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2025-26 OFFICERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

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Jim Marsden	Austin Colby
Elizabeth Thornwall	Dave Anderson

→→→ **Our next general membership meeting will be held May 6th** →→→

EAA Chapter 36 Meeting Minutes: April 1st, 2025

Thanks to Nate Martin and Gill Motz

Date: 4/1/2025

Time Started: 7:05 PM

Time Ended: 9:05 PM

Number of Attendees: 18

Previous Months Minutes: Meeting opened by new club President, Austin Colby with previous meeting minutes presented and read

Treasurers Report: Presented synopsis as follows:

General Fund balance is \$32,619.07 as of this date. Expenditures this month include: Hanger Rent, \$429.00; Hanger Water, \$43.78.

Treasurer's report and last month's meeting minutes presented by Dean Popio and approved with no corrections.

Additional Comments by Secretary / Treasurer:

Membership Goals for 100 members in 2024 was not achieved... We reached a total of 80 members which is commendable. New member this month, James Stottlemeyer.

Build Night report from Gary Keller: V-Star potentially sold \$4500; Heath Parasol has second wing covered and stitching in process; Heath Parasol engine now available (Rotax 447 40hp) at the museum in storage pending V-Star sale.

Ray Aviation Scholarship:

Asa Martin (2024 recipient) soloed on March 3, working on FAA Knowledge Test to be completed by May 31, 2025; Successful Checkride by November 30, 2025. 2025 scholarship has been awarded to EAA36, candidates welcome...May 31 deadline to submit paperwork to scholarship committee.

Walt Green Scholarship/PIA Assist: Candidate selection in process.

Guest speaker Tim Mooney: Unleaded Fuel (Lead: Is it in or out?)

Tim shared a fascinating history of fuel types and octane measurements; then covered EPA standards; and wound up discussing current octane ranges and experiments in process using various fuel types.

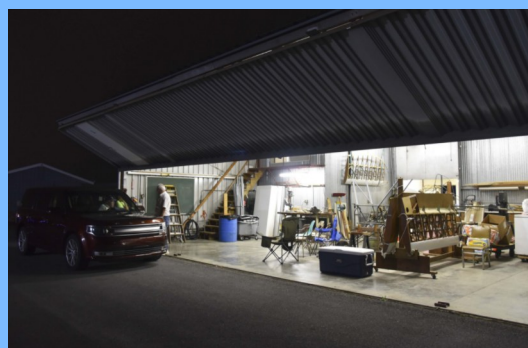
Respectfully submitted: NEM / GTM

Chapter 36

News and Events

Submissions to the Chapter 36 Newsletter can be sent to newsletter@eaa36.org

Current Fuel Prices as of May 6, 2025		
Airport	SS	FS
Hagerstown	\$6.65	\$7.50
Frederick	\$6.75	\$7.50
Martinsburg	\$5.98	\$6.59
Winchester	\$5.39	\$5.79
Cumberland		\$6.55
Carroll County	\$6.61	\$7.01
www.airnav.com		



Weekly Build Nights at the Chapter 36 Hangar,
Monday nights at 7 p.m.

May



Chapter Meeting

Monthly chapter meeting on Tuesday, May 6th, 7:00 p.m. at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum hangar.



Young Eagles Event

Our next Young Eagles and Chapter Breakfast event will be on Saturday, May 17th at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum. Young Eagle flights are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Upcoming EAA Webinars

Full list: <https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars>

The Gee Bee

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7 p.m. CDT | Chris Henry and Amelia Anderson

Few aircraft evoke such a romance for air racing in the golden age as does the Gee Bee racer. We will discuss the history and a few artifacts in the EAA Aviation Museum collection.

Security Violation | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 7 p.m. CDT with Mike Busch

One of the joys of travelling in a general aviation airplane is not having to stand in long lines going through security, removing shoes and laptops, going through metal detectors, and having luggage X-rayed. GA pilots and their passengers are usually spared the indignities of dealing with TSA, but not always. In this webinar, Mike Busch tells how he ran afoul of the TSA while driving to his hangar to depart on a long cross-country. Upon return, he wound up being escorted off airport property, temporarily losing his airport access privileges, and required to go through remedial security training that was actually quite illuminating. One thing he learned is that TSA has absolutely no sense of humor. Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

Stop Dreaming and Start Flying – Flight Training First Steps | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 1 p.m. CDT with David Leiting

So, you're ready to jump in and begin your flight training, but where do you start? Join EAA staff members as they cover all you need to know to jumpstart your flight training journey. Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

Kick Start your Flight Training with Virtual Flight Instruction | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 2:30 p.m. CDT with Brandon Seltz

With the evolution of AI, you can now bring virtual flight instruction to your own home. This new technology allows you to leverage scenario based training, designed around the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airman Certification Standards (ACS). Join founder of TakeFlight Interactive, Brandon Seltz, as he teaches you how to best leverage this tool and perfect your at home set-up. Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

How to Save Time and Money in Flight Training

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 4 p.m. CDT with Larry Bothe

Learn what it really takes to learn to fly. Is it difficult? Do I have to deal with higher math? How much testing must I undergo? What is the real total cost of learning to fly? Are there 'hidden costs'? How can I save money along the way? All this and more in this comprehensive look at flight training.

EAA Chapter 36 Scholarships Report

From Scholarship Coordinator Rose Mooney

EAA 36 was awarded the Ray Aviation Scholarship (RAS) for 2025 making it our 7th consecutive year to earn the award. The RAS is merit based and funded by the Ray Foundation and managed by EAA. EAA uses the chapter network to seek and recommend potential scholars. The 2025 award has been raised to up to \$12,000. The Ray Foundation, through EAA, allows chapter 36 to provide young people the opportunity to pursue and obtain their private pilot license while learning important life skills.



James C. Ray dedication to aviation was born shortly after the December 7th, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. He was a B-17 pilot with the 8th Air Force and the Air National Guard after the war. He became actively involved in general aviation and was the recipient of the EAA's 1992 Freedom of Flight Award. James was instrumental in starting the EAA Air

Academy Lodge. The facility has hosted hundreds of young people, ages 12-18, and provides the opportunity to learn more about flight. James C. Ray is pictured above with his Citation.

The Ray foundation, founded in 1963 was set up by James and his wife Joan. Their mission is to “encourage the potential in the youth of America by enabling them to develop life skills such as self-discipline, self-confidence, and self-reliance” with a focus on aviation and aerospace.

Our 2024-2025 and 6th scholar Asa Martin has accomplished a major milestone with his first solo at HGR on March 3rd, 2025. Congratulations ASA. We look forward to hearing about your adventures and completing your goal of becoming a private pilot. It is due to your efforts and the efforts of our past scholars that our chapter can provide this opportunity to other local young people who want to fly.



We are currently accepting applications for the RAS, and Walter Green Scholarships. The RAS is focused on providing opportunities for young people ages 16 - 20 to obtain their private pilot license. The Walter Green Scholarship is focused on an individual who is seeking to obtain their Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Certification. The candidates that we seek are individuals that show initiative, self-discipline, interest in aviation and willingness to further the mission of our chapter.

If you know of any individual who would be interested or who we should seek out for our scholarships, please email me at scholarships@eaa36.org.

Ray Aviation Scholarship Update:

Asa Martin

Asa enjoyed solo flights several times in April. Unfortunately, all of the scheduled cross country flights he had scheduled so far in April were scrubbed by weather. On the docket for May: a few cross country flights, finishing up high school classes, and the FAA knowledge test. Thanks for the continued encouragement!

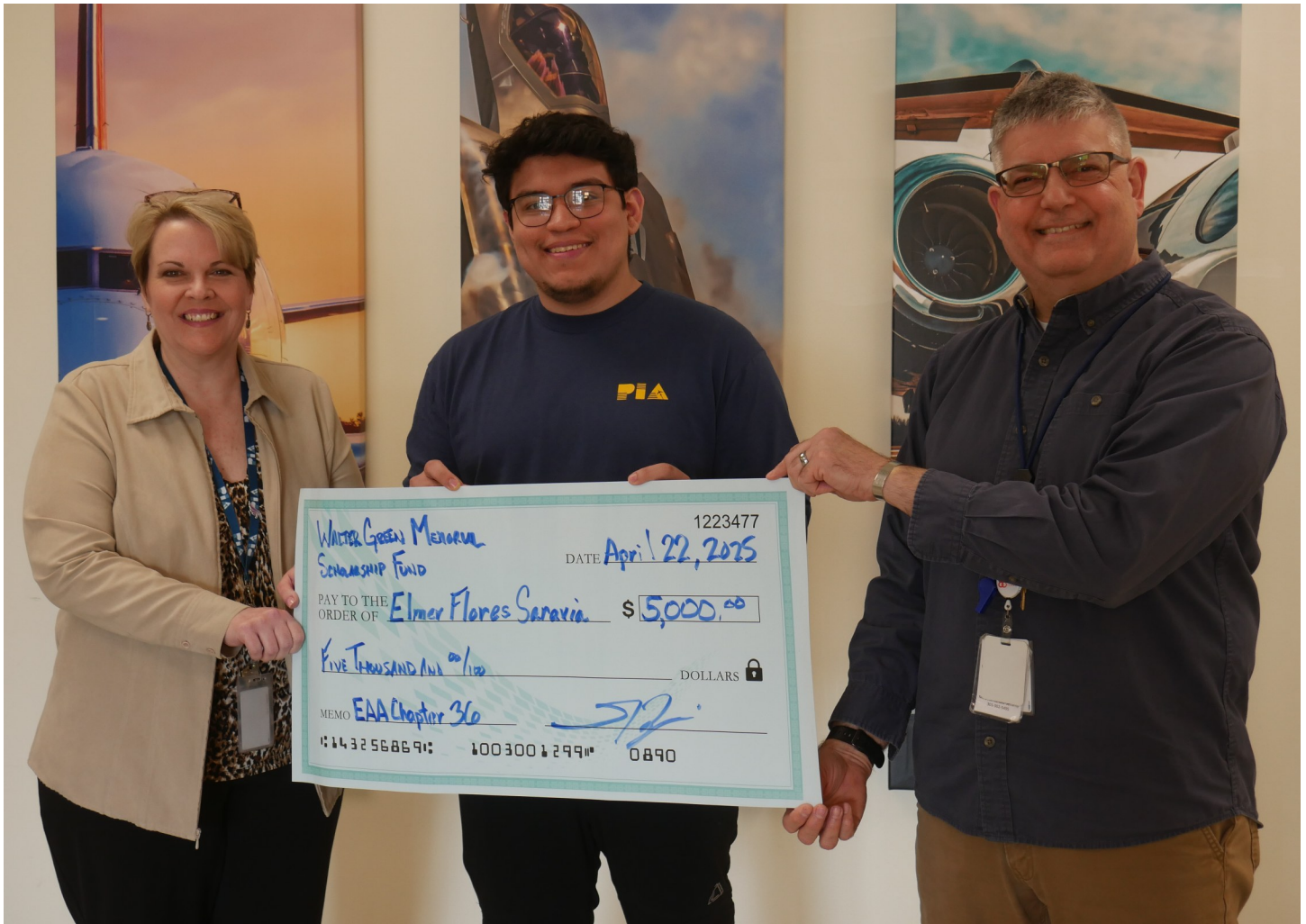
Preflighting the 172:



Walter Green Memorial Scholarship Fund

The 2025 Walter Green Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Elmer Flores Saravia for his fourth semester at PIA.

Congratulations Elmer!



25 Years Ago Today – May 2, 2000

Thanks to Jay Kanagy

The regular monthly meeting of the Hagerstown Chapter 36, EAA., Inc. was held in the Pilots' Lounge, located at the Washington County Regional Airport on Tuesday, May 2, 2000. The meeting was called to order by President Don Wilson at 7:30 P.M. He then welcomed the members. Twenty-one members and guests were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND PROJECTS:

Monti Project – It is on hold since Earl's death.

Green's Landing – Flightstar Planes. The group is having a great time helping to build the planes at his home. Are building two planes side by side. One is ready for the engine. The controls are in and one set of flaps are finished. The ailerons to be done yet. A single place airplane arrived to be built. Kevin will do the wiring and engines.

Mini-Max – Have it together. Did a weight and balance. With a 150 - 200 pounds pilot and two pounds of lead in the tail, the plane falls in the envelope. The extra cushion was missing, but Bob Enterline has it. Bob Berger reported it will be ready for a test flight in a little while. Wetsel is a good choice to do it. He had a Mini-Max. Will work again tomorrow night.

Young Eagles – Don Myers has scheduled to fly 100 kids on May 17 – rain date, May 24; and 185 kids on June 2 – rain date, June 5. Don is getting and scheduling pilots to help him.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was noted that the old trailer is still on the Airport Property. See Dave Pence about it. It was asked by Ken if your G.P.S. had to be reprogrammed after the first of the year? His did not work correctly. They were supposed to be up dated to be more accurate. Bob Scott told the group that Garmin has a web site (www.garmin.com). Check it out there.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don Myers moved to have the Secretary invite Bernard Spade and his wife and Jack Myers and his wife and supporting elements at our Hagerstown and Potomac Fly-ins to our Chapter Picnic on Sunday, August 13, 2000, seconded by Bob Scott and the motion carried. Don Myers will have a gas grill and refrigerator for our use. The chapter to furnish hot dogs, rolls, and drinks. Time 10:00 until ?. Eat at 1:00 P.M. Covered dish. June will make coleslaw for everyone. There will be a manifest table and airplane rides. It will be like the "good ole days". Dean Truax will check with the Silica Company to get permission to use the airport.

PROGRAM:

Bob Scott showed a tape from Phillips and AOPA Safety Film. Weather can change quickly from VFR to IFR, pilots don't trust their instruments, and they get into trouble. In flight weather conditions are available. Info available can be found in an Airport Facility Directory.

Gary Hartle dropped off more flyers for the summer Fly-In and Open House in July.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Next Month's meeting will be in the Pilots' Lounge at the Airport.

Submitted by: June Green