



EAA Chapter 353



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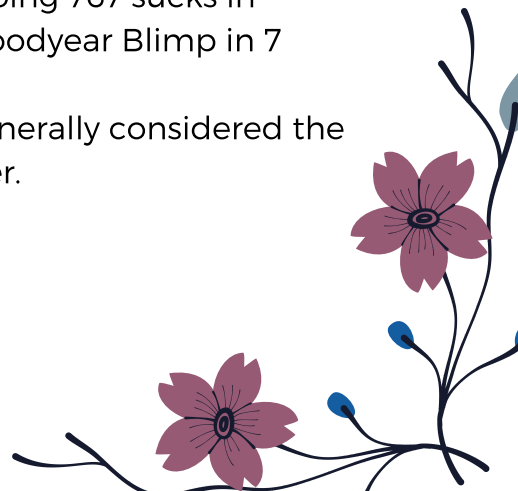
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Aviation Trivia

Did You Know...?

1. John F. Kennedy Airport in New York was originally named Idlewild Airport. It was renamed in 1963.
2. During take-off . the Boing 767 sucks in enough air to fill the Goodyear Blimp in 7 seconds.
3. Archie W. League is generally considered the first Air Traffic Controller.



A Letter From The President

By Miriam Enman

Hello and happy spring!

I am excited to present our first chapter newsletter and would like to introduce Lauren Kimball, designer and editor. Lauren is a student pilot and has recently become a member of our chapter, along with her father, Rich, and her sister Megan. In addition to the Kimballs, we would like to welcome new members, Gene Fehrer and Leon and Nichole Gordon.

Our goal is to begin with quarterly newsletters that will provide information on upcoming events and share memories of past

events. In addition, we will seek to showcase the aviation accomplishments and stories of our members, share chapter news, update you on our Ray Aviation Scholarship program, and provide safe tips for flying

We have come through a challenging time as a nation, as a club, and as individuals.

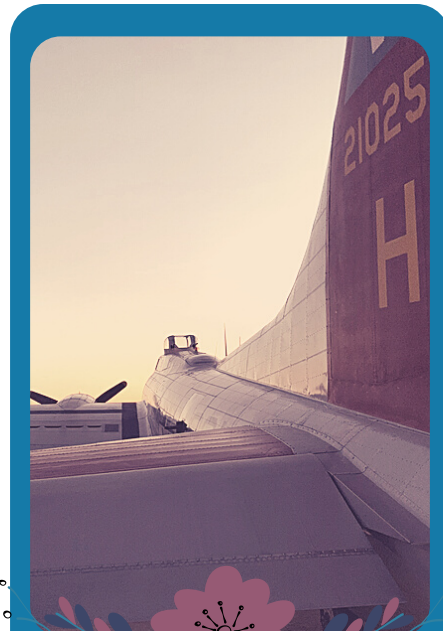


Lauren Kimball, Website/Newsletter Editor

It is my hope that this summer will offer us many opportunities to gather and reconnect in a positive way through our activities. We are so grateful to Bob Forenczi for his gracious hospitality and for welcoming us to the island for our warm-weather events.

Thank you for helping to make our chapter vibrant and enthusiastic! Please join me in welcoming our new members and thanking Lauren for spearheading our newsletter.

-Miriam Enman, President

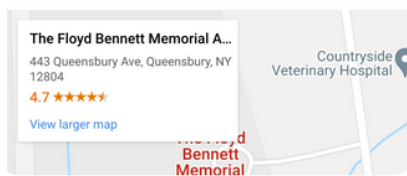


Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to attend our events and join our Chapter.

We are a group of aviation enthusiasts, aircraft builders, and pilots who get together with like minded people to share ideas, exchange information, encourage safety, serve the local aviation community and have a lot of fun doing so. Please come to our next meeting or event as our guest, or visit our [Facebook page](#).

Our Home Airport

Located just outside the Adirondack Park, the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport is surrounded by rich history and beautiful geography!



Updating the Website

By Lauren Kimball

As a new member to the chapter, I was elated to find out that the chapter needed help with the website and the newsletter. Since building websites is something I have experience with, I was glad to have an area to contribute to. However, being relatively

new, I'd like to remind everyone that I need your help! If you have any content ideas, stories, photographs, or anything else you'd like to see featured on either the website or newsletter, feel free to email them to me!

IMC/VMC CLUBS

Our chapter will be offering an IMC and VMC Club for our members interested in improving their flying. The club will offer monthly meetings in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experience. The meetings use real-world scenarios to engage members, and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency.

The IMC/VMC Club's monthly programming is developed and produced by EAA, but it does not use a lecture or presentation format. Instead, an actual scenario is presented and is followed by a group discussion – so audience participation is encouraged! Since everyone has a different experience level and different airplane capabilities, we can all benefit from the discussion!

We look forward to bringing this club to our chapter and continuing to learn how to become better pilots day by day!



A Brief History of Chapter 353



We are very excited to announce that the chapter's 50th anniversary was last year. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we could not celebrate the anniversary in person. In order to celebrate now, we'd like to reflect on the history of the chapter and the outstanding accomplishments that in 50 years the chapter has reached. Whether it be refurbishing the AirShark displayed in front of the KGFL Airport, hosting many successful Young Eagles rallies, or even just finding the time to meet together for get togethers and fly-ins, EAA Chapter 353 has done many remarkable things. We'd like to thank everybody for their hand in the success of the chapter as well as for renewing your membership to ensure that the future of Chapter 353 remains successful! With new scholarship opportunities and the ability to meet in person again, the future of the chapter is looking bright! Let's make it 50 more!

Ray Aviation Scholarship

Through the generous support of the Ray Foundation, our chapter has been selected once again to provide up to \$10,000 to deserving youths for their flight training expenses. The program is supported by more than 100 EAA chapters, and supports close to 120 scholars.

Each year, our chapter supports one scholar, between the ages of 16 and 19, in the form of funding and mentorship to help him or her earn their pilot certificate. Last year, the scholarship was awarded to Grace Valla (pictured below) and this year it has been awarded to Ryan Ing!



Ray Scholarship Winner

By Ryan Ing

Believe it or not, the stars were my motivation when I was younger. Each time I'd come home after a long day with my friends, playing basketball, riding bikes around the neighborhood, or what have you, I'd eat dinner with my family, do my homework, and then climb to the top of the roof and look at the stars in night sky. I longed to be amongst them one day, and flying a plane is definitely one step closer to that. I guess it's one of the main reasons why I'm studying Aeronautical Engineering; to create something that goes up where most people can't.



Return to Island Bob's

Fly-Ins



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