

# HIAWATHA VALLEY EAA CHAPTER 1518

RGK—Red Wing, MN Regional Airport

*(Formerly the Hiawatha Valley Pilots Association - founded in 1973)*

**Our 48th Year**



## January 2020 Newsletter

### Presidents Greeting

#### **Greetings from your new chapter president!**

For those who don't know me I'm Ben Burshem. I am fairly new to the RGK airport scene, I received flight instruction from the former president Mr. Marrs and passed my check ride in August 2019. I then purchased a Beechcraft Sundowner.

I live in and operate a trucking company in Bay City.

I have been enjoying the escape that aviation has brought me so far.

#### **New Officers**

In December will elected a new slate of officers for Chapter 1518 for the next two years. Contact information for the new officers is listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Scott Stricker is our new Vice President, Rex Porter is our new Web Editor and Leon Amorelli is our chapter photographer.

Dan Johnson remains our Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. Dennis Ahern continues as our Chapter Historian and Dan Marrs is our Young Eagles Coordinator.

#### **2020 Calendar Planning Meeting**

Next Saturday Jan 11th is our planning meeting for chapter event for 2020. Please come and help us plan some great events for the year. A draft of 2020's preliminary calendar is attached at the end of this newsletter.

**Ben Burshem**  
**EAA Chapter 1518 President**

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

##### **2020 Calendar Planning Meeting**

**Saturday January 11th**

**9:30 - 11:00**

**Main Terminal Building**



## Hiawatha Valley EAA Chapter 1518 is continuing the Long History of the Upper Hiawatha Valley Pilots Association that started in 1973

N7772F is now sporting one of those ADS-B winglets on the starboard side. The compact package of electrons and silicon represents more technology than the Cessna has been exposed to since its certification in April of 1966. During preflight, as part of our upcoming Y.E. flights, I'll be sure to point out my ticket to the post 1/1/20 class "B" airspace. It most likely will fail to impress this fly-by-wire generation - I'll have to stress that tradition has a few advantages - those controls in the cockpit are hard wired to the elevators and rudder unlike some aircraft that have been featured in the media of late.

The print version of A.W.S.P.T. has a presentation highlighting research by the U.S.A.F. and the Airbus concern into using wingtip vortices to increase cruise speeds by 10-15%. Forget everything taught in ground school about the danger of touchdown behind that departing B747-400. The idea is that once F.L. 30 is reached a formation is created where a following aircraft is positioned 1.2 miles in trail and 15 deg to the port to take advantage of the ascending portion of the turbulence. I don't know if this applies to a champ following a BC-12 Taylorcraft but A.T.C. will earn its keep ensuring that a line of B-787's stay in formation during the J.F.K. - Gatwick morning rush.

Our membership has a subset of Stinson fanatics who are devoted to the 108 model. I've mentioned that this taildragger was the star of a Classis "Amos and Andy" segment from 1954 which featured the plane flying over New York City with a blanket obscuring all the plexiglass. A hangar flying session last weekend unearthed the nugget of trivia that William Conrad solved crimes and rescued ladies with the aid of a 108-3.

I can't recall the private eye series (Mannis or Cannon, maybe) but I vaguely recall the good guys monitoring the bad guys as the dusty trails of the California desert served as a backdrop for the Franklin powered four-place. Of course, the contribution to aviation performed by Skyler King and his niece, Penny, are the fantasies of this observer, who would set aside those farm chores to watch North Central's 728B, the DC-3 on its MSP-ORD Segment.

Mark and I crewed his Vintage "V" tail to the frozen lakes of N.W. Wisconsin last Sunday. If you get an opportunity to program the entry code for the lounge at Chetek, bring back a report on FLYER 411. This is an electronic short mounted on an inside wall which provides weather and other info of interest to us who are fascinated by "things with wings". It is expected that our next meeting will entertain some discussion concerning this latest example of how the technology of today is dragging this 1960's Cessna driver into the 2000's.

**Thanks for reading,**

**Dennis Ahern**

## 2020-21 Chapter Officers

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## 2020 Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 11th</b>	<b>2020 Calendar Planning</b>	<b>09:30-11:00</b>	<b>RGK Main Terminal</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 1st</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar 7th</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr 4th</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 2nd</b>			
<i><b>Saturday</b></i>	<i><b>May 16th</b></i>	<i><b>Young Eagles Rally—Christ Lutheran School, Zumbrota</b></i>	<i><b>9:00-Noon</b></i>	<i><b>RGK Main Terminal</b></i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 6th</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast Planning Meeting &amp; Chapter Video</b>	<b>09:30-11:00</b>	<b>RGK Main Terminal</b>
<i><b>Saturday</b></i>	<i><b>June 20th</b></i>	<i><b>Young Eagles Rally</b></i>	<i><b>9:00-Noon</b></i>	<i><b>RGK Main Terminal</b></i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 11th</b>			
<i><b>Saturday</b></i>	<i><b>July 18h</b></i>	<i><b>Young Eagles Rally</b></i>	<i><b>9:00-Noon</b></i>	<i><b>RGK Main Terminal</b></i>
<b>Mon-Sun</b>	<b>Jul 20-26</b>	<b>2020 Airventure</b>		<b>KOSH</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 1st</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast Work day</b>	<b>9:00-Noon</b>	<b>RGK Main Terminal</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 2 nd</b>	<b>44 th Annual Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>7:00—Noon</b>	<b>RGK Main Terminal &amp; Main Hanger</b>
<i><b>Saturday</b></i>	<i><b>Aug 17th</b></i>	<i><b>Young Eagles Rally</b></i>	<i><b>9:00-Noon</b></i>	<i><b>RGK Main Terminal</b></i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept 5th</b>	<b>Airport Neighbor Day</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct 3th</b>	<b>Annual BBQ Dinner</b>	<b>16:30—19:00</b>	<b>Ed Whitman's Hanger</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 7th</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 5th</b>			