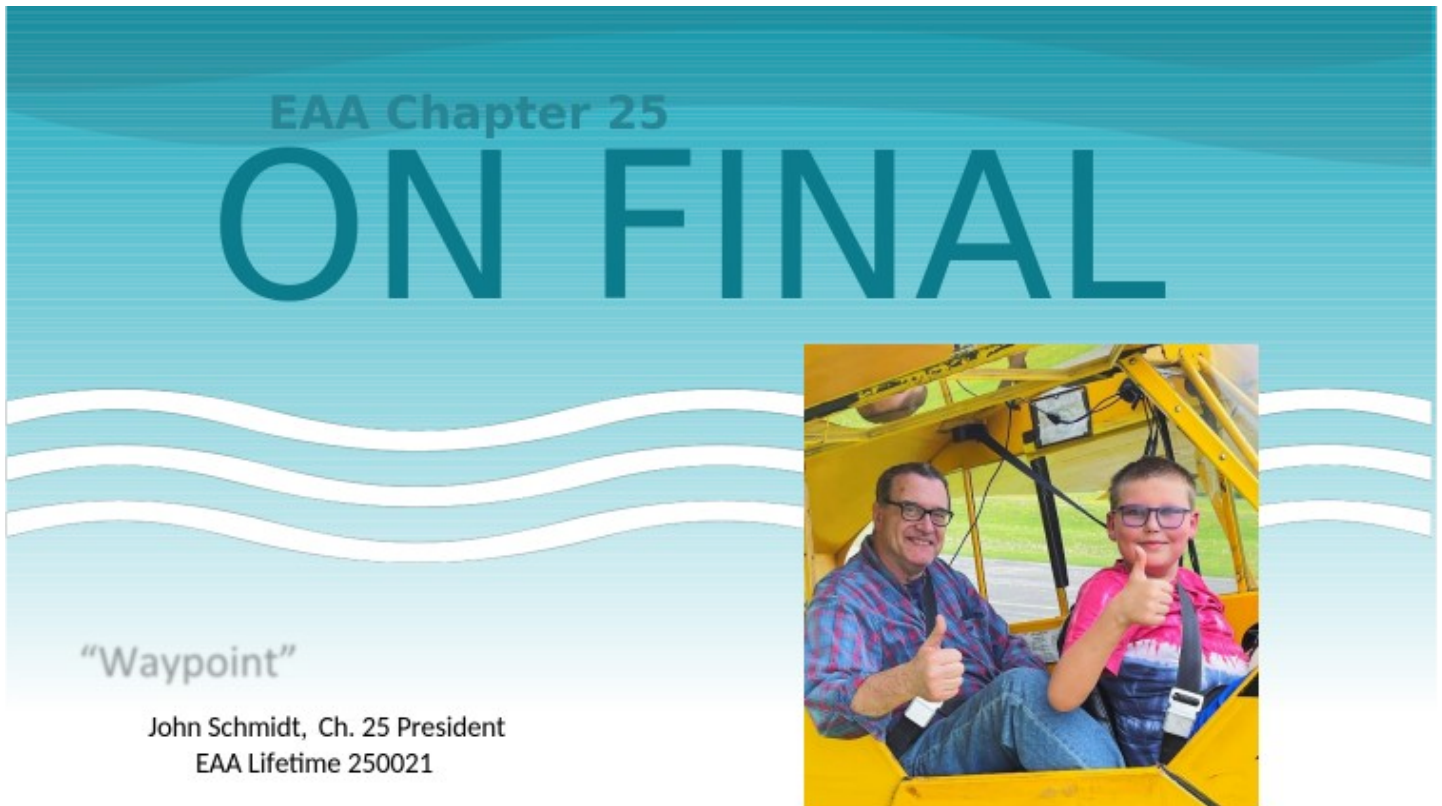


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Chapter 25's Website - <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea25>



Make Some Noise

My contact info is published on our chapter's website. I enjoy getting phone calls and emails from the public, making inquiry as to "What's an EAA Chapter?" or "What exactly does your group do?"

Good question - what exactly DO we do?

I got my start in aviation by joining EAA. I didn't have any money, couldn't afford flight training, no one in my family flew. I didn't know what an aileron was. I didn't have any knowledge of how to get a pilot's license, I had only flown in an airplane once in my life (at age 19), for 20 minutes.

I have heard some criticize EAA HQ for being relentlessly positive, for over-presenting the 'aspirational' (i.e., there's no way I can afford THAT), for only presenting the 'sunshine and rainbows' of aviation in their publications.

I think about what little knowledge I had of aviation in my younger years, before joining EAA, before becoming a pilot, before participating in airplane repairs and builds, and, as I look back, I'm grateful to EAA for being so positive. I think it was then, and is now, the right approach. EAA's 'can-do' attitude is what drew me in; I might not have pursued further involvement in aviation otherwise. A 'can-do' attitude costs nothing, but pays huge benefits. There are plenty of naysayers out there; EAA HQ's (and Paul's) professional, positive point of view is one of the things that drew me to aviation.

Something can be learned (on the chapter level) from that.

I see our chapter members talking with visitors/guests after meetings, and I am heartened. I hear about members inviting others to chapter meetings. This is what we need to do to grow aviation - grassroots efforts, one-on-one conversations, listen to the old guard, mentor those coming up behind us, emphasize quality, and teach/learn.

What is it that we, as EAAers in Chapter 25, do?

We participate. We teach and build skills. We collaborate with and learn from the established aviator, and we befriend the newbie. We contribute. We build. We mentor. We encourage. We demonstrate. We fix. We advocate. We volunteer.

Part of the appeal of EAA membership, and chapter participation, is the flexibility of activities that are available, or can be created. Each EAA chapter that I've visited has its own vibe, its own ethos and personality.

While there's always room for improvement, I think EAA Chapter 25 has been going in the right direction for quite some time, certainly before my tenure as your current chapter president. It's our job to continue to shepherd the chapter in a positive direction, to grow.

Did you note the number of guests we had at last month's chapter meeting?
Some joined Ch. 25 on the spot (!).

Word of mouth spreads by one conversation, one greeting, one invitation at a time.

Make some noise.

We've got a good thing going here.

EAA Chapter 25 is a gem.

Continue to polish that gem, and spread the word.

Newsy bits:

*** 8 EAA chapters served 'Chapter Breakfast' at the Chapters Pavillion at Oshkosh this year, earning a total of \$38,000. We will again apply next spring to be one of those chapters.

*** If you haven't read this AvWeb story from Fagen Fighter Museum in Granite Falls, MN, you may wish to:

www.avweb.com/aviation-news/world-war-ii-ace-naval-aviator-flies-again-at-age-102/

*** Ch. 25 member Dave Retka was pictured and featured in an article in the General Aviation News:

<https://generalaviationnews.com/2024/10/02/the-grandeur-of-the-grassroots-fly-in/>

(Also pictured in the article is young, effervescent Ami Eckard-Lee, Creative Development Director of the Kelch Museum in Brodhead, Wisconsin. She's the only person I know who has soloed in a Curtiss Pusher).

*** Dave also showed up, along with about 12 other Chapter 25 members, to Grantsburg, Wisconsin on Saturday, Sept 28 (along with 15 other airplanes), to demonstrate support for that airport. 42 Young Eagles were flown that day. The battle to support the airport rages on.

*** I have heard from a Ch. 25 member / donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) who'd like to see our chapter get involved in an EAA HQ-sponsored RC airplane build:

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/eaa-chapters/ea-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/ea-young-eagles-build-and-fly-program>

The kit costs \$500 from EAA HQ. HQ wants chapter volunteers to coordinate with the local AMA. (Academy of Model Aeronautics)

The donor would like the chapter to buy the kit, and work with kids to build it.

On the day that it flies for the first time with a kid at the controls, the donor will give \$500 to the chapter as reimbursement.

This is a \$500 donation/investment, but it's time-limited; the donor would like a written commitment from 4 (or more) adult volunteers on or before 12 noon, March 1, 2025. There is no deadline for getting kids involved.

Please read the link (above); it's on the agenda for the next chapter meeting.

I love and support the idea, but I will not twist arms (as I've sometimes been known to do); we'll need a volunteer team with (time) dedication. You have to want to do this.

*** Forest Lake Public Schools has given me permission to attend the AOPA High School Aviation Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia on Mon. Nov. 17 and Tues. Nov. 18 (on my own, not the public's, dime). I will report on what I learn.

*** I have 20 EAA 2025 calendars for sale at the next chapter meeting, first come, first served, sold in person at the October 16 2024 (next) chapter meeting. Cash or check (made out to 'EAA ch. 25') \$15 a pop (less than from HQ! Less than Ch. 237!). 100% of your purchase price goes directly to EAA chapter 25's coffers. If demand is there, I will get more.

EAA Chapter 25 - Minutes for 18 Sept 2024

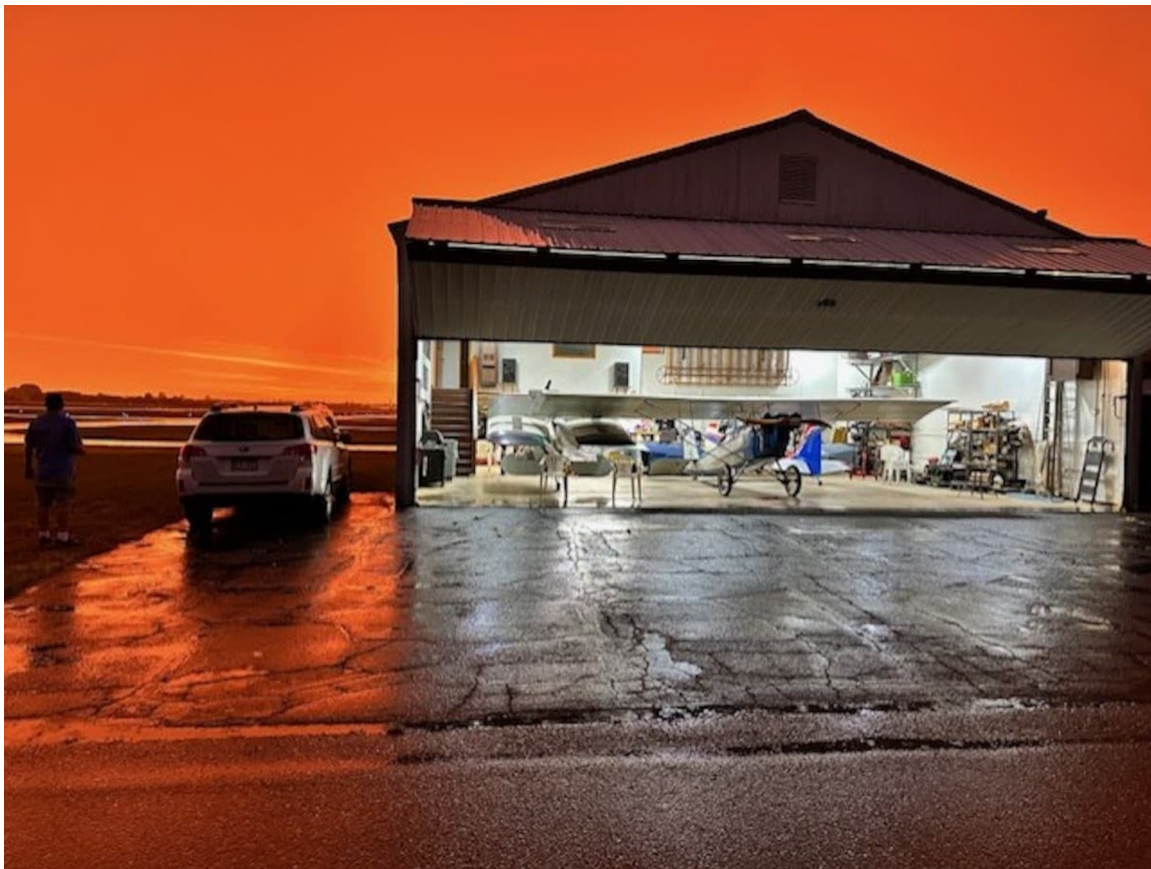


Location: KLVN Airport

Meeting called to order by President John Schmidt at 7pm

- Great weather for the meeting with the door open and a wonderful MN Sept evening
- New member and guests introduction - approx 14 new people at this meeting
- New Hangar fund continues to grow slowly with approx \$80k in cash earmarked for the project
- The Ch 25 board will meet in Oct TBD date and time
- Chris Olson reported Young Eagles flew 24 kids with 3 pilots on Sept 14. This brings our total YE YTD total to approx 166
- Our new website has been updated with the Presidents Message
- There is a share for sale in the Zenith 701 N701MN which was built by our members

- Speaker for the evening was Cheryl Daml (answering questions in picture above)
 - CFI
 - 11k hours
 - 34 year career 1st grade teacher
 - KANE based
 - Beech Sundowner Owner
 - The first part of her talk was about the tree of hope - giving of holiday gifts to kids in the hospital over the upcoming holidays. Where to give, information, and the service they provide (see Tree of Hope brochure page)
 - The second part was about the ARC (Air Race Classic) she participated in 2023 and upcoming 2025. She shared interesting details about how the race is conducted, what is required, the history, and importance of women in the general aviation experience.
 - Meeting concluded at 8:20pm
- Sincerely submitted by:
 Mark Elliott
 EAA Ch 25 secretary



Greg Cardinal's picture of his hangar after a storm passed at sunset on Aug. 26, 2024, at Air-lake Airport. Greg's Pietenpol is a classic build: No electric, hand-propped, tail skid, no brakes and is well-known in the Pietenpol community.

Girl's in Aviation Day



On September 21, 2024, at the Flying Cloud Airport: South St. Paul Chapter 1129's Bill Steier and Serena Townsend with Lakeville Chapter 25's Kris Olson and Mark Kolesar and Lake Elmo Chapter 54's Vicky Moore worked together to promote EAA Programs such as Young Eagles, local Chapter Activities and AeroEducate at the annual Girls in Aviation Day put on by the Stars of the North Chapter of Women in Aviation.

This free event is geared toward girls 8-17, however everyone is welcome. This was the largest Girls Day gathering in the nation today. Nearly 2,400 young aviation enthusiasts, families and troops came to explore the Aerospace Center and exhibit hall where STEM subjects come to life with hands on applications as well as interacting with a wide range of speakers, exhibitors, and companies, including representatives from the FAA, engineering firms, universities, flight schools, airlines, business aviation and the military.

To make the experience even better was having an opportunity to meet with current and successful EAA Ray Scholarship recipients as well as former Young Eagles and to hear their stories about the difference receiving the scholarship and the Young Eagle ride(s) made in their lives. There is no doubt we are all making a positive difference in many young people's lives.

For Sale :

RV-9A kit

Bruce Anthony - banthon90@gmail.com 612-270-0638

I have a RV-9A kit for sale in Rosemount, MN. Tail is mostly done and wing panels are mostly drilled and deburred. Willing to let go at a good price. Anyone interested please call me.

Bellanca 14-13-3

Ron Oehler - roehler533@gmail.com 952 250 8069

Ron has the following for sale:

- 1) 1947 Bellanca 14-13-3 project for sale.
- 2) Hangar 24B for sale after Bellanca is sold.

Hangar is in Delta row at Lakeville, next to Terry Carmine's hangar.

From Cheryl Daml and the Holiday Tree of Hope asking for our participation again this year:

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2024

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EAA Announces Now more than 2.4 million Young Eagles!

Chapter 25 member Mike York with a Young Eagle.

A very active summer of Young Eagles flights across the nation has pushed the total number of young people flown past 2.4 million, the latest milestone in what has become the world's largest youth aviation education program.

"It's been great to see Young Eagles activity return to pre-pandemic levels," said David Leiting, EAA's Eagles Program manager. "As we headed into the always-active fall flight rally period, our volunteer pilots had already flown more than 38,000 Young Eagles in 2024, and we've welcomed more than 700 new pilots into the program this year. We thank all our pilots and ground support volunteers, who are planting those seeds with young people that will keep aviation vibrant for years to come."

For the story and EAA pictures -

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-news-and-aviation-news/young-eagles-flights-milestone>



Young Eagles Update

by Kris Olson, Ch. 25 YE Coordinator

Our Young Eagles group earned \$955 in EAA Young Eagles credits from our pilots flying kids at our Young Eagles events and on their own during the year in 2023. We have some receipts from 2024 to turn in to EAA for Young Eagles program supplies and EAA Air Academy camp scholarship. We still have some credits we can use. We have a student attending EAA Air Academy camp in 2025. We will use some credits towards a scholarship for them.

Our Young Eagles group flew 25 kids on Saturday, September 14th at Airlake Airport in Lakeville. Our pilots were Mark Kolesar, Pat Moynihan, and Keith Treptau. Our ground crew were Ed Barnard, Ron Hoyt, Kevin Knutson, and Dana Lynn. The forecast had rain in the area. We were able to give most of the rides. We stopped our event early around 11:30 am when it started to rain.

Our next Young Eagles rides event is Saturday, October 19th 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

Total kids flown in 2024 – 170



Trivia Challenge

In 1942, Mid-Continent Airlines, based at Minneapolis' Wold Chamberlain Field, accomplished what secret military project?

Answer next page -



IMC Club Update

IMC Club meetings are the first Tuesday of each month via Zoom.
Our next meeting is scheduled for Nov 5th at 7:00pm CDT.
Contact Terry Carmine for more information at tlcarmine@gmail.com
All are welcome to attend.

Trivia answer

Thanks to Brandon Montanye and the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame for this month's trivia.

The B-25 bombers used for the famed Doolittle Tokyo raid were modified in Minneapolis, specifically for that mission. On the 10th of February, 1942 at Mid-Continent Airlines, based at Minneapolis' Wold Chamberlain Field, Lt Col Doolittle informed the Supervisor of Maintenance, Benjamin F. Krause, that he needed twenty-four aircraft modified with long range fuel tanks by the 3rd of March! Mid-Continent took on the task and soon B-25s arrived and were isolated from prying eyes. There were no blueprints for the tanks or the installation. Plans and all of the hardware for the fuel tanks were fabricated on location at the airline. The task was completed on time, and the aircraft flew to California on February 28th.

If it were not for the fabrication and installation of these long-range tanks on such a compressed timeline by this Minnesota company, the success of the Tokyo Raid would not have been possible.



Unauthorized picture of a Doolittle B-25 at Mid-Continent taken by mechanic Ken Brommer, 1942.

About the Doolittle raid

On 18 April, 1942, sixteen North American B-25 Mitchell bombers, led by Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle, launched from the pitching deck of the aircraft carrier USS Hornet (CV-8). Their mission was to bomb Tokyo, Japan. This mission would serve as a retaliatory strike for the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, less than four months previous! The operation also provided a much-needed boost to the moral of the American people and had a huge impact psychologically on Japan. This was the first time anything of this type of operation had been attempted.

This Month's Quote
by Jimmy Doolittle

1934 - "The country will some day pay for the stupidities of those who were in the majority on this commission. They know as much about the future of aviation as they do about the sign writing of the Aztecs."

This quote came about because there was a political battle for a separate air force before WW2. Newton D. Baker, former World War I secretary of war, was tagged in 1934 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt with heading a new committee of inquiry into having a separate Air Force. The majority on the committee voted against the idea but one man on the Baker committee submitted a minority statement. Racing pilot James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle, then an Air Corps Reservist, declined to sign the majority report because of the board's refusal to support an independent air arm.

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- 4) Meet up with him to get your goods.

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