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EAA Chapter 790

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From Matt Van Bergen, Chapter 790 President

I sure hope everyone is having a good 2023 so far! It was great seeing everyone at the annual banquet in February. Ron Rogers gave a terrific presentation on his life in aviation. As I have said before, I am impressed over and over again with our membership and Ron's banquet presentation certainly did not change this impression. A big thanks to Ron for taking the time to relive his life in aviation and sharing it with us. Staying on the banquet topic, as you are all aware in addition to a feature presentation, we also present the 2022 membership awards. A big thank you to our officers, board members, technical counselors and flight advisors. We included pictures of the award recipients, but I just wanted to give a special shout out to Pete Thompson for receiving the MVP award this past year. We were without a newsletter editor for a couple months at the start of 2022 and without any type of prodding from me or any of the officers, Pete volunteered to take on the newsletter and he has done a great job with it. I would also be remiss if I did not mention that I think Lynn plays a big part on the newsletter production as well, so a big thank you to Lynn as well!



What's Chapter 790 up to this year?

- We will be staying consistent with our Young Eagles Program. Last year, we flew 230 young eagles and earned \$1,185 in credits. Paul Ranieri is taking the reigns of the program this year. We will continue to host our rallies at the Schaumburg Airport (06C). We always welcome volunteers in any capacity – pilots, ground assistance, office help, etc. If you have not participated in a Young Eagles event, please come out and jump in and see the magic happen with the kids. We will be holding rallies the first Saturdays of May, June, August, and October.
- We will also continue to organize our monthly fly outs which are typically on the third Saturday of each month. If you have not participated in a monthly fly out, give it a try. Paul Ranieri sends out a reminder the week before.



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- Randy Sweet, our chapter secretary has suggested and subsequently taken the lead on bringing our chapter up to the current day by starting to accumulate all of our chapter records and putting them in a central location (on the cloud of course). This will really help with the transition to new administrations to prepare our chapter for the future and allow the officers and board to focus on chapter activities rather than trying to figure out where things are.
- Our newest board member, Pat Crawford, will be leading the scheduling of shop visits this year. If you are building something, reach out to Pat to get a shop visit scheduled.
- I would really like to formalize a chapter gathering at Oshkosh this year. I'm inquiring about getting a Chapter 790 plot of campsites at Camp Scholler. If we have enough interest, we can reserve 2-6 campsites which will guarantee that we get the spots together. Please reach out to me if you are interested in participating. I would need to send in the reservation fairly quickly to secure some spots.
- We have awarded a Basic Air Camp scholarship to Amana Omale. Amana will attend the camp up in Oshkosh June 18-23rd. Amana is one of our youth members and has been an active Young Eagle, both flying as well as volunteering at our rallies. Congrats Amana!
- Megan Pranzke is continuing her shoulder surgery recovery and hopes to be getting back to her Ray Aviation Scholarship funded flight lessons this spring.



I'm going to be out of town at the end of March and most of April, so please be easy on Dave Stokes (our fearless VP) in my absence 🍷. Fly well!

Matt

February 2023 Banquet and Chapter Service Award Recognition



After a great meal, Ron Rogers shared some of his flying exploits. Hard to cram a 50 year flying career in an hour though. Great stories – thanks Ron!



Chapter 790 President Matt Van Bergen. Matt's enthusiasm, leadership and positive attitude are invaluable assets to EAA, and not just at the local level!



Vice President Dave Stokes. Thanks Dave for being a steady hand throughout the year – all with a well-timed sense of humor!

Treasurer Paul Ranieri. Thanks Paul for contributing your years of experience with guidance for Chapter 790 and organizing the chapter fly-outs every month!



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Chapter Secretary Randy Sweet. Thanks Randy for your ability to anticipate what needs to happen under a myriad of circumstances!

Thanks to Tom Solar for his encouragement and mentoring of the next generation of aviation enthusiasts!



Board Member Frank Logalbo. Frank has been a steady hand on the Chapter 790 Board. He just retired from serving, but he will no doubt continue to provide guidance for the chapter!

Ole's solid presence in the chapter goes beyond his technical counselor designation. He has also helped arrange guest speakers as well as doing his own VMC Club presentations!



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Long time flight advisor and tech counselor Ron Liebmann!

Newsletter guy Pete Thompson got pulled away from eating dessert!



Chapter 790 members receiving Service Awards but unable to attend the banquet are:

Lon Danek	Board Member
Tom Legates	Board Member, Membership Coordinator and Web Editor
Mike Perkins	Flight Advisor and Technical Counselor

Lon continues to provide invaluable guidance for the chapter. Tom Legates works behind the scenes managing computer tasks. Mike Perkins has a wealth of technical knowledge and has written several aviation articles for the newsletter.

Chapter Meetings

Chapter 790 meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month. The meetings are generally held at the Lake in the Hills Airport office lounge at 6:30 pm. From May until October, the meetings also consist of a cookout while enjoying the nice weather. Matt will keep everyone posted via email of exact times, location, guest speakers, etc.

Fly-Out Scheduling

A great way to enjoy a Saturday morning and some camaraderie are the fly-out events. They are held the third Saturday of the month at 9am. If the weather isn't satisfactory, it will be rescheduled to the following Saturday. Paul Ranieri will keep everyone posted as to the destination and time via email. If you are interested in going and need a seat, you can respond to Paul's group email prior to the upcoming fly-out.



Young Eagles

Beginning in May and running through October are the Young Eagle events. They are held the first Saturday of the month at either Schaumburg Airport or Lake in the Hills Airport. There is no better way for kids to get some flying experience. Before each event, chapter members will receive an email outlining the various volunteer opportunities. These consist of the registration area for kids and their parents, being on the ramp to park airplanes, and flying the kids of course!



Rich Oleszczuk with some Young Eagles, July 2022

Waypoints

Randy Sweet's RV-12iS has officially moved on from the Builder's Log! The painting of his aircraft was completed recently. Matt flew Randy up to Door County, Wisconsin to pick his plane up after the paint was dry. After some reassembly, he was good to go. During the painting process, Randy wanted a few photos of the progress, but the paint guy would not relent. Randy had to be patient for the official unveiling! Of course, it's a beautiful job, and love that shade of blue!



Enroute to pick up Randy's RV-12iS after completion of the painting!



Back at Home Base!



The Stinson Sisters

Presented on a plaque located at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport

The Stinson sisters, who founded the Stinson School of Aviation in San Antonio, were re-writing aviation history at a time when women were supposed to be not only earth-bound but also home-bound.

Older sister Katherine earned her pilot's license in 1912 at the age of 21. She was the fourth woman to do so and gained fame as "The Flying Schoolgirl". Stinson was also the first woman to fly for the U.S. Mail, the first woman to loop an airplane and the holder of two Canadian flight records. Later she moved to San Antonio where she joined her brother Eddie, sister, Marjorie, and mother Emma in running the flight school. When World War I broke out Katherine raised money for the Red Cross before going to France as an ambulance driver. There, she nearly died from tuberculosis and was forced to retire from flying.

Inspired by her sister's success, Marjorie Stinson became the youngest licensed pilot up to that time, receiving her certificate when she was 18. In 1915, she became the first and only woman inducted into the

U.S. Aviation Reserve Corps. During the war, members of the Royal Canadian Flying Corps trained at her school, earning her the nickname "The Flying Schoolmarm". After the war, Marjorie flew at airshows around the country until 1930, when she moved to Washington D.C. to work for the Navy's Aeronautical Department. Brothers Jack and Eddie were active aviators as well, with Jack running his own flight school and Eddie founding the Stinson Aircraft

Company of Detroit. Stinson Field, San Antonio's first municipal airport is named for this aviation family. Together the Stinson sisters remind us what's possible when we go above and beyond what's expected of us.



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