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EAA Chapter 25

ON FINAL

“Ready for Takeoff”

Pat Halligan, Acting President



As I write this column, my last column as your acting Chapter President (since we don't have December meeting) I can't help but think I did the same thing, some twenty years ago. When I retired as Chapter 25 president back in 2004, I never imagined I'd be President again. But the past half year has been enjoyable. I like putting words on paper, that you might enjoy reading. You can tell by my writing I was not an English major. I enjoy finding a guest speaker and then watch as you listen to their stories. I enjoy watching as our chapter hangar fills with fellow aviators on our meeting night. We have so many smart and interesting members that I enjoy talking to you, one on one, as we share a common bond of aviation.

We have new leadership starting in January. John Schmidt and Greg Cardinal will do an outstanding job. John knows so much about aviation and has spent much of his life introducing aviation to young students. Greg knows how to build a wood and fabric airplane as good as anyone. Just look at the Piet he and Dale built. A leader is only as good as their supporting cast. We have good officers, a Young Eagle coordinator, etc. But there will come a time when they ask for help from Chapter members, so please be one of the first to raise your hand and volunteer. You all have talent, so share it, don't waste it!

Speaking of volunteers, Gary Stinar always pulls the grill out and grills brats for us, no matter the weather. Well, we are going to give him some relief for the next few months. Instead of grilling outdoors, I'm asking for some members to bring Chili to share. We will keep the hangar doors closed and everyone, including Gary, warm. If you want to bring chili for Novembers meeting, send me an email: flyinghooligan@gmail.com. You will also have a chance to bring chili in January and February.

You will see an advertisement for Tree of Hope below. If you or your spouse is out and about in the next week, maybe you can grab a gift from Target, or Walmart, etc., and bring it to the monthly meeting. These folks have been bringing gifts to kids in the hospital during the Christmas season for the past 30 years. I know how expensive everything has gotten, but if you can spare a few dollars and buy a gift, it might mean the difference between just another day in the hospital and getting a Christmas present for Christmas. I'll say it for the family and kids "God Bless You."

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 14th. Mike Tompos and his wife Pam have agreed to host our "Christmas Party" in January. We will look at times and food and then let you know the plan as soon as it is worked out. In case you are wondering, they live in St. Paul. I'll give you their address as soon as I see the Christmas present you buy for your current chapter President. LOL Just kidding. Buy the present for Tree of Hope.

This month's Chapter meeting will be conducted on **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**, at the **BSAEC** hangar at the south end of Hotel Lane at **Airlake Airport**. Bring a pot of chili to share or a \$5.00 donation to cover the cost of the condiments and staples. Our presenter will be Doug Evink of Tanis Aircraft Products. They make a pre-heat system for aircraft engines and cabin heaters to warm up instruments before engine start.

October 19, 2022, Chapter 25 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Pat Halligan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Gary Stinar led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pat thanked Gary for his efforts coordinating our BBQ Potluck every month. Feel free to volunteer to give Gary a hand next month. Pat reminded members that Jim Ladwig, Dale Johnson and Mamie Singleton would appreciate rides to Chapter meetings. Give them a call and offer to pick them up. Contact Mike York or Kim Johnson for their contact information. Zoom videos of our meetings are not feasible due to our limited internet accessibility.

Visitors/Membership: Approx. 5 guests. They will contact Mike York, Membership Coordinator, for contact information. Bob Eckstein, a long-time member and Chapter Technician, passed away in 2021. We will add \$100 to our Scholarship Fund.

New Hangar: Status quo, no new report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Richard Hedeem reported that Ch. 25 accounts are current, and all invoices have been paid.

Young Eagles: Kris Olson, Young Eagles Coordinator reported that we had 6 pilots and multiple ground crew for the October event. (See the YE event report below). The next event will be on 11/19/2022, at the Airlake FBO.

Build Projects: (See more details in the Build Projects section below).

Glstar: Jerry Schiroo reported that they are working on replacing the cargo door with a passenger door and re-fiberglassing.

CH 701: Flying.

Piet 1: Jim Fischer reported that we are researching painting options with Stewart Systems.

Ron Hoyt reported on his project.

New Business:

Tree of Hope: Pat reported on this opportunity to donate gifts to kids in hospitals at Christmas time. Toy donations are due December 3, 2022.



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Holiday Party: Mike Tompos and his wife, Pam, are arranging a Holiday party at their condominium on January 14, 2023. More information forthcoming. Reserve the date on your calendars.

Scholarship Update: Ana Paulson, United Christian Academy student and recipient of the EAA \$10,000 Ray Scholarship, is studying for her written exam.

Chapter Officers: Pat Halligan stated that we need members to step up to the plate and volunteer to be President, Vice President and On Final Editor next year. John Schmidt has volunteered to serve as President. Greg Cardinal has offered to serve as Vice-President. Ron Oehler has offered to serve as website updater. We are still looking for a Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

Charter Member Plaque: Norm Tesmar reported about the Original Charter Member Plaque and the History of Builds.

First Wing Rib: The first rib of our first airplane build in 2010. It was signed by all Chapter members at the build session and will be hung in the BSAEC.



Presentation: Kerry McCauley talked about his experiences ferrying airplanes all over the world. In his 30 years as an international ferry pilot, he has delivered almost every kind of airplane to almost every location you can think of including a Cherokee 6 to Anwar Sadat’s son in the Pyramids. He learned to become self-reliant and deal with fatigue. He has battled electrical and fuel system malfunctions over the Atlantic. He has found the answer to the question “What could possibly go wrong?” time and time again. But his skill, ingenuity, and a heavy dose of luck allowed him to survive countless mishaps, catastrophes, and close calls. He teaches skydiving and survival techniques. He has made over 20,000 skydiving jumps. He’s also made custom survival kits depending on where he was going. He has so much to share that he decided that he had to write two books: Ferry Pilot (2020) and Dangerous Flights (2022), available in ebook and paperback versions at www.kerrymccauley.com.



Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim V. Johnson, Acting Secretary



IMC Club Update

IMC Club meetings are on the **second Wednesday** of each month; our next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2023. Contact Terry Carmine for more information at tlcarmine@gmail.com. All are welcome to attend.

Trivia ?

by John Schmidt

Q: At age 22, in 1942, Elinor Otto was one of thousands of 'Rosie the Riveters,' women who riveted aircraft for the war effort in WWII. Many of those women were encouraged to step aside, and allow returning male soldiers to work in aircraft factories and manufacturing following the conclusion of the hostilities. How old was Elinor when she quit riveting?
a) 65; b) 75; c) 85; d) 95

(answer on page 10)



Young Eagles Update

by Kris Olson

Our Young Eagles group flew 30 kids on October 15th at Airlake Airport. The pilots were Boyd Francisco, Mark Kolesar, Pat Moynihan, Gary Rosch, Chuck Sandager, and Keith Treptau. The ground crew were Marsha Drake, Mike Drake, Lori Francisco, Richard Hedeem, Ron Hoyt, Ana Paulson, Julie Paulson, Denise Sandager and Mark Schulz. The temperature was in the 40s and it was fairly windy.



For Sale:

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Upcoming Chapter Events

Wednesday, November 16, 2022: Chapter Meeting; 6:00pm – 9:00pm; BSAEC

Saturday, November 19, 2022: Young Eagles Event; 9:00am – noon; Airlake FBO.

December: No Chapter Meeting or On Final newsletter in December. Take a month off, except for paying your 2023 Dues. Dues letter will be mailed the first week of December.

Saturday, January 14, 2023: Holiday Party at Mike & Pam Tompos' complex at 1830 Eagle Ridge Drive, St. Paul, MN 55118; mjtompos@yahoo.com

Wednesday, January 18, 2023: Chapter Meeting; 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm; BSAEC.

Saturday, January 21, 2023: Young Eagles Event; 9:00am – noon; Airlake FBO.

Airplane Build News:

This section is to provide an update on the status of all Ch. 25 build projects so that we can all marvel at the airplanes under construction. Please contact the editor if you have a project you would like included. Current pictures are preferred.



Pietenpol1 (2010): We are researching with Stewart System technicians. It would be easiest to go with yellow, white and blue colors. We are ordering our paint spray gun and practicing on cardboard. Vertical surfaces are the most difficult because of the need to avoid paint drip runs.

Pietenpol 2 (2018): A new head and crankshaft seal will be installed this winter.



Pietenpol 3 Fokker Piet (2020): Repairing ground loop damage.



Greg Cardinal testing Fokker flight controls

Pietenpol 4 (2022): Material for the empennage was milled to shape using a router table. The elevator jig was laid out on a piece of 3/4" MDF and most of the beam material cut to fit. Piet 4 is being built at Jerry Vecoli's Shop, Wednesday evenings 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, followed by wing-leveling. All Ch. 25 members are invited to attend. Jerry's workshop address is 8108 Pillsbury Ave. So. in Bloomington (South side of 494 between Lyndale and Nicollet and 2 blocks south of Home Depot and Sam's Club).



Peter, Greg and Mike working on elevator jig. Jerry researching.

Zenith STOL CH 701 (2017): The 701 is flying. Several owners have been able to get checked out in it.

**Glasair Glastar (2021):**

Moving along on getting the rear door fitted and installed. Working on the wemac forward Gasper air vents. The Glastar is being built at Jerry Schiroo's Shop, Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Thursdays 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Saturday's 9:00 am – noon. Ch. 25 members are invited to attend. All members and friends are welcome. Contact Jerry Schiroo: jerryschiroo@msn.com with any questions and location information.





Trivia Answer

(from page 5)

A: The correct answer is D; Otto was laid off at the Boeing plant in 2014, at age 95. She worked on every C-17 Globemaster that came through the factory (all 279 of them). She worked on building airplanes for 72 years. She recently celebrated her 102nd birthday at a bar named for her, "Elinor's", in Long Beach, California.

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