



EAA 196

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6 Month Calendars

Coming Events

- Airport Open House an/or 5K Run the Runway: TBD (May?)
- The first official Young Eagles event is schedule for Saturday, April 13. If you've never flown Young Eagles, it's easy, and very rewarding! Ask one of the chapter officers, or Lynda Alpert, the new YE coordinator.

News

- Nancy's Air Field Café was renovated, and opened as "Fourth and Field," this past summer. <https://fourthandfield.com/>
- Andrew Mostello is the new owner of N2BY, a 1977 Arrow! He flew it back from Georgia recently, and its new home is one of the group hangars at KFIT. Pictures in Photo Finish.
- Lynda Alpert is the new Young Eagles coordinator!
- Andy Baker is the Chapter's new Vice President!
- Sean Albanese has been named the Chapter's candidate to receive the EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship! Congratulations!
 - <https://www.eaa.org/ea/ea-chapters/ea-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/ray-aviation-scholarship-fund>

Licenses, Ratings, Instructing

- **Ashley Yarnell:** Received her tail wheel endorsement.

The Chapter newsletter is published in June and December each year. It relies on contributions from YOU, the chapter members! Make sure we know about upcoming events, new licenses and ratings, and other news around the field and around our members. We love photos, too, so take some pictures and submit them for each news letter!

President's Ponderings

By Peter Alberti

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

This has been a fun and productive year.

- Our chapter meetings have been full (sometimes over-full) of great discussion and education, much of which was delivered by our own chapter members.
- Young Eagles continues to draw frequent fliers as well as new youth. Our Young Eagles ground crew (youth and adults) has grown and we have a few new Young Eagles pilots.
- Your suggestions have generated many excellent ideas for future chapter meetings.
- Chapter membership continued to grow.
- BBQ and chapter meeting attendance is also getting larger – we might exceed NAA classroom capacity if this continues!

Looking ahead to next year, I'm hopeful we'll make some progress finding a "home" for our chapter at the airport. Other possible activities and outcomes for 2024 might include a formal youth program, additional fundraising with our new 501(c)(3) charity status, enhancing local support for aircraft builders, and starting up some scholarships. I've been mulling over the idea of establishing committees for some of these things if our membership is interested. So, think about it and after the holidays let's see where everyone's interests lie and do some more fun things in 2024!

Pete

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Young Eagles Flights

Our 2023 Young Eagles program flew 161 youth, a very impressive number! Our sincere thanks to all the pilots and ground crew volunteers who make this happen year in and year out. Special thanks to Andy Goldstein and Lynda Alpert for covering a few rallies when Pete was out of town. And speaking of Lynda - many thanks to her for accepting the role of Young Eagles Coordinator in 2024!

Young Eagles Totals for the year:

	<u>8-Apr</u>	<u>13-May</u>	<u>10-Jun</u>	<u>8-Jul</u>	<u>12-Aug</u>	<u>8/27 Scouts</u>	<u>9-Sep</u>	<u>14-Oct</u>	<u>11-Nov</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
TOTAL	36	28	19	7	21	20		19	8	161
Jim Ellis	5	8	0	3	3	3		0	0	22
Andy Baker	4	0	2	0	4	2		5	4	21
Fred Moses	2	9	6	0	0	5	C	0	0	22
Mike Smith	4	4	4	0	0		A	5	0	17
Sue Benua	4	5	0	3	3	4	N	0	0	19
Hector Constantzos	3	0	3	3	2		C	1	0	12
Andy Goldstein	0	0	4	1	1	2	E	5	0	13
Lee Cooprider	4	0	0	0	1		L	3	0	8
Geoff Lull	2	0	0	0	4		L	0	0	6
Dave Wiederspahn	4	0	0	0	0		E	0	0	4
Chris Brandon	4	0	0	0	0		D	0	0	4
Mark Hubelbank	0	0	0	0	0	4		0	4	8
Bill Greenberg	0	2	0	0	0			0	0	2
Brian Burke	0	0	0	0	2			0	0	2
Bob Glorioso	0	0	0	0	1			0	0	1

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Young Eagles Flights



Myricks Fly-In

The annual Myricks Fly-In was held on Sunday, September 17. The weather was great, but not as many airplanes showed up as in past years. There were still a lot of kids and families. Once again, EAA 196 provided the food and cooking services. A big thanks to Ron and Mary Vieira for helping to pre-organize the parking, and assisting with getting the porta-potties in place. Members of our Youth Aviation Club also helped with parking and other duties.



Myricks Fly-In



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Flying in New Zealand

By Jim Ellis

I recently returned from a our third (every 10 years) monthlong stay in New Zealand. I flew twice while I was there; once at Wanaka on the South Island, and once in the Hawkes Bay area of the North Island. (On earlier trips I even got to fly a hot air balloon and a DeHavilland Tiger Moth, in addition to more typical Cessnas and Pipers.)



The flight from Wanaka, approximately in the middle of the South Island, was in an area with what might be the most spectacular scenery anywhere in the world (and I have flown in many places in the U.S. and the world). There is a miles long lake there, surrounded on three sides by snow-capped mountains. I flew in a Cessna 172 with an instructor. The photos give an idea how fantastic a flight it was.

The Napier/Hastings/Hawkes Bay area on the east coast of the North Island is not as spectacular, but still beautiful, flying over an area with at least three rivers coming down in a flood plain (which flooded in the Spring of 2023) from the lesser mountains. I flew with the chief instructor in a Piper Archer which had a paint job almost identical to my 40J. The Hawkes Bay and East Coast Aero Club was an impressive operation, with 8 airplanes (3 Piper Tomahawks; a Cessna 150 and a 152; an RV-12; a Cessna 172; and the Archer), based in a two story building that served as the office and clubhouse. Oddly enough, we took off and landed from a grass runway despite there being a paved runway right alongside.

The big nearby city is Napier, known for Art Deco architecture, rebuilt after being destroyed by an earthquake in the 1930s. We flew over the Napier Airport. I asked the instructor why there were no flight schools there. He said it was too busy. Eight airline flights come in daily from Auckland, and six from Wellington! (He was in contact with an air traffic controller as we flew over.)

Flying in New Zealand

I consider New Zealand to be one of the best places in the world. As an American, it is easy to get used to. Grocery stores and drugstores and other stores all seem very familiar. An exchange rate of .6 to 1 is easy to get used to. (The \$200 NZ motel room is \$120 US.) There is no tipping at restaurants, so eating out is a real bargain compared to back home. Gasoline is a different story. The price of just less than \$3 NZ/litre converts to around \$1.87 US/litre or about \$7.06 US/gallon.

Driving can be difficult in parts of the country. First, you have to get used to driving from the right side of the car on the opposite side of the road. The main road all the way up the west coast of the South Island is a narrow two lane road, in places going up and over mountain passes with twisty curvy roads with hairpin turns. If you have a short range bladder like I do, one very good thing is that the country, particularly on the South Island, has some of the most readily available and clean restrooms anywhere. Every little town you pass through will have signs plainly marking them.

The main thing of course is the geography and the scenery. We love “mountains coming down to the ocean”. About the only place you get that in the U.S. is on the west coast. In New Zealand, made up of two big islands with lots of mountains (especially the South Island), it is the entire country!



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Look closely, beyond the ridge line. Imagine living there!

Buffet of Aviation Stuff

By Mike Emery



Oshkosh photo and video (big tribute this year tied to the book & movie: Devotion)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ukUtpw0njWUkYYIH_Ed5Pucjs1lBrdrZ/view?pli=1
(You don't see this very often!)



Picture of me & my wife Irina on first passenger flight after passing my PP checkride.

Buffet of Aviation Stuff

By Mike Emery



Picture of Pete (and Doug) in Doug Stone's Cub (Doug took a few people up for flights before an EAA196 meeting)

Video of a De Havilland Beaver landing just in front of our cruise ship (Alaskan cruise)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yuCnc1HSFCMym4kTM89xIXvDBCP2BFOI/view>

Video of me landing the Sling (not Young Eagles but some other flight)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iNKkPWmfSg5kYFVgdGgbqPICIkRrNFP9/view>

Video of Sue landing her Gyroplane (think it was Young Eagles)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y4qXusVUO9ITvxbH29UKPqUvI-lKaEEm/view>

Oshkosh video of U2 low pass

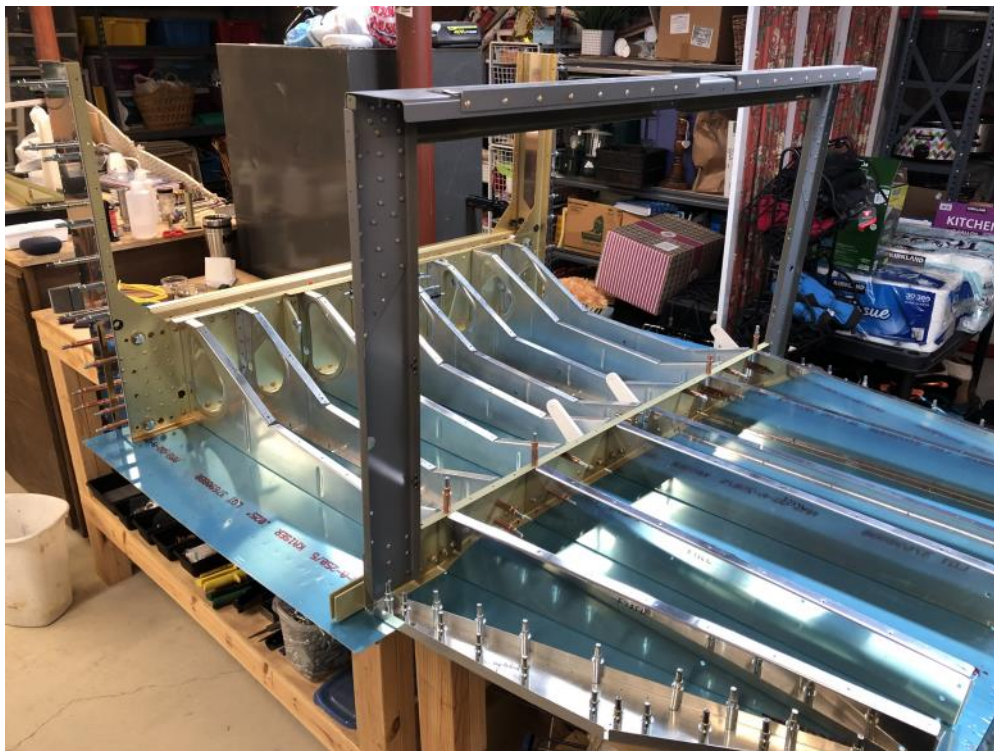
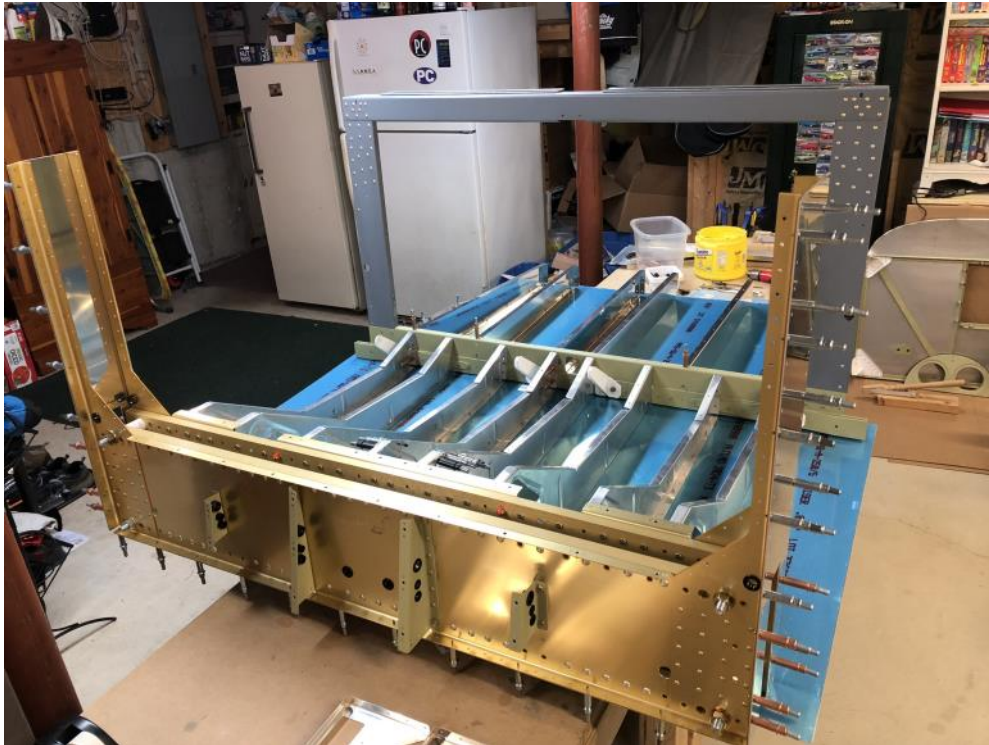
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Pilot report: We took a day trip up to Brunswick Exec in Maine (first longer flight, post PP checkride to visit my parents, who live nearby in Topsham, ME). Brunswick Exec is where President Biden recently flew into (former Navy base), when he visited Lewiston recently.

Who's Building?

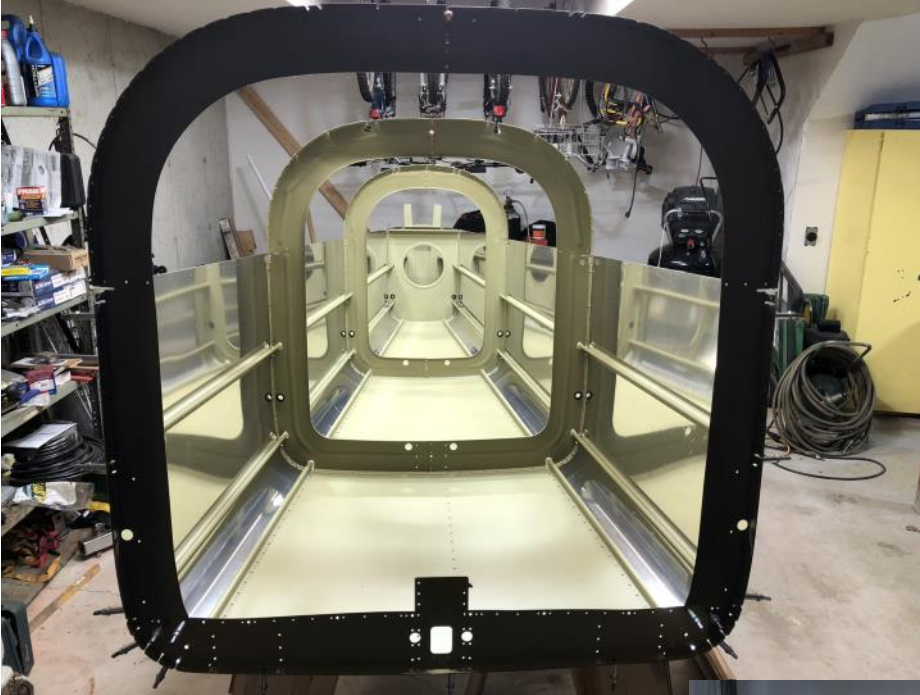
Ted Ross

"I've made good recent progress on my RV-7 fuselage. The aft section is riveted together and the center section (there the seats are) is in the process of being assembled."



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Ted Ross



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Nate Jackson

“Working on the forward fuselage and about to mount the rudder to the vertical stab. Still much left to do. Finish kit has been delivered, and the Lycoming engine will be coming soon in 2024.”



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Nate Jackson



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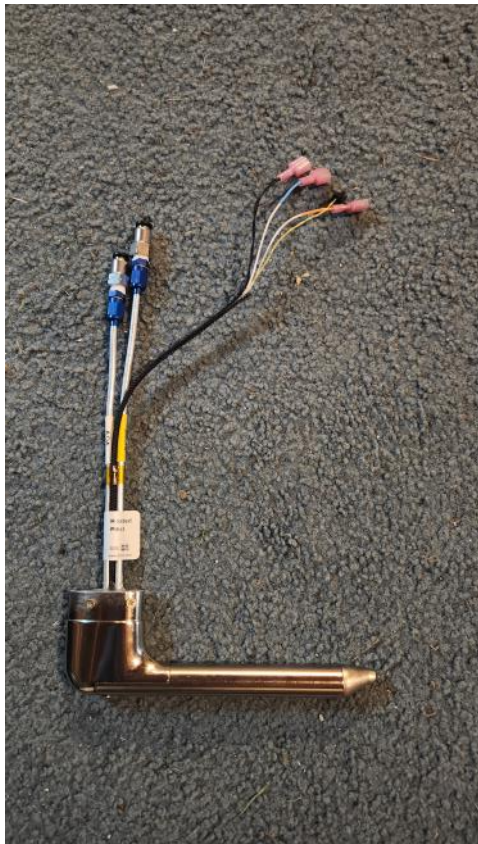
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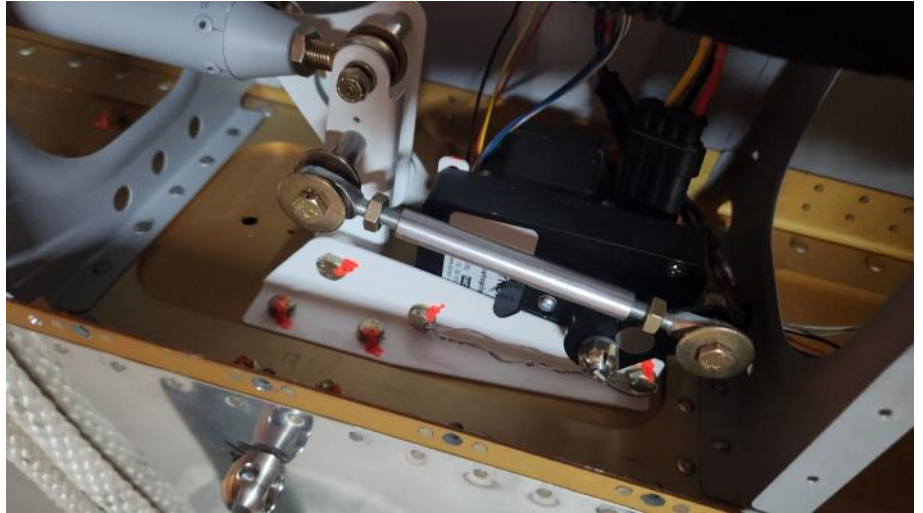
Mike Smith

"I finished all of the empennage at the end of 2022. I received my wing kit in February of 2023. Both wings are nearly complete, including the installation of the heated pitot hardware in the left wing, and the autopilot roll servo in the right wing. Left to do is to mount/attach the flaps, install the last 2 lower wing skins, and then install the fiberglass wing tips. I constructed the wingtip lights from a Fly LEDs kit, so those are on the wing tips and ready to be wired."



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Mike Smith



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What's on the WEB?

From the PDF file you should be able to click on the links. You may have to give your PDF viewer permission to open links.

PropQuiz, aviation trivia. This is the first episode. There are more!

[YouTube Link...](#)

Flying Magazine's Top 25 Coolest Aircraft. OK, so it's basically click bait for pilots, but what the heck...

<https://www.flyingmag.com/photo-gallery-photos-top-25-coolest-aircraft/>

Red Bull: The 5 Coolest Things We've Done With Planes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6dBJJbGJTg>

GAMI's G100UL Unleaded Avgas, approved via STC for EVERY piston aircraft in the country.

<https://www.g100ul.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ph2qD89Npx0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhvygDQp2E4>

Fails On A Plane | Wild Travel and Flying Fails Compilation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tN5q2AQTTJ8>

Books

"A Higher Call" by Adam Makos

"Enterprise. America's Fightingest Ship" by Barrett Tillman

"The Father, Son and Holy Shuttle. Growing Up an Astronaut's Kid" by Patrick Mullane

"Riding Rockets" by Mike Mullane (Patrick's astronaut-father)

Note: Patrick suggest if you are going to read both his and his dad's books, to start with Patrick's book, first.

"Mullane's Guide to Learning to Fly: Deep Dives into Select Topics for Today's Student Pilot" by Patrick Mullane (see below)

From EAA 196 member, Patrick Mullane:

I wanted to let you know about the recent release of my latest book, "Mullane's Guide to Learning to Fly: Deep Dives into Select Topics for Today's Student Pilot. "

It contains detailed conversations around topics that I found many student pilots struggled with (including me) and interleaves those explanations with my own story of becoming a pilot. It's now available on Amazon.

Part of what makes a book get traction is reviews of the book by verified purchasers. If you're looking for a gift for a student pilot or are one yourself, I'd be grateful if you checked it out, and then wrote a review on Amazon. In return, I'm happy to sign your purchased book with a dedication for the recipient (or for you). And if all you do is spread the word to those you know who are interested in flying, I'd greatly appreciate it!

Thanks so much,
Patrick Mullane

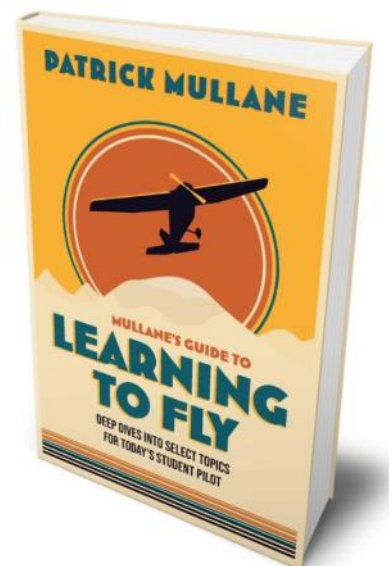
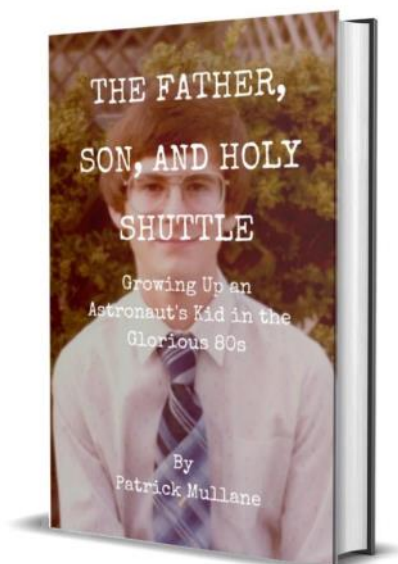
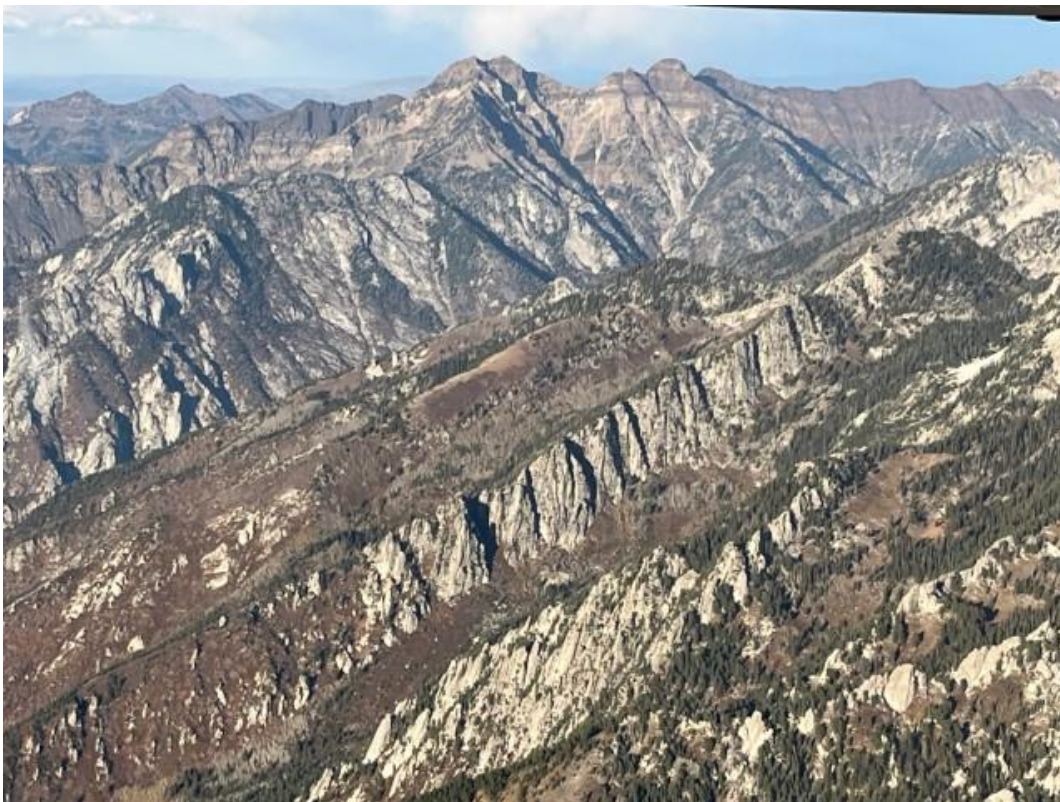
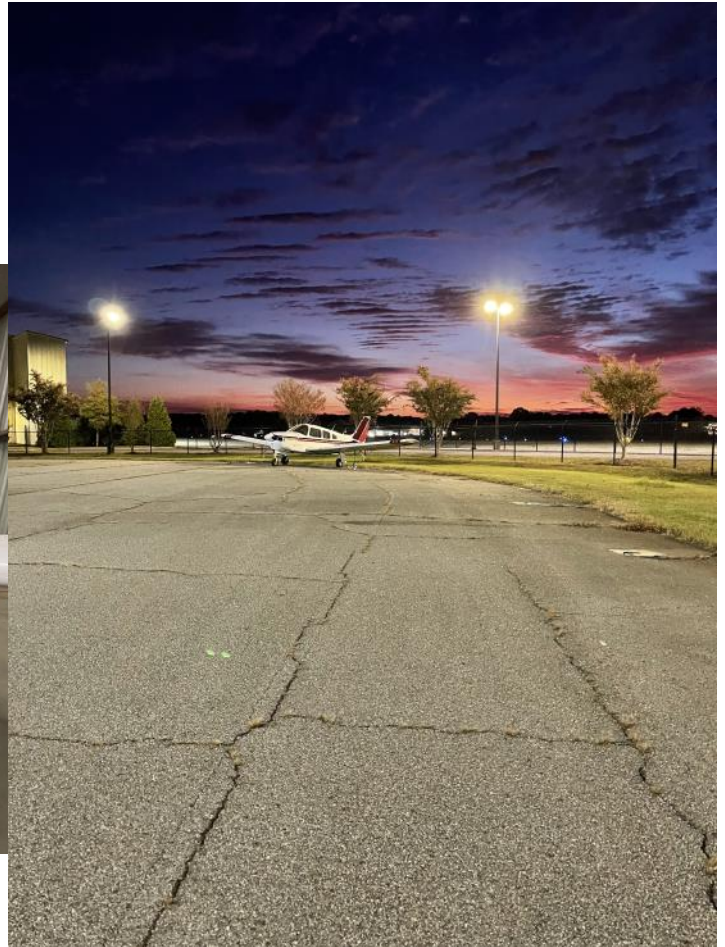


PHOTO FINISH

Andrew Mostello's newly acquired 1977 Arrow.



Chris Trainor flew from Ogden Utah to Rangely Colorado, trying to land GA in all 50 states.

PHOTO FINISH

Rafael has been flying Angel Flights with me as copilot for some time, and recently sent me the attached pic with the comment: "I feel that I am an official member now...(and) just need the hours now to get my own tail number." Am always pleased to get someone else interested in volunteering because Angel Flight NE is a worthwhile charity that helps a lot of people and can always use another pilot. FYI.... Peter Alberti has also flown on Angel Flights with me. Lee Coopriider has been flying Angel Flights in his plane for years. And past president Bill Greenberg was active in volunteer flying as well, first with AirLine (a predecessor of AFNE) and later with AngelFlight NE, speaks well of EAA chapter members. Not sure if James Lipcon is a member, but he flies for AFNE's counterpart in NY, Patient Airlift Services.

Fred Moses



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Oshkosh/Airventure 2024, by Mike Smith



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Chapter Holiday Party



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Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 Chapter Holiday Party	2 : 9:00 Hangar Talk (Wild Hare, Hudson)
3	4	5	6	7 First Day of Hanukkah	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Holiday & No Chapter Mtg	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Holiday	2	3	4	5	6 9:00 Hangar Talk (Wild Hare, Hudson)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 7:00 EAA 196 Chapter Mtg	30	31			

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February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 Hangar Talk (Wild Hare, Hudson)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 7:00 EAA 196 Meeting	27	28	29		

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 Hangar Talk
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 7:00 EAA 196 Meeting	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9:00 Hangar Talk (Wild Hare, Hudson)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 9:00 Young Eagles Flights
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 6:00 EAA 196 Chapter BBQ & Meeting	30				

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 9:00 Hangar Talk (Wild Hare, Hudson)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 9:00 Young Eagles Flights
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 6:00 EAA 196 Chapter BBQ & Meeting & Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	