



*February, 2020*

### **Presidents Corner**

With the completion of the B-25, some of us have found ourselves with the need for a new goal. That goal was offered to Chapter 237 by our own Kirk Fjetland. He proposed we fly 500 Young Eagles in 2020, a challenging but achievable goal. We have accepted that goal and have had a couple of YE events so far, achieving 57 flights. However, in order to reach our goal of 500, we need to conduct about 50 flights a month, assuming we will have some missed dates due to weather, etc. Fifty flights at a YE event also requires more than just a couple of pilots, several are desirable. To go with those pilots we need ground support personnel for marshalling, registration staff to check in young eagles, set up and clean up crews, promote EAA 237 to the parents and families, and as warmer weather approaches, pedal plane supervisors. The point is, just as we needed volunteers to assist with the B-25, we need volunteer pilots and support staff to reach our goal of 500 YE flights this year.

Perhaps you think volunteering at a YE event isn't fun unless you are a pilot, this is untrue. Let me share with you our most recent YE event of February 8th. There were 30 young eagles flown, and 16 of the kids were first timers! As part of the ground crew it was most satisfying to see the smiles on the faces of those kids! All of them said they would be back again for another flight. We encouraged them to tell their friends at school about the flight and invite them to the next YE event. We talked to the parents about

the benefits of EAA, about the projects within EAA 237, about scholarships, and we invited them to our chapter breakfasts and meetings. Many of them are interested in checking out EAA 237 further, and considering joining our chapter. If you haven't volunteered at a YE event, or if it has been awhile since your last one, I hope you join us at the next event. We need you to help 500 young eagles fly in 2020!

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### **Calendar and Links**

**February 24** — Chapter Meeting 7PM, Social Hour 6PM

**March 6**-[Aviation Explorer Post](#) 7PM-8:30PM

**March 7**-Pancake Breakfast

**March 9** — Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

**March 14** — [Young Eagles](#) 10AM- 1PM, Click the link to register your child.

**March 20**-[Aviation Explorer Post](#) 7PM-8:30PM

**March 21**- [Flight Simulation Group](#) 9am

**March 23**-Chapter Meeting 7PM, Social Hour 6PM Lex Cralley will be presenting on the Brewster built Corsair

Be sure to check the [Chapter Calendar](#) for changes or cancellations.

## EAA Air Academy Camp

EAA Chapter 237 has one spot reserved in Session 2 (June 22-26) of the Young Eagles Camp, one spot in Session 2 (July 6-11) of the Basic Air Academy Camp, and one spot in Session 2 (July 24-August 1) of the Advanced Air academy Camp. We need to know the gender of the camper no later than March 1st. The sooner we get the information from your camper the better as we have to send out acceptance paperwork to them and that needs to be returned a month before the camp starts.

The Chapter Web Site indicates a deadline of February 17. There is some flexibility in that date but time is running out. Space is limited so you should get your application to the Scholarship Coordinator at [scholarships@eaa237.org](mailto:scholarships@eaa237.org) as soon as possible. There is the possibility of a cancellation of a reservation. Stay tuned for more information. There is more information at [Air Academy Scholarships](#). Previous attendees have given reports of their wonderful experience at the Academy.



### Help Wanted!

With all the activity in EAA 237, several volunteer opportunities have been identified. We need good looking, talented individuals for the following positions, but will settle for a warm body! The positions can be shared positions, grab a friend and work together! Remember, the more you put into something, the more you get out of it!

**Membership Coordinator** - This position reaches out to potential members to join our chapter, enters new members into the EAA membership application, acts as chapter ambassador, develop posters and brochures, promotes general chapter functions.

**Technical Advisor** - This person is a chapter-nominated and EAA Headquarters-appointed position predicated on an individual's experience with aircraft construction. Essentially this person helps members present a "zero defect" aircraft at final inspection by the FAA.

**Marketing Coordinator(s)** - The role of this position is to develop a marketing strategy to bring awareness of our chapter to print, video, and social media.

**Building Committee** - So far a party of one. Some of you will receive a tap on the shoulder. This committee will explore the feasibility of a new or expanded building space.

**VMC & IMC Coordinator(s)** - This position will moderate the VMC and IMC video events downloaded from EAA Headquarters. This could be two different people. This person will also help promote the VMC & IMC events.

### Recognition -

Have you heard we have a pilot in our chapter that has flown 500 Young Eagles? It's true, on February 8th, Michael Grzincich flew his 500th Young Eagle! Be sure to congratulate Michael on achieving this milestone the next time you see him.

Are you a pilot? How about setting a goal of Young Eagle flights for your self this year? Are you a ground crew volunteer? How about a volunteering goal of a certain number of YE events this year? Please reach out to Michael on the requirements needed to fly youth, and to a board member if you want more information on attending a YE event.

## Chapter Board Meeting Report

The Board met on February 10, 2020. Five Board Members were present. The insurance coverage on our assets as well as liability was discussed. Michael Grzincich move, Kevin Sislo second that we "Cover our behinds." Motion passed. Michael Grzincich moved, Mark Heule second to authorize \$300 for the prototype B-25 jackets. Michael Grzincich moved, Mark Heule second to purchase two sets of marshalling wands.

Other topics discussed include:

Air Academy scholarship application, safety vests, GMAG participation, fund raising ideas, weekend event at KANE, Emerald donation, pre-school event at Lynx by Shelly Supan Kaufman, MAC has hangar availability portal for locating available hangars.

Michael Grzincich moved, Mark Heule second to adjourn.

## The Chapter Board

The Chapter officers are:

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4th Monday of the month  
Dinner Social: 6:00 pm  
Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm

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### EAA Has Made Chapter 237 a Gold Seal Chapter

Chapter 237 has been awarded EAA CHAPTERS GOLD for significant contribution to the world of aviation. The factors considered are:

1. Attended a chapter leadership training session
2. Growing or steady membership
3. Offers IMC or VMC Club programs
4. Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs
5. Has EAA approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor
6. Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey
7. Reads EAA ChapterGram regularly
8. Requested EAA promotional materials or ChapterBlast email
9. Hosts at least two public events each year
10. Owns/leases a facility

The award reflects the high level of activity and participation by Chapter 237 members. We have earned at least 9 out of 10 of the criteria. All members should be very proud of the accomplishments of the Chapter in 2019. Our Chapter will also be recognized on the 'Find a Chapter' webpage. Can we do it again in 2020?

The Gold Seal can be displayed on Chapter publication, web pages, communications and newsletters. This award is the result of the efforts of the many



### Zenith 701 Project

Work has been completed on all tail parts. Control cables for elevator and rudder have been installed. Rudder pedals with dual brakes have been installed and connected for nose wheel steering. Flap handle has been installed and connected to flap actuator inside the fuselage. Control stick has been installed and connected to the aileron actuator mechanism in the fuselage. Brake lines have been installed, charged with fluid and bled. Fuel lines have been installed in the fuselage from wing attach points through dual fuel pumps, filter, shut off valve in cockpit and up to firewall. Static lines have been installed from ports to panel area. Instrument panel is under construction. Engine has been repainted and installed on the airplanes engine mount. Engine accessories are in process of installation. Engine cowl design and fabrication has been a long process but work is continuing on it. Jack Smith

# March 2020 Oshkosh Work Party - Let the fun begin...again!



It's been a few months since our last work party, and I hope everyone is well rested and ready to get back to work! I'm not exactly sure yet what John Hopkins has in store for us, but there is always something important and FUN for us to do. Miranda did tell me there are a lot of projects for us to work on and, believe it or not, she even misses our smiling faces!

Work dates will be **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**, with arrival day Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Lodging location: Air Academy Lodge**

**Eating location: Air Academy Lodge**

## **Meals will be provided as follows:**

March 18 - Dinner

March 19 - Breakfast, Lunch

March 20 - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

March 21 - Breakfast

The Weeks Hangar crew will provide food when it is not available at the Air Academy Lodge.

Also, Sharon with All-Star War Birds Embroidery (suppliers to EAA) should have the prototype “Berlin Express” jacket ready by then and I will be bringing it with. The cost will be \$150, which is \$35 less than the “Aluminum Overcast” jacket, plus it will be much cooler!

Please fill out the sign-up form on the link ASAP and completely as possible: [Work Party sign-up](#)

## **Flight Sim Experience Group**

Our Chapter's own Flight Sim Experience Group is now underway and we have had three meetings so far. If you have any interest in learning more about flight simulation, you should sign up to the email list for this group. Even if you can't make it to our meetings but would like to follow our activities, just [Click Here](#) to sign up, and we will include you in our monthly email reports.

If you would like to see what we talked about at the last meeting, just [Click Here](#) to see the last email sent out to the group. We had a demo of some cool things related to flight simulation. You will also find a link to another 'resources' page with links to follow for more information on what was discussed.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM at the chapter building. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions please email me at: [flight-sim@eaa237.org](mailto:flight-sim@eaa237.org).

Dave Peterson

“Happy is the man who can make a living by his hobby.” — **George Bernard Shaw**



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