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Chapter Checkpoints

January's Gathering (24) lacked an evening speaker, since the government shutdown ongoing at the time prohibited the Harrisburg FSDO from providing our long planned-for FAAST Presentation. Luckily, we had a backup plan — everyone enjoyed a big-screen showing of the iconic aviation documentary, "16R!"

February's Gathering (37) provided a rollout of our new Strategic Vision, to include an overview of three new Chapter initiatives: A 'Flying Start' Program for getting prospective pilots in the door, 'Aim for the Sky' 501(c)(3) Educational Foundation for youth outreach, and the Ray Aviation Scholarship for accelerated flight training.

March featured a 2nd Saturday *Fly-In/Drive-In FAAST Presentation (28)* by Jim Steele on Cockpit Resource Management — not just how it applies to multi-crew commercial aviators, but how single-piloted private and sport pilots can also benefit from its concepts. Then, our *March Gathering (40)* included a useful presentation by for future builders on "How to Pick a Project," from a guy who should know — our very own Jim Haunstein.

Upcoming Programs

Tuesday, 16 April — "*Tech in the Cockpit*" John Sibole, FAAST Program Manager, will present an overview of the various types of 'Smart' cockpit technology available for GA and experimental aircraft.

Saturday, 27 April — "*Flying Start' Open House*. Our doors will open to the public for presentations about flight training opportunities, requirements, and costs. Introductory EAGLES flights will be provided by volunteer pilots.

Tuesday, 21 May — "*Cutting Edge Test Programs*" Former Northrop Grumman & NASA Aerospace Engineer Jerry Lockenour will tell us about emerging technologies and cutting-edge aerospace design programs.

Tuesday, 18 June — "*Fiberglass...You Can Do It!*" Ed Womer will present and demonstrate techniques for fiberglass layup, repairs, and other applications during our monthly gathering.

Saturday, 22 June — *CXY 'Community Days'* This annual Fly-in/Drive-in event promises a variety of commercial & general aviation aircraft, as well as a Young Eagles Rally. Local vendors will provide food and fun. Jim Sibole (FAAST) will present a special program on "Kids & Aviation," with demonstrations and entertainment provided by volunteers from the audience.



President's Corner

One look at Chapter Checkpoints & Upcoming Programs on the front page of this newsletter and you should be able to tell: **THERE'S A WHOLE LOT GOING ON IN THE 'KEYSTONE CORPS!'** As just one of our many initiatives this year, restarting this new quarterly newsletter serves to highlight the various happenings within our group:

- **HQ Upgrades** — 2019 will mark the first full year of our new home in Hangar 2 at Capital City Airport, and we hope to make some major improvements in the coming months. Bob May is heading up an ad-hoc committee to 'beautify' our spaces, so standby for paint, pictures on the walls, an upgraded kitchen, and other great upgrades to our HQ.
- **Events** — part of having a real year-round aviation home is the ability to hold a variety of aviation events and raise money in support of chapter activities, such as FFAST Presentations, Young Eagles Rallies, 'Flying Start' open houses, builders' workshops, and Air Academy youth scholarships.
- **Home Away from Home** — Of course, we'll still hold a few summer meetings at Bermudian Valley Airpark, where we can drag our tails, BBQ on the patio, and share flying & building stories with the smell of fresh cut grass in our noses!
- **'Aim for the Sky' Educational Fund** — establishment of this 501(c)(3) support organization will provide an avenue to raise money and give back generously to the local community in the form of youth education, Air Academy scholarships, flight training, etc., while allowing our own chapter funds to be focused internally on our membership.
- **Young Eagles Rallies** — there's nothing like the smile on the face of a young boy or girl who's just had their eyes opened to the wonderful world of aviation. This year, we hope to fly even more kids than the last. Our Rally will be held during Cap City's 'Community Day' Open House

There's never been a better time to be an active member of EAA — or to reconnect, if you've lost touch over the years! Great things are happening in Chapter 122...

Come join us!

Cheers,
Jon



“Oshkosh! — Aerial Firefighting”

Aerial firefighting will be a major theme at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2019, with support from the U.S. Forest Service and other aircraft operators and manufacturers.

“EAA is pleased to have the opportunity to showcase aerial firefighting and most importantly to give our attendees the opportunity to better understand this important aspect of aviation and salute those that make it happen,” said Rick Larsen, EAA’s Vice President of Communities and Member Programs, who also coordinates AirVenture features and attractions.

EAA will be working with the U.S. Forest Service and other entities to bring various firefighting aircraft to AirVenture to allow visitors to see them up close.

“We have an opportunity to expose a broader audience to how our operations commence and the tremendous ability to showcase the firefighting pilot and the firefighter on the ground,” said Chad Runyan, north zone aviation officer for the Eastern Regional Office of the Forest Service. “Typically the only people that really understand what we’re doing are people actively in the fire because we have to close down airspaces and protect our area. The general public doesn’t really get to see these systems, how they all interact and how they all work, in a static setting.”

Exact details on firefighting aircraft scheduled to appear and other programming around the aerial firefighting theme will be released in the coming months.

Start making your plans to attend the World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration today, and let’s storm the place with Chapter 122 members!



‘Flying Start’ is a new program providing EAA chapters an opportunity to reach out to the local community and bring those interested in aviation to the airport for a first-hand look at the wonders of flight. The program consists of an EAA-prepared presentation and video that provide information about flight training, certificates available, and how much it will cost — in both time & money. After the presentation, Flying Start attendees can arrange to experience aviation first-hand with a free introductory Eagle Flight® provided by an EAA volunteer pilot. Attendees also get a free 6-month EAA national membership. In addition to providing a pathway for adults to the world of flight, EAA Flying Start gives chapters the opportunity to engage their current members and invite new people to join their local organization.

Chapter 122 will host our first ‘Flying Start’ Open House on **Saturday, 27 April 2019, at 12:30 pm**. If you know adults itching to get involved in aviation and who just need a little push, be sure to invite them to attend! There’s no better way to share our love for flying than to bring a future aviator into the fold!

‘AIM for the SKY’ Initiative & Fundraiser

‘AIM for the SKY’ — our new 501(c)(3) partner organization designed to raise funds in support of activities that expose youth to STEM skills related to aviation — has set a date for its first fundraising event, a sporting clays tournament. This event, scheduled for **Thursday, 6 June 2019**, will allow up to 18 teams of 6 shooters each to participate and purchase corporate sponsorship signage. Sporting clays is a form of clay pigeon shooting, often described as “golf with a shotgun” because it typically includes 10–15 stations laid out over natural terrain, and simulates the unpredictability of live-quarry shooting. Sporting clays is one of the fastest growing sports in America. The event is expected to draw approximately 100 participants.



Schedule of Events: 12 noon – 1:15 pm | Registration (warm up wobble trap open for fee)
12 noon – 1:00 pm | Beginners Clinic (limited to 20 spots)
1:15 pm | Opening ceremony & instructions to shooters
1:30 pm | Shotgun start
3:30 pm | Shooting anticipated to conclude
4-6 pm | Pig roast & libations
5:00 pm | Helicopter “basket full of shells” drop (raffle)
6:00 pm | Expected conclusion of event.

Volunteers are needed — please contact Wade Becker at wbecker@rklcpa.com if you can help!

Treasurer’s Trove

Thanks to all those who have renewed their memberships so far... as well as to our new members who have joined this year! Your support enables us to keep the *Spirit of EAA* alive in the Harrisburg area. Through your dues, we maintain our club spaces, support youth education, provide food for monthly social gatherings, host Young Eagles Rallies, and connect with like-minded aviation enthusiasts. Our greatest asset is its members. Together, we represent years of aviation experience, ranging from gliders & ultralights, to helicopters & homebuilts, to classic & modern general aviation, to military & commercial jet aircraft. Be a part of this enthusiastic & knowledgeable group — renew your membership today and enjoy the dividends all year long. You can even join or renew securely now online via PayPal on our website: <https://www.eaa122.org/membership.htm>. Check it out!



Don't delay... renew today!



Young Eagles Nest

It's Spring again, and time to start planning for our annual Young Eagles Rally! This year's event will be once again conducted in conjunction with 'Community Days' at Capital

City Airport (CXY) on Saturday, June 22nd. Based on last year's experience, we expect a big turnout, and have asked several area chapters to help out with additional planes and pilots. The event will run from 9am until 2pm, and we will need plenty of ground volunteers to help register parents and kids, park airplanes, assist with static displays, ensure safety, man the grill for a BBQ lunch... and talk up the joys of aviation!

If you'd like to volunteer to be a part of this event, please email the Young Eagles Coordinator at: jsviking@icloud.com.



The 'Old Barn' (Marketplace)

WANTED - Partnership in light sport taildragger for flight training. Contact Paul Furst or Ed Womer at avidhauler@gmail.com or edwomer68@yahoo.com



FOR SALE: *Garmin GPS III* - cheap, hand-held, backup VFR navigation! Lots of accessories. Only **\$25!** Contact Mitch Reisinger: wbecker@rklcpa.com

WANTED: PILOTS — to fly a well-maintained 2000 Cessna 172SP out of Carlisle Airport (N94). Contact Dan Cassidy (dfcassidy@aol.com) for more information about the *Carlisle Flying Club*.

FOR SALE: 1/2 partnership in a beautifully restored 1951 Ryan Navion, affectionately named "Jealous Jenny." Contact Jon Still (jsviking@icloud.com) for more info.



LIST: *Your item of aviation interest here!* Contact any chapter officer or director to list your item in future editions. Remember: "One person's trash is another's treasure..."

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