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## EAA Chapter 1387 Newsletter



President's Corner | July 2024 | Bill Jagust

2024 01 JULY EAA 1387  
THE SUMMER SUMMARY  
NO SATURDAY JULY 06 MEETING  
mr. bill

Hello EAA 1387 gang! First off

**THERE IS NO SATURDAY JULY 06, 2024 MEETING  
WHY?**

**IT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIG 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY WEEKEND!**

So, the next meeting will be at the Troy Airpark on Saturday, August, 03 and be a "SHOW AND TELL" of what you did and viewed at OSHKOSH AIRSHOW.

Several items have come out about our EAA Chapter, and we hopefully can get them all attached here and give y'all an update on the happenings in our local area and the young people in the chapter. So here we go.....

Miss Grace is preparing for her Private Pilot Certificate check ride happening soon.  
Mr. Brody has learned to fly the aero machine by himself...That means he soloed on June 19.





CONGRATULATIONS to Brody Seth, EAA 1387 Ray Scholar.



Something that started last summer with Captain John Roser was to introduce Caleb Vega to the wonders of flight. (That article was sent earlier by our favorite editor, Joe V.) and this year Mr. Caleb won the EAA 32 Ray Scholarship and is on his way to learning to fly at the Gateway Aviation Flight school along with Brody Seth at Creve Coeur, Missouri

It has been a very busy start to the summer and all our Ray Scholars have been busy flying and learning about this thing called FLIGHT!

Our “older” student pilot and Vice President, Mr. Don is getting ready for HIS Private Pilot Certificate also! So, I can see another THEME for the Saturday, (in the Troy Airpark) August 03, 2024 meeting:

**TELLS US ABOUT YOUR FLYING EXPERIENCES  
AND YOUR NEW PILOT CERTIFICATES!**

Alrighty gang, let me leave you with two important things about flying,



Number ONE, the use of a **CHECKLIST**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iP0UydocMDo>

Number TWO: **DENSITY ALTITUDE**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdqvcLSqSZE>

Alrighty good people ENJOY THE INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS AND BE SAFE!

We will meet at TROY AIRPARK on Saturday, August 03, 2024 and share our summer stories!

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As the Newsletter editor at large, I'm always seeking your input for sharing with the Chapter. To this end, all input for the Newsletter is due at the end of the month for the next issue.

Please feel free to submit any item of interest to share. Thanks for your support and blue skies!

Joe V.



Chapter 1387 Events for 2024. Always looking for membership inputs on what everyone is working on or what you'd like to share with the Chapter. Building projects, Items of Interest, etc. would be ideal. Please review and send me your input to share! Thanks, Joe V.

### 2024 Chapter 1387 Calendar of Events-Meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month at Troy Airpark

#### July

- 22-28 July - EAA AirVenture – Chapter Breakfast and Picture on Wed- 24th

#### Aug

- Member Input – AirVenture Feedback

#### September

- Member Input -
- Chapter Poker Run Fly Out (Tentative)

#### October

- YE Rally at Mexico
- Member Input - Volunteer Needed
- **Leadership Academy Training - 24-25<sup>th</sup> at EAA HQ**

#### November

- Officer Elections – Secretary and Treasure
- Member Input - Volunteer Needed

#### December

- Chapter Christmas Social
- Election Results
- Chapter Renewal by 31 Dec for HQ

### THE RAY SCHOLARSHIP GOING FULL CIRCLE PAYING IT FORWARD AND GIVING BACK

William Jagust  
EAA 1387 Ray Scholarship Coordinator

Just like other chapters EAA 1387 in Troy, Missouri was hoping to provide a candidate for the Ray Scholarship Program offered by EAA Headquarters. What an awesome program! It helps a youth that has shown that they are more than interested in aviation, to receive financial help with their flight training.



In 2019, we chose Connor Davis as our candidate. He was an excellent student and obtained his Private Pilot Certificate through the local flying club. With his desire to complete additional pilot ratings, Connor entered the ATP Career Pilot Program where he obtained his Commercial/Instrument and CFI. Connor then was hired on at the Saint Charles Flying Service Flight School (SCFS) in nearby Portage des Sioux, Missouri (30 miles east of Troy, MO.)





Fast forward to the year 2023 when EAA 1387 (the Troy Chapter) had the opportunity to provide another Ray Scholarship to a candidate. We had a local air traffic controller's son, Brody Seth, who has been attending our EAA 1387 meetings with his father. After a few flights with Brody in a Cessna 172 at the Saint Charles Flying School (SCFS), where I am a flight instructor, it was quite clear that Brody had "the right stuff" for the Ray Scholarship. This 6-foot 5-inch young man once attended a "fly in" with the EAA 1387 group and was shoehorned into a member's Van's RV-7. Brody was not impressed with this "small" aircraft. Now at the SCFS, and in the spacious Cessna C-172N, Brody displayed his landing skills during an introductory flight with me that day. His last three landings were un-assisted, and I asked where he had acquired his landing skills? He replied that he'd learned from his flight simulator.

At 77 inches tall, Brody was a major player on the Home Schoolers basketball team. After the season ended this year Brody wanted to go for a flight again at the SCFS flight school. As Brody walked in the door to fly with me, he was standing alongside Connor Davis who was the 2019 Ray Scholar. I quickly realized that these two Ray Scholars needed to fly together! It would be the perfect moment of the Ray Scholar Program. The former Ray Scholar and current CFI Connor Davis would be Paying it Forward and Giving Back to the future Ray Scholar, Brody Seth.





CFI Connor and Ray Scholar Brody Seth

It was a joy to watch them both laugh and enjoy the thrill and joy of aviation as these two young men (Connor, 21, and Brody, 18) were having fun pre-flying and sharing the thrills of flying this fine day in March 2024.

This past week Mr. Brody soloed (06/19/2024) at Gateway Flight Training, at the Creve Coeur, Missouri Airport under the watchful eye of Chief Pilot Robert Meder (Past NAFI Chairman).

Brody Seth, the  
Ray Scholar,  
soloed





Robert and I volunteered together at the Oshkosh AirVenture Airshow, in the KidVenture Pilot Training area the during past years.

So, does the program work?

Yes, it most certainly does. And it is still working today.







## How Can We Help?

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