

# CHAPTER 153



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2022

### EAA 153 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

**Thanks to all** of our members, guests and especially to our own board member, Sebastian from CityWings flight school at Schaumburg Airport for giving us a great presentation after we enjoyed delicious Submarine Sandwiches. He spoke about his Remos GX model, the mechanicals and the flying characteristics. He explained about Light Sport Planes and Sport Pilot licenses and the differences. We had a big turnout and it's always fun to see everyone. It's nice to be outside in the fresh air and watch all the airplane and helicopter activity as the sun sets.

**Looking forward to our next dinner meeting** presentation on **September 9th** at 6:30 outside or inside the big hangar for Pizza before hearing from and about Rev Aviation, the Fixed Base Operator at Schaumburg Airport. They may talk about their services, fuel availability, aircraft, instructors and maintenance. Join us and come hungry. Feel free to bring a friend, a delicious dessert if you want and a chair. You may want to park in the lower level parking lot. This presentation will also be available on ZOOM, so it will be good to see some more of you with that extra option.

**Our October 14th presentation** has been planned and it will be done by our Vice-President Bob Meyers and be about his current restoration efforts on his new 1946 BELLANCA CRUISAIR SENIOR with the triple tail. This meeting will be in the inside meeting room on the lower level and on ZOOM. We are excited to have a EAA 153 table and participate in the fun HOPS and PROPS event on Sept 17th 5-9pm in the big hangar, with bands, food, aircraft displays and drinks. Come and enjoy the party! We will be discussing the elections at the October meeting, so get ready to throw your hat in the ring for you to be elected in November. We have several volunteer positions waiting for you....

\*Please send me a great picture of your aircraft or mostly completed aircraft and we can post it.

\*Your Chapter has some aircraft tools for the paid members to use.

\*We have Tech Counselors and Flight Advisors for you to consult.

\*Sebastian is our Young Eagles Coordinator.

\*We are interested in safety —experts are suggesting we still wear masks at indoor gatherings.

\*Please like and share our amazing Facebook page and posts.

\*We are doing a new recruits drive, so keep looking for new fun members we can hang out with.

\*Please offer us any ideas you have or may want to give us for a future presentation.

I want to especially say THANKS to Madeleine for working hard to give us this great newsletter each month. You can help to make it even better by writing a short story (aircraft related) for publication.

Thanks to all of you and see you soon,

*Bob*

**Bob Brandt**

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**SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 • 5 P.M. TO 9 P.M.**

The public is invited to attend the Schaumburg Regional Airport's Hops & Props event that will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 at the airport, 905 W. Irving Park Road. Hops & Props is a celebration of the local brews, drinks, food, and aircraft from across the Midwest. Vintage aircraft, live music, food trucks, and local vendors will be out in the Schaumburg Airport Hangar and Ramp for all to enjoy. Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Casual attire is recommended. Admittance is 21 and older. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 (plus processing fees) online at <https://bit.ly/3zq7ran> or by scanning the QR code below with a mobile device.



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# AUGUST MEETING

Schaumburg Airport



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Chapter 153

FEATURED GUEST—CITY WINGS



STEVE WEINSTOCK WITH HIS RECENTLY COMPLETED RV 10 WOW!!!!

## FLIGHT OF FIRSTS



One reason I wanted to get my pilot license was to be able to fly to my hometown in northern WI for an overnight stay. On the 4th of July weekend, with parents, siblings, nieces & nephews gathering at the family cottage, and a storm-free forecast for the next 2 days, I finally made it happen.

It would be my first solo trip from Clow (1C5) to Langlade County (AIG), an airport that I passed daily on my way to and from school as a kid. It was also where I first soloed 32 years before I would eventually get my ticket. At 212 NM, it would also be my farthest solo trip, so I decided to break it into two legs, choosing 2 options near the 1/2 and 3/4 points. As I made my bumpy way North and out from under ORD airspace, I was surprised to see none of the forecasted headwind. However, as I climbed and the air smoothed out, my ground speed dropped 10 mph. I opted for a mix of some bumpy time, and some of the smooth and slow so I could relax a bit.

Nearing my first airport, Dodge County (UNU), I still felt sharp and decided to stop at the second airport. As I approached Waupaca County (PCZ), I checked the winds and announced a (first for me) tear-drop to enter right traffic for runway 28. Over the field, I announced again and was greeted with "Aircraft calling Waupaca, please exit the pattern. We have an emergency on the field." So... there would be no first "tear-drop to right traffic" on this trip; but it was a first "exit the pattern due to a last minute airport closure." I scanned the chart, noting a couple other nearby airports; but Antigo wasn't much farther than those and I still had plenty of fuel, so I decided to continue on. It wasn't my original plan, but worked out just fine.

After shut-down, I noted 2.9 tach hours: the new longest flight in my logbook!

## Flight of Firsts continued

I tied down the Cruiser (another first, aided by the knot-tying knowledge of my Scout-Leader brother) for the its first overnight stay in Antigo. The Cruiser often gets attention, and this trip was no different; a passerby pulled into the airport just because he saw it on the ramp and wanted to ask about it. Turns out he is scratch-building a Zenith 701 STOL (the grand-daddy of our Zenith 750 Cruiser), and wondered what he was seeing on the ramp. After a quick visit with him, it was off to the cottage for fun, family, & fireworks!

The next day, after a breakfast with family overlooking the lake, I departed with Watertown (KRYV) as my chosen break point. I knew it would be even more important for me to have that break on the return leg so I could be fresh as I entered into the busy airspace around Chicago.

Watertown is a fairly small airport, so I was surprised to be greeted on the radio and guided into the parking spot; yet another first as PIC. Although I knew the signals when I first earned my license, I hadn't brushed up on them recently and misinterpreted where they wanted me to go. After parking, a quick inquiry cleared up my misunderstanding. At that point, I was ready for lunch and was pleasantly surprised to learn that Culver's was a mere 2 block walk from FBO! After a Butter-burger, a chocolate malt, and some rest in the comfy lounge chairs, I departed for the last leg home with a friendly "come see us again" calling out in my headset.

An hour and 20 minutes later, as I shut down in front of the EAA Chapter 461 hangar where the Cruiser sleeps, fellow members and friends were gathering for the Sunday evening "Chow at Clow". They shared in my pride and joy of this major milestone. What a treat it was to immediately discuss this accomplishment with those who have been there before, as well as those who will have similar accomplishments in their futures! It was the perfect bookend to a trip with many "firsts" for me!

John Tatro



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## **NEXT MEETING**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 6:30 PM**

Pizza for dinner at 6:30 pm  
and REV AIR FBO at 7:00 pm



On the tarmac in front of the main terminal Bring a chair and a dessert to share