

# September 2024

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## EAA Chapter 25 ON FINAL

"Waypoint"

John Schmidt, 2023 Ch. 25 President  
EAA Lifetime 250021



### **The Good With The ..... Not So Good.**

\*\*Sometimes, one needs a pick-me-up. No, I'm not talking about a trip to the local watering hole. Instead, I mean a few stories to keep up my personal morale. I like to go to -

[www.inspire.eaa.org](http://www.inspire.eaa.org)

... and read about the successes of some other chapters, and some other EAAers. If you haven't tried it yet, you may wish to.

I also think our Ch. 25 could emulate some of that stuff.

\*\*There is talk amongst Chapter 25 members about a student-led airplane build project (a HUGE undertaking and commitment). There is also talk about applying for grants to achieve some other chapter goals (including financial assistance with a new hangar). I like hearing about such initiatives - a passionate member/volunteer contributes a lot to the chapter. An organized cadre of them contributes much more. There are few things more powerful than a dedi-

cated volunteer (witness Kris Olson). If any of this (or something other suggestion/idea/opportunity) sounds appealing to you, let me know. Jeschmidt 'at' hotmail.com.

**\*\*You may recall at last month's meeting the announcement that a donor is willing to pay the entire cost for the hangar door of our proposed new chapter hangar, a significant and generous contribution. This should add urgency to our build - I don't want to lose the support of the donor with delays. Also, it indicates that someone believes in what we are doing.**

**\*\*EAA Chapter 54 at Lake Elmo offers a 10-Monday-night Private Pilot ground school. There is no concern/complaint expressed from the local 21D FBO regarding competition; those CFI's would rather not teach ground school anyway. I think Ch. 54 charges \$125, and has 2 instructors. Ch. 54 has gotten some membership from offering the ground school. They advertise through the airport bulletin board and Craigslist, and usually get about 6-10 folks in each class, every spring. Should we do the same?**

**\*\*Our own Ch. 25 member Mark Kolesar has 969 Young Eagles, 26 this year, as of this writing. I look forward to recognizing and congratulating him on the milestone of his 1,000th, and I continue to admire his effort.**

**\*\*Ch. 25 member Mike Tompos and spouse have once again graciously offered their building meeting room for our annual 'Christmas party in January'. Please reserve the date on your calendar:**

**Saturday, January 11, 2025, 430-730pm. 1830 Eagle Ridge Drive, Mendota Heights, MN 55118. The more, the merrier.**

**\*\*If we stand by and do nothing, Grantsburg (Wisc.) Airport might close. It is purposely being 'starved' by short-sighted 'powers that be' at the City of Grantsburg. There will be a fly-in / drive-in event there on Saturday, Sept. 28, 10am-300pm. I will be there, rain or shine (rain in the truck, shine in the Cub). I urge you to do the same; voting with your feet is a statement of support. If you have a plane, so much the better - fly in there! If you have a plane and wish to fly Young Eagles, so much the better-better - appealing to local Grantsburg families (who vote) can turn the situation around.**

**And now, for something completely different.....**

**I like to get to high school early, before the hordes of uncivilized savages riot and ravage the hallways, to take some time to start with my daily 40 minutes of AvWeb, General Aviation News, Van's Air Force, and some of the other e-newsletters to which I subscribe.**

**I'm in the habit of writing my Congressional representatives quarterly (Jan., Apr., July, Oct.). I've done so for years - it started as a school government lesson I taught sometime in the 1990's. I keep a template on my computer.**

This AvWeb article, below, served as fodder for my most recent letter (maybe you took note, too). The article talks about local airports in Florida utilizing ADSB information to charge aircraft owners landing fees.

<https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/new-airport-fees-could-be-invoiced-via-autogenerated-ads-b-information/>

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2024/september/04/florida-cities-county-prepare-to-impose-new-fees-on-airport-users>

Time was that we (small, GA airplanes and GA pilots) were relatively safe from landing fees; they'd somehow have to know who is landing when, and the only way to do that was to have a tower; no one is sitting, 24 hours a day, in a lawn chair with clipboard and binoculars at the threshold of South St. Paul, recording N-numbers of landing aircraft. Few towered airports = few airports possibly having landing fees.

Apparently, GA has safe harbor from landing fees no more. Now any bum-diddly airport, recording ADSB information, can be an opportunity for an ignorant city government to start cashing in.

Maybe the entire GA fleet should go back to hand-propped, non-electric, ADSB-free Piper Cubs.

This practice of utilizing ADSB information to charge pilots has got to be stopped, and soon. This cannot become the normal routine. If a large number of municipalities go this route, it will be harder to turn off the spigot. I have little doubt that EAA and AOPA will ask members to write to Congress regarding this issue. I already have my views written in my October letter to my Congressional representatives.

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Our speaker this month is respected local long-time CFI Cheryl Daml, who will talk about the Air Race Classic and the Tree of Hope.

John Schmidt  
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## EAA Chapter Leadership Academy October 23-25, 2024 Oshkosh, WI



Don't miss this opportunity to join in EAA's Chapter Leadership Academy training session. Seats are limited and registrations are taken first come, first served.

This FREE two-day workshop will help you grow our chapter and become a strong EAA leader. FREE lodging in the EAA Air Academy Lodge and meals will be provided to participants. The workshop covers a variety of topics:

- Chapter activities
- Member recruitment
- Chapter marketing
- Social media presence
- Chapter management
- Media and public relations
- Fundraising

### **Schedule of Events:**

Wednesday: Check-in, social hour and welcome dinner with EAA staff

Thursday: Full day of classes

Friday: Half day of classes

Link to Register - <https://www.eaa.org/ea/chapters/chapter-leadership-training/ea-chapter-leaders-academy>

Also, attending this leadership academy awards our Chapter a point towards chapter recognition. Attending might just be what our Chapter needs to achieve the next level of chapter recognition.

For more information, please contact the EAA Chapters office at [chapters@eaa.org](mailto:chapters@eaa.org) or call 800-564-6322. If the trip to Oshkosh is not an option, please watch for a Chapter Leadership Boot Camp near you by visiting - [www.eaa.org/ea/chapters/chapter-leadership-training/chapter-leadership-boot-camp](https://www.eaa.org/ea/chapters/chapter-leadership-training/chapter-leadership-boot-camp)

## Chapter 25 August Meeting Minutes



8/21/2024

CALL TO ORDER: by President John Schmidt at 7pm.

LOCATION: Airlake Airport (KLVN) Hangar 34A Lakeville, MN 55044

GUESTS: 2 guests present and introduced themselves

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pat Halligan announced he has had a conversation with someone who has pledged to fund the entire purchase of a main hangar door for the new hangar. At this time, the person is anonymous.
- Young Eagles - 19 kids were flown last Saturday which brings the total to 122 for the YTD
- Treasurer - approx \$160k on hand with a large percentage of that cash is in interest bearing funds. We are a healthy chapter and well on our way to a new hangar
- IDEA - fly out to Grantsberg airport this fall and do Young Eagles rides there. Time and date TBD

- IDEA - Alan Knutsen presented an approach to gain additional hangar funds by having a dinner open to the public at the chapter pavilion during Airventure 2025.
- Christmas party is set again for January 2025 at Mike Tampos party room as it has been in the last few years.
- Looking for a grant writer within the chapter members to explore and write grant applications for some local large companies that have endowments for non-profit organizations.

GUEST SPEAKER: Tom Berge

- Local RV guru
- CFI, LODA holder for RV transition training, and pre-buy inspector
- Title of his power point presentation was "Things I see inspecting RV's, and wishing I didn't"
- He spoke for approx 30 minutes showing slides of gross building errors in judgement on currently flying aircraft.
- Followed up by a brief question and answer session.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Elliott; Lifetime Member # 1281548

EAA Ch 25 Secretary



## **Flying Proms at Old Warden Aerodrome England**

**By Kevin Knutson**

Chap 25 members out and about.

At the end of August I took a trip to the UK to visit my son and his family and generally wander about “amongst the English” for a couple of weeks.

Long-time Chapter 25 member and former president Chris Bobka also happened to be in-country at the time as well and convinced us (me) to attend the “Flying Proms” weekend at Old Warden Aerodrome. We met up there and he pointed out some of the unique and unusual features of the place. Held annually at Shuttleworth, Old Warden Aerodrome, Bedfordshire, for more than twenty years, the Flying Proms is likely the most unique and iconic aviation events ever.



Dunno how/why it's so named but I can describe it as an airborne promenade of antique and historic aircraft while none other than the world renowned National Symphony Orchestra performs classical pieces you'd recognize. The Dambusters March, the James Bond Melody, the theme from Those Magnificent Men and Their Flying Machines, and the ET Flying Theme. Watching the antique DeHavilland's, Hawkers and Avros fly-by and formate around the old grass Aerodrome set to music was truly a unique and beautiful experience.... even for a crass and cynical American.

At sunset, the orchestra performed another set to a pyrotechnic airshow and continued to play classical pieces for another several hours. The attendees filled the grassy infield in front of the orchestra while the music played.

As unique an experience as this was, the Shuttleworth Collection itself which hosted the event is open year-round and is well worth a visit.

The museum has six hangars full of antique and historic aircraft as well as an "engineering" hangar used for maintenance and restoration, all open for touring. The full collection is maintained in flying order. That's not unique, but considering it contains Otto Lilienthal's "normal apparatus" from the 1890's or one of Louis Bleriot's Type XI from 1910 (the type he was the first to fly across the English Channel) complete with its three cylinder, 24hp Anzani engine. It also happens to be the world's oldest aeroplane and aero-engine combination in flying condition. The 1910 Deperdussin looks like a movie prop right out of Those Magnificent Men and Their Flying Machines film. Built by Armand Deperdussin who founded his aircraft company, the "Societe Pour Les Appareils Deperdussin" (SPAD). They went on to produce the SPAD XIII, a top-line fighter in the First World War. The World War One aircraft included I think, the full list of Sopwith types. The WWII aircraft included a Supermarine Spitfire and Hawker Hurricane. Numerous DeHavilland types including Moth, Tiger Moth, Comet and the very Chipmunk King Charles learned to fly in were all operating this day.

If you ever have the chance to visit this place, you won't forget it. I know I never will. You can check it out at: [www.Shuttleworth.org/](http://www.Shuttleworth.org/) and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shuttleworth\\_Collection](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shuttleworth_Collection)



## GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY 2024

The Women in Aviation Chapter, Stars of the North from the Twin Cities area has their 10th Annual Girls in Aviation Day on **September 21st, 2024** at Jet Linx at Flying Cloud Airport (FCM). It is free and open to any kids, girls and boys, to attend. It is a really fun event. Lots of planes and helicopters and pilots there and many STEM careers represented.

Minneapolis Chapter of WIA website: <https://linktr.ee/starsofthenorth>

They ask that attendees preregister. <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/wia/event/giad2rfc/>

They have sign up open for volunteers to help with various positions:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuhoHibsQgyQPZUkOQu3zHcl3B2NojvOLx-o6RFnql8QZlxaQ/viewform>

Training will be provided, as will lunch and a volunteer t-shirt! Positions open: education, parking, attendee registration, volunteer support, environmental management, crowd control & more! When: Saturday, September 21, 2024 Where: Jet Linx & Flying Cloud Airport, 15221 Charlson Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Questions about the event? Please reach out at [BOD@starsofthenorth.org](mailto:BOD@starsofthenorth.org)

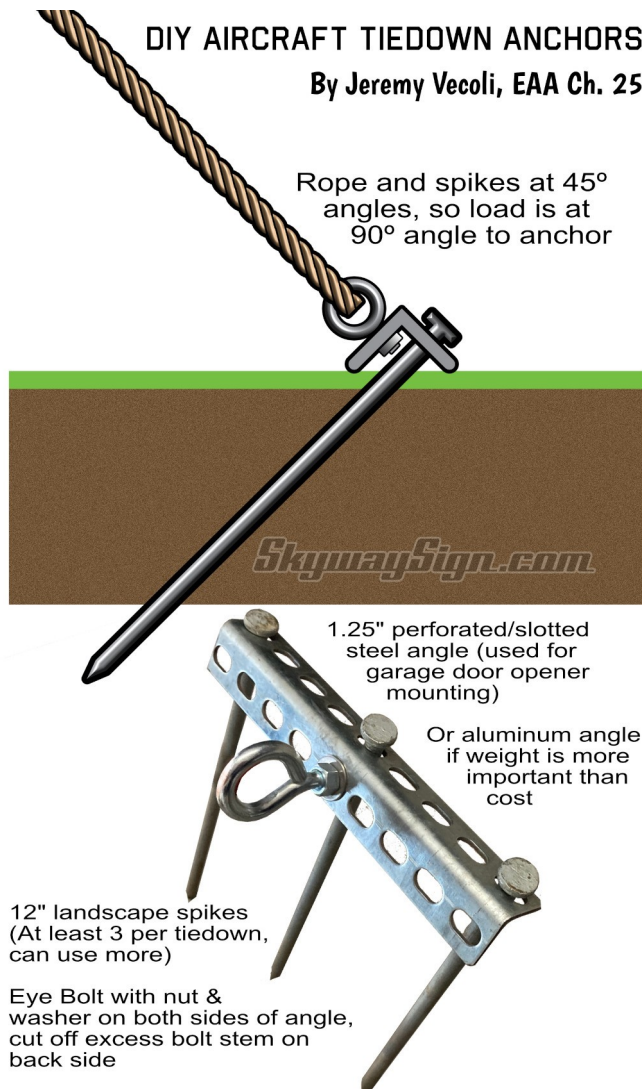


Girls in Aviation 2023

## DIY Aircraft Tiedown Anchors by Jeremy Vecoli

A little info about the aircraft tiedown anchors I made. There are lots of different temporary aircraft tiedown anchors available, some of these anchor systems are quite expensive and some not very effective. I made my anchors using inexpensive slotted steel angle and 12" landscape spikes. If installed with the tiedown ropes running at a 45° angle, the anchors hold very well in normal winds.

The accompanying picture should be fairly self-explanatory. Using aluminum angle instead of steel will definitely be lighter but your wallet will be lighter too.



For more information about best practices for tying down aircraft, check out the FAA advisory circular 20-35C at:

<https://skybrary.aero/sites/default/files/bookshelf/3022.pdf>

## Upcoming Fly-Ins

### Mora Fly-In

Sept. 21, 2024 8 a.m. – noon Mora Municipal Airport - KJMR

This is an event for the entire family, with free gifts for youth and adults. Admission is free.

Scheduled Activities:

- The event will open with the Presentation of Colors by the American Legion Club of Mora at 8 a.m.
- The Mora Lions Club will be serving an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast for \$8 per person with Pilots in Command eating for free. All proceeds will go to the Mora Lions Club to support community based projects and donations.
- A paper airplane contest is scheduled at 10 a.m. The contest is open to all ages; however, prizes will be awarded to the youth (age 17 or under) with the winning paper airplane flight.

Other Attractions and Details:

- Hawk Aviation will be offering airplane rides for \$45 per person.
- This year's event will again include a static tractor display. All tractor owners are encouraged to bring their equipment to the event. Airport equipment will also be on display.
- All pilots will receive a 10% discount on aviation fuel on the day of the event.
- This event is scheduled rain or shine.

The Mora Fly-In is brought to you by the City of Mora and its Airport Advisory Board, with support from Kwik Trip, Mora Lions Club, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., Blaze Credit Union, Federated Co-Op, and the local aviation community. Contact: Joe Kohlgraf 612-390-8217

### Little Falls KLXL 3rd Annual Fall Fly-In

Sept. 21, 2024 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Little Falls, MN (KLXL)

Sponsored by Lakes Area Aviation. EAA Chapter 1681 brat feed - free will donation benefiting aviation scholarships. Scenic flights & helicopter rides for purchase. Car show. Bouncy house. Cotton candy. Static aircraft displays. Sept. 22 rain date. Contact: eaa1681@outlook.com

### Fall Annual Bowstring Colors - 9Y0

Sept. 27-29, 2024

7 a.m.- 11 p.m.

Bowstring Airport (9Y0) - Co Rd 173, Deer River, MN 56636

Friday: 5-7 p.m., burgers and brats, chili, campfire. Saturday: 7-10 a.m., pancakes, eggs and sausage; noon-3 p.m., burgers, brats, chili and potato salad; 4-6 p.m., shore lunch, fish and spuds. Sunday: 7-10 a.m., pancakes, eggs and sausage; noon-3 p.m., chili, shore lunch leftovers. Sponsored by Bowstring Flyers. Free will donation. Contact: Ken Reichert, 218-244-6328



## **Grand Marais/Cook County Airport Annual Fly-In Breakfast**

Sept. 28, 2024 7:30 - 11 a.m. KCKC Airport

The Arrowhead Eagles Aviation Organization sponsors the Annual Fall Color fly-in pancake breakfast at Grand Marais/Cook County Airport. Join us for breakfast, static aircraft displays, classic car parade, airplane rides and fun, as the ridges above Lake Superior display their brilliant maple leaves in reds and oranges. \$10 adults, \$5 children under 14. All profits go to support the non-profit 501(c)(3) Eagles organization whose mission is to support the airport and flying access in our community with an annual aviation scholarship.

Contact: Rodney Roy, 218-387-3024, [airport@boreal.org](mailto:airport@boreal.org)

## **4th Fall Color Fly-in/Drive-in**

Sept. 28, 2024

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ontonagon County Airport-Schuster Field (OGM)

Come and enjoy the beautiful fall colors as you fly along the shores of Lake Superior, Saturday September 28, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EST) Lunch \$5.00. Enter drawings at the event for a chance to win some great prizes, such as a certificate for a future 2-day car rental, free hotel stay, and much more. Contact Lisa Linna [airportmgr@ontonagoncounty.org](mailto:airportmgr@ontonagoncounty.org) 906-884-6214

## **Wings of the North Pancake Breakfast & Airplane Giveaway**

Sept. 28, 2024 8 - 11 a.m.

Wings of the North Air Museum, KFCM, 14857 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie MN 55347

Wings of the North is hosting their fall pancake breakfast today. Please enter through Gate H on the northwest corner of Flying Cloud Airport. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice. \$25 for families (2 adults & 2 kids). \$10 per adult and kids age 12 and up; \$5 per kid ages 6 through 11; kids age 5 and under are free. We will give away a 1946 Cessna 140 in our 2024 sweepstakes. Entries are available at [wotn.org](http://wotn.org) until 5 p.m. on Sept. 26. Need not be present to win.

Contact: [museum@wotn.org](mailto:museum@wotn.org).

## **October**

### **Planes & Pumpkins**

Oct. 6, 2024

9-3 a.m.

KSYN Stanton Airfield

Join us for a day of autumn excitement at Stanton Airfield, where the skies are clear and the fun is endless. Event highlights include Aviation Displays, RC Airplane Candy Drop, Farm Fresh Foods, Kids Paper Airplane Contest, live music and more! Information and Tickets can be found at: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/PlanesPumpkinsFallFamilyFlyin>

Admission \$10, Free for 13 and Under and PICs get a free meal ticket

E-mail - [Friendsofhcafundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofhcafundraiser@gmail.com) or call 651-206-4214 with questions



## Young Eagles Update

by Kris Olson, Ch. 25 YE Coordinator

Our Young Eagles group flew 20 kids on Saturday, August 10th at Airlake Airport. The weather was sunny and windy and 65-75 degrees. Our pilots were Jim Fischer, Mark Kolesar, John Schmidt, and Keith Treptau. Our ground crew were Ed Barnard, Kevin Knutson, Dana Lynn, and Ron Oehler.

Our next Young Eagles rides event is Saturday, September 14th at Airlake Airport in Lakeville. We welcome more pilots and ground crew to help at our events. Contact me in advance, if you are interested at [ksimpson2@yahoo.com](mailto:ksimpson2@yahoo.com)

Our October, November, and December Young Eagles events will be held on the 3rd Saturday of those months.

Total kids flown in 2024 – 128. The Young Eagles 2024 leaders so far as of July:

Kolesar 26, Mike Schoen 24 for our chapter, he flies at 3 different chapters, 1229, 237 and 25, Treptau 22, Schmidt 20



## IMC Club Update

IMC Club meetings are the first Tuesday of each month via Zoom.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Oct 1st at 7:00pm CDT.

Contact Terry Carmine for more information at [tlcarmine@gmail.com](mailto:tlcarmine@gmail.com)

All are welcome to attend.



## Trivia Challenge

Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic?

Answer on Next Page -

## Trivia Answer

### Amelia Earhart – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1932

34-year-old Amelia Earhart set off from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland. She intended to fly to Paris in her single engine Lockheed Vega 5B to emulate Charles Lindbergh's solo flight five years earlier. After a flight lasting 14 hours, 56 minutes, during which she contended with strong northerly winds, icy conditions and mechanical problems, Earhart landed in a pasture at Culmore, north of Derry, Northern Ireland. The landing was witnessed by Cecil King and T. Sawyer. When a farm hand asked, "Have you flown far?" Earhart replied, "From America."

Amelia lived in St. Paul from spring 1913 to spring 1914. She attended St. Paul's new 1912 Central High School.



House where Earharts lived on Fairmount Avenue

Amelia's Minnesota story from:

<https://lisastories.com/2019/03/03/amelia-earhart-in-st-paul-a-brief-stay-was-marred-by-sad-times/>



**This Month's Quote**  
**by Amelia Earhart**

"After midnight, the moon set, and I was alone with the stars. I have often said that the lure of flying is the lure of beauty, and I need no other flight to convince me that the reason flyers fly, whether they know it or not, is the aesthetic appeal of flying."

**Need parts from Aircraft Spruce?**

Chapter 25 member Mark Elliot often (monthly, sometimes even weekly) orders from Aircraft Spruce. If you'd like to save the shipping costs (works well with small orders), and pay NO SALES TAX consider this strategy:

- 1 ) Find the Aircraft Spruce part number(s), and the amount of that item, you want.
- 2 ) Email your 'order' to Mark, and he will combine it with his next Aircraft Spruce order.
- 3 ) Wait for Mark to contact you, letting you know your material has arrived, and
- 4 ) Meet up with him to get your goods.

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Contact any of these folks if you have questions or suggestions on what we might do differently to improve our Chapter 25.

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