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**Only 182
Days to
Oshkosh!**



YOUNG EAGLES

Travis Maxwell

A message from our Vice President, Tim Meyer:

Through my affiliation with Civil Air Patrol, I became aware of Travis Maxwell, a former Young Eagle and now USAF B52 Pilot.

Travis created the following YouTube video as a thank you to the pilots of Youth and Aviation (<http://www.youthandaviation.org/>), a Non Profit organization based at Timmerman Airport which is made up of Civil Air Patrol pilots. This is the organization that provides the meeting space for us to use at Timmerman Airport.

[Youth and Aviation](https://youtu.be/vdWyyJn9GFI) (<https://youtu.be/vdWyyJn9GFI>)

I shared this video at our October EAA Chapter Meeting but had some difficulties with the Audio during that presentation. I am sharing it now with our membership so that they can adjust the volume and watch it on their own.

I also compiled a few of the dates mentioned in this video to provide a timeline of Travis involvement with EAA Young Eagles, Civil Air Patrol and Youth and Aviation. I was able to find his Young Eagle flights at (<https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/free-ye-flights/ea-young-eagles-logbook>). He flew with us twice and I am assuming it was by a Chapter 18 pilot on the following dates.

Travis D Maxwell from Milwaukee, WI 5/15/2005 flew a Cessna 172 Skyhawk

Travis D Maxwell from Milwaukee, WI 3/22/2009 flew a Cessna

2005, First Young Eagle Flight

2008, First CAP Orientation Flight with Youth and Aviation/CAP Instructor Pilot Tom Mescher

2009, Second Young Eagle Flight

2014, Private Pilot at age 17

2019, This Video was created and uploaded to YouTube

Travis has informed Tom Mescher that he is now a United States Air Force pilot flying B52's

This video was shared at the Annual Milwaukee County Budget hearing and left at least one of the board members in tears.

Through EAA and the Ray Scholarship program, we would like to ask for your help in finding and sponsoring the next Travis Maxwell to be the recipient of our next \$10,000 Ray Aviation Scholarship.

For more information on the Ray Scholarship program see (<https://www.eaa.org/ea/ea-chapters/ea-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/ray-aviation-scholarship-fund>)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Nothing succeeds like succession. I am very honored to have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of all the men that have helmed this organization. Specifically, our immediate past President, Jeff Point. After many years leading our group, Jeff finally put himself first and pursued his lifelong dream of becoming the Team Pilot for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He still has some hurdles to cross, but his time flying for Air Wisconsin will be well spent. Jeff has been awesome as our President and I will miss his presence in the front of the room and behind the scenes of all of the Chapter activities. He's been really helpful getting me ready to take this on. Thanks, Jeff for all you've done as President.

While Jeff is still with us to wisecrack from the sidelines, the Chapter lost another leader this month. Mr. Bill Stilley, a former Vice President, member of the Chapter Board of Directors, and a beloved builder/mentor, passed away recently. Bill built, or restored a dozen aircraft and consulted on quite a few more. He will be missed.

We had hoped to get a new generation some exposure to our group as the new season of Young Eagles flights has begun. We were planning some frosty operations at Waukesha Airport as part of the airport's Janboree celebration. 12 pilots volunteered 28 seats for young people to enjoy a free plane ride. Several members of the club volunteered for ground operations as well, and that's asking a lot for a January morning. Even though she couldn't control Mother Nature, all of this was pulled together by our new Young Eagles Coordinator, Cindy Robinson. Cindy has been active in the club as the mother of our Ray Scholar, Owen, and recently jumped in to the YE role. She is doing a fantastic job and I hope that you will all let her know how much she is appreciated.

Cindy has a tough act to follow. Steph Schulko has been coordinating Young Eagles activities for the club for many years. Anyone who has participated as a pilot, or as ground support, for a Chapter 18 Young Eagles event knows how well the program was executed by Steph. She has touched so many lives through her generous dedication to the Chapter Young Eagles program. Hers is a legacy that will endure. If you see Steph in the coming months please express thanks. I know that I will.

As you read this, you have probably learned that our Chapter meeting has migrated back to Waukesha for the month of January. The meeting will be one day prior to the 69th anniversary of the first EAA meeting on January 26, 1953. The program for our meeting is to provide an overview of what's planned for 2022 as well as a look back at 2021, with some Chapter awards and First Flight recognition. We'll hear from the Home Office about their plans for 2022. Cindy will share plans about Young Eagles and Tim Meyer will provide an overview of the process for selecting our next Ray Scholar (If we're fortunate enough to be provided the opportunity.)

The Chapter Board will be discussing the future location of Chapter meetings. There's quite a bit of history related to our Chapter, and we want to honor that history as best we can. That might mean continuing at Timmerman or moving elsewhere for 2022. Please feel free to pull me aside and share your thoughts. I'm really interested in what you think about this.

Jeff would always close out the President's note with "Keep your airspeed up....." I don't have a creative close out as yet.....I'm working on it. Just fly right, build right, and enjoy the hell out of it all.

JANUARY MEETING



January Meeting



Tuesday, January 25

**Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

**Waukesha Airport
2525 Aviation Drive
Waukesha**

RAY AVIATION SCHOLAR



Scholarship Update



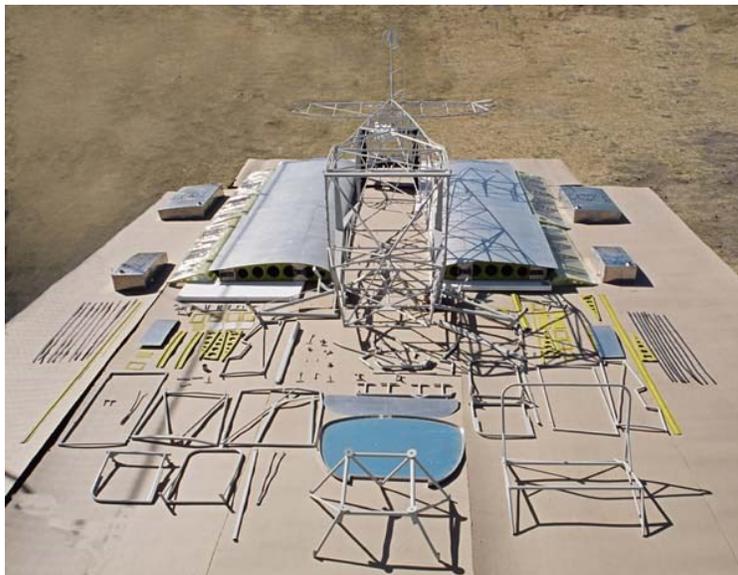
Chapter 18 Ray Aviation Scholar, Owen Robinson, provides this update:

Finally, on December 26th I was able to fly again after about a month of not being able to go up. I was able to complete my first cross-country flight from Waukesha to Oshkosh and back. It was great to get back up and brush the rust off, although my landing in Oshkosh was a bit rough I was able to tidy it up on the landing back in Waukesha. I also got my first experience with working with VFR flight following using Milwaukee's approach and departure. Thankfully the weather cooperated with me, however on the flight back some clouds started to pop up at our cruising altitude, we had to bit of dodging clouds but it was a very smooth flight. I also got to fly again in early January to get some review on flight maneuvers such as slow flight, stalls, steep turns, etc., and that helped to get me to feel and fly like how I did in November. Through these flights, I have been able to test out my new Zulu 3 headset that I received from the Ray Aviation Foundation and Lightspeed Aviation Foundation, and the worked very well, the audio was very clear and the noise-canceling helped me to save my hearing a little bit throughout the flights. Coming up I am looking to get more experience back that I missed throughout the final months of 2021, and I am looking to get another cross-country flight from Waukesha to Manitowoc to Appleton and back, completing my first 150 nm flight, then on to solo cross-country flights. I am very excited to get back in the air as the weather begins to cooperate more and to fly to other airports that aren't near me.

HOMEBUILDERS WEEK



Homebuilders Week



EAA is facilitating the second-annual EAA Homebuilders Week online event from January 24-28. Experts from every corner of the homebuilt aircraft community will bring their knowledge and information to builders everywhere through free and interactive webinars.

Topics covered include:

- Workshops on
 - ◊ Sheet metal
 - ◊ Welding
 - ◊ Wood
- Aircraft designs from a variety of industry leaders
- Part selection when building; buying secondhand

[Homebuilders Week \(eaa.org\)](http://eaa.org)

GONE WEST



Bill Stilley

Bill Stilley was an active member of EAA Chapter 18. Bill served as Vice President and was also a Board member. Our Treasurer, Jim Hatzenbeller remembers Bill:

Bill, worked full time at Astronautics developing instrumentation for military aircraft and later commercial airliners. He worked for them for over 40 plus years. Many years, he served as the Santa Claus at the annual Astronautics Christmas party.

His training was in the Aero Shop at Milwaukee's "Boys Tech.," plus what he has picked up in decades of home-building full scale aircraft, and restoring commercially made single engine planes. Bill served in the US Air Force (1950s), and ended up in a development engineering career of highly technical products, He did that at one place of employment (Astronautics), and did it with less than a 4 year college degree.

Bill was also into modeling before he was ten years old, and took advantage of the model shops found at most larger US Air Bases. He was in "R/C" before it was reliable. Bill served as president of the RAMS R/C club for 4 years.

Bill was a big-city boy all his life. Bill grew up near 15th and Highland in Milwaukee and attended What was then called Boy's Tech in Milwaukee. Bill's Air Force draftsman career was hands on with aircraft (Fort Belvoir, Virginia), During his Air Force time, Bill was stationed in Greenland. Bill was an active pilot, has built or restored a dozen aircraft, and has worked in aircraft instrumentation.

One thing that brought Bill back into modeling in 1994 was the hangering of his aircraft at Rainbow Airport before the County closed it. Rainbow Airport was just north of the RAMS R/C flying field.

Bill developed tonsil cancer in the late 90's, which resulted in removal of lymph nodes in his neck. Bill feels he beat the Big C. However, the radiation treatments left his neck skin sensitive to sunburn, which accounted for the familiar large hat he was seen wearing many times.

After his retirement from Astronautics, Bill could be found most weekends at Capitol Dr. Airport where he worked in the office.

Throughout his lifetime Bill owned several different airplanes. He once owned an Ercoupe. Later he owned a Cessna 150 Sparrow Hawk, and a Cessna 172. He built and flew a Kit Fox. Then to make it back full circle, he restored and flew another Ercoupe.

Bill leaves behind his wife Teri, who was always supportive of his aviation projects.

MEETING MINUTES — BOD



Board of Directors Meeting



The November Board meeting was called to order at 6:40 by President Jeff Point at the CAP hangar at Timmerman Field. Jim Hatzenbeller, Clint Hansen, Glenn Botsford, Fred Keip and Thaddeus Pinkoski were present.

Announcements: Tonight is elections for President, Treasurer, and two Board positions. Thaddeus Pinkoski was nominated for President. Glenn Botsford has agreed to another term as Treasurer. Ken Ceranski has agreed to another term as a Board member. Harrison Pinkoski was nominated for a Board position. It was decided to conduct elections at the evening Chapter meeting. We will do elections first. Then have guests introduce themselves. Then the evening program to be followed by the Chapter meeting.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

Young Eagles: It was reported that Cindy Robinson has volunteered to become the new coordinator of Young Eagles. Stephanie Schulko has agreed to provide training and assistance.

New Business: It was suggested that Fritz Jorgensen be added to the memorial plaque. It was reported that Gary Meier made a first flight in his RV-14 on October 23rd. Thaddeus has volunteered to make reservations for the Dec. holiday meeting. It will take place at El Beso on W. Layton Ave. in Milwaukee. Those present at the evening's Chapter meeting will be asked if there are any names to be added to the Memorial plaque or names for first flight plaques.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary).

MEETING MINUTES — CHAPTER



Chapter Meeting

The November Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Jeff Point at the CAP hangar at Timmerman Field.

Announcements: Guest were asked to introduce themselves and one person did so. It was announced that elections will take place first, then the evening's program will be presented; this will be followed by the Chapter general meeting. It was announced that Fritz Jorgensen's name will be added to the Memorial plaque. The December holiday party will take place on Dec. 14th at El Beso on W. Layton Ave. in Milwaukee.

New Business: At this time, the membership was asked if there were any nominations for President, Treasurer and 2 Board positions. As there were no new nominations, nominations were closed. All those on the slate were elected by voice vote. Thaddeus Pinkoski, President; Glenn Botsford, Treasurer. Ken Ceranski and Harrison Pinkoski as Board members.

Program: The evening program was a presentation by Bill Stricker from the Mitchell Gallery of Flight Museum.

Flying Reports: It was reported that Gary Meier made a first flight on October 23rd in his RV-14. Jim Davies also made a first flight in his RV-7A. Owen Robinson reported that he has passed his FAA written exam. As he is our Ray Aviation scholarship recipient, he was also presented a headset for work conducted up to date. Jeff Point reported that he is doing lots of flying in a CRJ 65-1 as a new pilot for Air Wisconsin.

Young Eagles: It was reported that Cindy Robinson has volunteered to become the new coordinator of Young Eagles. Stephanie Schulko has agreed to provide training and assistance.

Building Reports: Fred Keip reported that he has built the cowling for his Ultra Pup. He was assisted by Chris Esselstyn. John Nate reports that he has built and installed the spar in the right wing for his Defiant. Sanding and glassing is the next step for that wing. Mark Matelski announced that he has moved and now has a bigger work area for his Hatz Classic. The top wing is completed and is ready for covering.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was approved as published in the newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 24—Friday, January 28

EAA Homebuilders Week Online

[Register here](#)

Tuesday, January 25 – Chapter 18 January Meeting

Terminal Building

Waukesha Airport

Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 27 – AOPA Don't Get Rusty Seminar

Ice, Ice, Baby?

[Register here](#)

Tuesday, April 05, 2022 – Sun n Fun

Lakeland, Florida

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.



FEBRUARY 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5



TREASURER REPORT-TREASURER GLENN BOTSFORD

December 2021	Checking	Savings	PayPal	Total	Paid Membership
Beginning Balance	\$3,037.51	\$763.63	\$96.28	\$3,897.42	119
Income					
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.00		
Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.00		
Total Income	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$42.00		
Expenses					
Ray Aviation Scholarship	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
WI Annual Report	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Expenses	\$2010.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ending Balance	\$1,027.51	\$763.65	\$138.28	\$1,929.44	



Stay Safe



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