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SHARING OUR LOVE OF FLYING

Pancakes and Eggs and Bacon, oh my!

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The local KVYS Illinois Valley Flying Club members hosted their annual Breakfast at the Airport on September 15th. Despite the rainy start to the day, the weather cleared and the event fed and shared the airport with many visitors. Tens of kids and adults took their first (or second, or third!) flight in the club planes. Many enjoyed walking the apron and viewing other local aircraft including the gyroplane and ultralight.



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EAA ARTICLE

Pilot Training Steps

From the EAA website, a great graphic on steps to becoming a pilot.

Here are the key steps to take attaining your towards pilot certificate. For more detailed information, continue to navigate additional content in the Learn to Fly pages or check out our "Flying Tips" section on our EAA Blog.

Check out these popular articles from EAA about learning to fly.

Things I Wish I Knew Before My First Flight Lesson

How I Aced the FAA Private Pilot Written Exam Before I Soloed

Full article here: https://eaa.org/eaa/learn-tofly/pilot-training-steps

ON THE GROUND

STUDY, PRACTICE, LEARN

During the first part of your training, you will study the rules, regulations, and aeronautical knowledge that explain the magic of flight. There are many good self-study courses available or you may take a ground school course at a local flight school or community college.



Before you engage in solo flight training, you will need a student pilot certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Students pursuing a private pilot certificate must pass a basic aviation medical exam, which also serves as a student pilot certificate.

WRITTEN EXAM

Once you've completed your ground school training, you'll receive a recommendation from your instructor stating that you are ready to take the FAA Knowledge Test. This is often referred to as the "written" test because it's a multiple-choice exam. You must score 70 percent or better to pass.

IN THE AIR

FIRST FLIGHT LESSON

When you climb into the airplane for your first flight lesson, you're no longer a passenger or observer. In fact, you'll be taking the controls of the airplane and begin learning how to fly from Day 1.

SOLO FLIGHT

One of the major milestones in learning to fly is the completion of your first solo flight. This typically involves performing three takeoffs and landings while the instructor watches from the ground.



CROSS-COUNTRY

An important element of your flight training will entail you conducting a "trip" in the airplane. That is, you'll depart from one airport and land at one or more different airports before returning to your home field. This exercise will ensure your ability to fly and navigate.



ADVANCE YOUR SKILLS

After you complete your solo and cross-country flights, you'll spend time practicing your flying maneuvers and landings in preparation for your checkride.



PILOT RATING

certificate, you will likely be looking for every possible opportunity to get out and fly. You might plan an ambitious coast-to-coast trip, fly away with a friend for a weekend getaway, or spend a few hours practicing at the local airport. Maybe you'll use your newly acquired skills to travel for business. Whatever your plan-however simple or extravagant-you will find reward in simply enjoying the freedom and privileges of a pilot.





CHECKRIDE

The final test necessary to earn a pilot certificate is called the practical test or checkride. The test involves both oral questions to determine your basic aviation knowledge and an actual flight to assess your skills. You'll fly with an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner who will measure your knowledge, practices, and proficiencies at the controls.



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President's Corner

Welcome to the EAA Chapter 263 President's Corner.

Another month has passed, and another great meeting with a fabulous demonstration of the local gyroplane with Robbin and Bill. Many thanks for the time they took and sharing the passion they have.

Looking ahead, I am interested in seeing what we can do to promote the chapter and get the community more involved. I saw these ideas and wanted to share them to kick-start our own ideas!

- Host an "Open Hangar Saturday"; for both members and non-members and take a tour of the airport?
- Maybe we can have a chili or soup and sandwich brunch instead of a pancake breakfast?
- How about for our meetings, speakers can share their knowledge on "Winter Flying Safety" or even "Winterizing your Engine?"

Let's share our ideas for speakers for the upcoming months. One of the goals of the chapter is to get more people involved and expose the next generation to aviation. Don't forget my challenge from last month. If you know of any events we should attend and tell everyone the story of 263, let us know. Contact 263.eaa@gmail.com or bring your ideas to the next meeting!

At the local flying club's breakfast this month, we had some opportunities to tell our story. Someone once said to me, "the future belongs to those that can see it." I believe many among us have that vision! Enjoy the cooler temperatures and the great flying weather! ~Dave

EAA Meeting Minutes 12 September 2019 6:30 pm, Illinois Valley Regional Airport Press Room

Dave Lourie opened and chaired the meeting.

11 members and 1 visitor were present.

Dan Mitchell made motion for us to use the EAA standard bylaws with a couple minor corrections. George Wilts second. Motion passed. Draft will be posted for member review.

Membership dues to this chapter are annual dues. Because of just starting this chapter and needing to prepare for 2020 expenses there will be no proration. 2020 dues of \$40 will be due on 1 Dec 2019.

For Fly-In Breakfast we will try to have a recruiting table set up.

Treasurer Stan Tutoky report:

Filed Articles of Incorporation \$50 to State of Illinois.

Applied for EIN \$275 for 501C3.

All our checks are on hold waiting for bank approval.

Dues \$640 + \$80 tonight = \$720.

Stan generously said he will donate EIN fees.

Dave Lourie nominated Mike Fuller for official photographer; he has posted photos. We could use more people to post.

Dave encouraged us to invite folks to our Facebook page.

Business meeting adjourned approximately 7:30 pm.

Bill and Robbin Keenan then provided very informative briefing and video on gyrocopters, followed by trip outside and show and tell of their gyrocopter. Thanks Bill and Robbin!

Next meeting Thursday 10 October 2019 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Zeman

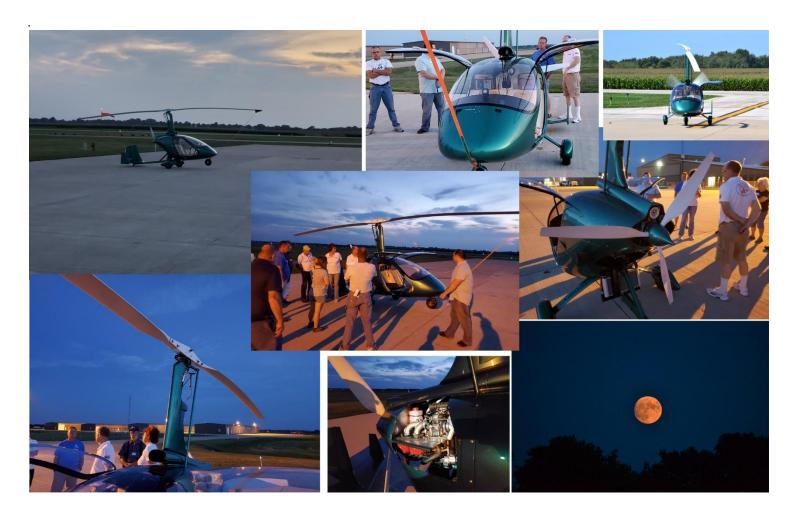
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Our September 12th guest speakers, Bill and Robbin Keenan, shared an informational and entertaining video on gyroplanes, and then gave a show-and-tell of their gyroplane, which is based at KVYS, and their flying story as new pilots. The full moon added a nice glow to the evening. Thanks to Mike Fuller for the pictures! A link to the



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4251 Ed Urban Dr. Peru, IL 61354 Next meeting: 6:30 pm, Thursday, October 10th at Illinois Valley Regional Airport (business meeting at 6:15)

Topic: "The Flight Review - How to get the most out of it"

Nick Scholtes, long-time CFI out of Morris talks about the dreaded Flight Review (formerly known as the biennial flight review). How to survive it, enjoy it, and benefit from it as a pilot with a minimum of stress!

Snacks: open for a volunteer!