

# The Upwind Flyer

Your *Scentinel* for Chapter Happenings

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## Chapter 333 GrillVenture 2020: A Pleasant Evening Visiting with People and Aircraft

On July 21 the *Flying Stinkers* held a cookout timed to coincide with the virtual AirVenture program, *Spirit of Aviation Week*, put together by EAA HQ. About 20 members and guests, and 4 aircraft attended. The club provided a hot grilling surface and everybody took care of themselves. Doug Gross demonstrated a couple of takeoffs and landings in his gyrocopter. While smaller than the real AirVenture, we still had a representative sampling of AirVenture's diversity including: a high-wing homebuilt, a low-wing homebuilt, a beautifully restored vintage aircraft, and a gyrocopter.



Marc Murawski  
Van's Aircraft RV-6A  
1997

All photos by Eric Gettel

Nelini Faulkner  
Globe Swift GC-1B  
1948





*Doug Gross  
SportCopter II  
2014*



*Other  
Passersby*



*Mike (builder) and  
Hanna (pilot)  
Rans S-20 Raven  
2017*



## President's Log

By Eric Gettel

I was utterly thrilled by the turnout for the chapter's GrillVenture gathering in July. We all practiced social spacing and other COVID-19 safety protocols and yet, it was good, refreshing even, to be able to, just like the old days, talk to people in person.

Having invited everyone to bring out their aircraft, I wasn't sure anyone actually would. I'm glad people took the spirit of the occasion to heart. There was plenty of action to follow. Four aircraft parked by our hangars and the fine weather that evening kept the threshold of 24 busy entertaining our inner geeks. I'm looking forward to having GrillVenture again next year, but next time, not the same week as the real AirVenture.

Our Ray Aviation Scholar, Mehmed is moving right along with his flight training at Solo



Doug Gross is a newly minted Private Pilot:  
Gyrocopter photo by Doug Gross

Aviation. He suffered a little setback, utterly normal in my experience, when his instructor left just as he was getting ready to solo.

This happened to me a couple of times in 2000-01. Back in those days, flight schedules were penciled in on giant ledger sheets (and the desktop covered in eraser crumbs). I'd show up after a 40-minute drive (through Walden Woods, no less) for a lesson only to find out that my instructor got hired by some airline the week before. In that time period, I recall that the airlines scraped bottom in terms of experience perhaps going as low as 600 hours. Instructors would disappear like beer at a tailgate.

The next instructor, having to put their reputation on the line, understandably would not sign off on a first solo until I demonstrated my performance to his/her satisfaction. This takes a few lessons and is similar to starting from scratch. Each instructor is different, forcing me to unlearn some things I only just learned. I finally stopped lessons for 18 months. When I returned, it took about 11 months, *all with the same instructor*. Getting used to and along with different instructors was valuable experience later in my career managing other people. My piloting fundamentals probably turned out for the better too.

### Wanted: Information on Chapter 333 Aircraft Completions and Restorations

We'd like to have a list compiled of aircraft that chapter 333 members have completed (airworthiness certificate) and restorations to airworthy status. Going all the way back to the chapter's start. The list would include: Builder, Model, Engine, Year, Photo, and Epilogue.

The epilogue would summarize how long the builder kept the plane and where and perhaps tell a brief, interesting story about life with that aircraft.

This is intended to be immortalized hall-of-fame style on the club's EAA hosted website.

## Directions for Giving a Young Eagle Flight

By Mark Powell

### Summary:

Members do not have to wait for a Chapter 333 Young Eagle Event to give a young person a Young Eagle flight. If you know of a young person (age 8-17) that is interested in aviation and a Young Eagle event is not scheduled for a while or the event timing doesn't work out for them, please just give them a one-on-one Young Eagle flight (when the weather is as pleasant as possible). Following is what you need to do to make this all happen.

### Pilot Requirements (there is a more detail brochure in EAA 333 Brick Building):

- Must be a current EAA member
- Must be current as a pilot (flight currency, medical, flight review)
- Must have current passenger liability insurance for aircraft used (owned, rented or borrowed)
- Must use an airworthy aircraft
- **SUPER IMPORTANT:** You must have completed online young people training with EAA within last 3 years to be eligible to give Young Eagle rides.
  - This is called the EAA's Youth Protection Program - includes both online training and basic background check
  - You do this at [www.EAA.org/YouthProtection](http://www.EAA.org/YouthProtection)
  - EAA estimates the online training takes about 20-25 minutes.
  - The background check takes about 10 business days (so plan accordingly).
  - They will send you an email with a notice of completion. Recommend: Print this out and laminate it and put it in your wallet.

### To make it an official Young Eagle flight:

- You must meet the pilot requirements described above.
- Young person must meet the age range of 8-17.
- Go to the EAA 333 brick building where the supply of forms are stored.

- Enter the building: Airport side, key box, pull down top knob, enter 1203#, pull knob again.
- All needed forms are in the labeled plastic filing drawers.



- Complete the Young Eagles registration form before the flight *including parent signature!*
- Take them on a nice flight remembering to explain things to them and answer any questions.
- You can let them handle the controls as long as you remain in command at all times.
- After flight,
  - Congratulate them!
  - Fill out a Young Eagles Certificate and give it to the Young Eagle.
  - Give them their very own EAA Young Eagle logbook - which has a code on the back.
- The code gives them FREE access to Sporty's Learn to Fly Course! (\$249 value).
- The code also gives them free EAA student membership. [www.YoungEagles.org/Join](http://www.YoungEagles.org/Join)
- SEND IN THE REGISTRATION FORM to EAA (address is on bottom below parent signature)
  - This gets the Young Eagle into EAA's online Young Eagle Flight logbook.
  - This gives the pilot and chapter credit for the flight.

Be sure to take any necessary COVID-19 precautions. The club has purchased disposable face masks which are stored in the same drawer as the Young Eagles logbooks.

## Keep Your Head in the Game



IMC Club is hosted by Will Minette every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Next Meeting August 25

*One-click links to virtual meetings are sent a day or two before the event.*

**President  
Eric Gettel**

**Vice President  
Beth Wichterman**

**Secretary  
Larry Sissom**

**Treasurer  
Renaud Guibert**

## 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.

Links for all internet meetings will be delivered via email closer to the event date.

Aug 18 Business (Board) Meeting, 7pm via internet.

Aug 25 IMC Club, 7pm via internet.

Sep 8 Chapter Gathering, 7pm, TBD

Sep 15 Business (Board) Meeting, 7pm, TBD

Sep 22 IMC Club, 7pm via internet.

Dec 8 Holiday Party



Disposable face masks are stored in the same drawer as the Young Eagles logbooks. Free if used for a Young Eagle or Eagle flight. Otherwise \$1 donation requested.

## Links:

EAA Hosted Builder's Logs  
[eaabuilderslog.org](http://eaabuilderslog.org)

Chapter 333 Website  
[eaa333.org](http://eaa333.org)