

## President's Message



We interrupt the traditional president's message for a few words from our editor!

It is that time of year again. Winter in Michigan. You know what that means? Well, as for Chapter 221, it means it is time for our annual Winterfest meeting.

Let it be known far and wide, join us as we recover from the holiday blues for a night of fine food and drink. Our new president will be briefing us on his latest flight plans, and perhaps give us some insight regarding how he got to where he is today.

The Banquet will be held at the Travelers Café and Pub, on the site of the old Theo and Stacey's restaurant from years ago. I hear the food is good and the service is great. I imagine that we will begin ordering our food at about 6:30...

...and now returning you to your regularly formatted newsletter...

## Next Event...

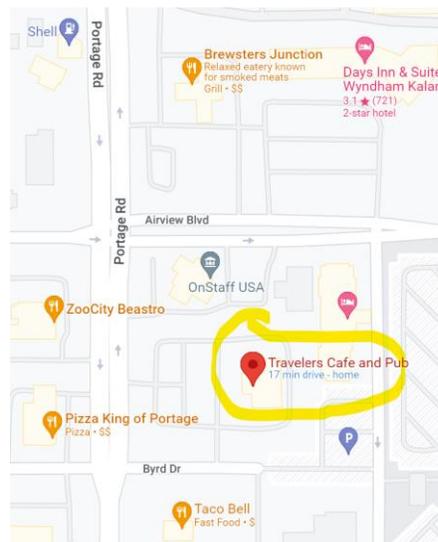
### Winterfest Banquet

**Saturday January 14, 2023**

**6:00 pm**

At the

[Travelers Cafe and Pub](#)  
[5225 Portage Rd, Portage, MI](#)



**We look forward to seeing you at the banquet!**

***Don't forget...***

**The January 14 Winterfest Banquet is in lieu of our regular first Wednesday meeting in January.**

See the event calendar [here](#)



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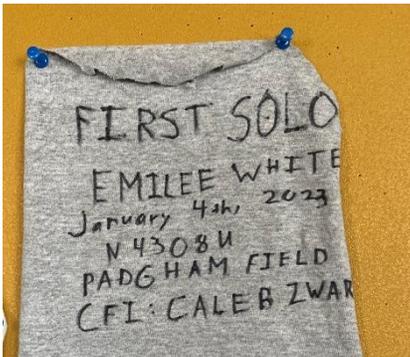
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## YE Eagles/ Ray Coordinator Report

### Ray Scholarship update:

It was a low cast day but not too low to fly. At least for pattern work. METARS Checked. Preflight was accomplished. Emilee had been waiting for over a month for just the right conditions. Time for the first solo. Time to leave that instructor on the ground and take off on her own. January 4<sup>th</sup> 2023, that was the day. Emilee's mom videoed while Emilee made her pass around the patch. Mom videos mainly to keep her mind off of the fact that her 17-year-old daughter was flying an airplane all alone. [All went well and the landings were spot on.](#)



Another perfectly good shirt, or two in this case, go to waste. Gotta keep the tradition's alive and it's just plane (no it's not a typo) fun. Emilee wore two shirts on her solo flight, one to cut the tail off of to put on the board at PASA (Plainwell Aviation and STEM Academy) and the other to take home with her to frame and put on her wall.

As most of you may know we have another Ray Scholar, Emilee White. Some of you may have met her at the last few EAA Meeting. She successfully completed her first solo on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Emilee is a senior at Parchment high school. She was enrolled in the KRESA Education for Employment Aviation Program which is held at the AirZoo in the same room that we have our monthly meeting. She is now dual enrolled at Kellogg Community College and Parchment High School. Kellogg Community College offers Aviation Classes that transfer to a four year university. Emilee has applied to four different Aviation Universities but her first choice is Western Michigan University. She also attends the Youth Pilot Program at PASA where she first started flying. She received a scholarship last year from the East Michigan Chapter of the 99's. She had nearly depleted her resources when she received the Ray Scholarship. Emilee has a total of 30.1 hrs. as I am writing this but will almost certainly have more before you read this. Her short term goals are to be accepted into an aviation university where she can earn her CFI certification and then return to PASA to instruct. This would allow her to give back to the where here aviation journey began three years ago.



Last note, Emilee also likes to bake but her mother will only let her bake for special occasions. Emilee found a good reason recently and baked away.

We will keep you posted on her progress and thank you to Jon and Susan Rafacz for the leaseback of their Cessna 150 which Emilee flies.



### Young Eagles Rallies:

We have two YE Rallies scheduled for 2023. One at the Air Zoo on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00 and a second one at the Plainwell Municipal Airport June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-12:00. Let Ginger DeVillers know if you can volunteer on those days for either ground or as a pilot. Remember that you have to take the EAA Youth protection course to be a volunteer. It is easy and if you need help with it just let us know. Thank you to everyone for all you do.

Ginger DeVillers

Young Eagles /Ray Scholarship Coordinator



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