

HIAWATHA VALLEY EAA CHAPTER 1518

RGK—Red Wing, MN Regional Airport

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

Our 48th Year



February 2020 Newsletter

Presidents Greeting

Greetings EAA 1518

Hope this newsletter finds everyone well and warm!

July 4th Weekend

In only the second month of office, our chapter was presented with a very unique and exciting opportunity. We will be hosting the EAA B-17 July 2-5!

The closest stop the B-17 makes on its nationwide tour is Superior, WI. This should be a great opportunity to promote aviation and help preserve its history!

This event costs our chapter nothing (actually we will get a small kick back for every ride ticket sold). We are asked to provide volunteers to help with ground operations, crowd control, and merchandise sales. Roughly 6 per shift. I will have more information and work on a formal sign-up sheet before our next meeting.

Dan Marrs

In other chapter news our former president Dan Marrs has officially announced his transition from Red Wing Band Director to a regional jet pilot.

We won't see him much at the airport this summer, as he will be busy with training. Wishing him the best in his new career!

Annual Dinner

This weekend we will have our annual dinner at the RGK Fire Station. Social Hour starts at 4:30 and Dinner at 5:00.

Bring a side dish or desert. The main course will be provided by the chapter.

Ben Burshem
EAA Chapter 1518 President

Upcoming Meetings

Annual Dinner

Saturday April 1st
Social Hour 4:30
Dinner 5:00

RGK Fire Hall



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 electronics 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. - Gatewick 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 hanger 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

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2020 Schedule

Saturday	Feb 1st	Annual Dinner	16:30-19:00	RGK Fire Station
Saturday	Mar 7th			
Saturday	Apr 4th	Tentative FAA Facility Tour		
Saturday	May 2nd	Flyout EAA Museum Tour		
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>May 16th</i>	<i>Young Eagles Rally—Christ Lutheran School, Zumbrota</i>	<i>9:00-Noon</i>	<i>RGK Main Terminal</i>
Saturday	June 6th	Pancake Breakfast Planning Meeting & Chapter Video	09:30-11:00	RGK Main Terminal
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>June 20th</i>	<i>Young Eagles Rally</i>	<i>9:00-Noon</i>	<i>RGK Main Terminal</i>
Thursday-Sunday	July 2nd—5th	<i>EAA B-17 Weekend at RGK</i>		
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>July 18th</i>	<i>Young Eagles Rally</i>	<i>9:00-Noon</i>	<i>RGK Main Terminal</i>
Mon-Sun	Jul 20-26	2020 Airventure		KOSH
Saturday	Aug 1st	Pancake Breakfast Work day	9:00-Noon	RGK Main Terminal
Sunday	Aug 2nd	44th Annual Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast	7:00—Noon	RGK Main Hanger
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Aug 17th</i>	<i>Young Eagles Rally</i>	<i>9:00-Noon</i>	<i>RGK Main Terminal</i>
Saturday	Sept 5th	Airport Neighbor Day		
Saturday	Oct 3th	Annual BBQ Dinner	16:30—19:00	Ed Whitman's Hanger
Saturday	Nov 7th	EAA Wings Safety Seminar	TBD	
Saturday	Dec 5th			



News from the Red Wing Civil Air Patrol

The month of December 2019;

Red Wing Squadron was at the Holiday Stroll November 29, we have been supporting this event since the beginning. This year we recruited help from Rochester, Owatonna, Stanton Squadrons, we ended with over 30 members helping. Two of our newer members established a command center in the Ignite Building, and used this opportunity to use our radios and command structure.

On December 12 we had our annual banquet at Big Dog Daddy's Roadhouse, it has been many years since we had our Awards banquet at a place other than the hangar. This was an opportunity to dress up and a formal meal together.

On Dec 14 the Red Wing Squadron participate in the Wreathes Across America at Fort Snelling, we had 9 members help, this year's event put 16,000 wreathes on graves, this was a great way for us to honor our fallen soldiers. This event helps us teach our youth on how to dress for cold weather and snow, to be prepare for if we are needed for disaster relief.

The last few years in January we have been making a field trip to an aviation museum, this year it is decided to go to the **EAA Museum in Oshkosh**. Our research has shown the EAA has a program to sleep with the planes. After many e-mails and phone calls we were able to secure Feb 7-8 for our trip to Oshkosh museum. The EAA revised program and when they opened up for reservations they were swamped, the cost has gone from \$35 to \$50 for a youth to get to sleep with the planes, includes an evening meal and breakfast. We need a minimum of 20 people; we need one adult per 8 youth. We invited the squadrons that helped us with the Holiday Stroll, they are so excited, they making plans for the next year too. So, we are pretty sure we can get the people, (maximum number is 35 youth), but we will have to find financial help for the cost.

On Dec 31 Red Wing Squadron had two graduate from CAP Region Staff College, Capt Brenda and Major David Carlstrom, in Salina Kansas.

We are on Facebook, Civil Air Patrol/RED WING COMPOSITE SQUADRON, also we are on the Web <http://www.redwing.mncap.org>. If website is down, give me a call, one of our older computers failed and took down our Web page.

If you know of any youth age 12 and older that have an interest in aviation, Civil Air Patrol can provide a great opportunity.

We meet Thursdays from 1900-2100 at the Red Wing CAP Hanger.



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