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## CHAPTER NEWS



## Ray Aviation Scholarship

The Ray Aviation Scholarship program provides up to \$10,000 scholarships to young people who are seeking to learn to fly. The Ray Foundation has provided \$1.55 million to fund the scholarship program, which seeks to improve the flight training success rate from the current industry standards of 20 percent to 80 percent for program participants. Local EAA chapters are responsible for identifying youth for the Ray Aviation Scholarship program and mentoring them through flight training. The Ray Foundation is furthering the legacy of James C. Ray, an EAA lifetime member who was dedicated to aviation and youth education.

For the third straight year, EAA Chapter 18 has been selected to distribute a scholarship. The Chapter Scholarship Committee will be reviewing potential candidates within the next two months, with the intention of awarding a scholarship in time for the Student Pilot to take advantage of the excellent local flying weather. If you have a family member who is interested in learning to fly, or if you know of a good candidate, please let VP Tim Meyer know.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

- Be age 16-19 for powered flight training, or at least age 15 for glider training.
- Possess a student pilot certificate (Aspiring scholars can apply for their student pilot certificate by meeting with a local flight instructor)
- Possess an FAA medical certificate (Privat Pilot Students Only – The FAA Medical can be obtained by accessing FAA MedXpress and contacting an aviation medical examiner.)
- Be able to begin flight training within 60 days of receiving the award.

**Only 127  
Days to  
Oshkosh!**



# RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP



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Earning a Ray Aviation Scholarship comes with a high level of responsibility, especially considering that this is a once-in-a-lifetime flight training opportunity. Due to the significance of the program, selected scholars must comply with the following:

- Complete two or more hours of chapter volunteer service per month, such as:
  - Young Eagles rally volunteering.
  - Fly-in volunteering
  - Chapter gathering participation.
- Submit regular progress reports on flight training and chapter volunteer service.
- Reach flight training milestones, as outlined by EAA's training timeline.
  - Complete first solo within three months.
  - Complete FAA written exam within six months.
  - Pass FAA checkride within 12 months.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings on the first day of Spring. The weather is great and I am sure that our membership is out there, flying. I look forward to a few flying reports during our next Chapter Meeting. I don't know about you, but I am ready for a Chapter Meeting. We happened to schedule our February meeting on the day of the worst ice storm this winter. Now I understand there is a chance for significant snow this Tuesday. If I have to, I will strap on the snow shoes and make my way into the Crites Field terminal for the meeting.

We'll try again to fire off the February program at the March meeting. Chris Henry, the illustrious EAA Museum Programs Director is expected to join us at Crites. Chris will take us on a virtual tour of the EAA museum, while providing stories and insight not readily available to those of us who have wandered the museum by ourselves. I hope that you can make it out to Waukesha for an interesting night at the museum.

If you come out to the Chapter meeting, make a point to introduce yourself to Cindy Robinson, our Young Eagles coordinator. Cindy has put together a schedule for flying Young Eagles this year that includes some work with the Boy Scouts of America. I don't intend to rehash the BSA v. EAA kerfuffle, but I do encourage you to chat with Cindy and see the ways that we are attempting to put our organization, and ourselves out in front of the Boy Scouts.

Spring always signals a revival in nature, and the Chapter recently had its own revival with the return of the Project Patrol. BoD member Jeff Point took time out from planning his Dodgers Spring Training safari to put together a Chapter visit to Maxim's Restaurant, then off to John Nate's house and then Fred Keip's hangar. It was great to hang out with nearly 20 of our Chapter members and swap stories.

Recently, we got some great news from the Home Office. Our Chapter was, once again, selected to distribute a Ray Scholarship. Vice President Tim Meyer has been fantastic in shepherding the necessary paperwork and information to, and from, the Home Office. Now the fun begins with our Scholarship Committee finding and interviewing candidates for the prize. If you know of anyone interested in learning to fly, or if you wish to participate on the selection committee, please reach out to our VP.

I am excited to include in this month's FlyPaper the first member supplied content that I have ever received. Enjoy what Ron Finet has shared.

That's it for this month..... remember to just fly right, build right, and enjoy the hell out of it all.

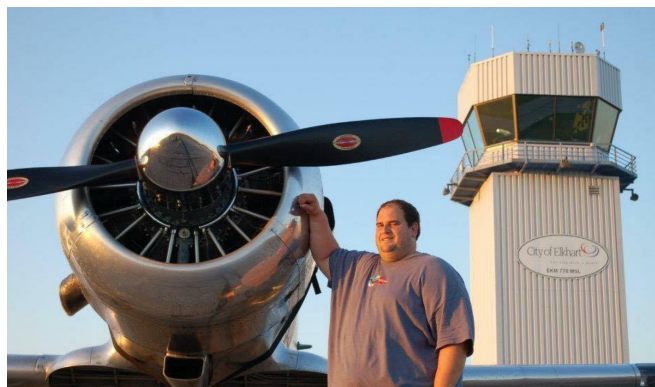
# MARCH MEETING



# March Meeting

Tuesday, March 22

Program: EAA Museum Virtual Tour with Chris Henry



Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Waukesha Airport  
2525 Aviation Drive  
Waukesha



# PROJECT PATROL



The Chapter participated in a long awaited Project Patrol on Saturday, March 12. Nearly 20 members showed up for breakfast, followed by two inspiring and informative presentations by John Nate and Fred Keip. Attendees included: Phil Morales, Dave Hedgecock, Mike Corso, Paul Comte, Owen Robinson, Ron Finet, Daryl Kufalk, Glenn Botsford, Ken Ceranski, Jim Hattenbeller, Tim Meyer, Carl Golnick, Mark Matelski, John Nate, Dean, John Hunt, Dean Forrest, Thaddeus Pinkoski, Fred Keip, and Matt Naiva.





# PROJECT PATROL



## RAY AVIATION SCHOLAR



## Scholarship Update



*Chapter 18 Ray Aviation Scholar, Owen Robinson, provides this update:*

Finally, after a couple of weeks of no flying due to weather, I have been able to get in a couple more flights. My first flight was just a refresher on maneuvers and landing procedures, then the next flight was another solo. In that solo, I practiced all my maneuvers and some pattern work. The landings were surprisingly good after a while of not doing any. Then on the 9th, I was finally able to get in my long-distance cross country, from Waukesha to Manitowoc to Appleton then back. On the way, I got some more practice with VFR flight following from Milwaukee and Green Bay Approach. The flight was a bit bumpy, and the wind was really blowing us around, but luckily the runways were within 10 degrees of the direction of the wind, so there wasn't much crosswind in the landings. The hardest part of the flight was when we were on final for runway 25 in Manitowoc, the sun was setting right in our eyes, and it made for an eye-watering landing. After this, I have a bunch more flights planned, with solo cross countries being planned in the next two weeks, and from there all I need before I take my check ride will be some simulated instrument flight time. With the weather starting to cooperate, days getting longer, and more time in my schedule, I am trying to get in the air as much as possible in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks again for the continued support of everyone involved in EAA Chapter 18 and the Young Eagles program, it means so much to me and my family for me to be able to pursue my dream.

# YOUNG EAGLES



## Young Eagles Update

We decided to come alongside the 128<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and offer Young Eagles Flights during their community outreach partner event with the Boy Scouts on Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. We currently have three Chapter 18 pilots, and I am actively working with other EAA Chapters to recruit several more to ensure we have enough pilots. If we do not get enough pilots we will forego flying and instead offer pre-flight demonstrations. For those offering to fly, or conducting pre-flight demonstrations with their aircraft, I will be sending forms that need to be completed in advance.

This event is set up on our Young Eagles Day Registration website but is set to private mode, so the event is not visible to the public. To volunteer in any capacity, please contact me through email at [youngeagles@eaa18.org](mailto:youngeagles@eaa18.org) and I will get you signed up.

Because we will be on a military base, I will need to collect your full legal name, birthplace (city and state), and driver's license. I need to submit that information one week before the event (4/15).

Finally, the 128th has generously offered to provide snacks and lunch to all pilots and volunteers for this event.

Our next Chapter 18 Young Eagles Rally will be Saturday, June 18 at Timmerman (10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). As we get closer, I will send out that Rally information.

As a side note, the YE Registration website communication email notifications often end up in email spam folders. For those that volunteer, as we lead up to YE Rally events, please check your spam folder on occasion in case this happens to you.

Thank you – Cindy Robinson, YE Coordinator, Chapter 18



## THOUGHTS FROM RON



# Hot Wire



Those of you who did not make it to the March Project Patrol, you missed a great time learning new tricks and techniques and sharing ideas. John Nate, while showing us his Defiant project, mentioned the problems that he had experienced with smoothly controlling the voltage on his hot wire set up. As it has been many years since I have cut foam, my old brain did not kick in until after I got home. Slowly it came back. I had added a ten to one transformer that I had salvaged from a twelve volt battery charger, between the Variac and the hot wire. The easiest fix is to simply insert the whole battery charger in the circuit. The DC won't make any difference but the newer computer regulated chargers will not work. Please don't call OSHA on me. My rig was built under a time crunch and after the job was done, I never went back to kid-proof the wiring. I hope this is of help to some of you.

I welcome questions, comments, or criticisms

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 22 – Chapter 18 Meeting**

Terminal Building  
 Crites Field  
 Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 05, 2022 – Sun n Fun**

Lakeland, Florida

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – Chapter 18 Meeting**

CAP Hangar  
 Timmerman Airport  
 Director’s Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, July 25, 2022 – EAA AirVenture**

Oshkosh, WI

**Monday, April 8, 2024 – Total Eclipse of the Sun**

Somewhere, where there are no clouds. Remember your Social Distancing Protocols.



## APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



TREASURER REPORT-TREASURER GLENN BOTSFORD

February 2022	Checking	Savings	PayPal	Total	Paid Membership
Beginning Balance	\$2,958.72	\$763.65	\$138.28	\$1,929.44	89
Income					
Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00		
Total Income	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$42.00		
Expenses					
Nametags	\$43.98	\$0.00	\$10.00		
WI Annual Report	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Expenses	\$43.98	\$0.00	\$10.00		
Ending Balance	\$2, 914.74	\$763.65	\$138.28	\$3,816.67	



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