

EAA Chapter 95 Newsletter

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EAA Chapter 95 Meeting THIS FRIDAY, Aug 23rd

Morris Airport, Hangar 77
7:30pm

Mark your calendar and plan to come out and enjoy some time together at our EAA Chapter 95 meeting THIS FRIDAY at the Morris Airport at Matt & Jana's Hangar 77.

This should be a fun meeting with two of our active Young Eagles - Sy Salinas talking about his EAA Air Academy experience and Joe Salzman talking about getting his private pilot's license this summer! Come hang out and enjoy some chapter camaraderie for a change!

CANCELED

Dave & Kelly Miller Riley Field Fly-in

Please note, unfortunately Dave Miller has to cancel his annual fly-in this year. This was scheduled for Saturday, August 24.



Young Eagles Rally Morris Airport

Saturday, Sept 14th 9am - 2pm

Time to start advertising and getting ready to support our Young Eagles Day on September 14th. PLEASE get the word out to all your friends, neighbors, schools, etc. Let's try to have a record breaking day!

Of course in order to be successful, we need a lot of volunteers. The MORE the MERRIER, as it's always fun to hang out, help, socialize, etc. Hope to see everyone there!

Questions? Call Larry & Jacque @ 815-741-3982

Bruce & Cindy Limbach 16th Annual Pig Roast Drive-in/Fly-in

Saturday, Sept. 21st Starting at 2pm

This year we will celebrate not only Bruce and Curtis' birthdays (60th and 30th), but also Bruce's retirement!!

Please bring a <u>dish to pass and a chair and a friend or two.</u> We hope you can stay till dark for the night show! We should have lots of food, games, bouncy castles and all kind of flying craft to watch. See old friends and meet some new ones.

If flying in, please call Bruce (815-258-2235) or Cindy (815-252-1031) first for a briefing!

When: Sept 21st, Saturday 2pm

Where: 3220 W Waupecan Rd., Verona IL MAP: https://goo.gl/maps/S4sgoS5Xyi4aMx4N8

Hope to see you there!! Bruce and Cindy



Fly/drive in Fun starts at 2pm Food 5pm Bouncy Castle/Bouncy Obstacle Course Airplanes / Fireworks!! / Games / Camp out! Directions from Morris

47 south of river to DuPont Rd. Turn West (R)
Go 3 1/2 miles to Verona Rd. Turn South (L)
3 1/2 miles to Waupecan Rd. Turn East (L) (follow signs)

RSVP regrets 815-287-2213 cindy@love2fly.org



From The President ...



Flipping Stones?

We've all heard the expression" Leave no stone unturned." Like most profound expressions, I believe it to be profoundly wrong!

I picture a person flipping over stones looking for the next great thing. Busying himself while the world goes by in glorious fashion never to stop.

This summer a young aviator in our club grabbed the world as it spun by and got his pilot license. He has already had more flying adventures in a few weeks, than most have had this year!

Turning stones is a distraction! Grab onto the world like Joe and enjoy the ride! Come to our meeting at Matt and Jana's hanger next Friday and hear from two new aviators and how summer adventures are shaping their lives! Joe and Sy will inspire us to grab on instead of flipping stones!

Meeting Agenda:

- Teams? What do we want as a club?
- Meetings: Agenda, who plans?
- Sy Salinas talk about summer camp experience
- Joe Saltzman talks about getting his license and where its taking him, with a few new adventures thrown in!

Doug

Chapter 95 Meeting Minutes - June 28, 2019

Meeting called to order at Matt and Jana's Hangar at Morris Airport @ 7:35 pm by President Doug Harford with 18 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report ~ Jacque Nawojski

Income: \$452.00 Expenses: \$182.79

Young Eagles Fund: \$3,465.73 Available Funds: \$3545.51

Presentation/Round Table Discussion

Nick Scholtes did a presentation "Are you legal to fly today?" His presentation generated tons of interest that turned into a really enthusiastic round table discussion. We all participated and had a great time!

Announcement:

Joe Saltzman has soloed and is up to 23 hours!

Old Business

Doug initiated a discussion on what we want to do at our meetings. "What do people want?"

Some of our comments are listed below:

If there is something business related, then it should be included in the meeting. We could schedule meetings thru the bad weather months and have no-meeting meetings during good weather.

Business meetings are for the board. I liked the informal/formal group discussion that we had tonight.

The programs at our meetings will be pretty lean if we have meetings every month.

Perhaps our members can come up with topics that we can have for a round-table discussion like we had tonight.

Suggestion: Have a topic of the month and go around the room for discussion. Example: "I'll never do that again" Where should we have meetings? Are there any suggestions for different locations other than the ones we are using?

New Business

None

Treats

Treats were provided by Matt and Jana Trofimchuck from their tail-dragger Tuesday stash! Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS JOE!!

New Private Pilot

On August 3rd, Joe Saltzman passed his private pilot checkride! Joe just graduated high school this spring and set a goal to get his private pilot license over the summer before starting school at Lewis University this fall. Joe wants to become a commercial pilot and fly for a living. He is starting off well, achieving his first goal on time.

We are all very proud of our Young Eagle!







Bruce celebrated his birthday and final flight with wife Cindy, son and daughter-in-law Curtis and Mariah, daughter Amanda, and friends Kevin Brady, Pat Brady, Dave French, and John Musgrave. John missed the group picture because he was talking to a lady in first class. It was his first time in first class and he said it "changed his life"!

CONGRATULATIONS Bruce and Mark!!

New Retired Pilots

This summer both Bruce Limbach and Mark Heizler retired from American Airlines after 33 years! Bruce actually celebrated his 60th birthday on the same day as his last flight on American. Congrats to you both - Enjoy retirement!



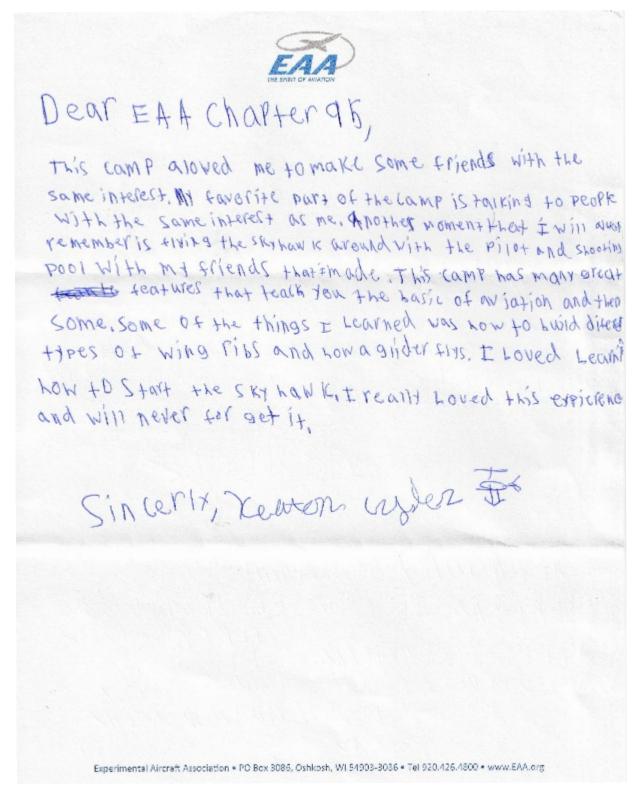




Letter from Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship Winner

The following letter is from Keaton Cryder with his experience from attending the Air Academy Camp in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Keaton was this years recipient of our Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship.

Please see the following page for information on applying for next year's scholarship. If you know any kids ages 12-18 that you think would be a good candidate for our scholarship, please contact them immediately and have them fill out the application and submit an essay and recommendations, etc. This year the Scholarship Committee is requesting the applications earlier than usual because the camps (especially the one for 16-18 year olds) fill up fast. See next page for details.



EAA CHAPTER 95 MEMORIAL AIR ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP for 2020

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 95, located at Morris Municipal Airport, is proud to announce the annual EAA Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship Contest. The contest is open to all students ages 12-18. The fast-paced Air Academy Program provides opportunities in hands-on workshops and computer laboratories. Participants explore nearly every facet of flight, from balsa gliders to the large collection of aircraft at EAA's world class Air Venture Museum located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

This year Chapter 95 will select a winner or winners to attend one of the EAA Air Academy Programs. The sessions are as follows:

EAA Young Eagles Camp (for 12-13 year olds):

Session 1 – June 15-19, 2020 Session 2 – June 22-26, 2020

EAA Basic Air Academy (for 14-15 year olds):

Session 1 – June 28-July 3, 2020 Session 2 – July 6-11, 2020

EAA Advanced Air Academy (for 16-18 year olds):

Session 1 – July 14-22, 2020 Session 2 – July 24-August 1, 2020

The contest will run until November 30, 2019. The winners will be contacted no later than March 1, 2020. All applicants will need to complete the EAA Air Academy Application as well as two letters of recommendations and a brief essay explaining your aviation interests, experiences and career goals. Theses goals do not have to be aviation related.

We are requesting anyone interested in applying for the EAA Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship for 2020 or know someone that would be interested, please make sure you have the application materials for the Young Eagles Camp and the Basic Air Academy submitted by November 30, 2019, and for the Advanced Air Academy by September 30, 2019.

The forms and all the information is available on the chapter website – www.eaa95.org or the EAA Headquarters site at www.eaa.org

EAA AIR ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS:

- Step 1: Complete the Air Academy application. (DO NOT SEND THE DEPOSIT ALL THE WINNERS' FEES WILL BE PAID BY EAA CHAPTER 95.)
- Step 2: Include two letters of recommendation. These may be from teachers, clergy, flight instructors, EAA members, etc. **No family members, please.**
- Step 3: Complete an essay discussing your aviation interest, experiences and career goals. These goals do not have to be aviation related.

Return all parts of the application (Air Academy form, letters of recommendation and essay) no later than September 30, 2019 or November 30, 2019 as stated above to:

Larry Nawojski, Young Eagles Coordinator EAA Chapter 95 1603 Devonshire Lane Shorewood, IL 60404

For more information contact: Larry Nawojski, Young Eagles Coordinator, at 815-741-3982.





Mark & Shelly Molle Annual Fly-in/Drive-in

2019 Fly In @ IL51 was a big success as we had over 20 airplanes and 80 people this year.

The beautiful weather and calm wind down the runway was perfect.

Shelly and I had a great time hosting, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Food was awesome as everyone brings their best dish to pass.

A big THANK YOU to all who attended as the people in attendance is what makes any event successful:)

Blue Skies, Mark









WE SURVIVED AirVenture 2019

By Larry Nawojski

Jacque and I arrived the Wednesday before AirVenture 2019 began. After camp setup, we decided to scooter over to the nearest Red Barn to see if they had any Ice Cream. I never made it past the road. I tried to scooter up the pavement and flipped my scooter over, landing on my back with my head hitting the pavement. After being assisted to my feet, I felt the big bump at the back of my head. Fortunately, someone from Security was there when it happened. He drove us to First Aid. Unfortunately, no one was there. It was 7pm. We did find some ice, which helped the swelling go down. He said if I started acting goofy (how could Jacque tell the difference?) to call 911.

Friday and Saturday, RAIN, over 5 inches. It was fun watching the BIG RIGS being pulled out of the mud.

On Tuesday, we scootered around the exhibit spaces and the Fly Mart. My scooter died 20 yards from the camper and I had to push it the rest of the way.

Being EAA Life Members, we attended the Life Members Dinner. We've had better dinners at this function. The speaker was Chuck Aaron, the Red Bull Acrobatic Helicopter Pilot.





Coming out of the Museum, Jacque missed the curb and fell. After Tony and Jenny Madonia picked her up and the several water bottles she dropped, she was checked for injuries. Only

a few scrapes and a bruise or three. Jacque blamed her new glasses for the fall. I saw this from afar. I was already at the car. I needed to make a PIT STOP and told them I would meet them at the car. They were looking at the Museum Store.

ALLING EARLES

On Wednesday, we went to the Young Eagles Dinner. Wonder of wonders, nothing happened. The dinner was excellent. Jeff Skiles was the speaker who gave a short speech. In time for the NIGHT AIR SHOW.

Thursday, after dinner, we visited with the Limbachs and Madonias for a little while. As darkness approached, John said he would drive us back to our camper in his modified golf cart. While I was getting in, I gashed my head on his rearview mirror. After sopping up the blood with paper towels, we went to the bath house for better lighting to see how badly damaged I was. By then the blood flow had stopped.

By the way, John, I would suggest another modification for you golf cart, padding for the ends of your mirror.

Believe it or not, we survived the rest of the convention without incident.

Annual Oshkosh Wendt's On the Lake Family Dinner Night

We were able to keep our annual tradition and have a great kickoff to our week at Oshkosh AirVenture with a Family Dinner Night at Wendt's On the Lake. Another year with another great group of Chapter 95 family and friends!



Memorable Veteran Flights and the Magic of Facebook

With a simple Facebook post that Mike Ruffatto saw from a friend of a friend, Mike was able to help organize a wonderful event at our Taildragger Tuesday on July 30th. Here was the request: "Do I know anyone that can get a 95 year old WW2 (purple heart) veteran up in an airplane? He used to carry a pilot's license for many years and often tells me more stories about the planes he flew than the ships he was on. He told me a few weeks ago that he would absolutely love it if he could get in the air again, not just to ride, but to get behind the stick while in the air. I honestly don't even know where or how to start with this. I know I have a few pilot friends but just can't figure out how to even begin to make this happen. I would be happy to drive him within a couple hours of Montgomery, IL to make this happen. If anyone can make some calls, work some favors, and let me know what you come up with I would appreciate it! No, I'm not interested in paying for flying lessons or investing numerous trips for him to eventually get behind the controls. This is just kinda a one time deal...think we can get Alvin to fly, one more time...?"

Mike Ruffatto jumped on this and thought our next Taildragger Tuesday would be a great opportunity. We had no idea how mobile this 95 year old veteran would be, so we talked to a few pilots to try and have a few ideas of different airplanes he might be able to get into. Well, I'll say, Al is pretty darn limber and spry for 95 years old!! He was able to crawl into Mike's RV-7 with barely any problems at all. Mike was able to give him a wonderful ride and I think he had a great time!







But, of course, we weren't done! Bruce Limbach brings out the Stearman, to really take him back in time. He climbs in the Stearman and gets a ride in that too! He was more than excited to get to fly in 2 airplanes in one evening!

The other bonus of this was that the guy who arranged this for Al was also a Veteran from the Afghanistan wars. He and Al were friends from the Montgomery IL VFW. He brought Al to the Morris airport, along with 4 other Afghanistan Veterans that wanted to support and see their friend Al fly. They had NO expectation or thought they they too would get airplane rides. But in true Chapter 95 hospitality, they MUST also get airplane rides. Thanks to Mike, Matt, and Pete, in their RV-7s and Bruce and Nick in the Stearman, all of the veterans got multiple airplane rides that day!

They had so much fun and were so appreciative and so did we!!

To ALL VETERANS and current military - THANK YOU SO MUCH for serving OUR COUNTRY!!





2019 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

Here is the current calendar of events we have right now, but keep checking as more are added. If you have ideas for events, please contact Doug Harford.

Please take note, the items in red have been added since the last newsletter.

August

23- Chapter 95 meeting 7:30pm, Morris Airport

September

7 - 2nd Chapter RC Event, 2pm, 650 S Baker Rd, Mazon, IL

14 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 9am-2pm

21 - Bruce & Cindy Limbach Annual Pig Roast

28 - Chapter 95 "Day at the Range", Braidwood, IL, 10am-4pm

October

25 - Monthly get together and halloween party

November

15 - Potluck and Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm



Matt and Jana make a sweet corn run in the helicopter, landing in Doug Harford's daughters yard to "steal" some corn for dinner.

From Becky Thomas (Spring Grove Nursery) Facebook Post: When a helicopter lands in your yard to pick sweet corn...#justanotherdayonthefarm #pickingcorn #farmlife #freakyfast #youpick #fasterthanamazon



Leaving Ketchikan, Alaska on Jul 20th, Mark Heizler saw the Beaver he used to fly. It has about 45,000 hours on it!! At 40,000 hours, they had a party for it with all the pilots who spent time flying it.

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NEXT MEETING: Friday, Aug 23, 2019 at 7:30pm

Location: Morris Airport

Hangar 77

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.