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# CAVU Chronicles

## JUNE BEGAN WITH YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS

Considering the number of YE's signed up for June 1st, 2024 event, one could say June arrived like a lion. Over NINETY were signed up. Not to be undaunted with this Chapter 1610 record turnout, Trudi Amundson, as usual, had things under control. Seven planes & pilots were lined up. There were seven ground crew-chiefs dedicated to each pilot. She also had three "people marshallers" who helped escort YE's and their parents to & from the planes. And finally, a one volunteer was there to handle triage and crowd control.

Crowd control was essential. During any scheduled flight time, the seven planes could accommodate seventeen YE's. Assume, on the average, two parents would accompany their child. Since we would have one group flying and another group arriving for check-in, that meant the crowd could grow to as many as one hundred people! The Ground Crew, which included the 7 crew chiefs, 3 marshallers, and the greeter did an outstanding job.

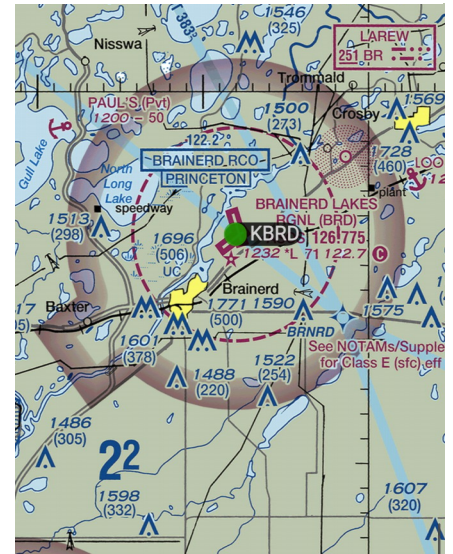
In addition to just the sheer numbers, the Ground Crew had to "call an audible" when, after his first flight, Greg Jorvig's plane had to be grounded due to a mechanical issue. That meant adjusting the schedule for three YE's for each timeslot.

To them...Brandon Eberts, Michelle and Joe Lambert, Dick Piepgras, Corinne Roberts, Roger Macy, Mike Petersen, Adam Lee, Rod Osterloh, Craig Rodamaker and Jane Haubrich...a huge and sincere THANK YOU!!!

To the pilots...Trudi Amundson, Mark Crist, Greg Jorvig, Jon Lee, Howard McCollister and Walt Roberts...THANK YOU for volunteering your time and aircraft.

And Trudi...your organizational prowess knocked it out of the park again. In the final analysis, we flew 74 kids and 2 adults.

*Thank You!*



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Mother Nature defied the NWS “rain pending” forecasts and gave us another glorious flying day.

Seven planes were readied and our preferred runway was 23.



Despite having one of the planes removed from service due to a mechanical issue, the families were very understanding and appreciative of the Ground Crew’s ability to adapt and accommodate. With the nice weather, having Wings Café’ at the ready, and lots of activity on the tarmac, parents & guardians enjoyed the activities as much as the YE’s.





Trudi received an email from a mom who asked if there was availability on September 21<sup>st</sup> for our next YE event at East Gull Lake because her son, Rory, “HAD A BLAST” and wants to do it again.



And finally, during the YE sign-up at the Pine River Airport Open House, we had one YE who was at the KBRD event and wants to fly again at East Gull Lake. I asked if she remembered what plane she flew in before. She pointed to the bright yellow RV on the tarmac and said, “I want to go in THAT ONE again!” (Howards McCollister’s).

# EAA RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

These pictures say it all. Brandon soloed on Tuesday, June 25th.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Let the Cross-Country flights begin!!



To:

Mike Hansen

The City of Pine River

Todd Merwin

Dale Armstrong

Terri Dabill

Bryan Drown

Troy Gregory

Joe Ruttger

Paul Schroeder

Tamara Hansen

Eric Loge

Bob Walton

Mark Bearss

From Dave Koenig:

Thank you all for helping to make this year's open house a success. A special thanks to Eric Loge for providing garbage service, Mike Hansen for getting the grounds in such great shape, Mark Bearss for organizing food trucks, Troy Gregory, Joe Ruttger and Paul Schroeder for taking care of chairs, and Dale Armstrong who kept everything running smoothly and provided hangar shelter during the early morning rain shower. I'm sure I missed someone but thanks to all! Below see a few pictures I took. I especially like the one of the young boy and dad from Pine River both captivated by the aviation activity.

And...Thanks To Bryan Drown for sharing the airport master plan with visitors and to Rob Walton for providing coffee.

## THE PINE RIVER AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE & FLY-IN

On June 15th, the Pine River Airport Commission held its second Pine River Airport Open House at KPWC. Included with this event was a Fly-in, a food truck vendor providing a full menu with breakfast and lunch items, and an ice cream “truck” serving up cups & cones of flavors you just can’t get at the local grocery store.

Despite a drizzly morning start, the Fly-in brought quite a few pilots & passengers. In fact, a Cessna Caravan made quite the appearance with a “van-load” of food-truck seekers.

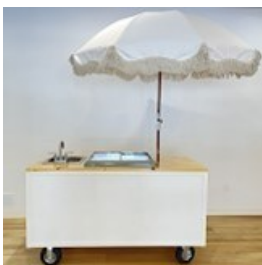




Bobcat's Lunchbox



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Civil Air Patrol, KBRD



Vangstad's Creamery



## EAA CHAPTER 1610 LONGSTER PROJECT: STATUS REPORT

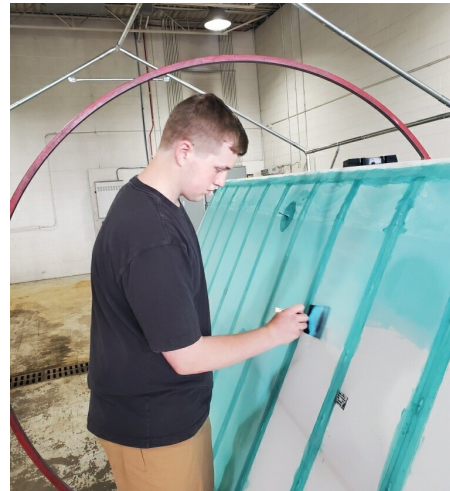
Significant progress has been made with the Longster project. As stated in the June newsletter, we have occupied the space at the airport...the old fire-station garage, thanks to KBRD Airport Management.

All the Longster's components were moved in on June 12th & 13th. The frame of the paint booth was assembled the following week, and one wing was mounted in the rotisserie.

During the second half of June, Rollie and Joe spent time getting the space cleaned & prepped in order to begin cleaning & de-greasing all the surfaces. This step is necessary before any Stewart System coatings can be applied to the wings and the fuselage.



The project ramped up the last week of June with the application of EkoBond (the blue-green solvent) to all the untreated surfaces of the starboard wing. This was immediately followed with the first coat of the UV protectant (gray solvent). Looking good, eh?



Thank you Rollie, Brandon and Dick!



## EVENTS OF INTEREST ON THE UPCOMING CALENDAR.

**JULY 6, 2024**

### **Starbuck Fly-in Breakfast**

7 a.m. to Noon.

The Starbuck Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a fly-in breakfast on July 6, 2024, at the Starbuck Airport D32. Chris Cakes pancakes, sausage, and a beverage. Come for the breakfast then take a short walk downtown along the shore of Lake Minnewaska to take part in the Heritage Days Festivities. Craft fair, car show, kid's games, zoo exhibit, climbing wall, pedal pull, color run, parade, fireworks, depot and museum open house, and more. Stay for the day or camp under your wing and extend your visit.

Contact: Tom Beuckens 612-715-1995

**JULY 18, 2024:**

### **BURGERS AT LONGVILLE XVG**

5–7 p.m.

Longville Municipal Airport

EAA Chapter 1397 is flying to different airports for food every Thursday this summer! Come join us for Burgers at Longville (XVG) Thursday July 18.

Contact: [eaachapter.1397@gmail.com](mailto:eaachapter.1397@gmail.com)

**JULY 22–28, 2024**

### **EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH**

**EAA Chapters Celebrating 70 years**

**JULY 28, 2024:**

### **OLIVIA LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

8 a.m.— NOON.

Olivia Airport (KOVL)

The Olivia Lions Club is serving a pancake breakfast. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, and sausage. PIC eats free. Free activities for the kids. Local vendors will be present.

Contact: Rich Haugen, 320-522-2115, [richard.haugen@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.haugen@yahoo.com)



## **AS A REMINDER**

A group text-messaging system has been set up for those of you who want to participate in either a FLY-OUT or be a passenger when a member is going flying.

Currently on the list are:

Craig, Trudi, Joe, Rollie, Rod, Woody, Dave, Walt and Mark B.

To get added, simply text me (Mark B.) at 952-818-9986.

This is simply an ad-hoc way of contacting interested members if/when you are entertaining the opportunity of either flying to a destination or simply practice take-off's and landings.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### DID YOU KNOW...?

An easy and convenient way to keep up-to-date on scheduled Chapter 1610 meetings, events, and other aviation-related 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.

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

**July 13: Regular Chapter Meeting**

**August 4: Aitkin Flyers Pancake Breakfast & Fly-In**

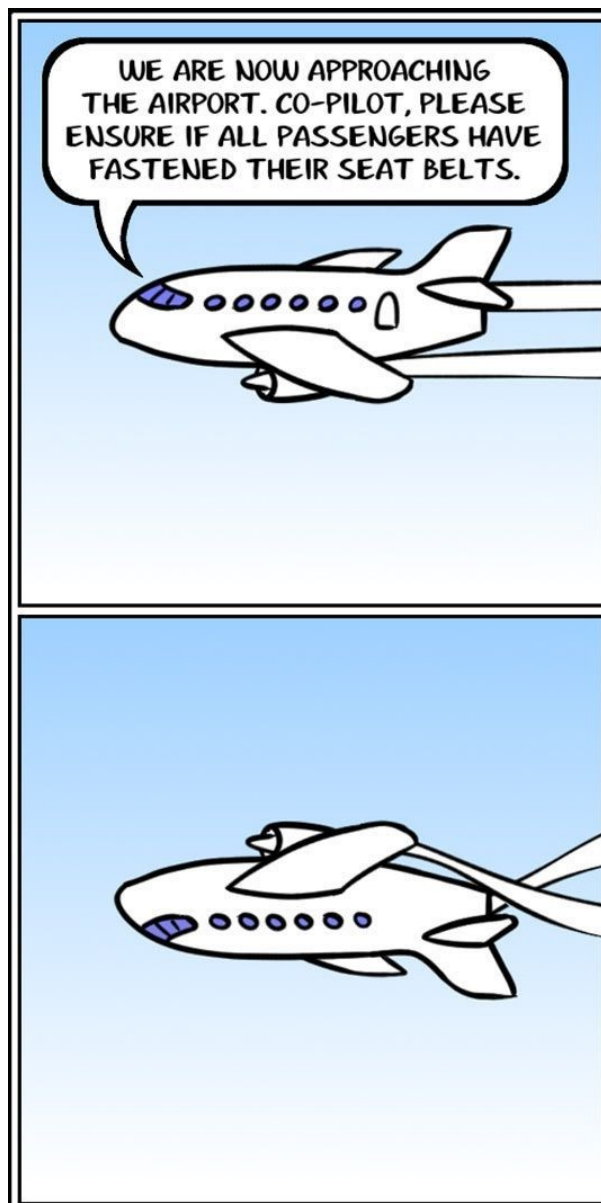
**August 10: Regular Chapter Meeting**

**September 14: Grass-is-a-Gas Poker Run**

**September 21: Young Eagles Flights, East Gull Lake Airport**



## ON THE 'LIGHTAIR' SIDE



I am always interested in hearing your suggestions for future topics in the Newsletter. I also encourage budding authors to submit content.

Please contact Mark Bearss

◆ email to [mgbearss@gmail.com](mailto:mgbearss@gmail.com)

◆ Text to 952-818-9986

And finally, the contact information for Chapter 1610 has changed.