



EAA Heartland Chapter 1240

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Another month has gone by and hopefully this finds all thankful and well. The board has been very busy this past month.

I (Mike Rohrer), David Galati (Vice President) and Debbie Snavely (Member At Large) met with Andrew Lethbridge (Deputy Superintendent) and Scott Morgan (Career and Technical Education Specialist) with the School Board of Highlands County. The discussion pertained to Ray Foundation Funding, safety issues, and what we expect from each other pertaining to the Aerospace Program.

I have met with Danielle Erwin (Assistant Superintendent) several times relating to General Liability Insurance (GL) and the EAA contract for the Aerospace Program. I (we) have spent many hours coming up with a contract that I believe can benefit both parties. The major holdup was with the GL insurance. I have been working on this since March of this year. This is a one-of-a-kind situation. The issue is that no one wanted to cover the EAA Chapter with school kids occupying and using the facility. The School Board of Highlands County will vote on 17 Oct 2023 on the contract during their normal meeting.

I also met with Danielle Erwin to discuss with her the upcoming budget with the RAY Foundation to finish the renovation of the loft area and funding the cost of commercial property insurance each year.

Mike Willingham (Executive Director of Sebring Airport) was instrumental in putting me in contact with an agent that the airport uses for insurance; with his contact I have obtained GL insurance for the first time since the start of the Aerospace Program. The cost of GL is \$3,395.70 and will be paid by the School Board of Highlands County annually. I have also purchased the required commercial property insurance with wind damage which was paid by the Ray Foundation (\$9,312). In summary, obtaining the GL insurance and commercial property with wind damage insurance will protect the building, members, and director officers. It has been a rough road and I have learned more than I care about insurance.

More great news concerning the EAA/Ray scholarships, Logan Nagy will be taking his private pilot check ride on Monday 9 October.

On Saturday 9 September EAA 1240 breakfast we served 137, flew 14 Young Eagles, and could have flown 20 if we had more aircraft and pilots. We currently have 4 aircraft. Anyone interested in flying Young Eagles contact Dale Huffman (317-697-0605) or myself (Mike Rohrer 580-471-0465).

See you on Thursday 12 October for the monthly membership meeting and on Saturday 14 October for the EAA breakfast. Also please note that we voted last month to raise the breakfast cost to \$10.00, Youth \$8.00, and \$12.00 for 2 trips. This is, as we all know, the rising cost of material, food, etc.

Clear Skies,

Michael Rohrer

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