



Final Chance to RSVP!

Chapter 95 Annual Holiday Banquet

Saturday, January 14, 2017

**Morris Country Club
2615 W Route 6, Morris, IL**

**Cocktails - 6:30 pm
Dinner - 7:30 pm**

Have you RSVP'd for our annual Holiday Banquet? If not, please STOP reading the newsletter right now and call or e-mail Jacque. Her contact is 815-741-3982 or jen.norton1943@sbcglobal.net. We need to give the Country Club our final headcount on December 31.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

Cash bar will begin at 6:30pm with dinner at 7:30pm.

Feel free to invite other family members or friends. The more the merrier. This is a great venue to meet a lot of chapter members and see what we are all about.

We will have a guest speaker - Charlie Becker - Director for Chapters & Communities at EAA (see Bio and more information on Page 3)

We also have the following raffle items:

- One weekly pass to AirVenture 2017, donated by EAA Chapter 95
- One weekly pass to AirVenture 2017, donated by Michael Foss
- Aviation Artwork, donated by Glenn Vokac
- Donations by Roman Wojcik (brother-in-law of Jacque Nawojski), including:
 - 7 binders plus an Index book entitled "Aircraft of the World - The Complete Guide". The binders contain individual sheets describing all types of airplanes/aircraft with many colorful pictures.
 - Tabletop book entitled "Warbird Legends"
 - 12-page pamphlet entitled "Gathering of Eagles"
 - Page of 20 stamps of Classic American Aircraft with descriptions of each of the planes on the back

RV-8 Project Review

**Hosted by Michael Foss and
Glenn Vokac**

Saturday, January 14, 2017

11:00am CST

**74 Stonehill Rd, Unit A
Oswego, IL 60543**

Are you looking for something fun to do during the day before our annual banquet?

Have you thought about building an airplane and want to see a project first hand?

Have you built a plane and want to see the progress Michael and Glenn are each making on their RV-8s?

Do you just want to get out and about and support Michael and Glenn and see some of your Chapter 95 friends?

If so, please join Michael and Glenn on Saturday, January 14th at their workshop in Oswego. It has been a year since their last project review, so come out and see how their airplanes have progressed.

- Author signed copy of "Notes from the Cockpit", donated by Dick Williams (featured author at AirVenture 2016)
- Plus other aviation related items

Directions to the Morris Country Club:

- Take 47 into Morris
- Go West at Route 6 (by Jewel and Walgreens)
- The Country Club will be about 2.5 miles from 47 on the south side of Route 6.

This is a GREAT event to CELEBRATE 2016 and LOOK FORWARD to 2017!

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

From The President ...



Hi all, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of you our EAA Chapter 95 Family.

The holiday season has arrived which is a joyful time of the year to get together and celebrate with friends and family. This is a perfect time to reach out to someone you haven't seen for too long and schedule a time to reconnect.

One of our favorite events of the year which is typically very well attended and the perfect venue to socialize is the Holiday Party 1-14-17 at Morris Country Club. Please be sure to make a commitment to Jacque by January 1st if you plan to attend as we are required to provide the banquet facility final count two weeks in advance. Tom Ellis has secured our guest speaker this year Charlie Becker

he is the Director for Chapters & Communities at EAA. Charlie is a great guy and active home builder as well. This will be a great presentation so be sure to make it a point to attend.

Well winter has arrived with an attitude so be sure to be properly prepared with extra clothes in your vehicle in the case you need to get out in the elements. You just never know when the situation will come up. Much better to be ready and never use that survival kit than to not have it and find yourself in need. Same goes for the airplane as most have heaters that don't work very well unless you are at higher power settings and not very good insulation to keep the heat in either. Extra layers is the way to go you can always remove in the case it gets too warm ☺

Signing off now until next month;

Be Safe, Healthy & Happy,
Mark

Chapter 95 Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2016

Meeting called to order @ Grundy County Farm Bureau @ 7:30pm by Mark Molle with 39 in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Secretary's report by Warren Roddy: Accepted as reported in November newsletter

Treasurer's Report by Jacque Nawojski:

Income \$0

Expenses \$0

Young Eagles Fund: \$4,181.11

Available Funds \$5,382.19

Old Business

Our November Meeting/Pot Luck Dinner was a great success! Standing ovation to Norma Limbach for bringing and warming up the beef and brats left from our Open House. Everyone's specialties were great - all the food was delicious. Mark noted that our Holiday Party speaker from last year (Bret Hahn) suggested the November pot luck.

New Business

Holiday Dinner on January 14, 2017 at Morris Country Club

Jacque has tickets available at \$35 per person.

November Chapter Elections - Glenn Vokac ran the election. The results were:

President: Mark Molle (2 year term)

Vice-President: Brian DePung (1 year term)

Treasurer: Jacque Nawojski (2 year term)

Secretary: Warren Roddy (1 year term)

Three board members for 2 year terms:

Matt Kwiatkowski

John Limbach

Larry Nawojski

EAA Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship: Jana has it on our website. Interested candidates have until December 31st to apply for the scholarship for next year's summer camp.

Our Ugly Christmas Sweater/Pizza Party/Movie Night will be December 10th at 6pm at the Grundy County Farm Bureau.

Guest Speaker

Guest speaker was R.J. Toth who talked about attending the Air Academy Summer camp. He convinced all of us that he had a wonderful experience.



Treats

There were lots of treats on the Pot Luck table!



Holiday Banquet Guest Speaker - Charlie Becker

Charlie Becker is the Director for Chapters & Communities at EAA. In this role, he oversees the EAA chapter network and homebuilt programs. He has worked for EAA since 1999. During that time, he created EAA's Hints for Homebuilders weekly how to video series, webinar program and oversaw the acquisition of the EAA SportAir Workshops.

Charlie is a lifetime member of EAA. He serves as the current President of Chapter 252 in Oshkosh, WI and has served as an officer in two chapters for more than 10 years. He has been a member of 5 chapters since joining Chapter 32 in St. Louis in 1995.

Charlie is a private pilot and avid homebuilder. He built a Sonex and led the EAA staff Zenith CH750 STOL build to completion as well as the One Week Wonder Zenith CH750 Cruiser built during AirVenture Oshkosh 2014. He currently has two aircraft actively under construction. The first is a "Pirate Cub" which is a plans built knock off of a Piper Super Cub. The second is a new homebuilt design by Adventure Aircraft, the EMG-6. The aircraft is a primary glider with the ultimate design goal of self-launching on electric power. Charlie is also a volunteer Technical Counselor. For more information on these projects, visit www.facebook.com/PirateCub and www.facebook.com/EMG6project.



Charlie lives in Oshkosh, WI with his wife Theresa.

Charles Lindbergh Monument in LaSalle County

by Warren Roddy

It was a dark and stormy foggy night:

A couple of years ago I came across an article in the Morris Daily Herald (reprinted in the Chapter 95 Newsletter of September 2014) that talked about the Rotating Beacon at the Morris Airport that had finally quit working after 87 years. It was so old--it was probably around when Lindbergh was flying one of the first US Airmail routes between St. Louis and Chicago. The article mentioned that "Lindbergh" had crashed near here. So, I investigated and found a granite monument had been installed by the LaSalle County Historical Society in 2001 (on the 75th anniversary of the crash) to mark the area where he crashed. He bailed out and rode down on his parachute while his plane crash-landed with only the mail on board. It wasn't Lindy's fault; he had been trying to land in Chicago (Maywood) but was above a fog bank that was too thick. He decided to fly west to be beyond the fog, but ran out of fuel before escaping the fog. Unknown to him a mechanic had replaced his plane's 110-gallon gas tank with one that held only 80 gallons.

Per John Musgrave--Lindbergh knew this area well and may have been looking for a grass strip that was north of LaSalle. Or he may have been looking for the Morris Beacon which was then located near Wedron and Sulphur Springs.

Linda and I were at C09 one very windy Friday a few weeks ago and decided to drive to this monument. It was easy to find; and, as it turns out it's located on a farm that is just east of the Fox River and about a mile north of the Skydive Chicago Airport.

The monument (pictured below) is on private property right next to an older barn. A large farmhouse is located directly across the road where Lindbergh spent the night. He was picked up (rescued?) by a car with a couple of farmers looking for the airplane they had heard crash.

This farmhouse is now a Bed and Breakfast and you can even rent the room where Lindy spent the night.

The monument is between Morris and Ottawa. To get there take I-80 east from Morris to exit 93. Drive north on Hwy 71 for three miles, turn left at the sign for Wedron onto N. 2153rd Road. Drive about 2 miles to N 3372 Road and turn left, turn left again at about 1/8 mile onto E 2072 Road. The Marker is on the West Side of the road and right next to the white barn. The big white farmhouse (Fox River Bed and Breakfast) is directly across the road from the marker and barn.



Congratulations Mark Kenney - Dreams Do Come True!

Mark and Judy Kenney are the proud new owners of an RV-6! We are all excited and happy for them and look forward to having another airplane flying with us.



You're Invited!

EAA Chapter Leadership Academy

February 1-3, 2017 | Oshkosh, WI

Drive in or fly in to attend this free session!

Now is your chance to attend a very special EAA Chapter Leadership Academy!

This interactive, two-day workshop focuses on topics important to you as chapter leaders. Chapter-related subjects include: business fundamentals, recruitment, fundraising, public relations, EAA resources, and more.

Meet and chat with EAA staffers and chapter leaders from around the country. Take part in a host of unique activities that we have planned for you!

Free lodging is provided in the EAA Air Academy Lodge. Meals will also be included during your stay.

If interested, register at the following website: <http://www.eaa.org/en/ea/ea-chapters/chapter-leadership-training/ea-chapter-leaders-academy>

Reminder: 2017 Membership Dues

Please remember to pay Jacque for your 2017 membership dues. Dues are \$25.00 for the year or \$35 for you and a spouse. (new this year)

You can pay Jacque at the holiday banquet in January or send her a check anytime in the mail. The membership form is on Page 6 of the newsletter.

Please make the check out to EAA Chapter 95. If you mail it, address to: Jacque Nawojski, 1603 Devonshire Ln, Shorewood, IL 60404.

Reminder: EAA Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship

If you are interested in applying for the EAA Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship for 2017 or know someone that would be interested, please make sure you have your application materials submitted by December 31, 2016.

The forms and all the information is available on the chapter website - www.eaa95.org



EAA Chapter 95 Membership Form

Date:

Address change or correction:

Yes

No

Please check one!

New

Renewal

Member

Name:

National EAA Number:

Expiration Date:

Spouse's Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-Mail address:

Certificates Held: _____

Children's Names: _____

Areas of Interest (Please check all that apply)

- Meeting and Flying activities
- Welcome and Social Committees
- Budget and Finance
- Young Eagles (Organization, Ground crew, Pilot, ect.)
- Fly-Ins, Dinners, Poker runs
- Builder's support
- Membership recruitment
- Newsletter and website
- Other (Please describe in the comments section)

Projects, Aircraft owned, Aircraft Interests:

Newsletter Preference: (check one) via e-mail printed U.S. Mail

Renewal and New Member Dues: \$25.00 or \$35 for Member and Spouse

Name Badge: \$7.00 each (Name(s) on Badge: _____)

Please fill out this form and send it with a check made out to **EAA Chapter 95** for \$25.00 or \$35.00 plus \$7.00 or \$14.00 for optional name badge(s). Send check and form to:

Jacque Nawojski
EAA 95 Treasurer

1603 Devonshire Ln
Shorewood, IL 60404

Ugly Christmas Sweater/Pizza Party/Movie Night

On a cold, snowy night about 20 chapter members and 7 kids/grandkids showed up to hang out and enjoy some pizza. The kids/grandkids had a blast playing together and the adults enjoyed an evening together. The only movie brought was the 2016 Oshkosh highlights, however we forgot speakers, so didn't really have much of a movie. That was ok as we still had fun jus hanging out.



Warren and Linda Roddy lead a flight of 5 to Hartford Field for Cheese, crackers, and sunbathing! (on Nov 5)

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, Jan 14, 2017 at 6:30pm

Chapter 95 Annual Holiday Dinner

**Location: Morris Country Club
2615 W Route 6
Morris, IL**

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!!!

Visit our website at <http://95.eaachapter.org>

Do you know someone who might be interested in joining our chapter? Please bring them to our next meeting and let them see what we are all about. Membership dues are \$25.00 per year.