

THE WINDSOCK

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The President's Flight Deck I was fortunate last week to be able to spend the week in Bar Harbor Maine, hiking and biking Acadia National Park. Acadia is one of the top ten most-visited national parks. It is a stunning, yet rugged jewel set along the Atlantic coast. If it is not on your bucket list, it should be! Being a national park, air traffic over the park is prohibited, but one can fly off the coast and enjoy the beauty from a short distance away. My wife and I thought this might be a fun event if we could find a willing pilot. I figured I would reach out to the local EAA chapter and see if I could offer a donation to their chapter for a flight. I looked up the EAA site and attempted to locate a chapter in the area. I was a bit surprised that the closest chapter was more than 60 miles away, which isn't terrible except Maine consists of many rural roads. For the beauty of the area, I figured there would be an EAA chapter at the local airport near Bar Harbor, but there wasn't. Ultimately, we ended up not taking a flight, which was fine because we had plenty to do.

This event got me to thinking how blessed we are as EAA 237 chapter members. For most of us, we are probably within a 30 minute drive to the chapter building, and our chapter is located on an airport. This location lends itself nicely to be able to work on a project together such as the CH701 or be able to host a Young Eagles event. Obviously, we don't have the Atlantic coast at our disposal, but we do have many other beautiful sites to fly to and over, such as the St. Croix and Mississippi rivers, northern forests, Duluth harbor, etc. Most importantly though, we have a great group of volunteers in our chapter that we can rely on for project assistance, education, and camaraderie. Our chapter has evolved and prospered because of our members willingness to get involved in projects and encourage each other to help where needed. It is also the reason, I believe, that we have seen new member growth this past year. People see the projects we are working on, the YE events we host, the VMC/IMC program, the Explorer Post, the trips to Oshkosh, etc., and they want to be part of this group. There is room for more growth though. With increasing membership there are more ideas, and funds, for additional programs and events. If you have an idea for a program that you want the chapter to offer, approach me with your thoughts, and we will see if we can make it happen. We must always remember that it takes all of us to make this chapter inviting to others!

As always, I encourage each of us to reach out and invite someone into our aviation world. See you at the October chapter meeting, which will be at the Chapter building! *Kevin*



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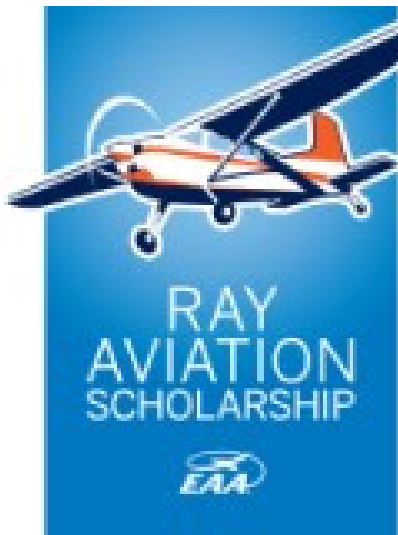
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The Best Flight Instructors Always:



2020 Ray Aviation Scholar Cade Stommes is now attending school at the University of North Dakota. He is finishing up his private pilot training at UND's aviation training school and should be finishing up this semester.

2021 Ray Aviation Scholar Joe Van Norman received his Zulu 3 Lightspeed headset from the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation and is continuing to progress through his flight training with his instructor Ellen Quist.

I received word from EAA in September that the Ray Foundation was providing more money for additional Ray scholarships for 2021. The scholarships were going to be offered to chapters, who had previously received scholarships and were successful with their selected scholars. So I applied for another \$10,000 scholarship, offering up two very strong candidates for a split scholarship. I am happy to report our chapter was selected for one of the additional scholarships.

Like we have done in the first two years of the scholarships, we have candidates, whose circumstances allow us to split the \$10,000 in half to give two young people the opportunity to get their private pilot license. The first recipient is our Aviation Explorer Post president, Elijah Durkin. As reported in the August Windsock, Elijah was elected at Air Venture by his peers as the BSA National Youth Representative for Aviation Explorers. As a result of that position, he was awarded a \$5,000 flight training scholarship from BSA. So the additional \$5,000 Ray Aviation scholarship will provide him more than enough money to complete his flight training. Our second scholar is JJ Runde, who is a participant in Sharon Sandberg's and Duane Kruse's Build A Plane

program in Princeton. Because of the low cost of flight training in the Build A Plane's flying club, JJ will be able to complete his flight training with the \$5,000 Ray scholarship just like our previous scholars Charlie Ellingson, Owen Nitz and Owen Larson. Both of our new Ray scholars have already begun their flight training. JJ just completed his first solo flight this past Thursday on October 7th. Elijah is also receiving instruction from our chapter secretary, Ellen Quist, who tells me he is very close to his first solo as well. Both of these young men intend to finish up in January, when they turn 17. When these four scholars finish their training, our chapter will have successfully helped seven young men earn their Private Pilot licenses with four scholarships.

Joe Van Norman



JJ Runde

Elijah Durkin

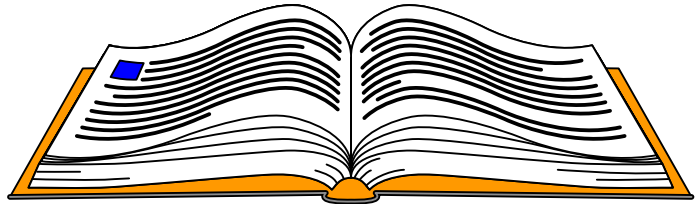


NOVEMBER CHAPTER ELECTIONS



Elections for chapter officers and board members will be held at the November chapter meeting. All of our outstanding officers and board members are willing to run for another term in office. Anyone wishing to run for a particular position can contact one of the three nominating committee members, Kirk Fjetland, Bob Heavirland, and Frank Huber with their request. Per chapter by-laws, nominations will be presented to the membership at the October membership meeting. In addition, nominations will be accepted from the floor during the October meeting.

GREAT READS for the
Aviation
Enthusiast



FLY NAVY The History of Naval Aviation by *Brian Johnson*

PACIFIC SWEEP The 5th and 13th Fighter Commands in World War II.
An illustrated, anecdotal history by *William N. Hess*

HUNTERS IN THE SKY Fighter Aces of WWII by *James R. Whelan*

EAA237 COMING EVENTS

- Chapter 237 Aviation Explorer Post fly-out to Granite Falls Fagen Fighters Museum.
- October Chapter 237 meeting | Monday, October 25, beginning with food at 6 pm.
- Chapter 237 Aviation Explorer Post meetings are usually held on the first and third Fridays of the month at the chapter building beginning at 7 pm.
- IMC/VMC Club will be held on Thursday, November 11 via Zoom. The IMC meeting will begin at 6:30 and the VMC meeting will begin at 7:30. An email with the link will be sent to all members prior to the meeting.
- November Chapter 237 Young Eagles Event will be held on Saturday, November 13 from 9 am until 2 pm at the Lynx FBO at KANE.



Michael Grzincich
Young Eagles Coordinator



The chapter held another very successful Young Eagles event on Saturday, October 9. We had six aircraft and pilots providing the rides in three Cessna 172s, a Cessna 150, an L-19 Birddog and a classic Piper J-3 Cub. Throughout the day the chapter provided 42 Young Eagle rides on what was a smooth, but hazy, weather day.

Scott Nelson, Kieran Dostal, Anna Jones and George Wollenburg took care of registration, printing

forms and YE certificates. Ken Erickson, Elijah Durkin and our new Ray Aviation Scholar, JJ Runde, took care of marshaling the aircraft and people during the event. As usual, the Lynx FBO was a gracious host of our event.

The November Young Eagles Event will be held on Saturday, November 13, at the Lynx FBO from 9 am until 2 pm. Everyone is invited to help out and enjoy the fun of watching the young people go flying.



Post 237
Michael Miller

The Aviation Explorers have been busy planning their calendar for the remainder of the year.

We had a trip to Fagen Fighter Museum planned in September, but they had to cancel due to weather. We are now planning to go on Saturday, October 16. Any chapter members with an aircraft, who would like to visit this great museum and fly some members of our Explorer Post, please contact Mike Miller. There is going to be a Explorer Post open house scheduled for Saturday, October 30. The open house will include a visit from the Minnesota State Patrol in one

of their Bell helicopters. Any chapter members, who know of a young man or woman with an interest in aviation should encourage them to attend.

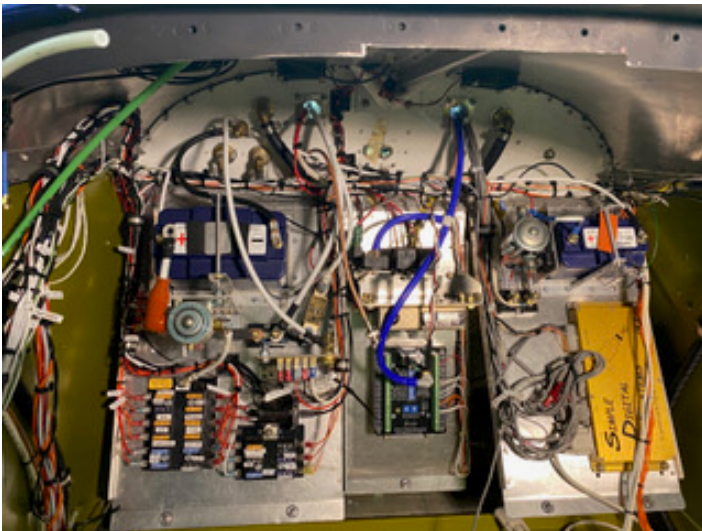
Chapter member, Jim Brown, has donated six complete Vans Aircraft flight control build kits to the chapter for a future post project. Any chapter members with sheet metal, riveting and aircraft building experience are invited to volunteer their time to work with our post members when this project begins.

ZENITH PROJECT Update

The building crew has made great progress on the Zenith 701 project as we get closer to completing the aircraft. All the electrical and engine wiring are complete, with the exception of the wiring for engine rpm indications. The instrument panel has been installed and we are working to get the SDS engine control system programed and operating, which will lead to a first engine start. The windshield and doors are the next projects on the list. We have to fabricate the seat and seat back cushions, and would welcome help from anyone with the experience of making these items.

We recently were made aware of the nearly three month delay in receiving an aircraft registration from

the FAA. This document is required before we can have the aircraft inspected for an airworthiness certificate. So we will have plenty of time to get everything working properly and finish up the items left on our to do list. The flying club, 237th Aero Squadron, that will be operating the aircraft when completed, has already been incorporated and will be further organized in the coming months. If you would like to help with the build and are interested in joining the flying club after the project is completed, please come out on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 am to 12:30 pm at Mark's hanger, 2155 Kansas on the southwest side of the field. *by Frank Huber*



On The Lighter Side



In future Windsock editions, I plan to showcase aircraft that our members are building, restoring and flying. Please email me with the aircraft you are building, have completed building, are restoring or have purchased and are flying. I will follow up with you to provide a questionnaire and will come out to take pictures to include with your article.

If you have a story or photo you would like to see in our newsletter, contact Frank Huber | eaap51@comcast.net | 763-245-0170

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Articles and photos for consideration in our NOVEMBER issue are due on or before NOVEMBER 10.



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Dinner Social: 6:00 pm
Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm



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