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CAVU Chronicles

**JUNE WILL BE A BUSY MONTH
SO, MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

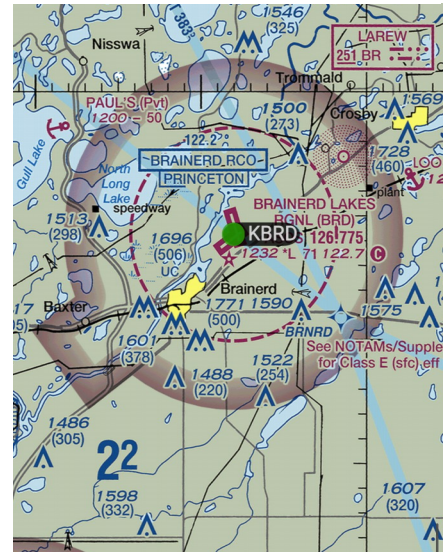
Let's start with **SATURDAY, JUNE 14, from 8:00 am to NOON**

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS are being held at Aitkin's Steve Kurtz Field and conducted by THE AITKIN FLYERS, EAA Chapter 965.



Then, the following **SATURDAY, JUNE 21, from 8:00 am to NOON** EAA Chapter 1610 will be conducting YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS at the Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport.

NOTE: Trudi still needs ground support volunteers and another pilot with a 4-seater aircraft.



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Finally, the following **SATURDAY, JUNE 28, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**, The Pine River Regional Airport (KPWC) will be hosting their Open House and Fly-In, Breakfast and Car Show.

This event is being held in conjunction with the annual Pine River Summerfest Celebration.

For any questions, contact Dave at 763-244-4028

EAA Chapter 1610 will have a tent set up to promote signing up for the next YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS scheduled for **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, from 8:00 am to NOON at the Pine River Regional Airport.**

Pine River

Regional Airport (KPWC)



OPEN HOUSE & FLY IN

Aircraft Static Displays... Classic Car Show... Breakfast...
**request donation*

Learn about our planning updates & upcoming projects...

Saturday, June 28 - **9:00 am-1:00 pm** - 1340 MN-84, Pine River, MN

Contact: Dave - 763.244.4028 - Freq: 122.9 (on day of event)



"GRASS IS A GAS"

AVIATORS POKER RUN

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

**BRAINERD LAKES REGIONAL
AIRPORT KBRD**

Depart KBRD, fly to 4 grass strips in any order, Hill City (07Y), Remer (52Y), Bowstring (9Y0), East Gull Lake (9Y2), and return to Brainerd, a total of approximately 160 NM. Pickup a sealed envelope with one playing card in each location and reveal your hand when you return to Brainerd.
Prizes for best poker hands

JOIN US AND FLY THE BEAUTIFUL BRAINERD LAKES AREA

**EVENT IS 100% FREE, NO COST TO PARTICIPATE.
JOIN US AND FLY THE BEAUTIFUL BRAINERD LAKES AREA**

Fifty cent per gallon fuel discount for participants courtesy of NorthPoint Aviation
Come early, stay late, breakfast and lunch available for purchase at Wings Cafe.

Registration opens at 07:30, preflight briefing at 08:15 sharp! Wheels up at any time thereafter, must return to KBRD and check in by 13:30 to be eligible for prizes.

**Please note: Registration strictly limited to 52 total hands.
Be there early to assure your spot!**

Registration limited to fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft only. Limit one hand per person, two hands per aircraft.
Must be 18 or over to play a hand.

Contact Mike @ 612-750-2981

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LONGSTER PROJECT UPDATE

The following announcement was sent via email to Chapter1610 members on May 30.

Dateline Brainerd:

After many years of hard work, the Henderson Longster achieved its first “flight” yesterday evening.

Similar to the Wright Brothers, the Longster went less than 120 feet flown at Kitty Hawk and the altitude was slightly less, but make no mistake about it, the Longster was aloft for the first time.

Attempts at guessing the Center of Gravity appeared to be successful as the aircraft was straight and level and, according to reports from the scene, came back to earth in a near perfect three point touchdown.

While there is still some work to be done, the first successful liftoff is most certainly newsworthy.

Congrats to the “Longster Boys.”

Rod Osterloh responded with the following. “It’s great to have dedicated aviators who have been committed to seeing the Longster finally fly.” Thank you, Rod!!



One more related element that needs to be incorporated into this project is a Time Capsule. Contents would include a variety of documents, such as...

- Reprints of articles that were published back in the 1930s about Les Long
- Original instructions for assembling the Longster
- Photographs from The CAVU Chronicles that tracked the restoration project
- A team photograph

For other suggestions, let us know.

Work remaining:

1. Remove the wings so the N-numbers can be applied
2. Apply the decals to the fuselage.
3. Toast our success.

RESULTS FROM THE THIRD ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND BRAT FEST FUND RAISER



It was CAVU weather both days. Perfect for all those thousands of cabin owners who migrated to the Crosslake area and started their summer season. And...it was perfect weather for the crews who cooked up and sold 300+ brats and 120+ hot dogs which included 2 cases of Coke, 2 cases of Sprite, 3 cases of Diet Coke and 3 cases of bottled water.

Financial results will be reported at the next monthly meeting. Preliminary numbers indicate we will meet our goal of providing scholarship support for our three young students.

I want to extend a sincere THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped in the success of this fundraiser.

Mike Petersen

Rollie Noordmans

Dave Koenig

Jane Haubrich

Mark Crist

Howard McCollister

Trudi Amundson

Craig Rodamaker

And...we were so busy no one remembered to take a photo. Sooo....





Duluth, MN

July 5 and 6, 2025

Saturday & Sunday

Gates open at 9:00am

Airshow begins 11:00am

Gates close at 6:00pm



Victory At Sea: 250th Anniversary Of The U.S. Navy & Marines

Celebrate the momentous 250th anniversary of the U.S. Navy and Marines on August 16-17, 2025, at the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum's extraordinary WWII Aircraft Reunion. Enjoy a spectacular display of airworthy WWII aircraft, explore fully operational ground vehicles from the era, and engage with knowledgeable reenactors who bring history to life. Listen to insightful talks from esteemed guest speakers who will share their expertise on the rich naval and marine history of our nation.

Granite Falls, MN

August 16 and 17, 2025

Saturday: Gates open at
9:00am and close at 4:00pm

Sunday: Gates open at
9:00am and close at 1:00pm



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.

June 14:	Young Eagles Flights, Aitkin Airport
June 21:	Young Eagles Flights, KBRD
June 28:	Pine River Airport Open House & Fly-In
July 12:	Regular Chapter Meeting
August 9:	Regular Chapter Meeting
August 16:	Young Eagles Pine River
September 13:	Grass is a Gas Poker Run

ON THE 'LIGHTAIR' SIDE



Private Pilot: I need a little help as I am not sure of my position

ATC: Roger. Set 1234 on your transponder

Private Pilot: OK

—long pause—

ATC: I don't see you in any of my sectors. Where was the last place you were sure of your position?

Private Pilot: Holding short runway 34

ATC: Clipper 123, what's the turbulence like at your level?

Clipper 123: Well ...how shall I put it? The Captain's just stuck his fork up his nose.

ATC: TWA 789, what's the turbulence like at your level?

TWA 789: I don't know, we haven't eaten yet.

A DC-10 had an exceedingly long roll out after landing with his approach speed a little high.

San Jose Tower: American 751 heavy, turn right at the end of the runway, if able. If not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport.

Allegedly, a Pan Am 727 flight waiting for start clearance in Munich overheard the following:

Lufthansa (in German): "Ground, what is our start clearance time?"

Ground (in English): "If you want an answer you must speak in English."

Lufthansa (in English): "I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?"

Unknown voice from another plane (in a beautiful British accent): "Because you lost the bloody war."



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

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