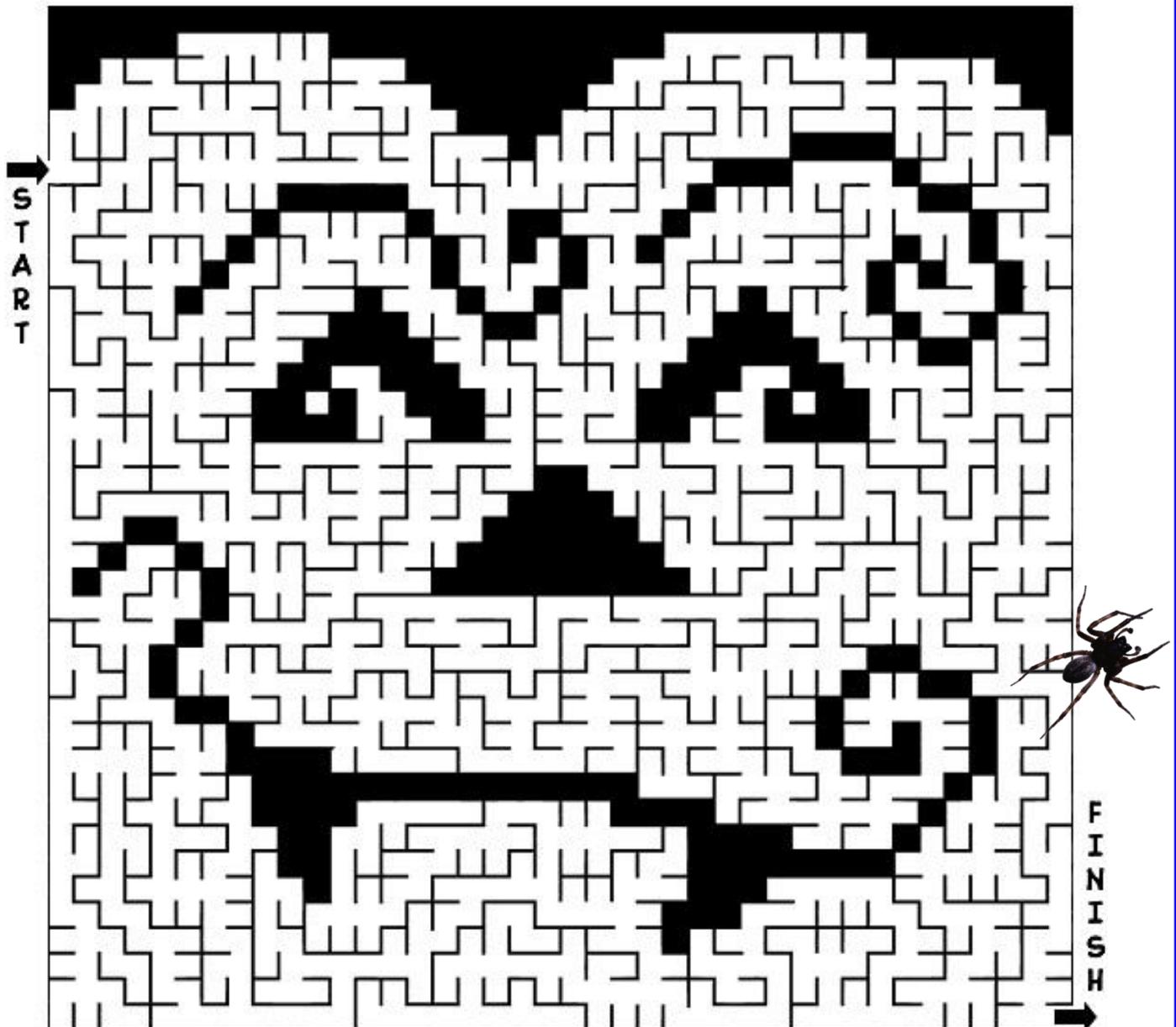
The EarthX battery is mounted under the Avionics tray, thanks to Dave Manning! Next up is firewall completion, routing engine wiring harness thru the firewall and mounting the engine.



## RV-8 Update!

by Mike Guenther

I'm still making progress on the left and right elevators. Both elevator skins are now primed, have their stiffeners riveted in place and have been bent to their final shapes using a poor man's press brake consisting of two pieces of hardwood lumber held together by door hinges, homebuilding at its finest! Next steps are to attach the elevator counterweights to the elevator horns before completing the build up of the internal structures.



# EAA CHAPTER 846

## Chapter Meeting

### Minutes of September 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Oehlers at 19:00. Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked cooks Dave Gerdeman and Brian Burke for grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs.

**New Member-** Jim Roth

**Guest Present-** Spencer Agoston

**Secretary's Report:** Greg Cantrell

With no additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 11, 2022 monthly meeting, a motion was made by Randy Brooks and seconded by Brian Burke to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary Baker

Gary reported there were sufficient funds in the treasury for continued chapter business.

**Chili Cook-off/ Fly-in:** Steve Zaleski

Steve reported the upcoming chili cook-off and fly-in on Saturday October 1, 2022 at Mohican Airpark. Start time will be 11:00 with the rain date being Sunday, October 2 at the same time. Members were asked to bring chili and/ or a side dish. Steve will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks.

**Deck Project:** Dave Gerdeman

Dave reported reviewing the plans and putting together a materials list. He also asked the membership for any suggestions regarding possible vendors to be used. A tentative work day is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2022. Dave hopes to have the foundation work done prior to this date.

**Tri-Pacer Donation:** Randy Brooks

Randy reported the Board has decided to accept the Tri-Pacer donation to the Chapter. The aircraft is completely apart and will be accepted as a project and sold as a project as soon as possible after the donation. Randy also reported we need to have it moved to the Chapter hangar no later than the end of October.

**Recognitions:** Steve Steele, FAA Cleveland Safety Program Manager

Steve announced he will be relocating to the Pittsburgh office of the FAA. He thanked the chapter for their help and support over the years.

Steve showed a video presentation about the Wright Brothers flight, the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, and the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award.

After the video program, Steve listed the many aviation accomplishments of Chapter member Randy Brooks spanning a 50 year aviation career. Steve then presented Randy with the prestigious Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award and Blue Ribbon Packet, the highest honor the FAA can award to a pilot.

Randy thanked Steve and accepted the award in front of a standing ovation from the Chapter members present. Congratulations Randy!!

**Ray Scholar Update:** Abby Donofrio

Abby announced that on August 23, 2022 she successfully completed her check ride and received her private pilot's license. She is the Chapter's second completed Ray Scholarship. Congratulations Abby!

In recognition of her accomplishment, the Chapter presented her with a Ray Scholarship polo shirt and pin.

Logan Cohara is progressing well and is on track to complete his requirements for his private pilot's certificate.

**Monthly Safety topic:** Walt Halloran, Operations at Non Towered Airports.

Walt presented a very interesting and informative presentation about procedures a pilot should know when flying into or at a non-towered airport. He covered many aspects including reviewing flight patterns and runway information, importance of good communications and proper terminology, collision avoidance. He reminded us we are in control as the pilot in command. Thank you, Walt.

**Young Eagles Update:** Gary Baker

Gary reported that Chapter pilots flew over 50 Young Eagle flights on the second Chapter Young Eagle event

held at Wayne County Airport on August 27, 2022. He also reviewed the procedure for receiving double Young Eagle credits from EAA.

Gary also proposed sending a student to the 2023 Air Academy at Oshkosh. A motion was made by Gary Baker and seconded by Randy Brooks. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Gary presented an EAA sign with signatures of previous Air Academy attendees and completed Ray Scholars.

**Oshkosh Pancake Breakfast Update: Gary Baker**

Gary reported the chapter had made \$4400 from the pancake breakfast fundraiser at Oshkosh. He thanked all the Chapter members who volunteered and helped at the event.

Gary also presented the Chapter with the new plaque to be used to display the recipients of the annual Chapter 846 MVP award.

A suggestion was made to obtain a microwave for the Chapter hangar. A motion was made by Chris Oehlers and seconded by Karl Aber to do so. The motion passed by a voice vote.

In closing, President Chris Oehlers presented a list of area aviation activities taking place in the coming weeks.

**With no other business to be brought before the Chapter, a motion to adjourn was made by Chris Oehlers and seconded by Dave Manning. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 20:52.**

**The next meeting will be October 13, 2022 at the Chapter hangar.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Cantrell, Secretary EAA Chapter 846**

If you are under a certain age, let me assure you this apple pie was served at the surface temperature of the planet Mercury.



# **EAA CHAPTER 846**

## **Board Meeting**

### **Minutes of September 28, 2022**

#### **Meeting called to order @ 1911**

(Note: President Chris Oehlers conducted the meeting via Facetime as he was out of town).

Board Members Present: Gary Baker, Paul Lutz, Ron Lutz, Brad Wurst, Randy Brooks, Paul Hanchek, David Gerdeman and Brian Burke. Board Members Absent: Greg Cantrell and Mike Baker.  
Chapter member present:, Karl Aber

#### **Deck Update by David Gerdeman**

Both headers above the garage are up; post holes have been dug and footers poured. Waiting for lag bolts which should arrive sometime this week.

David out of town for most of next 2 weeks. He will review next steps required so work can continue with members who are present and able to proceed.

#### **PA22 acquisition- update by Randy Brooks**

Need project moved out of Bruce Anderson's hangar by end of October. Randy Brooks will confirm actual moving date with Bruce.

No room in hangar until deck complete, so alternate storage needs to be arranged. Chris Oehlers said he has room in his hangar for the short term.

#### **Programs and Meeting notes for remainder of year:**

Goodyear will not be able to support our Airship briefing this Fall.

For the 13 October meeting, Case McIntyre will discuss his summer 2022 Air Academy experience.

Steve Janowski will present safety topic on Airport Markings. We will also recap the Chili Fly-In and the My Place Fly-In.

Meeting will be held at the Skypark FBO classroom.

Chris Oehlers will solicit ideas for the Christmas Party and upcoming monthly programs from

the membership.

Chris Oehlers will solicit a volunteer to take over the Air Academy Scholarship coordinator position as Gary Baker plans to step down after 20 years in this position.

For the November meeting, David Gerdeman can speak on Part 107 Drone Operations, Mike Guenther will present the safety topic on Risk Management.

The December meeting topic is TBD. Chris Oehlers will present safety topic on Cold Weather Operations.

#### **Second Air Academy Scholarship**

Greg Cantrell proposed we add a second spot for the Air Academy in 2023. Cost would be \$1680 for the 16-18 year old group. EAA needs \$200 deposit soon or all slots may be taken. Greg confident we can find 2 candidates.

-If we apply for a 2<sup>nd</sup> slot for 2023 now, and for some reason we cannot find a 2<sup>nd</sup> candidate, we would lose the \$200 deposit.

Board discussed this it was decided to table scholarship candidate unless a member has a mind for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Oehlers will ask



topic at length, and the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> idea until 2023 strong candidate in scholarship. Chris membership at the October 13 meeting if they know of a strong, qualified candidate.

#### **Pancake Breakfasts Update**

Gary Baker reviewed the results of the Oshkosh and Chapter Pancake Breakfasts and reported they were both a huge financial success. We served 812 meals at Oshkosh and approximately 180 meals at the Wayne County Airport Pancake Breakfast. Thanks to all the Chapter members who volunteered their time.

#### **Photos from Chapter Events**

Karl Aber asked that if members have photos of Chapter events, to please email him at [eea846newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:eea846newsletter@gmail.com) and he will provide a link to Google Photos to upload the pictures.

**Meeting was adjourned @ 2018.**



