

EAA CHAPTER 129  
BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILLINOIS



# The Flypaper

Promoting Sport Aviation in Central Illinois for More Than 58 Years

## Young Eagles

- By Rachel Henderson - Chapter 129 YE Coordinator

There has been no shortage of aviation events this past month with the largest airshow gathering in Oshkosh the most successful. I know I had a wonderful time from the moment I arrived to Airventure on the Saturday before the official start date until departing. Who else is ready for Oshkosh 2022? I know I am!



As for local events, Ch 29 and 129 worked together to provide rides during the annual Boy Scout Jamboree held in Rantoul the first weekend of August. Typically, this is a weekend long camping event for the boy scouts with flights offered Saturday morning until noon. This year, the jamboree was a one day event and looked to have a fewer number of participants than in years past. Despite the size of the event, we were able to fly approximately 80 young eagles with 6 volunteer pilots and a very limited number of ground crew. It was a long, hot and busy day but I am sure we created several future pilots. Of all volunteers, both ground crew and pilots, there were only 3 of us that hadn't had a flight all day. Jeff, a Cessna Citation pilot there with his son and a few other scouts, offered the 3 of us a ride in his citation.

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## July Member Meeting - Airventure

Thanks again to the Dornboos family for hosting Chapter 129's July Membership meeting at Airventure. Our dinner was delayed from the traditional Wednesday night gathering to coincide with the night airshow which was postponed to Thursday due to suspected weather. The weather didn't show up until about 11:00 PM but came with a fury featuring heavy rains and 30+ MPH winds.



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## You Have Information August!

### August Membership Meeting

Thursday, Aug 19 at 6:00 PM

Our August meeting will feature burgers, dogs and brats. Bring a dish to pass.

At 7:00 PM, Laura Doornbos will be our speaker showcasing her trip to South Dakota for the Ladies Love Taildragers event.



## Ladies Love Traildraggers!

### Vintage in Review at Oshkosh Airventure July 29<sup>th</sup>

- by *Laura Doornbos*



Oshkosh is always an amazing time and always has a special place in my heart. In June, I participated in a fly-out to South Dakota with Ladies Love Taildraggers (LLT). This group is all about women flying but more specifically encouraging and celebrating women who fly taildraggers (conventional landing gear.) The group has about 2000 plus members. Each year, LLT organizes a fly-out so members can mingle and fly! All are welcome and even aircraft that have a nose wheel. Dad (Keith Doornbos) and I had recently gotten the Cessna 170 back in the air and my first mission was to attend one of

these Ladies Love Taildraggers fly outs! The fly out started in Mitchell, SD and ended in Spearfish, SD. We had various stops along the way. There were about 48 of us and 26 aircraft that flew in. Aircraft ranged from a couple of Cessna 180's, Cessna 195, Maule, Taylorcraft, RV7, Decathlon and a SuperCub to name a few. While there, our president of the organization, Judy Birchler was in charge of finding a few pilots and vintage aircraft that would be flying their airplanes into Oshkosh. This year that included Lorianne Ru Lon Morris (Cessna 140), Valarie Thal-Slocum (Cessna 195), and myself (Cessna 170). The three of us were asked to be part of the Vintage in Review-Ladies Day at the Vintage Aircraft Circle during the week of Oshkosh. Such an incredible honor! We each had our aircraft on display at the circle from Wednesday to Thursday. The actual presentation was on Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. During the presentation we were asked to talk about our vintage aircraft and share some perspective on flying taildraggers. One of the aspects of the organization that is important to us, is supporting other woman who fly but we also offer scholarships for tailwheel

endorsements. As a side note, we are pretty easy to spot anymore, keep your eye out for a pair of high heels on the cowling. That means a woman flew that taildragger in. Overall, the vintage in review was an incredible opportunity to talk about some amazing planes and getting to meet people who share the same love for aviation.



If you are interested in hearing more about the Ladies Love Taildraggers fly-out, come out to the EAA meeting on Thursday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>. I will be sharing more about my trip!

~ *Laura Doornbos*



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Dave Claxon, Joshua Manzella, and I eagerly accepted this opportunity and buzzed the clouds at 5,000 feet for about 30 minutes. It was an amazing experience we will remember for years to come. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this a success. Be sure to look for this same event next August.

**Upcoming August events:**

**14:** Ch 29 Meeting to view warbirds at Danville Airport at 10 AM

**14 & 15:** Decatur to host Free Airshow to celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**21: (rain date 28): Ch129 Bloomington is hosting a Young Eagle event at the Synergy North hangar**

**22:** Poplar Grove Airport C77 49<sup>th</sup> fly-in

**29:** Shumway airport lunch



Young Eagles flights at the Boy Scout Jamboree at Rantoul



~ Rachel Henderson  
YE Coordinator, Chapters 29 & 129



*Oshkosh (cont)*

Some member photos from Airventure 2021

Tue, Jul 27, 12:30 AM

OSHALERT: National Weather Services tells us storm in Shawano County that will impact EAA around 1:15 am w/damaging winds 60-70 mph. Please take precautions.

Tue, Jul 27, 4:34 AM

OSHALERT: 7/27/21-Another round of storms headed for OSH @ around 4:40 am. Heavy rain & 30-45 mph winds expected w/possible lightning. Please take precautions.

Wed, Jul 28, 4:03 PM

OSHALERT: National Weather Service says significant storm approaching OSH at around 8 pm. Most AirVenture activities closing at 5 pm. <https://bit.ly/3iXGkeF>

Wed, Jul 28, 7:50 PM

OSHALERT: Those camping on the AirVenture grounds who wish to take shelter b/c of weather, EAA will run buses to transport people to shelter (1 of 2)



## Local Fly-In Events

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

**PEKIN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

**ANNUAL WINGS AND WHEELS**

FLY-IN • CRUISE-IN

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PEKIN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT C15  
13906 AIRPORT LANE, PEKIN, IL 61554

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

**7 AM - 2 PM**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7 AM - 10 AM  
\$5 KIDS • \$7 ADULTS

FLEA MARKET

**POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT**

C77 - 4 miles N. of Belvidere, IL. on Hwy. 76 - 11619 Rt 76 Poplar Grove, IL 61063

The Public is Invited to Walk-In, Drive-In or

**FLY-IN** 49th Annual

Sunday, August 22nd 2021

<b>BITES &amp; FLIGHTS</b>		Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum 10am - 2pm J&C Ice Cream & Floats
<b>FOOD TRUCKS</b>		<b>FREE ADMISSION!</b> See the "JENNY" Project!
<b>FIREBOX/SIPS &amp; SPRINKLES</b> Coffee, Drinks & Ice Cream		<b>FOOD TRUCKS at the Museum:</b> Cantina 1204, Savor BBQ, Downtown Pastry Trucks, 10am to 2pm
<b>PIZZA FRESCA, "BUCS" POTATOES, OLIVO TACOS, LuLu Roasted Corn</b> Olive Branch, J-Dawg Jerky Co. 10am - 2pm		<b>Shuttle To/From Museum</b> 10am to 2pm
<b>British Boots &amp; Bonnets</b> Northern Ill./Southern Wis Car Show		<b>VINTAGE TRACTOR PULL</b>
 <b>Belvidere Rotary Club Flour Bomber Bingo</b> 2:00 pm Pre-Event: Ticket Sales Contact: GieratClaire@Comcast.net		

**ENGINE SHOP** 10 am to 12 pm  
**OPEN HOUSE**

**AIRPLANE FLIGHTS**  
\$30.00 Per Person  
9 am to 1 pm Weather Permitting

## Wanted

Your stories, events, travel adventures, builder updates for our next issue of **The Flypaper**.

Email them to: [cmbates50@gmail.com](mailto:cmbates50@gmail.com)

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**JOLIET AIRPORT FESTIVAL**

Sunday, September 19 • 8am-3pm

FREE ADMISSION!  
FREE PARKING!  
Fun for the entire family!





**GMCC D'Arcy** **e-mediate cure**

<b>Pancake Breakfast</b> 8-10:00am Pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice \$7 adults; \$4 kids 12 & under	<b>Airplane Rides</b> \$35 per person	<b>Bounce House and Pedal Planes for the kids!</b> Food vendors will be onsite for lunch.
<b>Classic Car Show</b> Sponsored by Coachmen Car Club \$10 entry fee per car.	<b>Helicopter Rides</b> \$35 per person	<b>Please ...</b> <b>NO SMOKING</b> on the ramp or around any aircraft or displays <b>NO PETS</b> except for service animals.

See many types of aircraft flying and on the ground!

**Joliet Regional Airport** KJOT / Unicom 122.7  
4000 W. Jefferson St. Joliet, IL 60431 815-741-7267

## Chapter 129 Moving Ahead

After a near shut-down of all activities in 2020, 2021 is shaping up to be a busy year as we recover from the pandemic.

Our YE Coordinator, Rachel Henderson has been busy with YE events this summer, most recently last weekend, taking 80 scouts for rides.

Our June 12 Young Eagles rally was a huge success by all measures and we will host our second YE event on August 21. Watch for opportunities to volunteer. Thanks again to BNAA Operations for helping push the paperwork through on short notice and to Synergy Flight Center for offering the use of their big hangar for the third

time this year. This venue offers a great experience for the parents and YE kids. Also want to recognize our friends at the Prairie Aviation Museum for their volunteer support and the use of their tables, chairs and stanchions for our events. Our success is dependent on all of these groups working together.

With the facilities at BMI planning to open up for visitors again soon (Tower, OSF, Fire Department, etc) we are looking again into planning a STEM program for our Chapter. As you may recall, we had planned events for 80 high school students in April of 2020 for a Day at the Airport which was cancelled. Member Wayne Aldrich has offered to help plan our STEM events in preparation for things opening up.

Our Saturday morning gatherings are well attended and we are in need of cooks to help fill in for the current staff. Just signing up

once a month would be a big help.

Oshkosh was a big hit, I spotted 15+ chapter members there during my short, 2 day visit. It was great to see member Laura Doornbos with her 170 at the Vintage Aircraft Circle, representing the 'Ladies Love Taildraggers' group. She will be speaking at our meeting on the 19th to showcase her LLT trip to North Dakota this summer.

It feels good to have all these activities go on and the collaboration of the various groups on the field as we are again able to do our work to promote aviation.

~ Charlie



## Saturday Gathering of Eagles

Join us at the EAA Chapter 129 hangar for our Gathering of Eagles breakfasts Saturday mornings 7:00 am to 9:00 am for some great food and some hangar flying at its best.



### Cooks Needed!

Chapter 129 Members, Think about signing up for a Saturday morning turn on the cooktop to support our weekly Gathering of Eagles

event. The sign up sheet is on the counter.



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