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EAA Harbor Springs Chapter 1087 Update



Upcoming Events

- Regular breakfast meeting Saturday, May 14th, 8 am and every two weeks after that, Southwoods restaurant, Petoskey
- Our IMC/VMC Club May 18th at KMGH terminal
- Young Eagles – June 4th, Harbor Springs, KMGH
- Young Eagles – July 9th, Boyne City, N98 – We will move the start time to 10:00 AM, so we don't conflict with the Boyne Thunder Boat departure.
- Chapter Fly-Out – July 16th, either Washington Island 2P2 or Woolsey 5D5
- Young Eagles – August 13th, Pellston, KPLN – pending approval, Pete is working on it

Potential Future Events – for discussion at our next breakfast meeting

- Chapter Summer picnic – July?
- Oshkosh visit – July 25-31. Maybe we can get a small group together. I'll be attending on the opening Monday and Tuesday then departing for a trip to California for a wedding.
- EAA Learn to Fly day – May 21
- Visit Pete's Carbon Cub project – August?
- Other ideas?

IMC/VMC Club for our Chapter **– Rod Cortright (IMC/VMC Club Coordinator)**

Our first 3 IMC/VMC club meetings have been very successful. We have had 10-12 members attend each meeting. Each meeting has had one video scenario presented for VMC and IMC. The discussions that followed were very interesting. Seems like we never had consensus on a specific outcome but there were several possible directions one could take for each scenario.

The IMC/ VMC Club promotes visual and instrument flying, proficiency, and safety. We will be presenting two video scenarios at each meeting—one in VMC and the other in IMC. After each video, we will discuss what you would do faced with a similar situation. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency in all aspects of flying.

We will be meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at the Harbor Springs Airport. Whether they are EAA members or not, all area pilots are welcome to attend.

Member of the Month Feature – Robert Bowden

By Robert L. Bowden

I started my journey in aviation when I joined the Civil Air Patrol as a 14-year-old cadet in Livonia, Michigan. I experienced the joy of flying in a small airplane as part of a CAP orientation flight (very similar to EAA's young eagles flights) in 2003. A few months later I had the opportunity to attend the Johnson Flight Academy (JFA) at KMTO where I had my first flight instruction in a Cessna 172. One year later on June 18th 2004, I completed my first solo at JFA at the age of 16. I returned to JFA in 2005, for the 3rd time to continue my flight training and decided I wanted to pursue aviation in college.

I enrolled at Western Michigan University in the fall of 2006 as a triple major; Aviation Flight Science, Theatre Design and Technical Production, and Music Education. I quickly dropped Music Education as it conflicted with my flight lessons. I was active on campus as a member of the Bronco Marching Band, Alpha Eta Rho International Aviation Fraternity, and The SkyBroncos Precision Flight Team. I completed my Private – Commercial single engine in the SR-20 Cirrus and Multi Engine Commercial in the PA-44 Piper Seminole between 2006 – 2008. Due to a downturn in the aviation industry WMU didn't have any open seats in the CFI course so I went to 35D Allegan to the flight school run by Jason Blair and completed my CFI in August of 2009. In the spring of 2009, I had an opportunity to enter a bridge program with a regional airline, so I dropped my second degree and graduated early, in 3 years, with a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Flight Science. Unfortunately, due to downturn in the industry, the bridge program collapsed so I started flying for Wings of Mercy as a volunteer pilot and started a master's program in Information Assurance at Walsh College in Troy Michigan.

Throughout college I continued to service in the Civil Air Patrol's cadet program with a highlight being a two-week international exchange to Belgium with cadet pilots from 4 other countries. Once I turned 21, transitioned to the adult officer program in CAP where I continued to build time and teach at the Johnson Flight Academy. I serving as a ground instructor in 2008, 2011, flight instructor in 2012, 2013 (2 weeks) and Academy Director in 2014 (2 weeks), 2015 (3 weeks), 2016 (2 weeks), 2017 (2 weeks), 2018 (2 weeks), 2019 (2 weeks), 2021, and 2022 (2 weeks)

My wife Jessica and I met though CAP since only another CAP member would put up with my hundreds of hours spent on CAP every year. We have travelled the country together and started the Civil Air Patrol unit in Harbor Springs, Michigan in the summer of 2020.

Together we own DeAngelo Bowden Aviation which operates a Piper PA-28-180 that was a wedding gift from her grandparents. As the aircraft had all original equipment we spent over a year making upgrades including an Aspen panel, Avidyne 440, Lynx ADSB, JPI 930, and Trutrak Autopilot. Jessica is a student pilot and after graduating with a double masters from the University of Michigan in Engineering Management and Industrial & Systems Engineering next month, will finish up her pilots certificate this summer. I am actively instructing with the goal of becoming a DPE by 2025.

For my day job I am the manager of support enablement and customer success for Barracuda Networks, a large cyber security company based in California. Jessica works for Williams International as a program senior engineer. We enjoy splitting time between Livonia and Harbor Springs and look forward to becoming more active in the Harbor Springs community.



2022 Chapter Dues

- It's a new year, which means chapter dues are now payable. Please be prepared to give Rod your \$20 at the next available opportunity or send it to him at his home address: PO Box 435, Boyne City, MI 49712

Chapter 1087 Board Members:

- Peter Aiello, President
- Rod Cortright, Secretary/Treasurer and IMC/VMC Club Coordinator
- Bill Meyer, Young Eagles Coordinator