

## **EAA CHAPTER 260**

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### **A Chapter Of The EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION *Bult Field (C56) – Monee, Illinois***



### **OSHKOSH AIRVENTURE 2021 SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER**

EAA Chapter 260 had a good presence at AirVenture 2021.  
This "Special Edition" newsletter highlights our members' participation.



ATTENTION! At our upcoming Chapter Meeting at Bult Field (C56) on  
Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 A.M., Mark Carroll will give a weather related presentation.  
So...make plans to attend this informative meeting!

## '260 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chapter Members,

*What a year!* Our Chapter participation at AirVenture's Pancake Breakfast was nothing short of a success. We will learn how successful it was by the end of August. We also met up together one evening at Air Venture and enjoyed fellowship at this great aviation gathering. Wayne has put together this special edition on AirVenture. He has worked very hard on this and I think you will enjoy it.

At our upcoming Chapter Meeting on Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>, Mark Carroll who updates our AWOS at Bult will be speaking about the AWOS and general weather including a Q and A session.

Let's keep the momentum going and thank you all who have stepped up to make this possible.

Thank you,  
Rob Unger, President, Chapter 260



## RAY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



### **Isabella's First Solo!**

While Oshkosh was in full force up North, back at Lansing, Isabella Smith our Ray Scholarship Recipient, did her first solo flight on Wednesday July 28, 2021 at the Lansing Municipal Airport (KIGQ).

She is receiving her flight instruction at Region Flyers. We will continue to report her progress.

**Congratulations Isabella!**

Above photo sent by Steve Sikorski who received it from Isabella's flight instructor

EAA Chapter 260 was one of the 140 Chapters of 1,000 nationwide that was selected to receive the Ray Scholarship.

## NEW PANCAKE GRIDDLE

The Chapter once again has its own rotating pancake griddle! Many thanks to Jim "Wags" Wagner and Jamie Wallace for building and donating at their own expense this unit from scratch.

It will be used for an EAA Chapter 260 pancake breakfast. **Outstanding job!**





## EAA CHAPTER 260 SERVES BREAKFAST at AIRVENTURE

On Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> our Chapter prepared and served breakfast. '260 was one of only a handful of Chapters selected to do this. There was great Chapter Member participation in working this event!



Rob Unger, Dan Simanaitis and Karl Henning hang the banner



**A banner story...** Without the *quick action* of Chapter Member Steve Sikorski, this banner would have not existed. Only a few days prior to the event, Steve had this banner made up at a local print shop in Munster Indiana. Wayne Babiak met Steve on Saturday morning to get the banner from Steve **THANKS STEVE!!**



The "crew" from EAA Chapter 260. The group consisted of Chapter members and their families. What a hard working bunch!



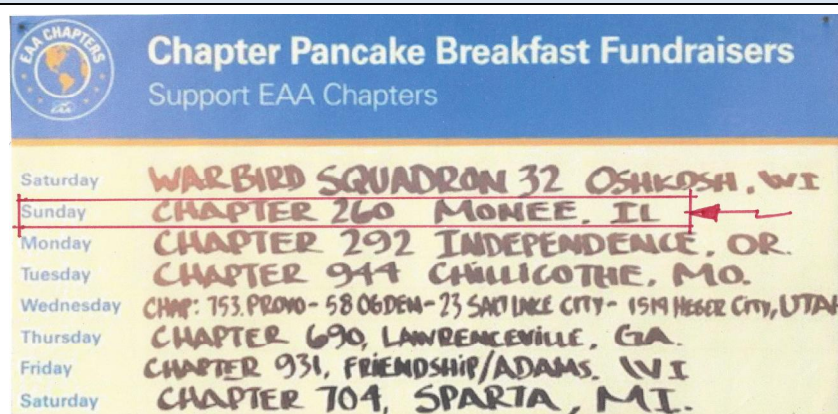
## MORE BREAKFAST HIGHLIGHTS

**About the Breakfast:** For the last few years (with the exception of 2020), EAA has given Chapters the opportunity to host a pancake breakfast at AirVenture. Our Chapter President Rob Unger submitted our Chapter for consideration...and this year we got a slot! EAA national provides all of the supplies (pancake batter, eggs, sausage, coffee, juice, etc and related items (at no expense to the Chapter). The Chapter provides the "people power" to prepare the food and staff the breakfast. This event is a Fundraiser for the Chapter. A majority of the money taken in for the breakfast goes directly to the Chapter. Our breakfast was highly successful; we served 384 persons in the EAA Chapter Pavilion at the campground.

In order for our Chapter to "pull this off", we needed at least 12 volunteers to staff this event. We had this and more. This is another example of our members pulling together to achieve a positive outcome!



Pavilion Host Keith Lindley of EAA gives the "briefing" prior to our starting to prepare breakfast



Participating Chapters were assigned a morning for the breakfast

### THE GRILLING and COOKING...



Rob Johnson and Peter Baranko cooking the sausage



Jim Orange on the pancake griddle



John Spehar and his son crack the eggs

...and then...



Mark Wiater scrambles them



## ...and even MORE BREAKFAST HIGHLIGHTS

### SERVING AND ENJOYING BREAKFAST



Chris Demopoulos and Jim "Wags" Wagner handle the cash



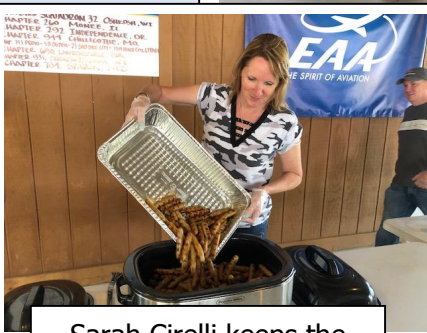
Chapter President Rob Unger gives the event a double "thumbs up"



A steady line of hungry pilots



Sarah and Joe Cirelli along with Dan Simanaitis on the serving line



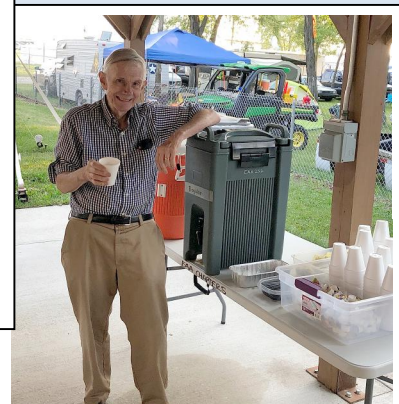
Sarah Cirelli keeps the sausage coming



Laura Orange and Rob Unger on the serving line



Wayne Babiak, Gavin and Peter Baranko enjoy breakfast



Wayne Babiak keeps the juice and coffee flowing



## ADDITIONAL '260 CHAPTER PHOTOS AT AIRVENTURE 2021



A lot to eat!

### AN EVENING CHAPTER GATHERING

On Monday evening July 26<sup>th</sup>, '260 Chapter Members and their families attended a Taco cookout gathering. This was hosted by Rob Johnson, Jim Orange and Mark Wiater at their adjoining campsites.



The taco shells kept coming!

*Chapter 260 members attending the Taco cookout*

Standing: Rob Unger, Peter Baranko, (to right of banner) Mark Fischer, Steve Westlund, Jim Orange  
Kneeling: Joe Cirelli, Wayne Babiak, Jim Wagner, Karl Henning, Mark Wiater, John Spehar, Rob Johnson



On the Flight Line in foreground  
Rob Unger, Michelle Wrobski, Dawn Unger

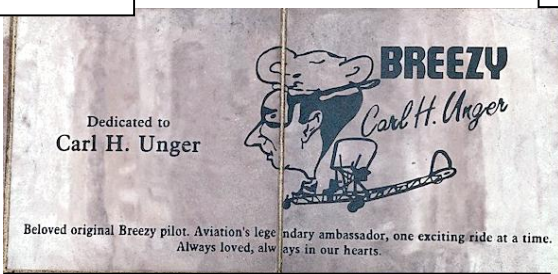
### VARIOUS OTHER PHOTOS



At the Air Museum, with Breezy in the background,  
Peter Baranko and his grandson Gavin



Wayne Babiak, Rob Unger



On the plaza just inside the Brown Arch is a dedication plaque to Carl Unger

*Editor's Comment: EAA Chapter 260 was well represented at AirVenture this year. We have a very active and viable Chapter!*



## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

Friday, December 3<sup>th</sup>

Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult

Young Eagles and Eagles Rally 10:00 A.M. at Bult

Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult

Aviation Trivia 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. at Bult

Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult

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Chapter Christmas Holiday Party

**TO MAKE THESE ACTIVITIES SUCCESSFUL, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

### EAA CHAPTER 260 SEPTEMBER YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>

Our next Rally will once again be held at Bult. As always, pilots, planes and volunteers are needed to make this event another successful one.

Contact our Young Eagles Coordinators, Jerry Pearson and Dave Valencia.

### EAA CHAPTER 260 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Steve Sikorski has been working on this event. It will take place at the Glenwood Oaks restaurant in Glenwood, IL. They are in the process of totally remodeling their facility. It will be ready for use prior to our party date. We will have a private room. More specific details to follow.

### MORE TRIVIA!!

Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Another Trivia event is being planned by Chapter Members Pamela Rose and Krystal McKean. At the last Trivia Night, they came up with some challenging yet fun questions to test our knowledge. They plan to do the same thing again. For those who attended the last Trivia Night, it was a lot of fun. Don't miss this one!

## 2021 POKER FLIGHT

On Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> the third annual Chapter Poker Run took place. This event *almost* didn't take place. The original route into Indiana of C56-KVPZ-KRZL-KIKK-C56 due to weather conditions was modified. The new routing was C56-C09 (Morris)-KIKK and back to C56 took place instead.



Jim Orange and crew review registration and Poker Run results



Back at C56, Dick Henry gets a burger from the warmer. Thanks to Steve Sikorski for preparing the food



At KIKK, after Peter Baranko pulled his card, Krystal McKean reviews his choice





## JOIN EAA CHAPTER 260

EAA Chapter 260 is an active group. We have monthly membership meetings and a variety of aviation related programs. Some of our past activities are shown here.

We invite you to attend one of our meetings and meet our members.



Good food and camaraderie



A Chapter Young Eagles Rally



Chapter Meeting



Ready to fly on a Poker Run

Detach below and submit the form

### EAA CHAPTER 260 MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Chapter membership expires in December of each year. EAA Chapter 260 first year membership dues are \$30.00 which includes the cost of an engraved plastic magnetic nametag.**

**Member dues for subsequent years are \$20.00 per year.**

Note that membership in National EAA is also required.

National Dues are \$40.00 per year for Individual membership, \$50.00 for Family

Note that National Membership in EAA is also required in order to be a Member of EAA Chapter 260.

NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

EAA Member? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ EAA National Membership. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Pilots Certificate Ratings: \_\_\_\_\_ Aircraft Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Expertise: \_\_\_\_\_ Projects Worked On: \_\_\_\_\_

#### COMMITTEE INTERESTS

Membership: \_\_\_\_ Program: \_\_\_\_ Young Eagles/Eagles: \_\_\_\_ Flyer and Builder: \_\_\_\_

Newsletter: \_\_\_\_ Promotion/Publicity: \_\_\_\_ Web Site: \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring this application to the next EAA 260 meeting or mail it to:  
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***If not already a member...consider becoming one!***



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generally on the third Saturday  
of the month at 10:00 A.M. at  
Bult Field (C56) in Monee, Illinois



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### **YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATORS**

Jerry Pearson      Dave Vancina

### **CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED!!**

If you have items for future newsletters, please let me know. These can include:

- An aviation project you are working on.
- If you flew to somewhere of interest; know of a good restaurant, let us know.
- Have something to sell? List it for FREE!
- Write a story...share your expertise!

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