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RAY AVIATION SCHOLAR

Matthew Romuald



**Only 267
Days to
Oshkosh!**



It has been a while since the FlyPaper has been published, and a while since we've checked in on our Ray Aviation Scholar, Matthew Romuald. Please enjoy his activities of the last few months.....

Since the last newsletter, I have done quite a bit of flying. I have completed several cross country flights with my instructor Tom Stingl at Spring City Aviation out of KUES. The only cross country I have left to complete is the long solo.

My favorite flight was the night cross country to Rockford (KRFD). I think that cross countries are fun, but a cross country at night is a whole 'nother story. I had a difficult start to the flight. My radio calls were good but my course calculation was a bit off due to inaccurate wind reports. I had to figure out what my heading should be on the fly. This is where my instructor had to nudge me in the right direction; he started by explaining that sometimes it is easier to identify a city with the help of an airport beacon and lighting. This saved me from getting lost and I got used to the look of the cities along the route and quickly found my heading. The flight back went flawlessly, with the cherry on top being an excellent landing!

I tapered off a bit on my flying to focus on my written test. By the time you are reading this, I should have passed this milestone. Preparing for this test was a bit overwhelming with so many topics that needed to be mastered! I must have taken 100 practice tests.

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Matthew Romuald



At the end of summer, and just before school started, I flew with my father in our RV7 to Bois Blanc Island, Michigan with a stop at Ephraim Gibraltar airport in Door County Wisconsin. We did some biking through Peninsula State Park and ate lunch at Wilson's. The bikes are free to borrow from the airport and really helps to burn off the ice cream we ate at Wilson's! We camped at Bois Blanc Island without another soul in sight. We walked to the shore of Lake Huron and gazed at the Mighty Mac Bridge. The next morning we took an extremely short flight to Mackinac Island. We visited around the Island, although I think that my favorite part was the airport! On our flight back to Waukesha we ran into some questionable weather. We landed in Manitowoc to evaluate our options. After careful consideration, we safely flew back to Waukesha. Even though I couldn't log the hours, I worked the radios for flight following and had an opportunity to do much longer flight planning.

After passing the written and completing my last cross country, I should be putting the finishing touches on preparation for the practical. I plan to spend the majority of my time outside of school preparing for my practical exam by taking mock check rides with my instructor Tom and the head instructor at Spring City Waukesha, Dan Heling. I am seriously looking forward to practicing for and ultimately taking my check-ride.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Greetings From The President



Greetings and welcome to the ~~September-October-November~~... oh hell, let's just call it the Quarterly Flypaper. It's been eight months since we got together for a regular monthly meeting and it's been several months since we were able to get together as a chapter for the summer fly-in in June and the very-late-spring picnic in July. Because of this it has been very easy to get out of the habit of publishing the Flypaper every month, but it is important to check in once in a while. The chapter is still a going concern, and we look forward to getting back together once conditions permit.

When I last pounded out a column, I speculated that we might be able to get back to holding meetings by the end of the year. Well, October has come and gone and November is the only remaining month when we normally hold meetings. I've been following the City of Milwaukee's guidelines on gatherings. Suffice it to say that things are not moving in a positive direction, and it doesn't look like we will be legally able to hold a meeting this year at our usual location. As we move into 2021 your board will be evaluating the situation and considering at least a temporary move to a location outside of Milwaukee. I hate to even consider this, but with no end in sight, we need to at least look at our options.

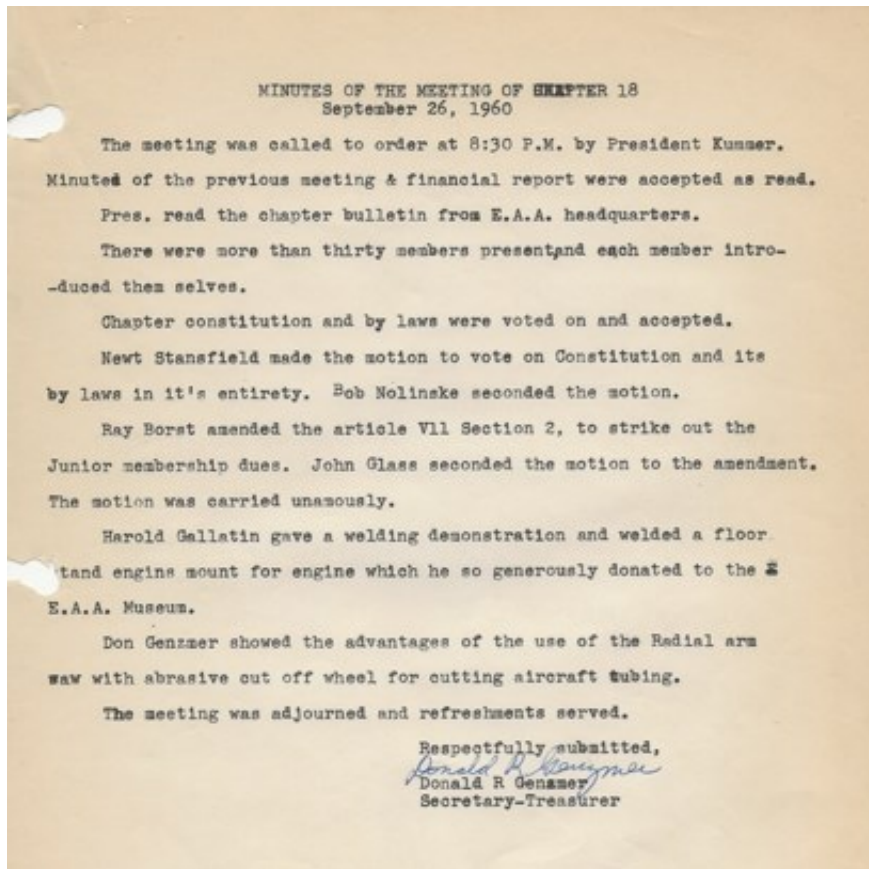
The other thing to consider this year is the Christmas party. With new 25% restrictions being placed on restaurants in the city, this may not even be an option. Of course a lot can change in a couple of months so we'll have to wait and see what develops. One important thing we need to know is this- how many people would be interested in attending if we do hold our party at the usual spot. To that end we'll be sending out a link to a survey in the next week or so to gauge interest, so please complete that survey when it goes out.

In any event, I hope everyone is doing well, weathering the storm and keeping busy. We are on the precipice of Building Season, so it's time to start planning for all the project work that we all like to get done during the eleven months of winter. Since we haven't had a meeting in a while it's been hard to keep tabs on everyone's projects. If you are building and have made some progress, do us all a favor and take a few photos, write up a few paragraphs and send them in for the Flypaper. Your editor is always looking for content, and building progress reports are always fun to read.

60TH ANNIVERSARY



It all started here..... Celebrating the Chapter's 60th Year



September is the birthday month for Chapter 18, as it is the month when the Chapter constitution and by-laws were formalized.



EAA LEGACY



A Challenge to Members to Share the Gift of EAA

David Leiting



The past 10 months have flipped the world upside down for many of us, but they have also allowed us to spend more time focusing on our families and our passions. For all of us, the shared passion is aviation. It is what brought us together, and has been the one constant we can look to when the days get rough.

The flying club I am a member of shut down operations for 90 days as we evaluated how we could safely operate amongst the COVID-19 pandemic. It pained me to stay out of the cockpit for more than three months. This was the first time since I passed my private pilot check ride that I was out of my 90-day currency! Additionally, my local EAA chapter put all of our events on hold. Although we were able to conduct virtual gatherings and board meetings, it wasn't the same as our usual in-person events.

This lack of aviation activity caused me to reflect on my passion for aviation, and remind myself how easy it is to take for granted the aviation opportunities afforded by EAA. Like many of you, much of what I use to fuel my passion for aviation has come from EAA. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, my Young Eagles flight, the relationships built through my local chapters, and the educational opportunities. Without EAA, I am not quite sure where I would find myself on my aviation journey.

One of the great pillars of EAA is the opportunity to give back, and pass the torch to future members. Perhaps you have given a Young Eagles flight that led to a career aviator, or lent a helping hand to a friend building their own aircraft. There is also a great chance that you have benefited from the generosity of a fellow EAAer. It is the lifeblood of our organization!

We all remember our mentor who introduced us to aviation and are forever grateful for the gift they gave us. That mentor may still be a close friend of yours within your EAA chapter. EAA is now asking you to join us in helping to preserve the legacy of EAA Founder Paul Poberezny, and of all our past and current members, by gifting an EAA membership to someone you feel will continue to carry on EAA's mission within The Spirit of Aviation.

It is EAA members such as yourself that can bring aboard the next generation of members. Your involvement in your local chapter is even a greater reason to introduce them to EAA. Chapter members are the most engaged and passionate members you'll find within EAA. There is no better group than a local chapter to welcome a newcomer to EAA.

Once you identify whom you'd like to sponsor, simply visit www.EAA.org/Legacy to register EAA's newest member. After you gift this membership, invite the individual to your chapter, and show them the opportunities and community that exist in their own backyard. By gifting a membership and becoming a Legacy sponsor, you will receive a Legacy sponsor pin and patch.

EAA cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the organization, and especially of your local chapter. Chapters are the lifeblood of EAA, and without them the impact of EAA would be fraction of what it is today. Enjoy your holiday season, and we hope to see you in Oshkosh this July!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, April 13, 2021— Sun n Fun
Lakeland, Florida

Monday, July 26, 2021 – EAA AirVenture
Oshkosh, WI

Monday, April 8, 2024 – Total Eclipse of the Sun
Somewhere, where there are no clouds. Remember your Social Distancing Protocols.



NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



TREASURER REPORT-TREASURER GLENN BOTSFORD

September 2020	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>PayPal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Paid Membership</u>
Beginning Balance	\$821.51	\$763.53	\$273.08	\$1,858.12	108
Income					
Dues	\$40.00	\$0.02	\$10.00		
Total Income	\$40.00	\$0.02	\$10.00		
Expenses					
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ending Balance	\$861.51	\$763.55	\$283.08	\$1908.14	



Stay Safe



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