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President's Report— Carrie Forster



Storytelling elevates a museum exhibit from great to exceptional, and the storytelling and background on the Huey Exhibit at the EAA Museum was superb. Many thanks to Chris Henry for his captivating insight into this wonderful exhibit. As Chris pointed out, the Vietnam War era was underrepresented in the museum's Eagle Hangar. Chris told about all of the connections and serendipitous events that came together to create this exhibit. My own opinion is also that Chris has a way of finding people with wonderful artifacts and stories to share and is a master at compelling them to share those things with our museum. How fortunate we are to have this in our own backyard. One of my favorite moments

of the evening was watching the chapter members who are also Vietnam vets sign the helicopter doors in silver sharpie. You'll find photos and more information about our museum tour elsewhere in this issue of the Pylon. If you haven't seen this exhibit for yourselves yet, it is well worth the visit.

Many thanks to our chapter volunteers who assisted with our recent Flying Start event. Ten potential pilots were able to find out more about what's involved in flight training. The winds were high and gusting that day, so our volunteer pilots arranged with participants to conduct their Eagle Flights on a later date. Most of those have already taken place. It was definitely a morning well spent.

Now that the weather is turning cooler, it's time to switch gears on our meals for our chapter gatherings. Chili will be the order of the day in November and we are looking for several members to bring chili to our gathering. Share your favorite chili recipe - spicy or mild, traditional or with your own twist. Our chapter gatherings are usually attended by about 40 - 45 members, so we could use at least half a dozen or so members bringing a crockpot of chili to share.

Our IMC club has been inactive for several months. We're looking for members to get the club going again (if you're interested, please let me know); to help us out with the reboot, our November speaker is Radek Wyrzykowski. If you are not familiar with IMC (or VMC) clubs, this is the perfect opportunity for you to find out more. The EAA website explains IMC clubs:

"IMC Clubs is the brainchild of Radek Wyrzykowski, a master certified flight instructor-instrument and multiengine instructor. As a flight instructor in Norwood, Massachusetts, Radek developed a volunteer mentor program to help instrument pilots improve their proficiency, and they loved it. "When the website launched and offered to help others start local chapters, it took off like a storm," Radek said.

The IMC Club's purpose is to promote instrument flying, proficiency, and safety. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency in instrument flying. IMC Club chapters offer monthly meetings in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experiences."

I hope you'll come check it out.

Blue Skies,

Carrie

**November 11
Chapter Gathering**

**Topic: IMC Club
Dinner: 630PM
Meeting: 7:00 PM**

**Location: Chapter 252
Hangar (see back page
for address)**

**PLEASE BRING CHILI OR
A RELATED SIDE ITEM**

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November Chapter Gathering

EAA Chapter 252 is proud to announce that it will resume EAA IMC Club meetings in January 2022. Please join us during our Chapter meeting on November 11, when Radek Wyrzykowski, Instrument and Multi-Engine Instructor, will explain the concept of this program. How it started, how it evolved over the years, and what the program's objectives are. We will sample some of the program materials and learn what we can get from our participation.

At EAA/IMC Club meetings, we aim to promote instrument flying, proficiency, and safety. EAA/IMC Club is Radek's brainchild. As a flight instructor in Norwood, Massachusetts, Radek developed a volunteer mentor program

to help instrument pilots improve their proficiency, and they loved it. Radek now serves as a Manager of Flight Proficiency at EAA.

The program's network promotes a safety culture through continued education and believes that we develop proficiency through real-life experience. Monthly meetings offer an opportunity to share in-flight experiences and valuable safety tips.

You don't need an instrument rating to attend. This meeting is open to all current, non-current, and future instrument pilots, or to all those who enjoy aviation "hangar talk."

Whether you are new to this program or have participated in those meetings



before, we hope to see you on the 11th to celebrate this "grand reopening."

Please bring chili or a related side item (corn chips, cheese, sour cream, bread/rolls, or desserts). Thanks!

October Chapter Gathering Report

Chapter members got an inside look at EAA's Huey exhibit at the October chapter gathering—quite literally—when EAA's Chris Henry invited members to sit in the cockpit. Before that Chris gave an excellent presentation on both the aircraft's combat history—it's an authentic Vi-

etnam War veteran—and on EAA's efforts to procure and display the aircraft. The Huey on display has visibly repaired battle damage and was equipped as a gunship. Chris told us that the ship never flew again after it's service in Vietnam. EAA chose the aircraft to tell the story of air opera-

tions in Vietnam because of its broader personal connections to that war as opposed to fighter and attack aircraft from that era (which are also larger and require more museum space). The machine was in reasonably good display shape when EAA acquired it, but of course the museum staff went



to work to make it more complete, adding many interior fittings and (demilitarized) armament. Chris tracked down a number of crew mem-

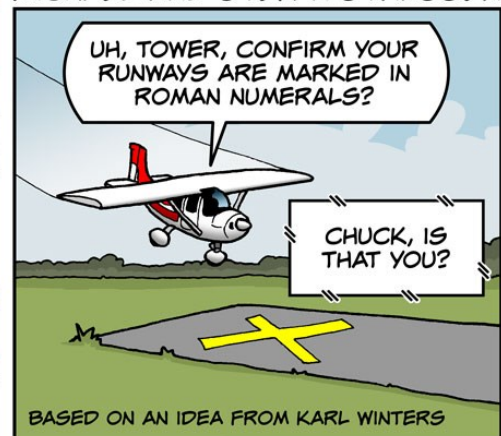
bers from the aircraft and with their assistance added authentic details to the restoration with artifacts such as period cigarette packs and lighters.

Thanks to Chris Henry and the EAA Aviation Museum staff for a fascinating program.



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BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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Flying Start Event a Success

Although wings gusting to 30 knots kept things grounded, approximately 30 chapter members and guests enjoyed the chapter's Flying Start program on October 16. Chapter president Carrier Forster and Young Eagle Coordinator John Forster gave a thorough overview of how to get started

with flight training, the fun and accomplishments of being pilots, and what to expect in training. Chapter members currently in flight training or who just finished their training also gave insights into their experiences, and a number of instructors answered questions. Several aircraft—from light sport

on up— were on display for people to look at. Instructors from several flight schools and a number chapter members who are instructors were also on hand to answer questions. The session resulted in several attendees signing up for intro flights and lessons.



Photos courtesy of chapter member Kirby Scott.

Member Profile: Jarrett Schiedemeyer



Jarrett Schiedemeyer is Chapter 252's second 2021 Ray Scholar. Jarrett is a senior at Oshkosh West High School

and, as an Oshkosh native, has attended AirVenture regularly for many years. Looking at and hopping in various aircraft every July generated some interest in aviation, but it was a family trip when he was 12 that fully sparked his passion when the pilot of the Airbus A320 they were traveling in let him see the cockpit and explained the instruments and controls. Not long after that Jarrett got himself a home flight sim setup and now has lots of hours flying a virtual A320 and other aircraft.

Jarrett visited the Blue Barn at AirVenture this year where he learned of the Ray Aviation Scholarship program and eagerly applied. A last mi-

nute change enabled us to obtain a second scholarship, and Jarrett was the recipient. He wasted no time in starting training with Discover Flight here at Wittman Regional Airport, flying the school's Cherokee. Just over a month in, Jarrett has done stalls, slow flight, steep turns, and of course lots of pattern work in this first five hours of training, which is likely higher by the time this issue goes to press.

Jarrett is active at school where he is the Vice President of the Student Council, and participates in the Wisconsin Association of School Councils. He is also the Wisconsin State President of Let's Vote America, a non-partisan organization working with K-12 students to educate them about the importance of voting.

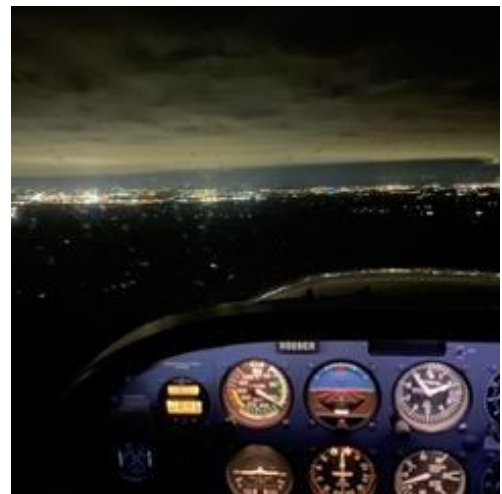
Ray Scholar Updates

Forrest Drews has started night flight training. "I thought it was such a great experience to fly above the clouds. Being able to see the stars and the infinite skyline was breathtaking. While I was starting to descend a cloud seem to come out of nowhere which was a little startling and caught me off guard. My instructor took over and needed to for IFR Clearance. As we continued to descend into the clouds we had to request to land from the Appleton Tower. Going through the clouds and seeing the city lights start appear below was neat to see. I

think it will be one of my flying experiences that I will never forget.

I am currently at 5.9 flight hours. "

Our first Ray Scholar, Sonja Karner, meanwhile has made the Dean's List at the University of North Dakota!



Welcome New Members

Doug Milius
Chapter Membership

Cathy Retzlaff
Jennifer Nachtwey

Seth Bartelt
Craig Kiesner

Please welcome our new members who joined the chapter at our Flying Start event!

Matthew Healy
Jamie Chapin

Parachute Jumping Areas

Jim Cunningham
CFII

Sometimes reading the AIM can be amusing in terms of noting the difference between theory and the necessity of reality. More about that in a minute.

As with many other aspects of flying, apps and cockpit datalink have improved pilot situational awareness for parachute jumping areas. On sectional charts we have the occasional parachute icon to note airports and other areas where one might expect to find people jumping out of perfectly good airplanes, but that was all. Were the drop zones on the airport or nearby? What altitudes were they operating out of? What frequencies did the jump planes use? Jump plane pilots are required to be in contact with ATC when operating in controlled airspace (i.e., pretty much anything but Class G). If you wanted to monitor the ATC sector for the airport, you got to have fun flipping the chart around while maintaining course and altitude while trying to find information on tabled hidden in the margins to figure out what frequency that might be, if it was listed at all. (In the past year or so some drop zone frequencies have finally started appearing on sectionals.)

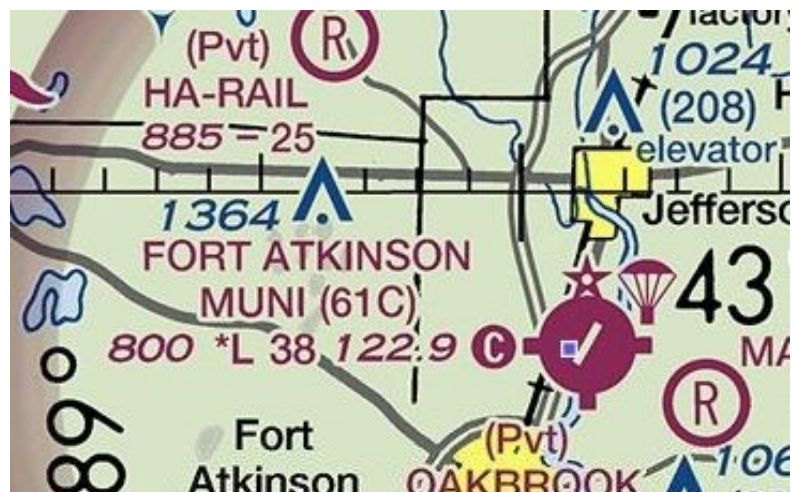
NOTAMs are a good source of information in your flight planning process if you see that your route will take you near a drop zone. However, NOTAMs for jump operations are not always required, so the absence of one in the dozen pages of NOTAMs on volcanic ash over Iceland and prohibiting flights in Afghanistan doesn't mean the jump area will be quiet.

Thanks to the modern aviation app, we now have a lot more information at our fingertips. Parachute jumping areas are clearly marked in detail as to their locations and size, altitude information, and sometimes operating frequencies.

Regulations for parachute operations are found under 14 CFR 105. One of the regs requires communication from the jump plane with "the air traffic control facility having jurisdiction over the affected airspace." If the frequency isn't listed on the jump zone info, look on your app for the frequency for ATC in the area that you'd use for flight following. Chances are that's it. Frequency boxes for some jump zones have also started appearing on sectionals.

As per the AIM, 3-5-4, pilots conducting parachute operations should "be alert, look for other traffic, and exchange traffic information" on the airport's CTAF. This has the potential to get complicated if they are also trying to keep ATC advised on another frequency.

And now the more amusing item. The AIM also states that "pilots should avoid releasing parachutes while in an airport traffic pattern when there are other aircraft in that pattern." Am I the only one who has had to break out of a pattern more than once trying to land at a certain airport that likes to run multiple jump planes when there's a constant stream of people and parachutes falling through the pattern? Following the AIM to the letter isn't possible in that environment. As always, be patient, be professional... and if someone makes a mistake... be kind. CTAF is not the place to voice your opinion about their actions.



Fall colors are about at peak around Oshkosh. Chapter members Serena Kamps (top photos) and Doug Milius (bottom photos) snapped these colorful aerial photos recently.



October 2021 Board Mtg Agenda
Thursday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m.
Virtual - GoToMeeting

Attending:

Old Business:

Report: Flying Start (Carrie and John)

Ray Aviation Scholarship

Forrest Drews (Carrie)

Jarrett Schiedemeyer (David)

Monthly Gatherings and Upcoming Events - looking ahead to December and 2022

Need people to bring chili in November

Need topic/presenter for December

Holiday Party in January

Roxy can accommodate, but no private room and limited menu

Other options?

Hangar Updates

Need new hangar manager

November and December board meeting dates

Monthly Gatherings:

2021 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Thursday, November 11	Radek Wyrzykowski IMC Club reboot (Meal: chili)
Thursday, December 9	

Board Meetings:

2020 Board Mtgs	Location	Confirm Date?
November 23 (TUESDAY)	virtual	DATE CHANGED FOR THANKSGIVING
December 21 (TUESDAY_	virtual	DATE CHANGED FOR XMAS

Monthly Gatherings for 2022 (Special Events highlighted in yellow - dates need to be confirmed.)

2022 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Saturday, January 8 (date?)	Holiday Party (Roxy? Other?)
Thursday, January 13	
Thursday, February 10	
Thursday, March 10	
Thursday, April 14	
Saturday, April 2 or 9?	Pancake Breakfast and YE Rally
Thursday, May 12	
Saturday, May 14	Flying Start (Chapter Hangar)
Thursday, June 9	<u>Behind My Wings: Untold Stories of Vietnam Vets</u> Author/Presenter BJ Prior
Saturday, June 11	International YE Day Rally (Wittman Terminal)
Thursday, July 14	
Thursday, August 11	
Tuesday, August 16	Flying Hamburger Social
Thursday, September 8	Corn Roast (Chapter Hangar)
Saturday, September 10	Pancake Breakfast and YE Rally (Wittman Terminal)
Thursday, October 13	
Thursday, November 10	
Thursday, December 8	

New Business:

Chapter 252 Hangar

817 W 20th Ave

Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902

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