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WELCOME

Greetings, EAA Chapter members and friends!

As summer draws to a close and we transition into the cooler days of fall, we're excited to bring you the latest updates and news from our vibrant aviation community. September is a month rich with aviation history and significance, and there's much to look forward to and celebrate.

This month, we commemorate the founding of the United States Air Force on September 18, 1947. It's a perfect time to reflect on the tremendous contributions and advancements in aviation that have shaped our world.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Let's keep our spirits high, our engines running smoothly, and our horizons broad. Here's to clear skies and safe flying! ✈️

September 18, 2024

EAA Chapter 123 Meeting

Michael's Charcoal Grill

723 W. Wadley Ave.

Midland, TX 79705





Chapter Highlights:



Our very own EAA Chapter 123 President, Paul Valenstein, is currently working towards his glider rating. On August 17, 2024, Paul soloed in the Hobbs Soaring Society's Schweizer 2-33A. He is diligently preparing to earn his Glider CFI, aiming to complete the certification by November. ✈

August 10, 2024 - Roy Hurd Memorial Airport - 23rd Annual Fly-In

The 23rd Annual Fly-In Breakfast was a resounding success, attracting numerous aircraft to the event. The airport also featured a classic car show hosted by the Desert Reflections Car Club, alongside an impressive display of vehicles and equipment from Monahans' First Responders. We hope many of you were able to join us for this wonderful gathering! Fly-in guests enjoyed a complimentary breakfast and the camaraderie of fellow pilots. ✈



August 21, 2024 - EAA Chapter 123 Meeting

A **BIG** "Thank You" to everyone who attended and contributed to the discussions. Your enthusiasm and dedication keep our chapter soaring high. Looking forward to catching up with you all soon! ✈



August 24, 2024 - Fly Into Fall

Midland Airpark once again hosted the annual "Fly Into Fall" event, drawing in families and aviation enthusiasts from the community. Despite the warm weather, the turnout was impressive, with many taking the opportunity to explore the aircraft on display, visit local vendor booths, and learn more about aviation.

Our Chapter played an active role, setting up a table where we signed up numerous kids for future Young Eagles flights, fostering the next generation of pilots. Floris Flight Service offered discovery flights, giving attendees a

chance to experience the thrill of flying firsthand. A **BIG** "Thank you" to all the volunteers who dedicated their time to make this event a success! ✈

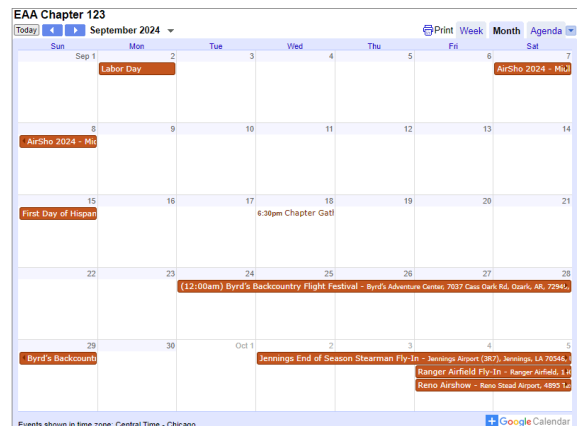
September 2024 - Looking Ahead

Monday, September 2, 2024 - **Labor Day**

Saturday & Sunday, September 7-8, 2024 - **AirSho 2024**

Tuesday - Sunday, September 24-29, 2024 - **Byrd's Backcountry Flight Festival**

These and other events can be found on our "Events Calendar" webpage by [clicking here!](#) We provide as much information for each event as we can find. If you have an event we can add to the calendar please send me an email by [clicking here!](#) ✈





Special Edition - Plane Fun!

Teammates Randy Auburg and Dale Briscoe Compete in Schweizer 1-26 National Championships

Dale Briscoe, a pilot from Fort Stockton, and Randy Auburg, a Flight Instructor and fellow EAA pilot, both members of the Hobbs Soaring Society, recently showcased their soaring skills at the Schweizer 1-26 National Championships in Hamilton, Texas. Despite the modest performance of the Schweizer 1-26 by modern standards, the event remains highly anticipated, drawing enthusiastic pilots and supporters from across the country. After a slow start, Randy and Dale surged ahead, finishing second among the five teams competing, with 15 individual contestants also participating.

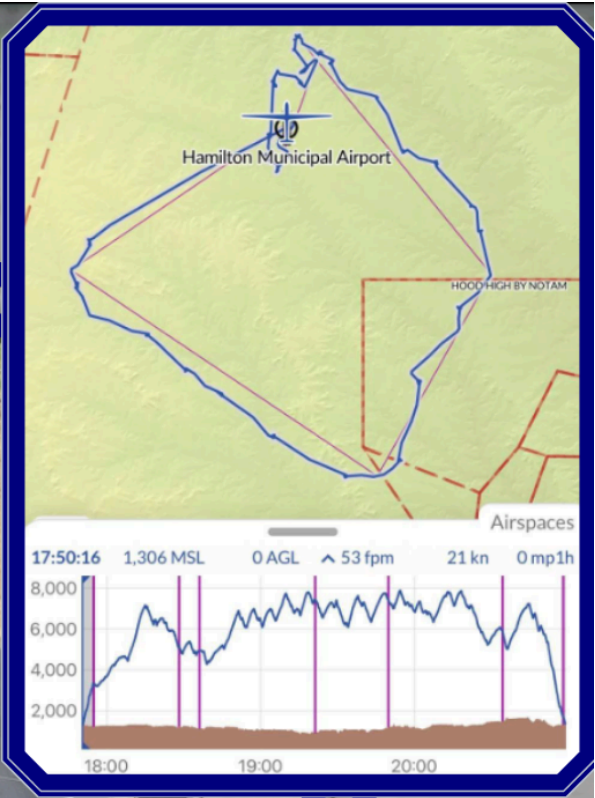
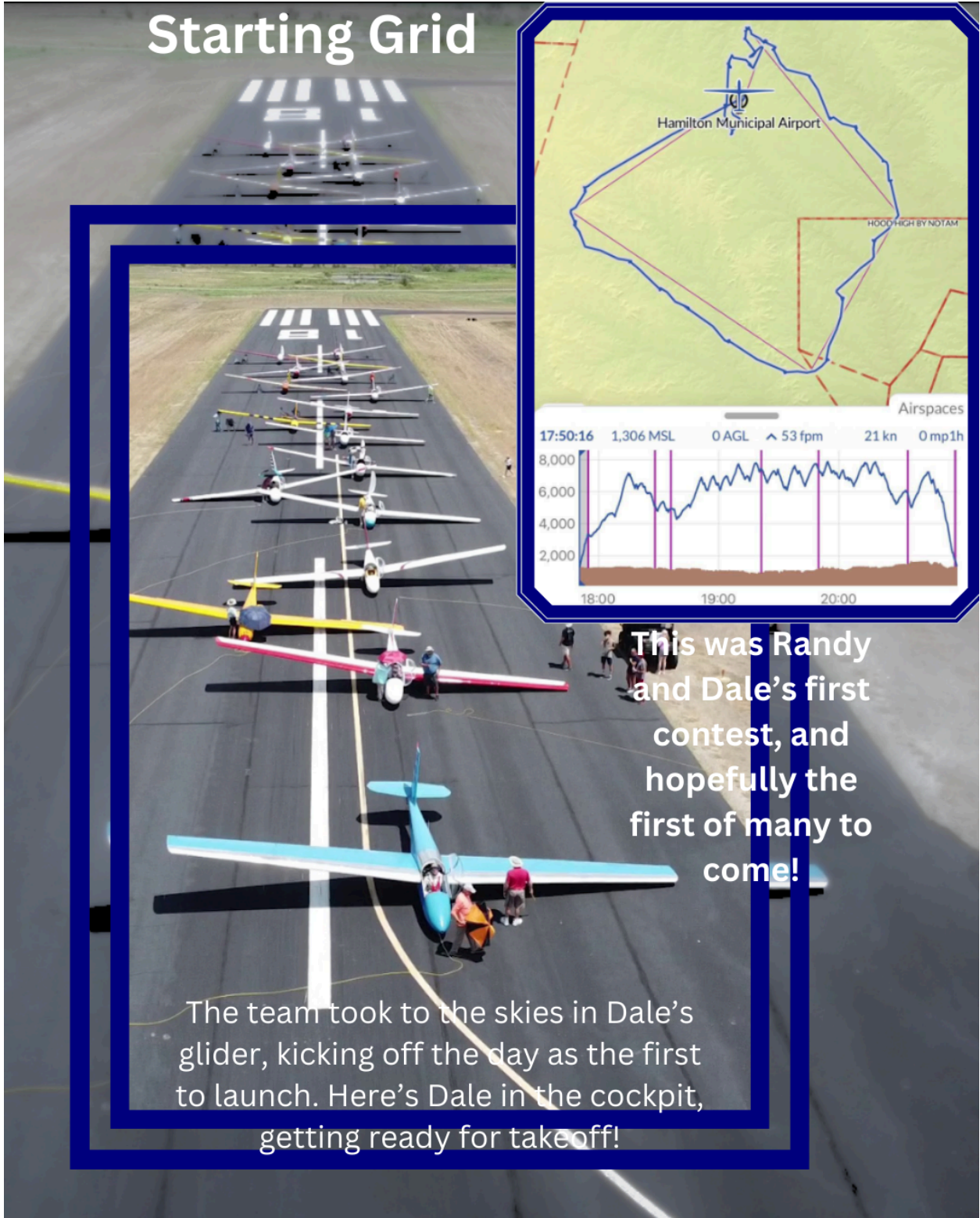
The competition was planned for eight flying days, but strong winds and dust from the Sahara forced the cancellation of the first two days. However, once conditions improved, the competitors enjoyed the powerful Central Texas soaring conditions that August is known for.

The tasks were centered on achieving the best speed around three designated turnpoints, each with a minimum required time. Each turnpoint featured a 1- to 15-mile cylinder. Pilots strategically flew deep into or skimmed the edges of these cylinders to take advantage of strong conditions or avoid weaker ones, maximizing both speed and time. While the nominal course length was around 45 miles, most pilots ended up flying between 75 and 100+ miles to meet the time requirements. The challenge was to finish within the allotted time—finishing early resulted in points deductions, while exceeding the time limit reduced overall speed. This format created a true mental game of assessing conditions and managing time.

The championship was hosted by the Hamilton Soaring Club, a community with deep ties to aviation history. Hamilton was a glider training base during World War II, where over 1,300 glider pilots were trained. The club, founded in 2016 by pilots who flew with Roy Schleymer during the golden era of soaring in Odessa, includes members like Wally Scott II, Neal Muxworthy, Gary Evans, Eddie Eiland, and Mark Townzen. Today, the Hamilton club thrives with over 65 members and continues to receive strong support from the local community. ✈



Starting Grid



This was Randy and Dale's first contest, and hopefully the first of many to come!

The team took to the skies in Dale's glider, kicking off the day as the first to launch. Here's Dale in the cockpit, getting ready for takeoff!



Final Flight Notes

As we wrap up this month's newsletter, we want to emphasize the importance of safety in every aspect of our flying adventures. Whether you're a seasoned pilot or new to the skies, staying vigilant and prepared is key to ensuring safe and enjoyable flights. Here are some safety tips to keep in mind as we head into the fall flying season:

1. Seasonal Weather Changes:

Monitor Weather Updates: Fall weather can be unpredictable, with rapid changes in temperature and wind conditions. Always check the latest weather forecasts before your flight.

Be Prepared for Fog: Cooler temperatures can lead to early morning fog, reducing visibility. Plan your flights accordingly and be ready to adjust your schedule if necessary.

2. Aircraft Maintenance:

Pre-Flight Inspections: Conduct thorough pre-flight inspections to ensure your aircraft is in top condition. Pay extra attention to the engine, control surfaces, and landing gear.

Regular Maintenance Checks: As the season changes, it's a good time to schedule any needed maintenance checks or updates to your aircraft's systems.

3. Fuel Management:

Calculate Fuel Needs Accurately: Always ensure you have enough fuel for your flight, including reserves for unexpected delays or diversions.

Monitor Fuel Consumption: Keep a close eye on your fuel levels throughout the flight to avoid any surprises.

4. Emergency Preparedness:

Review Emergency Procedures: Regularly review and practice emergency procedures for various scenarios. Familiarity with these procedures can make all the difference in a critical situation.



Emergency Kit: Make sure your aircraft's emergency kit is well-stocked and easily accessible.

5. **Communication:**

Stay in Touch: Maintain clear and effective communication with air traffic control and other pilots in your vicinity. Good communication helps prevent misunderstandings and ensures safe operations.

Check Radios: Ensure your communication equipment is working properly before taking off.

Closing Message

As we look forward to the exciting events and flying opportunities in September, let's continue to prioritize safety and support one another in our shared passion for aviation. Remember, our chapter thrives because of your enthusiasm, participation, and commitment to making every flight a safe and memorable experience.

Thank you for being a part of our EAA family. Let's make the most of this month, celebrating our rich aviation heritage and creating new memories in the skies.

Fly safe and see you at the next meeting! ✈️

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Community Corner



Call for Contributions: We're always looking for fresh ideas and perspectives to enrich our EAA chapter community! Whether you have a story to share, an event to announce, or an aviation-related topic you're passionate about, we invite you to contribute to our newsletter. Your input helps us create content that resonates with our members and fosters a sense of belonging within our aviation family. Have a suggestion for a future event, workshop, or project? Want to share your aviation journey or highlight a fellow member's accomplishments? We'd love to hear from you! To submit your contributions or ideas, please email kjgayneaux@gmail.com. Let's soar together and make our EAA chapter's future as bright as the skies above!

We look forward to an exciting 2024 and we are wanting to **grow our organization** to share aviation with more great folks in our community. We are currently updating our website, and I encourage you to check it out at chapters.eaa.org/ea123. If you are not already a member of our Facebook group, I also encourage you to join there as well facebook.com/groups/ea123.

Stay updated with any last-minute changes, join the conversation and receive timely updates regarding our meetings and events.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and extending a warm welcome to newcomers at our future meetings! See you there!

Call for a Dedicated Volunteer

We are currently seeking a dedicated volunteer to step into the role of Young Eagles/Eagles Coordinator. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire the next generation of aviators and contribute to our chapter's ongoing success. Responsibilities include organizing rallies, coordinating with pilots and young participants, and fostering a love for aviation within our community. Andrew has provided a comprehensive document outlining the tasks associated with this role, which will be included in this newsletter. If you're passionate about aviation and interested in this rewarding position, please reach out to us for more details, mccarthy.ac@gmail.com. [Skip to the Responsibilities Document by CLICKING HERE!](#) ✈️



Young Eagles Coordinator – EAA Chapter 123 - Description of Role

General duties

1. Build and maintain a list of participants for upcoming events in the order that they registered (to avoid line-jumping). This pool of future participants is the basis of the local Young Eagles (YE) program. It allows you to quickly form a YE Rally with 15-20 participating kids.
2. Respond in a timely fashion via email, Facebook, text and phone to discuss YE and Eagles programs and direct participants to the appropriate sign-up location online or add them to the list for upcoming events.
3. Follow all EAA rules and guidelines for the EAA program

Pre-event

Refer to EAA's Rally Planning Checklist: [YE GeneralSupport 2023 Digital YEHandbook](#)

1. Choose a date for the next YE event, in consultation with chapter pilots and volunteers
2. Gather a list of pilots who are available and willing to fly kids on the selected date (be sure the pilots meet requirements to fly YE)
3. Obtain permission from the FBO or location where the Young Eagles rally will be held and confirm with airport that no other major events are planned that might impact the YE rally (we have used Floris Flight Services at KMDD for the last several events – John Carnett typically asks Floris for permission).
4. Create a Young Eagles event on the yeday.org website (when you are working from a pre-registration list, I highly recommend you create a “Private Event” to avoid line-jumping)
5. Apply for free YE event insurance through the EAA website at least 30 days before the event
6. Order supplies: ensure printed materials are available for the event (in case iPad app doesn't work, paper copies of waiver will be required). Extra copies are a good idea because of writing errors made by parents and by EAA volunteers.
 - a. Young Eagles Registration and Waiver Form (Rev 06/21)
 - b. Young Eagles Engagement Guide
 - c. Young Eagles Promotional Brochure
 - d. Young Eagles Logbook
 - e. Young Eagles Certificate
 - f. Parent Ride-along liability form
7. When the event is confirmed (# of pilots committed, weather looks ok), begin to fill the event by calling or texting YE parents and directing them to the yeday.org website to sign up. This is best done 1-2 weeks prior to the event.

Event

1. Arrive ~1 hour before the first scheduled YE flight and set up laptop, printer, and iPad. Log onto Wi-Fi.



2. Arrange paperwork on table
3. Greet arriving parents and YE's
4. Ensure parents sign the waiver(s) needed, either on the iPad app or on paper
5. Match each YE with a pilot
6. Fill out logbooks and YE certificates
7. Greet returning YE's and parents and hand over the logbook and certificate, and explain the benefits available for free (see back of logbook for code)

Post-event

1. If paper forms were used, confirm all info was filled out on the forms (pilot info including EAA #)
2. Mail paper forms to the EAA
3. Provide post-event statistics to chapter leadership

Description of Role by EAA Chapter 123 YE Coordinator Andrew McCarthy, 5/13/2024

The End