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A LOT DID HAPPEN THIS MONTH!!

It all began on Saturday May 6th with the BREEZY POINT FLY-IN. While the weather was more April-like than May"... meaning low ceilings, scattered showers, and chilly temperatures...this did not deter the enthusiasm of the many attendees who came out. We topped off our sign-up roster of 60 YOUNG EAGLES for flights at KBRD on Saturday May 20th. That story is on Page 2.

We also had a well-recognized and quite popular inter-stellar visitor this year making the rounds and being available for some great photoops with the kids (and adults!)



Thanks to volunteers Trudi Amundson, Mike Petersen, Michelle and Joe Lambert, Craig Rodamaker, Mark Crist, and Mark Bearss. We still don't know who the Stormtrooper was.



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YOUNG EAGLES AT KBRD ON SATURDAY MAY 20.

What a stellar day!! Trudi, in her traditional fashion, had everything organized, details checked and re-checked, scheduling adjustments made, "I's" dotted, "T's" crossed, and volunteers all lined up ready to take these sixty kids F-L-Y-I-N-G!!! Adding icing to the cake (NOT the wings!)...Mother Nature provided us with clear skies, calm winds and mild temperatures...for most of the morning, anyway. By 11 am is was getting a bit bumpy. But overall...a CAVU day!!

We had 6 pilots: Trudi Amundson, Kent Nordell, Craig Rodamaker, Mark Crist, Adam Siemers and Mark Bearss. And...we had 8 groundcrew persons who coordinated and facilitated the check-in process. Thank-you's go to Mike Petersen, Michelle and Joe Lambert, Dick Piepgras, Corrin Roberts, Donna Nordell, Jane Haubrich, and Gordon Hart.

The day was a huge success; lots of excitement and smiles. We had a few noshows but there were also a couple of walk-ins. A total of 52 kids and 2 adults experienced the joy of general aviation.

It was often hard to tell who was more nervous or excited: the Young Eagle candidates or their parents who brought them. However, once the families met their licensed, volunteer pilots and headed to the tarmac, everyone was all smiles.

The parents were openly appreciative of the organization and volunteerism that was put into this event and repeatedly expressed their thanks. Some of the adults who have never ridden in an airplane themselves decided...after watching their child's experience...that a ride was now on THEIR bucket list. Comments like..."this is such a great opportunity for kids" and "I can't believe you all volunteer your time to do this"...were heard throughout the day as they thanked the pilots and ground crew of Chapter #1610. One family drove 160 miles, one way, to give their son this extraordinary experience. The mother said the ride was a present for the son's 10th birthday. "It's something he'll always remember."









Kent Nordell and YE's

YOUNG EAGLES AT KBRD ON SATURDAY MAY 20.



We're ready!

Left-to-Right:
Michelle Lambert
Jane Haubrich
Joe Lambert
Corrin Roberts
Dick Piepgras









Craig Rodamaker Jane Haubrich Corrin Roberts Dick Piepgras

Michelle & Joe Lambert Mike Petersen Mark Bearss



All lined up ready to go.

YOUNG EAGLES AT KBRD ON SATURDAY MAY 20.



And...they're OFF!

Trudi's crew











YOUNG EAGLES AT KBRD ON SATURDAY MAY



Adam Siemers & YE heading out.

Trudi and YE Crew enjoying that great weather!!!



Craig Rodamaker taking off on another YE Flight.



BRAT & HOT-DOG SALE FUNDRAISER, May 27-28.

We rounded out the month on Memorial Day weekend selling brats and hot dogs from the shade of our Chapter 1610 awning in front of the ACE HARD-WARE in Crosslake. I mention being in the shade as it was another stellar weather-weekend. Clear blue skies, perfect temperature, a little breezy but low humidity. Crosslake was packed with shoppers stocking their cabins with goods from Reed's Market, Bar Stock Liquors and finally...Ace Hardware. One staffer asked why there were so many people...if there was a parade, or something. I answered, "Yep...the parade starts Friday in Minneapolis and runs almost continuous on northbound Highway 371. Then it stops here."





Saturday our crew kept very B-U-S-Y!! Kudo's go out to Gordon Hart, Mike Petersen, Craig Rodamaker, Becky Putzke, Mark Crist, Rollie Noordsmann and Jane Haubrich. They cranked out approximately 280 brats and over 100 hot dogs.

By the way...the general consensus from our customers: these brats were quite excellent. We received a LOT of compliments. "Where did you get these? They are really good!" Or, "best brat I've had!" Well, our thanks goes to Reed's Market, especially Justin and Matt back in the meat department. They blend and process everything right there. They are one of their regularly-stocked items; just look for the package with the Reed's label marked Pre-Cooked Brats. You will not be disappointed.



"Now THAT'S a brat!"

BRAT & HOT-DOG SALE FUNDRAISER, May 27-28.



The Sunday crowd was not as busy but, nonetheless, our crew kept up a steady pace. Kudo's go out to Gordon Hart, Mike Petersen, Craig Rodamaker, Trudi Amundson, Joe & Michelle Lambert and Jane Haubrich.



OTHER NEWS THAT HAPPENED IN MAY:





Congratulations to Steve Selisker, our Ray Scholar, on passing his Private Pilot Check ride on May 2nd.





EAA CHAPTER 1610 LONGSTER PROJECT: STATUS REPORT

Progress continues. Fabric covering and reinforcement tapes on all surfaces of the fuselage and tail components has been completed. Joe did some fabric shrink-testing on one of the wings to determine the best way to achieve apply adhesives and avoid wrinkling when the fabric is heated.



EAA CHAPTER 1610 PRESENTATION SATURDAY, JUNE 10.

This is a reminder that Rod Zastrow, the Director from Bye Aerospace ,will be facilitating a discussion on "The Future of Electric Aircraft" following our general business meeting.

You may recall the original announcement in the April Newsletter. **Bye Aerospace** is the designer and future manufacturer of an all-electric airplane, the eFLYER.



It will be interesting to learn during Mr. Zastrow's presentation how their development program has evolved, what is the current status of electric propulsion for general aviation, the features and performance of the eFlyer, and what we can look forward to in the near future.



For those who wish to help with this project, we meet at Paul's the first and third Thursdays of every month, starting at 6:00 pm. Paul's shop is very spacious and well-equipped to accommodate this endeavor. Please feel free to join us for the camaraderie and educational opportunity to learn new skills.





DID YOU KNOW ...?

An easy and convenient way to keep up-to-date on scheduled Chapter 1610 meetings, events, and other aviationrelated programs is our Website.

First, open your web browser and type in **#eaa 1610**.

Once you open the website, select the tab

Event Calendar.

The rest is easy.



EDIT YOUR CALENDAR

Any highlights below in **RED** means something has been added or rescheduled for Chapter 1610 meetings and events.

June 10: Regular Meeting & Presentation: The Future of Electric Aircraft, by Roderick Zastrow, Director, Bye Aerospace.

July 8: Regular Meeting & PINE RIVER AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE from 1-4 pm.

July 15: EAGLES FLIGHTS for Adults, Brainerd Airport

July 19: HANGER 60 PARTY, BRAINERD AIRPORT

August 12: Regular Meeting

September 9: POKER RUN No regular meeting this Saturday September 16: YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS at Breezy Point



CLOSING REMARKS

THANK YOU'S are in order to...

Mike Petersen and Trudi Amundson for organizing and facilitating our attendance at the BREEZY POINT FLY-IN on May 6th. This event helped us cap our sign-up for the YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS at KBRD as well as obtain more sign-ups for the Aitkin Chapter and Chapter 1610 Breezy Point YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS on September 16 and the EAGLES (adult) FLIGHTS on July 15. Check the EVENTS CALENDAR for exact dates.

Dr. Walt Roberts for his comprehensive and informative presentation on BASIC MED on Saturday May 13.

Trudi Amundson for managing all the details required to host a YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS for 52 kids and 2 adults on Saturday May 20.

Gordon Hart, Mike Petersen, Jane Haubrich, Becky Putzke, Mark Crist, Rollie Noordsmann, Trudi Amundson. Craig Rodamaker, and Michelle & Joe Lambert for volunteering with the Brat Sale held Saturday & Sunday, May 27 & 28.

I am still interested in hearing your suggestions for future topics in the Newsletter. I also encourage budding authors to submit content. Please contact Mark Bearss

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