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EAA Chapter 25 ON FINAL

“Waypoint”

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Six words: It all went by so fast.

This edition of Waypoint is written the week before our first pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 16, 2024; I hope it was a success. I don't know how you will, upon this reading, decide on the definition of 'success;' for me, the bar is low - I'll be happy if we pull it off, I don't tick off any of the volunteers, and we make a profit. I'll report more at our next meeting (and in our next newsletter, for those of you who don't make the June meeting).

Most of you know that I have spent my career as a teacher, across 3 states, in 8 different school districts (I can't get along with anybody). In that time, I've seen a lot. I've been shaped by my students as much as they have been shaped by me.

Teaching is an honorable profession, and I think teachers who retire after a long career should rightly be honored by fellow teachers. No one attends the retirement dinner for the second shift assistant manager at McDonald's, but many friends, relatives, and, importantly, teaching colleagues attend teacher retirement parties. Our own Ch. 25's Dave Retka had a memorable retirement party, in his hangar at KSGS, complete with live music and airplane rides for guests. I respect a lot the work he's done in his career. He has justly earned his current, less-hectic days.

I think it's important for fellow faculty to attend a teacher's retirement dinner, to honor the long years of dedicated devotion to students; I consider it obligatory. Even though, among the food and vibrancy and career picture displays, I always make it a point to thank the honoree, my meager thanks never seems like enough. How does one encapsulate adequate gratitude to someone for 30+ or even 40+ years of devoted work with students / America's future, in just one evening's dinner?

And then, there's my favorite moment: the chance for the retiring teacher to speak to the assembled. The Final Lecture.

And that teacher gets up to the dais, steps up to the microphone, looks out on the crowd, and..... the reality of the moment strikes them. The finality of their career hits. This Is It. This leader, who regularly gets in front of a classroom and addresses those who want to learn and those who don't, suddenly is at a loss for words. They get choked up. The teacher, at that moment, looks at the assembled crowd, and that teacher mentally looks back, in a flash, on all those years of teaching lessons, correcting papers, disciplining students, standing before a room full of kids, putting up with budget cuts, working with colleagues now gone, and any myriad of other career experiences, good and bad, and they all think or say some version of these six words:

'It... All... Went... By.... So.... Fast.'

All of those decades of service, coming to an end. And, at that point, I've seen grown mature adults, hardened by their teaching experiences, male and female, break down and cry.

Just because of those six words: It all went by so fast.

So also it is in many stages of anyone's life, teacher or not. Parents feel it when their firstborn goes off to college. Wives and husbands think about it on their 50th wedding anniversary. People feel it when first told by their doctor of a terminal disease.

Pilots think it when they look back on their experiences in aviation.

It All Went By So Fast.

If you have aviation goals, get after them now. Today. Because, in your future, there will come a day when you, too, will think: 'It all went by so fast.'

If you don't subscribe (for free!) to the Midwest Flyer, it is this pilot's opinion that you should. Here is the link to the June/July issue:

<https://midwestflyer.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/MFM-JuneJuly2024-Digital-issue.pdf>

You might make note of the article on page 30, about Grantsburg Airport. I've thought about having a 'Chapter fly-out' sometime this fall, when the leaves are changing. Activity at the airport is supporting the airport. And Grantsburg could use some activity and support.

Our speaker this month is Mark Schreier, who will speak about "How to get ANYTHING from ATC " Mark is currently a commercial corporate pilot. Mark is a FFAST team lead representative, and is a private pilot with commercial, seaplane, and multi-engine ratings. He worked for 25 years in ATC, and has been an FAA Safety Rep for 22 years.

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Pancake Breakfast

Our thanks to those Ch. 25 members who volunteered for our first annual Pancake Breakfast on Father's Day.

List of Pancake Breakfast Volunteers:

John Aiton
Bruce Anthony
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Mark Elliot
Jerry Farrell
Simon Fenton
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Shirley Fischer
Sean Hageman
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Don Iverson
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David Machaj
Bill Norton
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John Schmidt
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Reminder to attend AirVenture 2024 The EAA Chapter/Young Eagles Blue Barn



Don't forget to visit the EAA Blue Barn which serves as the destination and go-to resource center for EAA Chapters, Young Eagles, Eagle Flights, Flying Start, Flying Clubs, VMC/IMC, Ray Scholarships and AeroEducate. There are numerous Forums, displays, audio visual information displaying successful ideas and projects being implemented by Chapters across the Country. Aircraft builders, stop by and test your Cleco speed skills.

Webinar - EAA AirVenture 2024 Features and Attractions

Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 7 p.m. CDT

Join this webinar to learn about what to expect at AirVenture 2024. Rick Larsen, EAA vice president of communities, member programs and AirVenture features and attractions, and Sean Elliott, vice president of advocacy and safety will discuss the latest news on what to expect at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024.

https://pages.eaa.org/2024-07-02WBN_AVFeatures_LP-Registration.html

AOPA Winner of Scholarship by Gene Poole

Congratulations to rising senior at United Christian Academy, Julia Dallmann, who just received word that she has been awarded a \$10,000 dollar scholarship from AOPA to continue her path towards a private pilot license. Julia is the second UCA student to receive one of the AOPA student scholarship awards. She passed her private pilot knowledge test in the fall of her junior year and began pilot training using her own funds. Julia also attended a missionary aviation summer camp in Idaho in the summer of 2023 coming home even more focused on her goal of becoming a commercial pilot. The scholarship should cover the remaining cost of instruction for completing her private pilot license as well as obtaining an IFR endorsement (instrument flight rating) before she graduates next summer. Julia is the 6th UCA student to begin pilot training as a result of the aviation program at UCA.



In other news from the UCA aviation program, a Ken Rand KR-1 airplane has been donated to the school and a \$5000 grant was awarded from MINNDEPENDENT, an Minnesota organization that supports STEM innovation programs at private schools throughout Minnesota. The grant funds will be used to purchase tools and some hardware to begin an aviation technology vocational program as part of the aviation courses at UCA.

Julia is shown on the left in a Cessna 150 at Inflight Aviation school in Eden Prairie and below with the Rand KR-1, temporarily stored in her dad's warehouse.



EAA chapter 25 members:

Sorry yet again for this shameless plug, but I'm teaching my "Intro to Aviation" course, this August at White Bear Lake Community Education programs. If you know any kids in the metro that might be interested, would you please cut-and-paste and share this information with them? I think, due to kids/families having to find their own transportation, kids in the north metro might be a target audience. I have, in the past, taught this class effectively to a class size of 28 kids, so please feel free to spread the word.

Thank you.

John Schmidt 651 373 3779 c

White Bear Lake Community Education:

Intro to Aviation-Lets Fly!: Gr 5-9 This class will educate you on the history, science, math, personalities, and traditions of aviation. We will look at aviation maps and navigation, design, art, and the people behind the progress of flight. Students will track their own progress through daily journaling, and will come home with materials at least every other day. 0829-041 | 12 Sessions | Mon-Thu, Jul 29-Aug 15 1:00-4:00 PM | \$199 | Lincoln Elementary School | Schmidt

White Bear Community Education Summer Catalog:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1709049962/whitebeark12mnus/gany4zkfgpe9p9yx86l3/CSSummerFINALCATALOG.pdf>

FLY! Is on page 33.

Greg Cardinal and Bob Poore flying their Pietenpols over Lake Bilsby



Photo courtesy of Dave Swanson. Mike York piloting photo ship Zenith 701

Upcoming Fly-Ins

Burgers at Bagley K7Y4

Jun 20, 2024 5-7 p.m.

Bagley Municipal Airport

EAA Chapter 1397 is flying to different airports for food every Thursday this summer! Come join us for Burgers at Bagley (7Y4) Thursday June 20.

Contact: eaachapter.1397@gmail.com

Stanton Airfield Summer Solstice Celebration and Fly-in

June 22, 2024

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Stanton Airfield - KSYN - 1235 Highway 19 Blvd, Stanton MN 55018

Live music, food, beverages, demonstrations, airplane rides, and more. Admission is \$10 and Children 13 and under are free.

Contact: 507-645-4030

Fairmont Lions Fly In Breakfast

June 23, 2024

7 a.m. - noon

Municipal airport KFRM

Fairmont, MN

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, orange juice, milk. Adults \$9 Children 6-10 \$6 Children under 6 free. Pilot in command eats free.

Contact: Wayne Kahler at 507-236-3604

Redwood Falls Rotary Fly-In Breakfast

June 23, 2024

8 a.m. - noon

Redwood Falls Municipal Airport

All you can eat pancakes and sausage. Pilots eat free.

Contact: Redwood Fall Rotary at redwoodfallsrotary@gmail.com

Float Planes at Kohls Resort Turtle Lake

Jun 27, 2024

5-7 p.m.

Kohls Resort Turtle Lake

EAA Chapter 1397 is flying to different airports for food every Thursday this summer! Come join us for at Kohl's Resort Turtle Lake (6nm North of BJI) Thursday June 27.

Contact: eaachapter.1397@gmail.com

Wells Wings and Wheels Fly-In Breakfast

June 30, 2024 7 a.m. - Noon

68Y Wells Municipal Airport

Breakfast serving pancakes, French toast, eggs, ham, coffee and juice. 2 Miles West of Wells on Hwy 109. Aviation fuel, airplane rides and car show.

Contact: Bruce Sauer at Wells Aviation at 507 553 3100 or email wellsav@bevcomm.net

Houston County Airport Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

June 30, 2024

7 a.m. - noon

Houston County Airport KCHU, Caledonia, MN

All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausages, and beverages \$8. PIC free.

Plane rides \$40 per person.

Contact: brianm@acegroup.cc

July

Burgers at Barnstormers Flight School Bemidji KBJI

Jul 4, 2024 5-7 pm.

Bemidji Regional Airport

EAA Chapter 1397 is flying to different airports for food every Thursday this summer!

Come join us for Burgers at Barnstormers Flight School Bemidji Thursday July 4.

Contact: eaachapter.1397@gmail.com

Starbuck Fly-In Breakfast

July 6, 2024 7 a.m. - Noon

Starbuck MN Airport

The Starbuck Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a fly-in breakfast on Jul 6, 2024, at the Starbuck Airport D32. Chris Cakes pancakes, sausage, and a beverage. Come for the breakfast then take a short walk downtown along the shore of Lake Minnewaska to take part in the Heritage Days Festivities. Craft fair, car show, kid's games, zoo exhibit, climbing wall, pedal pull, color run, parade, fireworks, depot and museum open house, and more. Stay for the day or camp under your wing and extend your visit.

Contact: Tom Beuckens 612-715-1995

Lions Fly-In Breakfast at Airlake Airport, Pan-O-Prog Event

Jul 7, 2024

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Lakeville Airlake Airport - Aloft Aviation Jet Hangar

12th Annual Event and Kickoff to Lakeville's Pan-O-Prog Festival. Event is held at the new Aloft Aviation Jet Hangar (South side of runway). For all event details search: "Lions Fly-In Breakfast 2024" Look for all event details and advance purchase savings on the Eventbrite app or website. Contact: eventdirector@lakevillelionsmn.org

Moberg Air Base Airport MN13

Jul 11, 2024 5-7 p.m.

EAA Chapter 1397 is flying to different airports for food every Thursday this summer! Come join us for Burgers at Moberg's (MN13) Thursday July 11.

Contact: eaachapter.1397@gmail.com

Wings Over Prairie du Chien

Jul 13, 2024

7 - 11 a.m.

Prairie du Chien Municipal Airport KPDC

37735 US Hwy 18, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

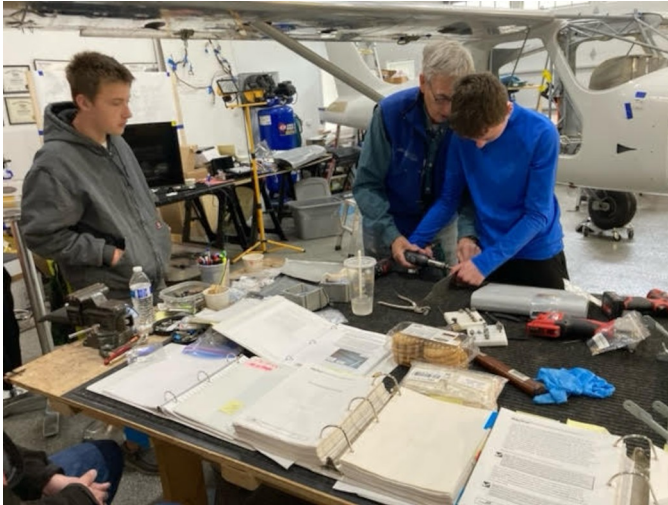
Fly-in, drive-in breakfast featuring brisket and eggs, hash browns and more. \$15 adults. \$8 kids 12 & under. Breakfast sponsored by Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien. Free admission. Free parking. Military and civilian aircraft displays, Medflight helicopter, military, police, and fire department equipment displays. Aircraft fly-bys. Airplane rides.

Contact: Todd Berry, Airport Manager, 608 412-6163. airport@prairieduchien-wi.gov.

Build Updates

Glstar

The Glstar Builders had young visitors in late April. The kids are from the Aviation Explorer post in Blaine, MN and the Aviation Explorer post in Eden Prairie, MN.



Hatz Project

The Hatz project website has 5 May postings, well worth checking out!
For updates and pictures on Kevin Knutson's Hatz Project -
<https://eaabuilderslog.org/?blproject&proj=7dAZ6sqil>

Build Opportunity by Dennis Vanatta

A fellow I know has a neighbor who passed away while rebuilding a Sonerai 2. The gentleman's widow is now trying to sell the project. The airplane may have been ground-looped at one point, which is presumably why it was being rebuilt, but it appears to be fairly complete. One wing needs new top-skin. It comes with a 400 hour Rotax 912ULS, but I didn't see a prop around. It had previously been flying, has an N-number and airworthiness certificate. The logs appears to be quite complete. We have a bunch more pictures if you might be interested in a good project to keep you out of trouble for a while. (smile!)

If anybody is interested in more info, please call Jack Atkins at 952-250-2544.
If anybody wants many more photos, please email your request to -
jackatkins1954@gmail.com and he'll gladly send you 34 photos.





Young Eagles Update

by Kris Olson, Ch. 25 YE Coordinator

Our Young Eagles group flew 29 kids on May 11th at Airlake Airport. The temperature was in the 50s and 60s and we had light winds. Our pilots were Bryan Kaufmann, Mark Kolesar, Pat Moynihan, Mike Schoen, Keith Treptau, and Mike York. Our ground crew were Ed Bernard, Ron Hoyt, Dana Lynn, and Jill Mount.

Our next Young Eagles rides event is June 15th at Airlake Airport. We can use more pilots and ground crew. Contact me if you are interested at ksimpson2@yahoo.com

Total kids flown in 2024 - 65



IMC Club Update

IMC Club meetings are the first Tuesday of each month via Zoom. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 2nd, 2024.

Contact Terry Carmine for more information at tlcarmine@gmail.com

All are welcome to attend.



Trivia Challenge

EAA mourns the loss of Brig. Gen. Clarence E. "Bud" Anderson, World War II triple ace and one of EAA's favorite annual AirVenture visitors, as he died May 17th at age 102. Gen. Anderson had 16.25 victories. Who is the USA's greatest ace of aces and how many aerial victories?

Answer on Next Page -

Need parts from Aircraft Spruce?

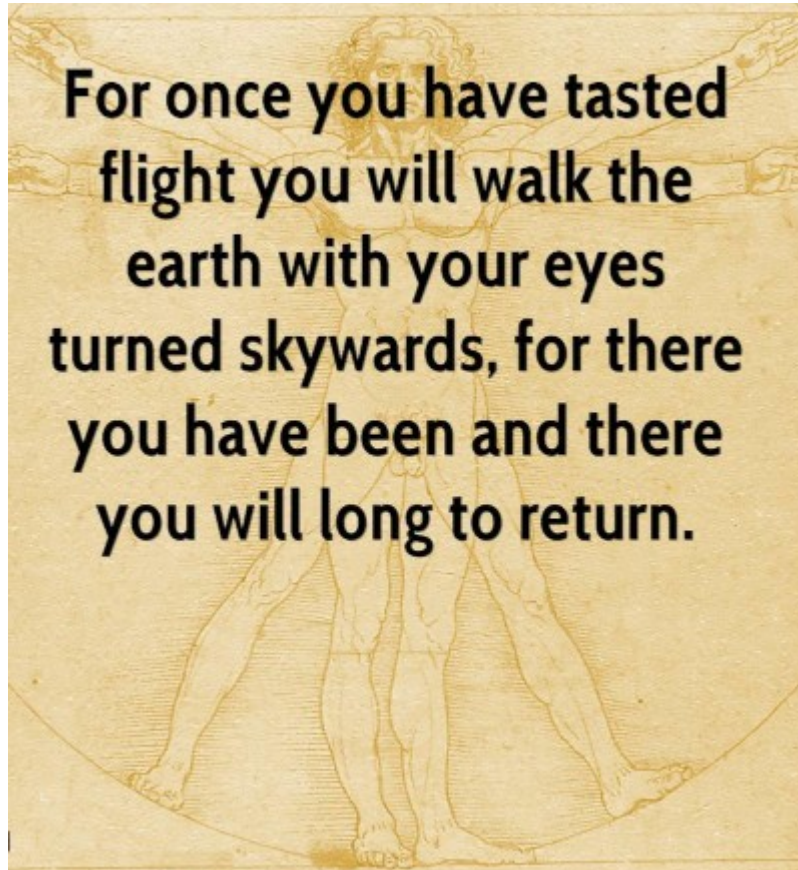
Chapter 25 member Mark Elliot often (monthly, sometimes even weekly) orders from Aircraft Spruce. If you'd like to save the shipping costs (works well with small orders), and pay NO SALES TAX consider this strategy:

- 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.

DreamLandAviation@gmail.com Phone 651-398-8637

This Month's Quote

... has been attributed to Leonardo da Vinci but actually the quote is from a 1965 educational film titled "I, Leonardo da Vinci" with a script written by John H. Secondari where the quote was created.



Trivia Answer -

Richard "Dick" Ira Bong (September 24, 1920 – August 6, 1945) was a United States Army Air Forces major and Medal of Honor recipient in World War II. He was one of the most decorated American fighter pilots and the country's top flying ace in the war, credited with shooting down 40 Japanese aircraft, all with the Lockheed P-38 Lightning fighter.

The whole story - <https://bongcenter.org/about/who-is-major-richard-i-bong/>

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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