

The Upwind Flyer

Your *Scentinel* for Chapter Happenings

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Prior Members of the Board of Chapter 333

By Chris Gordon

Mark Perry - Vice President 2012-2019. Mark is an instrument rated private pilot and former chair of the Ann Arbor Airport Advisory Committee from 2005-2012, where he was instrumental in guiding Ann Arbor City Council adoption of the 2007 and 2008 Airport Layout Plans (ALP), and Council approval of the 2010 Environmental Assessment (EA) study grant funding application, an essential first step in the proposed runway safety enhancement project included in the ALP. Mark continued to serve on the EA study advisory committee from 2014-2016, and since 2016 has served on the Willow Run Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee and the MDOT AERO General Aviation Advisory Committee, and he currently serves on the Wayne County Airport Authority Zoning Board representing Washtenaw County. Mark is also the AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer for ARB. Mark previously owned a Beechcraft Sundowner and is a current member of Ann Arbor Flyers. Thanks to his extensive experience in commercial real estate matters, Mark was instrumental in guiding the chapter through our hangar renovations and for creating the structure that we now use for licensing users of this valuable space.



Norm Scherr - Secretary. Norm is a private pilot and local pioneer in developing modern computer aided manufacturing systems, along with fellow EAA 333 member Bruce Nourse. He is also an accomplished gardener who serves on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Master Gardeners Association - just visit his home and this will be evident from the moment you see his front yard.

Photo courtesy EAA

Roger Amenson - Treasurer. Roger is an aviation enthusiast who makes an annual pilgrimage to Oshkosh with EAA 333 member Chris Dackson and has been the keeper of our chapter checkbook for the last 25 years - half the life of our chapter! He is also a proud member of the Board of Directors for the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 267 in Dearborn.

Chuck Ferguson - Director. Chuck is a private pilot who flies with Aviation Center and Michigan Flyers. He is a former Ann Arbor Police Officer and ARB Airport Manager who maintains an encyclopedic knowledge about the history and infrastructure of our home airport.

Don Kleinschmidt - Director. Don is a past president of EAA 333, a private pilot and former owner of a Cessna 182, and longtime proprietor of a local insurance agency. Don obtained his pilot license in 1969 at a Navy flying club, while serving in the US Navy. He also served on the Ann Arbor Airport Advisory Committee for a number of years and published "The Great Lakes Pilots News" (an aviation newspaper covering 4 states) for 10 years. He enjoys restoring and operating WWII era Willys Jeeps and you are likely to see him behind the wheel in local parades.

Cal Locklin - Director and Webmaster. Cal is an instrument rated private pilot and President of the MANG Aero Club at Willow Run. His construction skills are evident in some of the EAA 333 facilities. Cal is also the proud father of an air traffic controller at Boston Center!

Pete Mulliner - Director. Pete is an ATP and CFII with a ton of experience as a freight dog in the Swearingen Metroliner and the Falcon 20, which he currently flies at Willow Run. Pete also did a stint as a pipeline patrol pilot, which he is happy to recount as a past experience.

Mark Powell - Young Eagles Coordinator, continues to serve on the EAA 333 Board of Directors.

Bruce Nourse - Director. Bruce is a private pilot who recently parted with his Cessna 172, which you can now see in the Michigan Flyers fleet. Bruce was a pioneer in developing modern computer-aided manufacturing systems, along with fellow EAA 333 member Norm Scherr. Bruce

was EAA 333 Young Eagles Coordinator for many years, and has officially logged 43 Young Eagles flown with our chapter.

Paul Plumley - Director. Paul is a private pilot, land and sea, who was also an active member of the MANG Aero Club until a few years ago. Paul is also a Marine Corps veteran, which makes for great conversation when surrounded by the many veterans of other services in the chapter who shared Oshkosh campsites for many years.

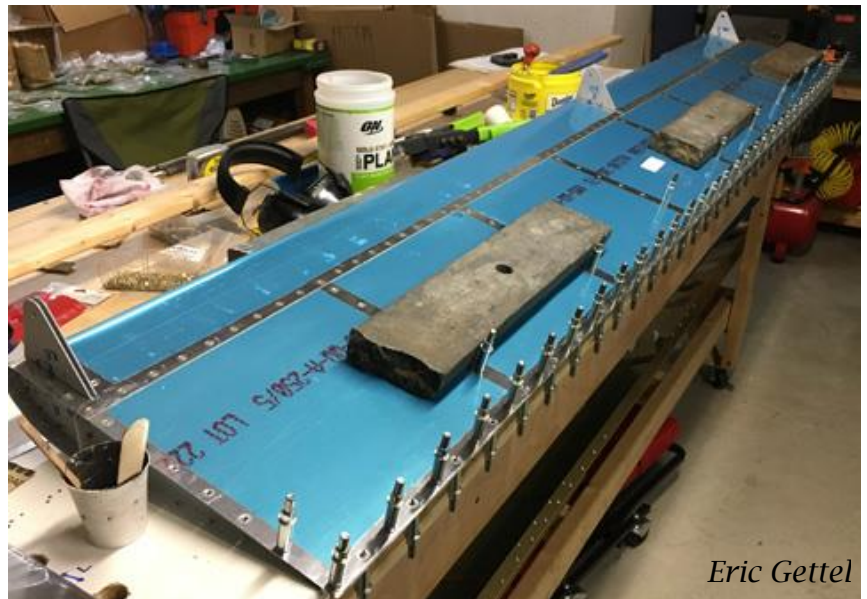
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President's Log

By Eric Gettel

I recently received a note from EAA HQ that our chapter scored 6 out of 10 on the chapter recognition scale. Unfortunately, it takes a 7 out of 10 to earn a bronze rating and receive some promotional bling. I was disappointed.

I then reviewed the 10 ways a chapter can earn points and became steamed that we were not



Eric Gettel

credited with at least an 8. So, I started to write a letter. One of the keys to successful letter writing is to gather and organize evidence to lay out a coherent and presumably unassailable argument. Often in this process of forming a case one

discovers that their initial impression is mistaken. This is one of those cases.

As it turns out, the way that some of the criteria are written, a chapter is getting credit in 2019 for things that occurred in the prior year. At first glance we say, "Hey, we did that!" But upon closer scrutiny we realize not quite. Below are the 3 criteria that seems we should get credit at first glance but upon further review we did not qualify.

Attend a chapter leadership training session.

We sent Larry Sissom, Renaud Guibert and myself to the leadership boot camp in Ray, MI in October 2019. Zero credit was given because the actual criteria is send one chapter officer to a leadership conference or bootcamp within the last 5 years. None of the three of us were officers in 2019. We'll earn this point in 2020 as all 3 of us are now chapter officers.

Do your chapter leaders regularly read EAA's e-newsletter, ChapterGram?

The ChapterGram is a newsletter intended to be of interest to chapter officers. HQ rightly believes that the most successful chapters stay up-to-date with the news contained therein. The criteria for earning a point is to read the newsletter an average of 50% or more of the time. Since there are 4 officers and 12 ChapterGrams per year, any combination leading to 24 reads per year will earn the chapter a point. Zero credit was given for 2019. We ought to be able to achieve this in 2020.

Has your chapter used a ChapterBlast email promotion or ordered promotional materials?

Well yes, we attempted to use the ChapterBlast last year, but did not give the EAA the 30 days required notice, so it didn't count. We'll have 3 opportunities to use a ChapterBlast in 2020: one each for the Young Eagles rallies and another for our annual pancake breakfast.

The following is the list of criteria used by the EAA for awarding chapter recognition points:

1. Attended a chapter leadership training session.
2. Growing or steady membership.
3. Offers IMC or VMC Club programs.

4. Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs.
5. Has EAA approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor.
6. Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey.
7. Reads EAA ChapterGram regularly.
8. Requested EAA promotional materials or ChapterBlast email.
9. Hosts at least two public events each year.
10. Owns/leases a facility.

I have every bit of confidence that we will be able to achieve at least 7 of the 10 criteria in 2020.

Calendar of Events

For 2020, the chapter has realigned its meetings schedule to fall consistently on the second, third, and fourth Tuesday evenings of most months.

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| Mar 10 | Special Chapter Gathering, 7pm
Delta Airlines Maintenance Hangar
at DTW |
| Mar 17 | Business (Board) Meeting, 7pm
EAA Welcome Center |
| Mar 24 | IMC Club Meeting, 7pm
AA Terminal Basement |
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| Apr ___ | A2GA2 Adopt-A-Road Cleanup |
| Jun 14 | Pancake Breakfast |
| Jun 20 | Young Eagles Rally #1 |
| Jul ___ | A2GA2 Adopt-A-Road Cleanup |
| Jul 20-26 | EAA AirVenture 2020 |
| Aug 15 | Young Eagles Rally #2 |
| Aug 29-30 | Thunder over Michigan |
| Sep ___ | A2GA2 Adopt-A-Road Cleanup |
| Dec 8 | Holiday Party |



Betty Skelton Frankmans Pitts Little Stinker at Willis

Circa 1970. This plane is now housed in the Smithsonian.

Photo courtesy Roger Hanson

More About the Early Days of the Flying Stinkers

Just as the February issue of the Upwind Flyer was about to publish the article about the founding of Chapter 333, early if not founding member of 333 (now of 304 - Jackson), Roger Hanson contacted us so that he could share some of his photographs from that time period. He writes:

One sort of humorous thing - on occasional weekends at their strip [Frankman Rancharo] we would hold flour bombing contests - 1# bag of flour - thrown over the side - trying to hit a 50-gallon drum. Betty would fly a pattern upright - then roll inverted to drop her flour bag. I don't recall she ever got any closer than the rest of us - but was always a treat to watch her fly.

Errata: Note that in the February 2020 issue of the Upwind Flyer all references to Frankman Rancharo were incorrectly spelled Rancho.

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BEARKAWK LSA WING PROJECT- FOR SALE

Includes factory spars, aluminum sheet sufficient to complete, plans. DVDs, print outs, form blocks, master form block, etc. Nose ribs blanked and routed and some small parts completed. Bearhawk publications and a dimensioned wing table drawing. Lost interest and my flying days are over. A steal at \$1,500.00.

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