
EAA Chapter 32 News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 17: EAA 32 gathering/meeting, 10am

May 17: Eagle Flights (adults), after mtg.

May 22: KSET Airport Master Plan update, 3pm, Airport terminal building.

May 24-26: CAF Wings Over STL, Spirit

June 7: Gateway Youth Aeronautical Foundation event, Creve Coeur Airport.

June 14: EAA 32 Young Eagles, 9am, KSET

June 16-17: Trail Life USA scouting event, Decatur, IL

June 21: EAA 32 gathering/meeting, 10am

For more details and the full calendar, Click to go to the [Calendar of Aviation Events](#) section of this newsletter.



During the May 10 Young Eagles Rally, Mr. Bill actively involved two Young Eagles in the pre-flight process by having them perform the “Cessna Gymnastics Routine” - climbing up on the wing struts - to inspect upper surfaces and fuel level in the tanks.

Website: www.eaa32.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/616737571822386

President's Message

Jim Hall, EAA Chapter 32 President, AE Advisor

This past Saturday I thought I was working a Chapter 32 Young Eagles event and I was, but it seemed so much more like attending a family reunion that I kept forgetting exactly where we were. Everyone who volunteered was having fun while they introduced the guests to aviation.

Outside the ARC there were young children laughing and running across the fresh cut green grass and underneath the clear blue sky as they chased after foam gliders tossed into the soft air before the small planes invariably landed between the feet of adults observing the fun.

Bean bags were being tossed at the cornhole game boards by families taking turns to improve their aim and nail that perfect landing. The littlest kids were posing in the RV-12 photo board getting their pictures taken and being assured that next year they would be old enough to be safely strapped into a real aircraft for their first YE flight.

Youngsters were climbing into the Sonerai cockpit one at a time and tugging on the yoke while looking outside the canopy to see if the flaperons were set correctly to allow them to roll around that small white cloud they imagined banking the aircraft past. Parents were asking how the wings folded back against the fuselage for towing and storage and did that converted VW engine really provide enough power to spin the propeller fast enough to allow the plane to climb high above the earth.

One young girl returning for her first Young Eagle flight of this year arrived early with her mom smiling in her khaki green flight suit already seeing herself as PIC of a jet fighter.

A grandfather pulled the wooden prop through a rotation on the cutaway Continental engine as he

explains to his son and grandson that the click of the magneto reminds him of the Allis-Chalmers tractor on the farm where he grew up.

At the Smartt Field Aerodrome 7 aircraft were coming and going; each of them taking from one to three Young Eagles on their ½ hour flights. An amazing mixture of high wing/ low wing, tailwheel/ tricycle gear, factory built/ experimental, plans built/ kit built, 2 seat/ 4 seat/ 6 seat, 1940's era and nearly new airplanes all shared space and time on the tarmac and in the sky as they ferried Young Eagles and introduced them to aviation.

Thanks to the pilots and the ground personnel wearing orange safety vests everyone had a chance to learn, experience and perhaps see themselves as part of the aeronautical world. Pre-flight checks and post flight observations were shared as the youth posed for photos in front of the airplanes holding their YE flight certificates and newly endorsed logbooks that made them official student members of EAA and offered the opportunity to learn more from the Sporty's 'Learn to Fly' ground school course.

On May 10 there were 50 Young Eagles flown, adding more YE numbers to the 9 who flew on May 3 and the 48 that flew on April 12. The numbers add up, but it is the experience that each youth and their families get that matters most of all.

We get more requests than we can possibly manage. But it's a good thing to have to figure out. Our next Young Eagles event will be on June 14 and a private YE event for OBAP will be held on June 28. It may seem like a lot, but it matters when you see what can be done. All of you help to show them the way

Chapter Gathering Minutes

Jennifer Skikas, EAA Chapter 32 Secretary, Young Eagles Coordinator

EAA Chapter 32 Gathering Minutes April 19, 2025

- Call to Order: 10:05am
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome visitors & guests
 - Brian T. new to EAA but has been in aviation for a long time, has a Saratoga.
- Speaker: Frank Dressel, EAA member, will share his experience and lessons learned "Building the Van's RV-14A". Frank spent a little over four years on the build and is now doing his initial flight tests. Hear the story he presented at the Light Sport Safety Symposium a few weeks ago. It's fascinating to learn what building an aircraft involves. We'll get the chance to ask questions and share thoughts about choosing the right build for 'your' mission and the timeline to accomplish your goal.

Frank shared a slideshow with photos and information well documenting his journey building 'Pop's Dream'. He spent 21 years in the AF and 20+ years teaching at Gateway High School. Started going to AirVenture in the 90's and loved the historical aircraft but homebuilts caught his eye.
- Old business:
 - EAA Ford Tri-Motor Tour at SUS hosted by Chapter 32 w/ assistance from 1675 April 11-13 at Spirit of St Louis Airport using a hanger & ramp space at Signature Aviation
 - 80 Volunteers signed in for Friday, Saturday, Sunday; 2 shifts each day; ticket drawings let 4 volunteer winners fly on the Tri-Motor; too windy on Sunday
 - Tri-Motor flew 5 flights on Friday & 11 flights on Saturday; 0 on Sunday, 7-8 passengers per flight.
 - Friday morning ceiling prevented flying until later in the day. Saturday engine three initially would not start, Bill D. was able to get a starter from Spirit to get it going. Sunday winds were too strong to fly. Those that had tickets for Sunday will be refunded or could try for rescheduling on upcoming dates in Springfield, MO but were still given a tour inside and out and were very appreciative.
 - Thanks to John Kinder for giving passengers good detailed information of safety precautions.
 - EAA gave us two large banners for the event. One will be hung in the ARC the other will be given to chapter 1675.
 - The event was very well received. It reminded some attendees of Indiana Jones movies, one elderly gentleman came to see it after hearing flying around, it reminded him of when he was a little boy and his dad took him to a nearby airport where he saw Tri-Motors flying.
 - Initially built in 1929, EAA has done extensive renovations over the years. At one point it had been totaled in a storm.
- Young Eagles: April 12th at SUS w/ Chapter 1675; had 10 pilots/ planes flew 48 youth
 - Scouting Merit Badge for 17 youth in Signature Aviation meeting room by Frank Dressel.

- Used numbers and texting to quickly locate Young Eagles for flights.
- Treasurer Report: Bob Murray
 - More than likely did not make money on the Tri-Motor YE event but the marketing was really good. Bob just got the cashbox today to count.
 - Even for the year. Dues have mostly paid regular expenses.
- Ray Foundation: Ken Derks
 - Anna is taking her written exam this week.
 - Caleb is still studying for his written
 - Marco will be taking his check ride soon
 - Lauren will be taking flight lessons after school is out. She will be teaching aviation as a camp counselor this summer. Hoping to have a check ride pre AirVenture.
- Aviation Explorer Post 9032: on May 7th @ 6pm the Student Officer Elections and also FAA Safety Team Speaker- Randy Ottinger in the Signature Aviation meeting room.
 - Toured SLU recently
 - Student elections coming up, and planning for AirVenture
 - Still need some more advisors, particularly a lead advisor and may lose Boeing connections. Recent meetings have been held at Spirit.
- New Business:
 - Chapter 32 Digital Roster is ready - Thanks to Bob Murray sites.google.com/view/ea32roster
 - This link is not password protected. Home addresses are not included. Contains the following info if applicable: spouse name, phone number, email, ratings, member type, aircraft ratings, aircraft built.
 - April 26th St. Charles County Regional Airport 'Celebration of Aviation History'
 - This is not an EAA event but 32 will be participating. Being owned by the parks department, they are opening to the general public.
 - Ramp will be closed from 10:00am-2:00pm for foot traffic.
 - Food will be provided but premade/prepackaged, 32 will not be preparing food.
 - 32 will help as needed. As of now attendance numbers are not known. More toilet Saturday May 03, 2025 Private Young Eagles event; SOAR to STEM 29 students of Washington High School District at Washington Airport, Marthasville, MO
 - Interim Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Kinder send articles by April 22 to: rebe2cak@gmail.com
 - May 17 EAA Flying Start Event at the ARC – Ken Derks Coordinator
 - For people over 18 who are interested in learning how to fly. Like YE for adults but matched with a mentor pilot.
 - One pilot so far, but more are needed. As of today, 8 people interested in learning have signed up.
 - We are getting a cutaway aircraft engine from St. Louis Gateway STEM High School this week to use for education.
 - Brian Letendre has approached 32 about the possibility of some pilots being available for a Trail Life USA scouting event in Decatur, IL on June 16-17 a Monday and Tuesday. 12 kids per day ages 9-14. Jon Crackel will email 32 pilots about it.

- Saturday, 5/17, 7:30am-11:30am Pancake Breakfast hosted by Chapter 864 at St. Louis Regional Airport. \$10/adult, \$5/kids 4-12 years, kids under 3 free. All you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice. 8 Terminal Dr., East Alton, IL.
- Asked to do a private YE event the last Saturday in June with the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP).
- Guest: Crystal Marshall has 2 daughters, works at Boeing, girls are interested in flying and have been to YE events.
- Adjourned at 12:47pm

Tallia Brown Awarded EAA Scholarship



EAA 32 student member Tallia (“Tallie”) Brown was recently awarded the Jason Kurt Memorial Scholarship by the National EAA scholarship program. Tallie is 17-year-old high school student from Fenton, and a student pilot who recently soloed on April 8. Her aviation journey began on a vacation flight when she was two years old, and the captain invited her into the cockpit and let her sit in the captain’s seat.

Tallie flies and trains at Chopper Aviation, a small flight school at Cahokia Downtown Airport (KCPS). She will be working there this summer doing administrative tasks and coordinating the school's social media. Tallie is excited and appreciative to receive the \$4,500 scholarship, which will help fund the remainder of her flight training. She anticipates a checkride in August.

Whenever school events don’t interfere with EAA 32 event dates, you will see her at chapter meetings and wearing an orange vest as ground crew at Young Eagle events. On May 3 she ground crewed at the Washington, MO SOAR event, and on May 10 she was ground crew at KSET Young Eagles.

Tallie hopes to attend an aviation university, with the ultimate goal of becoming a commercial pilot. Next time you see her around the Aviation Resource Center, be sure and introduce yourself and say hi!



Calendar of Aviation Events

Black = EAA 32 hosted and/or participating-in events

Blue = Other aviation-related events

May

- 17 EAA 864 pancake breakfast, 7:30 – 11:30am, St. Louis Regional (Alton), KALN
- 17 EAA 32 gathering/meeting, 10am, Smartt Field Aviation Resource Center (ARC) – speaker will be Lauren Peca, Ray Scholarship Recipient
- 17 EAA 32 Flying Start event (for adults), after chapter meeting, during EAA Learn to Fly Week (May 13-18) at Smartt Field in the Aviation Resource Center
- 22 St. Charles County Regional Airport Master Plan update, 3pm, airport terminal building.
- 24-26 CAF Wings Over St. Louis, @Signature, KSUS <https://commemorativeairforce.org/events/449>

June

- 7 Gateway Youth Aeronautical Foundation event at Creve Coeur Airport. EAA 32 invited to participate with YE information booth.
- 14 EAA 32 Young Eagles, 9am, KSET (EAA International Young Eagles Day)
- 14 ~~CANCELED!!~~ ~~Scott Air Force Base Open House STEM Expo~~
<https://www.scott.af.mil/OpenHouse>
- 15 CAF Father's Day Rides, Smart Field <https://www.cafmo.org/>
- 16-17 Request to provide pilots for Trail Life USA scouting event in Decatur, IL June 16-17 **Note: this is a Mon & Tues.** 12 kids per day ages 9-14 <https://troop0412.com/illinois-summer-camp/>
- 18 Due date for responses to FAA KSET Runway 18 VOR IFP memo (30 working days after May 7)
- 21 EAA 32 gathering/meeting, 10am, Smartt Field, Aviation Resource Center (ARC)
- 28 OBAP request for Private Young Eagles event (Approx. 30) at Smartt Field

July

- 12 EAA 32 Young Eagles, 9am, KSET
- 19 (TBD) EAA 32 gathering/meeting, 10am at Smartt Field in the Aviation Resource Center (ARC)
NOTE: Date is TBD because of proximity to AirVenture
- 21-27 EAA AirVenture; Oshkosh, WI (chapter campsite reserved; limit of 6 sites)

August

- 9 EAA 32 Young Eagles, 9am, KSET
- 13-17 B-29 Superfortress "Fifi" @ Spirit KSUS. <https://www.airpowersquadron.org/st-louis-mo>, Cockpit tours as well as flights. Also, P-51, PT-13, T-6, RC-45J aircraft, \$20 adult admission
- 16 EAA 32 gathering/meeting, 10am, Smartt Field, Aviation Resource Center (ARC)
- 30-31 Wings of Pride Airshow w/ Blue Angels; Branson, MO <https://bransonwingsofpride.com/>

September

- 4-6 Midwest Aviation Expo; Mt. Vernon, IL <https://www.midwestaviationexpo.com/>
- 13 EAA 32 Young Eagles, 9am, KSET
- 10-14 National Championship Air Races & Air Show; Roswell, New Mexico <https://airrace.org/>
- 20 EAA 32 gathering/ meeting, 10am, Smartt Field, Aviation Resource Center (ARC)
- 27 CAF Hangar Dance; Smartt Field <https://www.cafmo.org/hangar-dance>

October

- 11 EAA 32 Young Eagles, 9am, KSET
- 18 EAA 32 gathering/meeting, 10am, Smartt Field, Aviation Resource Center (ARC)
- 25 St. Charles County Regional Airport Open House & Pumpkin Drop. EAA32 open house.

November

- 15 EAA 32 gathering/meeting, 10am, Smartt Field, Aviation Resource Center (ARC)

December

- 6 EAA 32 Holiday Banquet – **TBD**
- No Chapter gathering/meeting in December

Monthly Recurring Events

- 1st Tuesday IMC Club: Monthly, Every 1st Tuesday @6:30pm, Creve Coeur Airport (1H0) FBO Lobby
<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea32/imc-club>; <https://www.stlaviationmeetup.org/> 
- 3rd Tuesday VMC Club: Monthly, Every 3rd Tuesday @6:30pm, Creve Coeur Airport (1H0) FBO Lobby
<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea32/vmc-club>; <https://www.stlaviationmeetup.org/> 
- 3rd Saturday EAA 32 gathering/meeting, Every 3rd Saturday @10am, KSET, Aviation Resource Center (ARC)

This Month in Aviation History

May 3, 1919: The first non-stop transatlantic flight was completed by John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown, flying from Newfoundland to Ireland.

May 7, 1927: Charles Lindbergh took off from New York on his solo flight across the Atlantic, landing in Paris 33 hours later.

May 20, 1932: Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, flying from Newfoundland to Ireland.

May 15, 1957: The Boeing 707 made its first flight, revolutionizing commercial air travel.

May 5, 1961: Alan Shepard became the first American in space aboard the Freedom 7 spacecraft.

May 21, 1976: The Concorde supersonic airliner made its first commercial flight with British Airways.

May 25, 2008: The Airbus A380, the world's largest passenger aircraft, made its first commercial flight with Singapore Airlines.



Young Eagles

Date	Location	# YE Flown	# Pilots	# Flights	# Scouts Merit Badge	Notes
4/12/25	KSUS	48	10	28	17	During Ford Tri-Motor, at Spirit
5/3/25	KFYG	9	1	3	N/A	Private event, Washington STEM
5/10/25	KSET	50	7	28	17	
6/14/25	KSET					
6/28/25	KSET					Private event, OBAP
7/12/25	KSET					
8/9/25	KSET					
9/13/25	KSET					
10/11/25	KSET					

Young Eagles Coordinators: Jon Crackel & Jennifer Skikas



Michelle and Pam
“Nobody flies until we say so”



Pam and Michelle at Mission Control (a.k.a. registration desk),
with supervisors Jim, Ken, and Jon



A small portion of the day's ground crew:
Tallie, John, and Rebecca



Photographer Lisa and pilot son Charles



Ron appears to be explaining some complex physics of flight during his pre-flight walkaround



Ron getting ready to climb into his beautiful Luscombe



Charles explains elevators during a pre-flight walkaround

Pilots: Phil Sappington, David Brickhaus, Randy Schroder, Jeff Stephenson, Ron Burnett, Bill Jagust, Charles Miano



Some passengers have more leg room than others



Dave and his Saratoga taxi out



Lets go!



Double big smiles from Phil and a young eagle in his RV-12



Double thumbs up from Randy and a young eagle in his RV-12



mr. bill signs logbook after flight to make it official



John handing out certificates and logbooks



Jeff shows his personal logbook - comparing its contents to the columns in a YE logbook



Three current Parkway Central 6th graders flew with a retired former Parkway Central 6th grade teacher

YE event photos courtesy of Lisa Miano

Learners as We Go

mr. bill, EAA Chapter 32 Director, Flight Advisor

GET THERE IT IS or LIVE TO FLY ANOTHER DAY

The forecast the night before “predicted” a wind out of the northwest at 7 knots (8 mph) so tomorrow, Saturday, was looking pretty good for our Young Eagle Flights at Washington Regional Airport. But as we know with all this weather stuff, “Ya gotta wake up in the morning and see what Mother Nature has provided.”

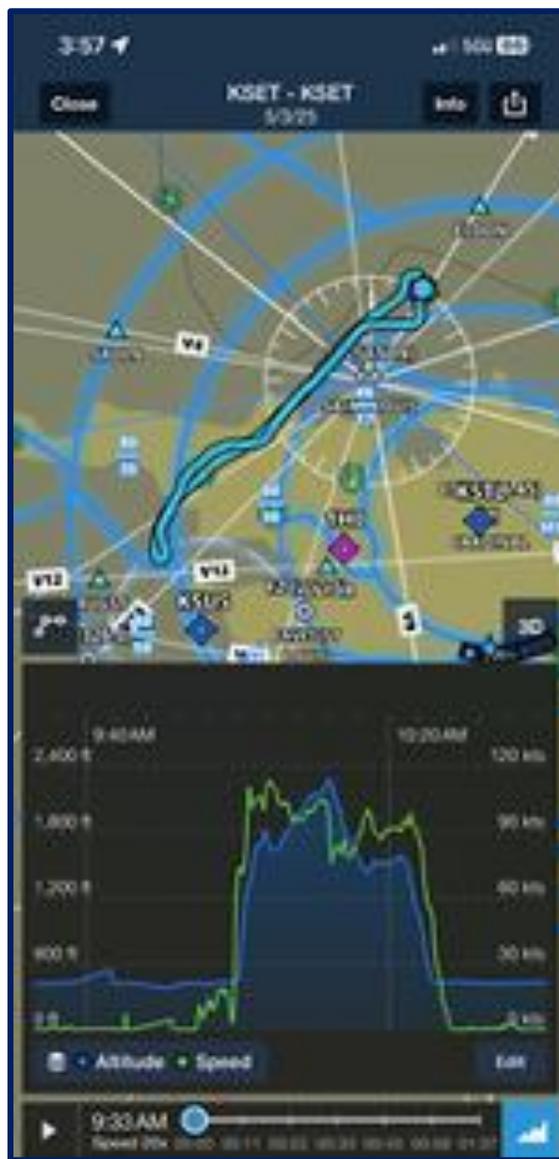
Hey, that is just a little rain cell (at 0700 am) that **should** slide east out of the area, and it still **SHOULD** be a good day to fly as soon as it passes. Well.....

So, two of the happy people from this group of pilots in the photo below, jumped in their airplanes and started the 33nm (38 statute mile) flight to Washington Regional Airport in Marthasville, MO from Smartt Field. **WHAT COULD GO WRONG?**



The pilots ready to fly!

Well, we took off and.....were able to make it the first 10 miles of the flight plan. What happened? Well, the 1,500-foot overcast was about right there at 1,500 above the ground, the clouds were ragged, and looking forward into the distance we could see the rain showers falling to the ground and obscuring the forward visibility. Here is the track of that flight from the lead aircraft.





**The wall of rain
that stood in the flight path to Washington, MO**

So back on the ground at Smartt Field, and after waiting for 1 hour, the sun made the sky brighter as it rose in the sky.... We decided to try the flight again. This time we got as far as Lake Saint Louis, MO and highway 61 when another **WALL OF RAIN** had us turning around again.

So, we returned to Smartt Field and wrote the day off, with the adage of **TO LIVE TO FLY ANOTHER DAY.**

*I am writing this to remind all of us that we really do **NOT NEED** to get there. Even at the airlines, there were times when we had to head to the alternate airport and just wait out the weather.*

My concern this day was for the pilot ahead of me. I have an Instrument Rating and if I flew into the clouds I **COULD** climb and fly long enough to get back to Smartt Field and fly the VOR-A approach down to 750 feet above the ground and see the airport and land on runway 18 in front of me. The pilot ahead of me was not Instrument Rated, but has many hours of experience.

As I have mentioned before in writing this newsletter, my college roommate was in the 1976 program to determine how long a non-instrument rated pilot will fly his aircraft before the aircraft was in dire straits. "178 seconds to live" test program at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign determined that 178 seconds was the average time. Just short of 3 minutes flight time. The following video is a summary of that program on YouTube. Look at what is written in the comment section under the video. It is the True Confessions of pilots who escaped a bad situation by the Grace of God!

<https://youtu.be/b7t4IR-3mSo>

The next YouTube video is a man and his 30-year-old son who flew into a weather situation this past weekend, and it did **NOT** end well.

<https://youtu.be/oKKVPDRDiCs>

ALWAYS LEAVE YOURSELF AN OUT!

Q: What is one of the first indications you are going to be in the clouds while flying?

A: Little puffs of clouds BELOW YOU WHILE FLYING indicates that there is a thicker layer that will soon be under the plane blocking your visibility of the ground.

THE REST OF THE STORY: WASHINGTON AIRPORT STEM, PART 2

One of the coolest things about this EAA group and surrounding yourself with GREAT people, is good people fill in WHAT happened at the Washington Regional Airport while ‘the gang’ were waiting for the weather to improve at Smartt Field.

Captain Dave Brickhaus: Thank you for scooting out of the Spirit of Saint Louis, Chesterfield Airport and making it to the Washington Airport event. Big KUDO’S for flying some of the young adults there. Then, when the weather started to deteriorated, he “scooted” back to Spirit. THANK YOU!

Miss Libby: Thanks for the update on the happenings during the event to my phone, later that evening.

John Ladley: for bring out the Boeing Stearman.

President Jim and VP Ken: for filling in and bringing the supplies for backup.

And too all the others who fill in and share their story and helped with INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF AVIATION AND STEM LEADERS.

Here is what the whole program looks like.....

https://washington.k12.mo.us/49232_3

We'll THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND YOUR HELP THAT YOU PROVIDE.

THIS IS YOUR

THANK YOU!



Libby, Tallie, and Bob at Washington STEM

Flying Start Event: May 17 (after chapter meeting)

Ken Derks, EAA Chapter 32 Vice President

[EAA Chapter 32 Flying Start Event at St Charles County Regional Airport \(Smartt Field\)](#)

Saturday, May 17, 2025. Presentation starting at noon following Chapter 32 meeting

Contact: Ken Derks (Chapter 32 Vice President) - (636) 348-3097

<https://flyingstart.org/?fsdetail&event=8LqDLanfK>

The EAA Flying Start Event is an introduction to General Aviation designed to help answer your questions about aviation.

You may want to take these 5 steps to get started:

- 1) Why do you want to fly?
- 2) Choosing the flight path.
- 3) Selecting a flight school.
- 4) Selecting a flight instructor.
- 5) Study at home and come prepared.

The EAA introduction to flying may include if weather permits & aircraft are available that day:

Meet your Pilot (Only for the actual Eagle Flight) - Not the Flying Start event

The pilots who participate in the Flying Start / Eagle Flight programs are local members of EAA who are volunteering their time and aircraft to make your flight possible. Each Eagles pilot is certificated with the Federal Aviation Administration or Transport Canada. Flights are conducted according to federal regulations and no aerobatic maneuvers will be performed.

What will my pre-flight be like?

First of all, your pilot will explain what you will see and do. This may include explaining how airplanes work, looking at an aeronautical chart (or map), and describing the interior of the airplane, including the instrument panel. Then comes the fun part: you get to go flying!

Safety Reminders

Safety is always top priority when it comes to aviation. Listen and follow instructions given by your pilot, stay away from the propellers, and stay with your pilot or ground crew at all times.

What will my flight be like?

You will spend about half an hour to an hour in the air and follow the basic steps in the flight pattern. You will experience the awesome feeling of flight that many people only dream about. Many people remember this experience for the rest of their lives. You will, too!

Pinch Hitter in the Air / Companion Copilot

Jim Hall, EAA Chapter 32 President, AE Advisor

A recent topic among both pilots and non-pilots who fly with them has been the role of the passenger to help with some of the non-flying tasks and how to help land a plane in an emergency. It has happened before that a pilot has been unable to land the aircraft and a non-pilot has assisted to get them safely on the ground.

There is Pinch Hitter training available from both EAA & AOPA Webinars

This webinar presentation is part of the EAA ‘Learn to Fly’ Week offering and will also be available from the EAA online library afterwards.

https://pages.eaa.org/WBN2025-05-14PinchHitterPreview-ProgressingfromPassengertoPIC_LP-Registration.html

Pinch Hitter Preview - Progressing from Passenger to PIC

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7 p.m. CDT

Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch

Do you regularly share your flying experience with a non-pilot? Does he or she wish to help you out with non-flying tasks, or perhaps learn how to land a plane in an emergency? This FAA Safety Team webinar will help you to introduce your companion to training opportunities for reducing your workload, improving safety, and just maybe, saving lives. Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

AOPA offers the Companion Copilot video series covering basic tasks.

<https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/air-safety-institute/companion-copilot>

Sponsored by [PilotWorkshops.com](https://www.pilotworkshops.com)

Be More than just a passenger - Pinch Hitter

The *Companion Copilot* video series provides frequent companion passengers—who are not pilots—an opportunity to learn more about how they can pinch hit and help their pilot and enjoy being an active participant in the flight.

The series covers preflight tasks, simple aerodynamics concepts, navigation and communication considerations, checklist use, and emergency procedures. Non-pilot passengers will learn how they can help with the preflight, route planning, navigation, and radio communications, including how to work with ATC.

They'll come away with a greater understanding of how airplanes fly and be better prepared to enjoy the flight, knowing they can be of help using fundamental concepts reviewed in the videos.

The Oregon Pines 99's have a 24 page "Flying Companion Handbook" that covers some of this same type of material – things a right seat passenger can learn to make flying safer, as well as more enjoyable for everyone.

https://nw99s.org/files/1/Flying_Companion_Handbook.pdf

KSET: Runway 18 VOR Instrument Flight Procedure

If you have any objections to this cancellation, please send your comments to the FAA by the date noted on the attachment.

– Dennis Wiss, Airport Manager, St. Charles County Regional Airport-Smartt Field.



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum

Date: **May 7, 2025**

To: Airport Authority

From: Wayne L. Eckenrode, Manager, Flight Procedures Team, AJV-C24

Subject: Proposed Cancellation of the VOR RWY 18 at ST CHARLES COUNTY RGNL/SMARTT FLD (KSET) St Charles, MO.

Background:

This email is to advise you of the potential for Instrument Flight Procedure cancellation at your airport. Since the year 2000, as the National Airspace System (NAS) transitioned to a NextGen NAS, the number of flight procedures in the NAS has quadrupled. The complexity and cost to the FAA of maintaining these IFPs is not sustainable. Cancellations of IFPs are an effort to reduce procedural congestion to an already overloaded inventory. An IFP Retirement tool that incorporates the utilization of aircraft data, radar data, along with analysis of Air Traffic voice coverage is used to identify potentially underutilized procedures for cancellation.

Purpose:

The following procedure at ST CHARLES COUNTY RGNL/SMARTT FLD (KSET) has been identified as underutilized and is targeted for cancellation:

1. VOR RWY 18

Comments:

FAA invites any comments, supporting data, or views for retention as soon as possible. In addition, the agency invites comments relating to the objection of this proposed cancellation via email response to this inquiry.

Comments regarding the IFPs must be returned via email to AJV-C24-TM@faa.gov, Flight Procedures Team, AJV-C24 within 30 working-days from the delivery of this coordination.

[Editors note: due date for comments is 30 working days after May 7 ==> **June 18**]

Aviation Explorer Post 9032 Activities

Jim Hall, EAA Chapter 32 President, AE Advisor

Note: Chrissy Kujawa, the Lead Advisor of Aviation Explorers Post 9032, will be stepping down as lead post advisor at the start of summer. She has excelled in her leadership position as the AE lead advisor and will be wrapping up through July by coordinating the AirVenture AE Post 9032 attendance for all youth members going to the EAA event.

Chrissy Kujawa

Email: ckujawa@aepost9032.org



Aviation Explorer Post 9032 Officer elections were held and new officers have been selected!

President: Cason P; VP: Andrew G; Secretary: Caleb A; Treasurer: Seth K; Officer: Kai L.

Thanks to all of you who stepped up. We appreciate your willingness to lead.

Aviation Exploration Base camp at AirVenture:

- July 19th – July 27th Aviation Exploration Base camp at AirVenture.
- We have 11 Explorers signed up for AirVenture.
- Most of the registration info is due May 15th – please let me (Chrissy) know when you sign up!
- You must have a physical with your doctor and turned in by June 30th – the form is on the website.

Upcoming Activities:

May 21	Metro Air Support Unit at SUS
June 7	Youth in Aviation Event at Creve Coeur Airport; sponsored by GYAF
June 14	Scott Air Force Base STEM Expo being held at Scott AFB – open attendance [Editor's note: The SAFB event has been canceled. https://www.scott.af.mil/OpenHouse]
July 21-27	EAA AirVenture – Aviation Explorer Posts Camp

Completed activities in the last few months:

May 10	EAA Chapter 32 Young Eagles event at St. Charles County Regional Airport
May 7	Guest Speaker Randy Ottinger of FFAST + AE Officers Elections (+ Aviation Jeopardy) to be held in Signature Aviation meeting room at Spirit of St. Louis Airport
May 3	Soar into STEM Career Fair at Wings of Hope at SUS
April 16	No Meeting or event
April 11-13	EAA Ford Tri-Motor! At Spirit of St. Louis Airport
April 12	Young Eagles Rally – 9am with Chapter 32 at Spirit Airport
April 2	Boeing Augmented/Virtual Reality Lab Tour
March 19	SLU McDonnell Douglas Hall – flight sciences & mechanical/aerospace engineering
March 12	Virtual planning session for AirVenture. Officers & Advisors virtual meetings
March 8	Visit postponed by Florissant Valley Community College new date TBD
March 5	Visit to EAA 32 Aviation Resource Center at Smartt Field - Vans RV 12 upgrade
February 22	Ultralight and Light Sport Safety Symposium @ SWIC Granite City
February 5	Cathy Babbis – guest speaker SUS held in the Signature Aviation Meeting room
January 15	Visit to Elite Aviation Flight School at Spirit of St Louis Airport (SUS)

ABOUT POST 9032

Aviation Explorer Post 9032 is an established career exploration program based in St. Louis, MO. Part of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, 'Learning for Life' program. AE Post 9032 is a chartered youth group with advisors and support from Chapter 32 of the Experimental Aircraft Association and additional advisors with aviation related interests. Virtual Advisor and Post Officer Meetings each month go over event planning. **General Meetings are held in the Signature Aviation FBO (Fixed Base Operator) facility at Sprit of St. Louis Airport (SUS) 18250 Edison Avenue; Chesterfield, MO. 63005**

Additional links to AE Post activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/aepost9032/>

<https://www.instagram.com/aepost9032/>

Tentative dates for Aviation Explorer Post 9032 meetings and activities are on the website calendar:

<https://www.aepost9032.org/>

The AE post officers once again have a lot of great ideas and activities lined up for the future.

Agenda:

Each month the usual schedule (flexible around other activities with some events being held on another day or in a different location):

- 1st Wednesday; 6-7pm **General Meeting in the Signature Aviation FBO (Fixed Base Operator) facility at Sprit of St. Louis Airport (SUS) 18250 Edison Avenue; Chesterfield, MO. 63005**
- 2nd Wednesday; 6:30 & 7pm Post Officers and Advisors Virtual Online Meetings
- 3rd Wednesday; 6-7pm Guest Speaker or offsite Activity (day/ date subject to changes)

“ Flying an aeroplane with only a single propeller to keep you in the air. Can you imagine that? ”

Captain Picard

In episode Booby Trap, Star Trek: The Next Generation..

<https://tv.getyarn.io/yarn-clip/7bc24651-2958-465b-8a7f-961554c23864>

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