

# EAA Chapter 1094

Chapter Newsletter



November 2023

## *Greetings Chapter 1094 Members!*

WOW!! We have had a very busy year! So many exciting things happened all around us and we had some great experiences.

We held Young Eagles Rallies, Fly-outs to Mt. Pleasant and Cedar Mills. Fly-Ins at Cedar Mills, Ranger, Thompson Field at Tailwind Air Park, Hot Dogs Fly-In in Mineola, Reklaw, and others. We hosted the American Air Race Classic (Powder Puff Derby) and the Lone Star STOL competition along with the National STOL Finals. We've worked really hard and we've learned a LOT! Special thanks go to our treasurer, Lieutenant Colonel Everett DeWolfe for taking charge with both the Air Race and the STOL competitions.



We've had some great programs presented by our own members. Brad Rose and Ben Scarborough talked about bringing home Julia Robbin's "new" Rans S-18 Stinger from Amarillo. We learned from Danny Goggans and Chuck Olmsted what it's like to compete in the Lone Star STOL Competition. Russell Armstrong, Mike McClendon, Everett DeWolfe and others have all helped us experience things like celestial navigation, formation flying, Oshkosh experiences, becoming a fighter pilot, and flying in the Bahamas, among other things.



**Lone Star STOL:** Everett reported that the National STOL Competition owners said that our event was the best run and best attended event they have ever had. Plans are being made to return to Sulphur Springs next year. They reportedly had one million viewers on YouTube and TikTok and other platforms. Darin Hart of American Legend Cub was the host of the event. He thanked all the volunteers for their help. Darin provided a great awards banquet at the conclusion of



the contest. Several local companies were huge sponsors of the event but more are needed for next year. If you missed this one, be sure to get on the volunteer list for the next event! It was a BLAST! Here are members and volunteers showing off their STOL shirts.



At our monthly meetings, we have a safety seminar presented by General Mike McClendon. These thought-provoking sessions give us a chance to listen to the description and details of an incident or

accident, discuss the possible causes and make a guess at the cause, and then learn that we are usually wrong in our guesses! These educational sessions can be very helpful and remind us not to be complacent in our flying. We MUST become safer pilots if we want to stay around and fly in the future. Our families and friends deserve it. Speaking of safety, we talked about a video that some of us had seen, and it was recommended by president Brad Rose that we all watch it. A special discussion can be seen on YouTube. The presenter is Mike Paety. (Think “Draco” and “Scrappy”.) He talks about losing four close friends in the last 60 days and the close calls that he has had in his own flying that should not have happened. It is very moving and makes you think twice before doing something you may regret. To watch, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1nXjPhGrwY>

**New Officers:** At our November meeting, we elected a new slate of chapter officers. Well, they aren’t that new to us, but we did a bit of switching. Brad Rose will move from President to Vice-President and Jeff Secules will move from Vice-President to President. Do-Si-Do. Other positions remain unchanged.

**Request from EAA:** EAA is asking that all members complete a survey. Once the survey results are finalized, chapter officers will be sent their chapter’s results to better understand the thoughts from chapter members who elected to participate in the survey, and to use this feedback to improve the chapter experience for local members. Additionally, this annual survey provides EAA with a snapshot of the chapter network.

Chapters having at least a 25% survey participation rate and a chapter membership recommendation score of 8 or higher (out of 10) will receive credit toward the 2023 Chapter Recognition program. Just click the link below to get started.



## [Take 2023 EAA Chapter Survey](#)

**New to Us:** At our last meeting, a discussion developed about flying in the Ozarks. There are air strips in Arkansas that offer some great flying and camping opportunities. An example of some of the recreational strips available to us include the one where ArkanSTOL is held at Byrd’s Adventure Center. Here you will find three grass runways in close proximity along with camping, cabins, restaurants and fishing opportunities. You can go to [flyoz.com](http://flyoz.com) and see a lot of information on recreational airports that are waiting for you to come visit. We may plan some fly-outs into the area next year.

The Recreational Aviation Foundation, known as the RAF, has begun work at Trigger Gap, Arkansas (17A). You can go to their website and see a great video on their progress and the pilot pavilion they are completing. Go to: [theraf.org](http://theraf.org) and scroll down a bit and to the right to see the video. A funny thing is that we discussed this at our last meeting. Then a few days ago, we got a new chapter member. His name is Steve Maus. Steve is one of the driving forces behind the RAF. He lives in Bozeman, MT and at Lake Fork! He goes all over the nation representing the RAF and promoting back country flying and airport preservation and he flies a Turbo Cessna 182T. Steve has offered to present one of our future chapter meeting programs and I can see a great fly-out in our future!



The RAF is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to preserving existing airstrips and actually creating new public-use recreational airstrips throughout the United States. The RAF strives to build strong working relationships with other aviation groups, both on the state and national level. [theraf.org](http://theraf.org)

**Upcoming Events:** EAA Chapter 1656 in Gladewater has scheduled a Young Eagles Rally for Saturday December 9 from 8-11. This will be to fly 50 Gilmer High School JR Air Force ROTC cadets. These young folks plan on joining the Air Force to fly or do something related to flying. Chapter 1656 wants to be able to provide a positive flying experience for these young future pilots and this is a fantastic opportunity for them - and for us!



Anyone interested in helping out can send an email to Ronnie Godfrey, YE Coordinator, so that he can send you an invitation to participate. His email is: [r.godfrey914@gmail.com](mailto:r.godfrey914@gmail.com)

**December Meeting:** Our December 9, 2023 meeting is our Christmas Potluck Luncheon. We meet at the airport terminal and plan to begin lunch at 11:00. Come early (10:30) to help set up tables and chairs. It's "potluck" so bring your favorite dishes and desserts and we will enjoy a great time of fellowship and reflection on our year as we look forward to 2024.

**Chapter Membership Renewal Time:** Membership renewal for 2024 is due at a fee of \$30 per year. Bring your dues to our next meeting or you can mail your check to:

EAA Chapter 1094  
1220 Cessna Lane  
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Make your check out to "EAA Chapter 1094". You can also "Venmo" your \$30 to me at 903-850-8113 and I will pass it along to our treasurer, Everett DeWolfe. If this is your first time to join or your information has changed, click on the [Membership Form](#) to complete it and bring it along with your \$30 to our next meeting or mail it to the above address.

We would like to welcome a couple of new members. Chuck Weese is joining our group and he attended our November meeting. He was helping Russell Armstrong familiarize himself with his new toy.



I previously mentioned Steve Haus with the RAF. He is also joining our chapter. I see these two gentlemen in our program schedule in the future. We have some amazing and interesting people in our chapter. Come to a meeting and enjoy meeting these people and improving your flying skills through our educational programs!

At our last meeting, there was a request for an activities calendar. Well, we have the December meeting and then our calendar is blank. Officers will be meeting to set up our new year soon. We would like any suggestions you have on activities we can schedule and improvements we can make to attract more aviation-minded people to join us. Send your ideas to Jeff Secules at [Jeff.Secules@gmail.com](mailto:Jeff.Secules@gmail.com). We will add them to our discussion during the January planning session.

We all wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year! See you at the December Luncheon.

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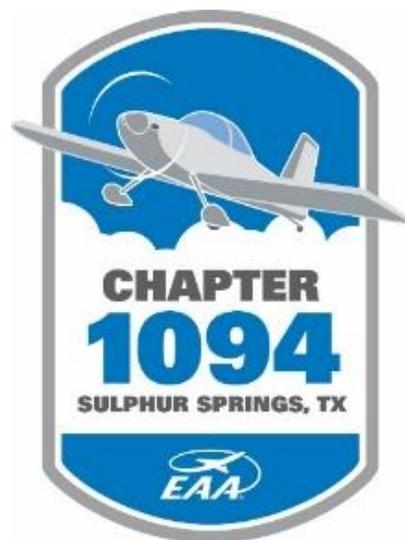
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Submitted by Ben Scarborough



This is Danny Goggans and his father, Kenneth. They are standing next to “Scrappy”. Danny used this plane to compete in the STOL competition. He has no flaps, so he had to slip sideways to slow down and to be able to see the line. He also has the original powerful brakes, so he had to be very careful not to stand it on its prop while stopping as short as possible. This aircraft is the granddaddy of all Legend Cubs. It was the first airframe built to test their new design. Danny and Kenneth took the test airframe and built a beautiful homebuilt Legend Cub using various parts found at the factory and laying around in various places. This is the Legend Cub that started it all!