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President's Report— David Leiting, Jr.



Spring has officially sprung here in northeastern Wisconsin! Great flying days were few and far between for most of March and April, but I've finally been able to stretch my wings on a consistent basis. I hope you have been able to pull the airplane out of the hangar as well. Not only is this great for the soul, but it's an important time of year for knocking the rust off and building on safe flying habits.

After I have been out of the cockpit for a few weeks, I find myself spending a little extra time on my pre-flight inspections, before take-off flows, and CGUMPS landing checklist. After a few flights, these actions turn into a rhythm and begin to feel like second nature once again. However, it's important not to let this rhythm turn into complacency. So, what can us pilots do to keep complacency from creeping into the cockpit?

Let me preface this next paragraph by saying that I am not a CFI...

First and foremost, I find myself spending a little extra time on my checklist this time of year. I like to double (and sometimes triple) check items on the list, just to keep myself honest.

I will also note that your EAA membership provides access to some great pilot proficiency resources. Each month you'll find several good articles within Sport Aviation. Steve Krog, owner of Kylie's Cub Air Flight in Hartford, WI, writes a column each month titled "The Classic Instructor." Steve's perspective is that of a seasoned instructor and focuses on the basics of becoming a better pilot.

EAA's webinar series also offers a great rotation of pilot proficiency topics. These live presentations focus on everything from IFR flying, aircraft systems, and basic stick and rudder skills. The recordings are available free of charge to all EAA members at EAA.org/Webinars.

Outside of EAA, reviewing the NTSB aviation reports can always be a great source of education. You'll always be humbled reviewing these reports, and they will likely provide you with a refreshed perspective on aviation safety.

EAA Chapter 252 has also been working to bring pilot proficiency programs to our members on a monthly basis via IMC Club programming. Traction was gained over the winter, but we are still looking for a leader of this program. During our trial runs, VMC Club scenarios were also sprinkled into the mix.

Both the IMC and VMC Club programs strive to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency. This is accomplished by presenting a real-world scenario curated by EAA. Once the scenario is presented, a group discussion begins with audience participation.

To help our members take advantage of the great summer flying weather, this program will be put on hold until the fall. In the meantime, the chapter is searching for a coordinator to help coordinate these meetings. If that is of interest to you, please email me at ea252@gmail.com!

No matter what your flying looks like over the next few months, I hope it is enjoyable and most importantly safe!

Tailwinds,

David Leiting, EAA Lifetime 579157

May 11 Chapter Gathering

**Homebuilders
Buffet - Taco Bar**

**Dinner: 6:30PM
Meeting: 7:00 PM**

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AND/OR A SIDE
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May Chapter Gathering



Our May chapter gathering will feature a home-building taco buffet! Make your own taco and then settle in for presentations on different aspects of building your own airplane. Presenters will include members of our own RV-12 Teen Build project!

Dinner will feature a taco bar! The chapter will provide meat and shells... please bring something you and others like to enjoy on a taco to complete our taco buffet! Side dishes also welcome.

April Chapter Gathering Report



Chapter members enjoyed learning the history of the one and only Bally Bomber and what it's like to fly. The airplane has been our hangar tenant for the last few months and will be with us for a little longer. Owner Larry Neu surprised everyone by informing us that the aircraft will likely be for sale before too long!



IMC Club on Summer Hiatus

With longer days and better flying weather, pilots are out flying more and attendance in our IMC Club has reflected this. We have decided to put the IMC Club on hiatus for the summer, so we will not meet for several months. Watch future issues of the Pylon for information on when the club will resume meeting. In the meantime, take what we've learned in our meetings to heart and fly safe!



Learn to Fly Week



LEARN to FLY WEEK

Presented by **sporty's**

May 15-20, 2023

Attention all aviation enthusiasts! Get ready for our inaugural Learn to Fly Week happening from May 15th to May 20th. Join us for this exciting week-long event that includes free and interactive webinars led by expert flight instructors and representatives from aviation organizations. It's the perfect opportunity to kickstart your flight training journey and take your passion for flying to new heights! Don't miss

out on this unique chance to connect with like-minded individuals and learn from the best in the industry. The event spans six days and concludes with chapter-hosted Flying Start events held nationwide on May 20th, 2023. So, what are you waiting for? Head over to EAA.org/LTFWeek to register now!

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Spring Pancake Breakfast a Success

While less than ideal weather in the surrounding areas kept fly-in traffic to a minimum, over 250 breakfasts were served at our Spring 2023 Pancake Breakfast on April 22. Over \$1,500 was raised for chapter flight training scholarships. *Photos courtesy of chapter member Kirby Scott.*



Chapter Flies 53 Young Eagles



Photos courtesy of chapter member Kirby Scott.

Carrie Forster
Young Eagles Coordinator

Many thanks to our Young Eagles pilots, aircraft marshallers, escorts, and ground volunteers for another successful YE event. These events could not take place without your help!

We flew 53 Young Eagles during our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 22. Many of them were first time Young Eagles. Kids and parents were very appreciative.

Ground Crew:

- Carrie Forster
- Lauren Haag
- Ike Langkau
- Alayna McKinnon

Marshallers/Escorts:

- Jim Casper
- Bill Haag
- Jim Heindl
- Don Maki
- Ben Van Handel



Pilots:

- Daniel DeDeker
- Al Fisher
- John Forster

Gary Geisler

- Ed Jeziorny
- Doug Milius
- Tom Otte

Teen Build RV-12 Update

Carrie Forster
Teen Build Coordinator

Our RV-12iS project is coming along very nicely. Follow our latest updates on the Chapter 252 Facebook page (link [HERE](#)) or on our Builders Log (link [HERE](#)).

We have 10 participants in the group, most of whom have been involved since August. Each week they arrive ready to build for our Wednesday evening sessions. They work from 6 - 9 pm and some evenings we have to coax the last participants out the door at 9 pm because they don't want to leave.

Our build sessions will continue through the end of June and will resume in mid to late August. Our roster is currently full. Once we start back up in August we will establish a wait

list in case we have openings during next school year.

We have quite a bit of interest from students who want to join the project; the biggest challenge we have found is finding students who are available on Wednesdays when we meet. We don't require 100% attendance, but we do ask the students to be committed to the project and attend regularly. The students are really forming a cohesive team and learning to help one another. It's great to see our older students mentor the younger ones, or teach skills to a new person who joins the group.

Many thanks to our volunteers who come each week to support the students in their work:

Lead Technical Volunteers:

Eric Abraham
Dennis Moehn
John Forster

Additional Volunteers:

Chuck Eichinger
Jim Casper
Gary Geisler
Dennis Winkel
Carrie Forster



Girls on the Fly on Saturday, April 29

Carrie Forster
Young Eagles Coordinator

Several volunteers helped out with EAA's *Girls on the Fly* event on Saturday, April 29. Due to weather, we were unable to fly that day, but our volunteers still met with the girls at the Jack Mark Hangar. The girls all got to sit in the pilot seat of an aircraft, and our pilots taught them about the physics of flight, airplane controls, and how to preflight an airplane. We taught them a little bit about weather and how important weather is to flying and pilot decision making. Although it was disappointing that we couldn't fly, the girls were inquisitive and appreciative and our volunteers enjoyed their day immensely.

**Pilots/
Volunteers:**

Carrie Forster
John Forster
David Leiting
Ed Jeziorny
Ben Van Handel



Future Chapter Young Eagle and Girls on the Fly Events

Carrie Forster
Young Eagles Coordinator

International Young Eagles Day on Saturday, June 10:

Registration is open for our Young Eagles event on Saturday, June 10 at Wittman Airport for International Young Eagles Day. (Link [HERE](#).)

We have plenty of pilots registered, but are still looking for a few more ground/registration volunteers and marshallsers. If you can help out, please contact Carrie Forster (planecarrie@gmail.com). We'll need you from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

Young Eagles Rally on Saturday, June 24:

In support of EAA's "30 by 30" challenge inviting YE pilots to fly 30 Young Eagles by convention, we have decided to host an additional rally in June.

"30 Flights for 30 Years:" Volunteer Young Eagle pilots who fly 30 youth

between August 1, 2022 and July 31, 2023 will be awarded a commemorative polo shirt.

In addition, pilots earn double young eagle credits during that time frame. Pilots earn \$10 credit per flight for their home chapter (normally, it's \$5 per flight). Those flight credits can be used to support youth programs in a chapter. We have used those credits for Air Academy Scholarships (last year our newest Ray Scholar, Alayna McKinnon attended Air Academy; this year we are sending Noah Merten and Karver Repp), to purchase iPads and a computer we use for registration at the rallies, and recently to be reimbursed for tools for our Teen Aircraft Build program.

Registration will open on May 8 for the June 24 rally. Participants can register [HERE](#). Invitations have already been sent to pilots. If you did not receive an invitation but would like to volunteer, email Carrie Forster (planecarrie@gmail.com). We need

additional ground/registration volunteers, escorts, and marshallsers.

Girls on the Fly on Saturday, October 21:

We have been asked to offer Young Eagle flights to participants in the *Girls on the Fly* program at EAA on Saturday, October 21. We will fly out of the Jack Mark Hangar and the event is from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be four groups of 12 girls each. We will only need 4 - 5 pilots and 2 - 3 ground volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, email Carrie (planecarrie@gmail.com).

Thanks again to the chapter and all of the volunteers who support our Young Eagles program. If you would like to become involved, or have questions about the program, please reach out to Carrie Forster (planecarrie@gmail.com) for more information

EAA Chapter 252

April 2023 Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 27, 2023 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CDT)

Attending: David Leiting, Jim Cunningham, John Forster, Wayne Daniels, Brian Langkau, Jim Casper, Christopher Gauger, Fred Stadler, Carrie Forster, Charlie Becker

Membership report – Charlie

Currently at 150 members, which is up from the end of 2022.

New student members helped increase our numbers.

Treasurer's Report – Fred

The pancake breakfast was quite successful, with 222 adult meals served and a net of \$1,648. Strong contributions helped raise more than in our prior six pancake breakfasts.

Our checking and CD accounts now total slightly over \$80,000, with a portion of that money committed for flight training by our Ray Scholars.

Teen Build/RV-12 updates – Carrie/John/Eric

Progress is going well on the aircraft.

Pancake Breakfast Debrief – Brian and Joe

Thank you to all the volunteers!

We had some new volunteers as well.

Results

Fine-tuning the process and it's getting smoother. Good to have experienced volunteers.

Should get a canopy or something to cover the grills outside in case it rains. We could borrow one from someone, or we could buy one.

It would also be useful for other chapter events at our hangar.

At least 10'x10'. Will investigate further.

Should get a first-aid kit.

Carrie said we have a first-aid kit already; it's at the hangar for the teen build sessions.

Should replace the pancake breakfast banners, since the ones posted on the airport fence and outside the FBO got beat up by the wind.

Next time we'll have a table for pilots to do paperwork for Young Eagles.

Need to move grill and propane tanks over to the FBO sooner, such as by 5:30 AM. We might not always be able to keep the grill in the FBO's garage, but we'll need permission from Basler.

Garage might be rented by Jennifer Jensen for her media business, so we'd have to ask her.

Need more plastic knives.

Bring in water cooler to store water bottles.

We've talked about getting a griddle for the chapter, since we're borrowing EAA's griddle (which only gets used 10 days a year by EAA).

Only a handful of aircraft flew in.

Replacement materials

Will need new promotional banners for the breakfast.

Marketing efforts

Need to boost marketing efforts for September pancake breakfast so we can return to our past levels of attendance.

Young Eagles

Flew 53 kids, best percentage-turnout since beginning our use of YEDay. 7 pilots and aircraft available.

Pilots did a great job talking with the kids and their families about flying and flight training.

YEDay worked well aside from a few glitches.

Jim Casper and Ben Van Handel volunteered outside. Carrie, Ike, and Alayna volunteered inside FBO.

Could use some more ground volunteers to help with registration. We had 5 ground volunteers.

Could use a second computer to print certificates.

David noticed at many other chapters' YE rallies that they use two computers and printers: one set for check-in/registration, and the other for printing certificates.

Carrie can bring her laptop from home.

Monthly Gatherings – David

May – Homebuilders Buffet

Participants

John Forster - Electrical Systems (might be better as a presentation than a hands-on activity?)

Charlie – Introduction to TIG welding, or a different topic.

Teen Build – The teens could talk about the work they've been doing like with sheet metal.

We could talk about the types of aircraft kits out there. Or that could be a full presentation for another chapter gathering.

3 different 15-minute presentations instead of stations? Or just 2 in case the presentations run long.

Food: Taco Buffet

One person will cook meat.

Need 10 lbs of ground beef.

Carrie will get and prepare the meat.

David and Carrie will get tortillas.

Carrie can bring chips.

David will bring some sides as well.

Members asked to bring other foods.

June – EAA 70th Anniversary?

Food Grill Out

Chapter Awards/Spirit of ELO?

Good to have 1-2 months each year dedicated to homebuilding.

Young Eagles – Carrie/John

April 29 - EAA Girls on the Fly

Waiting to see how the weather will be. Rain in the forecast.

June 10 – IYED

14 pilots signed up so far.

Flying Start – David

May 20 is our Flying Start event.

20 participants registered, all filled up now. Couple other folks interested that we may invite anyway.

5 pilots currently signed up to fly. Need 2-3 more pilots.

Good on ground volunteers. Ike and Alayna will be available. Doug Osterberg will chat with folks. Michelle Leiting will take care of food.

David typing up welcome letter for each person.

1-2 student pilots will talk during presentation about why they wanted to learn to fly (Cindi Pokorny from EAA, Joe Sonnleitner).

Pilotsmith agreed to send CFIs.

Ray Aviation Scholarship/Other Scholarships – Carrie/David

Ike and Alayna able to report on progress at weekly teen builds.

Ike hoping to take checkride in June. Important to get DPE lined up due to shortage. Working on solo cross-country flying.

Alayna practicing takeoffs and landings with crosswinds recently. Doug O took her to Oshkosh for touch-and-goes before SAFECON stuff began.

Constant, regular contact is helpful to keep scholars on track. Just an occasional “Hey, how are things going?” is enough to make sure the scholars are on track. Ike and Alayna doing a lot better than previous scholars.

Scholarship details for Rusty will be discussed at later meeting. He’s figuring out his plans.

IMC Club updates

Poor turnout at April gathering (only 6 people). Lost money on food at past two gatherings, declining attendance. Go to having meetings every other month?

Need an IMC coordinator to organize and promote the club. Otherwise it’s not worth the time.

Put club on hiatus until winter, unless we get a coordinator to organize it?

Need to advertise club at airport, advertise with FAAST team stuff (some other IMC clubs are promoted through that).

Hangar Updates – David/Kyle

Hangar Manager Description

David talked to Kyle about the position. Kyle is on board. Would have difficulty attending board meetings each month due to his work schedule, but otherwise he’s fine with everything else.

Hangar manager description needs some revisions before board can vote on it. Some of the terms are too rigid for a volunteer position?

Fred made motion to appoint Kyle as hangar manager. Jim Casper seconded. All board voted in favor, none opposed.

WiFi – Cellcom Plan

David went to Cellcom today and got plan activated for data only, got SIM card and getting adapter. If it all works, then we’ll go with Cellcom. David is going to set up a personal plan under his name. 4 gigs a month is \$15 a month. David gets app on his phone to monitor usage, letting him know if we’ll need to upgrade service or not.

Monthly Gatherings:

2023 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Thursday, May 11	Homebuilders Buffet - Taco Bar
Saturday, May 20	Flying Start
Thursday, June 8	TBD
Saturday, June 10	International YE Day
Thursday, July 13	TBD
Thursday, August 10	TBD
Thursday, September 14	Annual Corn Roast
Saturday, September 16	Pancake Breakfast & YE Rally
Thursday, October 12	TBD
Thursday, November 9	TBD
Thursday, December 14	TBD

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