



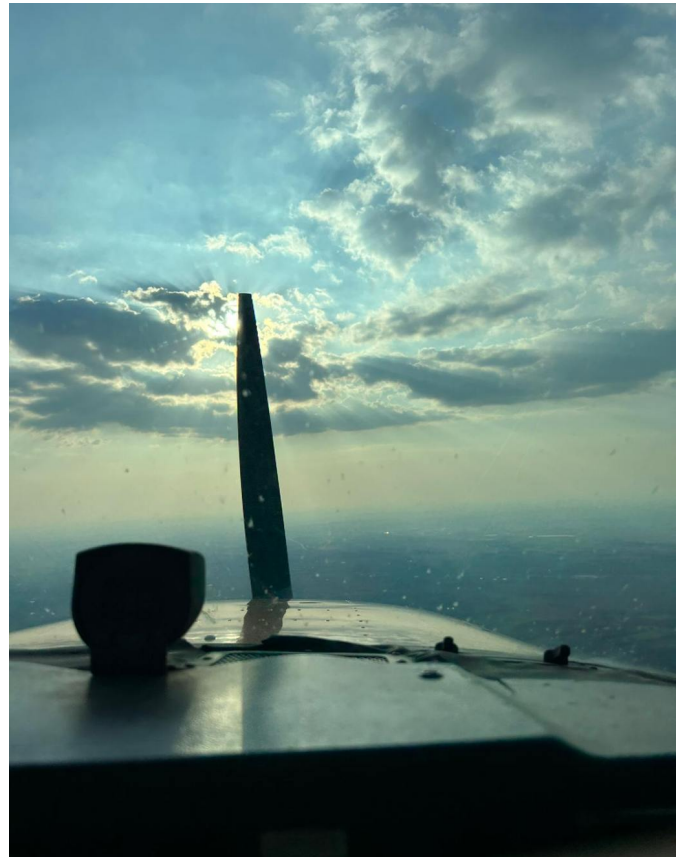
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→→→ **Our next general membership meeting will be held September 3rd** →→→

The President's Corner



August has flown by quickly for me; but a lot of that has to do with me being on the move so much this past month. I spent the first half of the month at Yokota Air Base—just outside Tokyo—for work. Seventy-two hours after returning from Japan I boarded a commercial airline flight to Florida for a few days to participate in a golf tournament near Tampa. And 48 hours after arriving back at Reagan National Airport, I'm headed down to the southern part of West Virginia for a two-day golf tournament I qualified for. It's been a great month; but exhausting as well. Thank you to those who continue to help lead the way for the Chapter with everything it has going on!

The travel hasn't impeded my opportunity to engage in aviation. I flew in the jump seat onboard our C-17 up to Alaska. While over the Northwest Territories, I hear Canadian Air Traffic Control contacting a Buffalo Airways flight—known from the television series *Ice Pilots*. While in Japan, I was able to source a Cessna 172 from the base's Aero Club and fly a sightseeing mission over Tokyo and Yokohama—recording PIC flight time (0.7 hours) in another country, in my logbook. And watching airline travel at work is a symphony of logistics performed by an orchestra of many moving parts—that maybe you need to be weird like me to appreciate.

I understand we had some prospective members at August's monthly chapter gathering—who may have subsequently joined the chapter since then. It's the old adage from the movie *Field of Dreams*, "If you build it, they will come." If we can continue to both set the standard for an EAA chapter while continuing to raise our own bar, the Chapter will enjoy many years of growing, and engaging, our local aviation community.

I'm looking forward to catching up to hear about the flyout to Reading, Pa. for lunch at Klinger's at the Airport. I'm sorry I missed it as that is a favorite destination of mine to fly in for a meal; and it appeared we were going to possibly have another good sized group participate. And I understand we may have had some members go to Cumberland, MD/Wiley Ford, WV for breakfast earlier in the month.

This month we're looking at the return of the Green Landings Fly-In/Drive In. It was a time of great camaraderie last year, and I hope all are able to attend this year. That will be on Saturday, 9/21 with a rain date of the next day—Sunday 9/22. We also have a planned flyout the following week (Sat. 9/28) to Arena's at the Airport, Georgetown, DE (GED) for lunch. If Biden is at his beach house, a TFR may impact our plans for that day. And don't forget ...

... September is WINGS & WHEELS month! We are in need of all the volunteers we can get for this event. We will offer a light breakfast for sale; and sell lunch as we have in the past as one of our chapter's biggest fundraising opportunities of the year. We will also be flying Young Eagles that day. Since I won't be able to attend due to work, I'm sending my son as a proxy to volunteer for the event. If you can't make it, consider sending a proxy as well! ☺

This month the plan is to get together for a relaxing evening to watch Hagerstown's Flying Boxcars minor league baseball team as our monthly chapter gathering. Fingers crossed for good weather—and I hope to see you there!

Unfortunately, two very impactful members of the EAA Chapter 36 family passed away this month. Earlier in August, Dean Truax flew west. Described as a master craftsman who built and restored numerous aircraft, he filled numerous positions with the chapter. And just recently, Don Myers flew west. In recent memory, he was instrumental in providing the fabric covering for the Stolp SA-900 V-Star. Please keep their family, friends, and EAA 36 members who knew them well in your thoughts and prayers.

Until next time

Safe skies!

Chapter 36





News and Events

Current Fuel Prices		
as of August 23, 2024		
Airport	SS	FS
Hagerstown	\$6.65	\$7.50
Frederick	\$6.75	\$7.50
Martinsburg	\$5.98	\$6.59
Winchester	\$5.59	\$5.99
Cumberland		\$6.55
Carroll County	\$6.91	\$7.31

www.airnav.com



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

September	
 <p>Chapter Meeting</p>	<p>Monthly chapter meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd, 6:00 p.m. at the Hagerstown Flying Boxcars baseball game, Meritus Park, Hagerstown, MD.</p>
 <p>Wings & Wheels</p>	<p>The 2024 Wings & Wheels Expo will take place on Saturday, September 14th. See Joe, Cindy, Curtis and Kate for showtimes.</p>
 <p>Green Landings</p>	<p>Green Landings Fly-In/Drive-In, Hedgesville, West Virginia (WV22), on Saturday, September 21st. Rain date: Sun. 9/22.</p>
 <p>Fourth Saturday Flyout</p>	<p>Flyout to Arena's at the Airport, Georgetown, Delaware (KGED), for lunch on Saturday, September 28th. Time of departure to be determined.</p>

Remembering Dean Truax

June 4, 1936 – August 6, 2024



I joined the Chapter in about 1982 and Dean was already a member. He was a past Chapter President, a Chapter Technical Counselor, a Builder, (the Papoose and a Europa composite) and a Restorer (an award winning Cessna 140). Dean was the ultimate craftsman in everything he did and a very capable organizer. He was the Potomac Fly-In Chairman for many years when the Chapter held them at the Potomac Airpark in Hancock, MD. He worked at Fairchild in the Flight Test dept. on the Fairchild Porter program.

– Joy Boyle

<https://www.howardlsipes.com/obituary/F-Truax>



An active member of the chapter for many years, Dean was a private pilot and certified Airframe and Powerplant mechanic.

Remembering Don Myers

February 18, 1934 – August 19, 2024



This is a photo of Don Myers in his young eagles gear. He was in third place on December 17, 2003 for number of Young Eagles flown. Don's total Young Eagle count was 2,613. He is in 8th place in the world today for the total number of Young Eagles flown.

<https://www.grfuneralhome.net/obituaries/donald-myers>



Don and the Pietenpol that he and I built together. It was the last plane that he built.

– Joe Boyle



The SA900 VStar that Don taught us fabric covering on.

Upcoming EAA Webinars

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

[Can't Sign It Off?](#) | Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 7 p.m. CDT with Mike Busch

Can a mechanic who works on your airplane refuse to sign it off or put it back together? That's exactly what happened to one unfortunate Cirrus SR22 owner who made a precautionary landing due to a rough running engine, asked the maintenance personnel at the local FBO to investigate, and found himself in a hostage situation. Mike Busch A&P/IA explains the regulatory ramifications of such a situation, and discusses what it took to get this poor owner's airplane out of prison. Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

[The Airborne Law Enforcement Response](#)

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 7 p.m. CDT with Ken Solosky

September 11, 2001, is a day that changed the world. Kenneth Solosky was assigned as a lieutenant/chief pilot for the New York City Police Department (NYPD) Aviation Unit. Join Kenneth as he describes the airborne law enforcement response on that fateful day, and the chaos and confusion surrounding air traffic control and interacting with responding military aircraft. He will discuss the response, attempts at rooftop rescues, and the support received in the days and weeks after from airborne law enforcement and the GA community from around the world.

[1927 Fairchild FC-2](#) | EAA Museum Webinar Series

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 7 p.m. CDT with Chris Henry and Amelia Anderson

When the air carrier service industry started in the U.S., the Fairchild Aircraft company in Maryland was there to help launch it. We will talk about the history of one of the oldest airplanes in the EAA Aviation Museum collection, and the oldest surviving Fairchild.

[Safe Aircraft Ground Operations](#) | Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 7 p.m. CDT with Prof. H. Paul Shuch

When our primary goal is to fly, we often consider ground operations a necessary inconvenience. But concentrating solely on the flight ahead can lead to taxi accidents, runway incursions, or potential hazards to ourselves and other airport users. In this FAA Safety Team WINGS webinar, Prof. H. Paul Shuch will concentrate on how we can make our time on the ground just as safe and productive as we strive to make our time in the air.

2023 Ray Aviation Scholarship Update: Landry Kaufmann

Wow! The last few months have been a blur, with flight training, work, and finding time to enjoy the last few days of our summer, it can be difficult to stop and take time for the smaller things in life.

July 30th I finally passed my check ride after having failed the test a few weeks earlier, and I was ecstatic and ready to begin the new phase of instrument training.

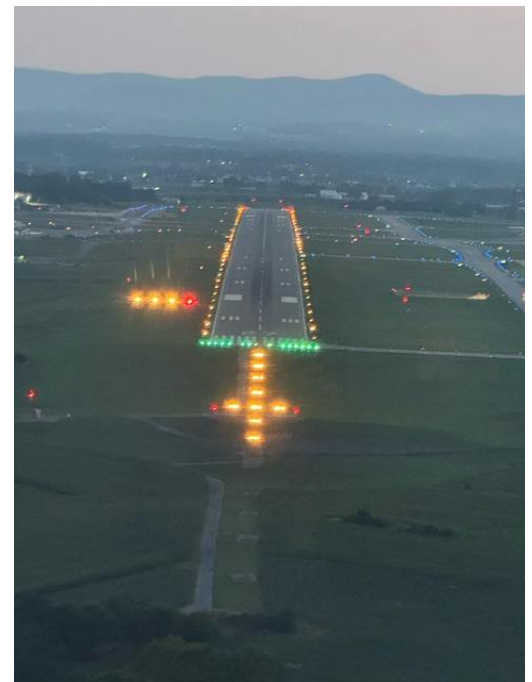
Since that memorable day, I have taken my folks and a number of other friends on a few amazing flights and I am looking forward to pursuing this form of transportation as a career.

As far as instrument training goes I have not really started studying as I have been super busy at our farm, but I hope to start in the near future! Also, as a side note, I made a few friends with the local EAA chapter out of Bowling Green KBWG and hope to help with their fly-ins and become a member soon.



2022 Ray Aviation Scholarship Update: Madison Richardson

Ever since I got my private pilots license I've been saving up money to try and keep flying! As many of you know I bought into 23U which is the plane in the chapter 36 flying club! I've been slowly starting to familiarize myself in that airplane since! Austin and I have gone up a few times, and I flew it home with my mom just the other week when Austin picked up his new plane! Beside flying, I have been working a full time job, just started my senior year of high school and my fall semester college classes! I will be graduating high school in January to continue college full time at Hagerstown Community College for my nursing degree! I can't wait to see where flying takes me in my future! Safe skies!



2021 Ray Aviation Scholarship Update: Andrew Russell

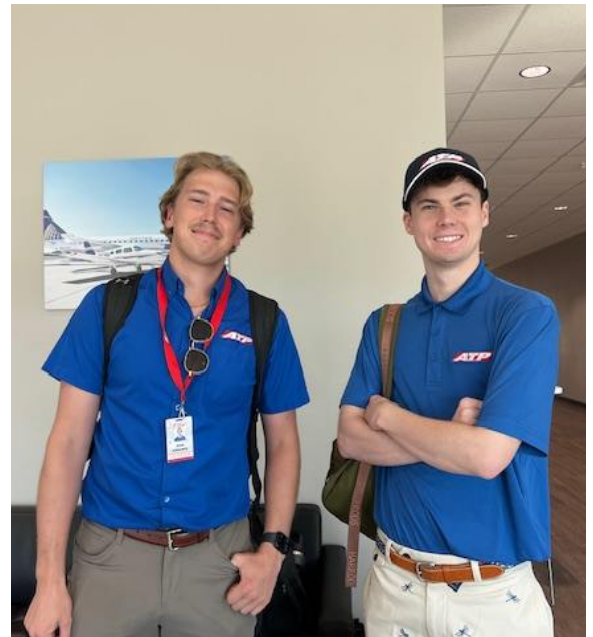
After some set-backs Andrew is on his way to commercial pilot. In 2022, Andrew started his aviation degree at University of North Dakota. While in his first semester there he was admitted to the emergency room and spent two nights at the hospital. He was diagnosed with myocarditis. During that same semester he went back to the emergency room and spent another night there. While home on winter break, he had testing done and was cleared of any long-term effects. These diagnoses revolted his FAA class 1 medical.

He went back for the spring semester but came home and announced he wanted to go to a dedicated flight school. Summer 2023 until July 2024 were spent working through the medical testing to satisfy the FAA, finally in March 2024, he was re-instated, just in time to renew his medical.

Andrew worked three jobs, Save a-lot warehouse, restaurants, and Brooks Brothers clothing, saving money for flight school. He went to Leesburg for testing for ATP to accept his private pilot's license. After that it was on to determine which location of ATP to attend. We determined that wanted a location that offered housing and had the multiengine planes on site. Fort Myers FL was the site and he determined that he would start after Oshkosh.

He moved into the apartment on Sunday Aug 18. He made dinner for his two roommates (the third roommate will arrive labor day weekend) He has been there a week now, has already flown 6 out of the 8 days there (Sunday he was off and one day due to weather). He likes his instructor and is studying for his instrument rating.

We look forward to his progress through the program and where he will go next. ATP only allows 3 days off for Thanksgiving and 3 days for Christmas. – Anne Russell



2019 Ray Aviation Scholarship Update: Elizabeth Thornwall

In the five years since receiving the inaugural Ray Aviation Scholarship from EAA Chapter 36, I have accumulated over 700 flight hours and earned my instrument rating, commercial, CFI, and CFI-I certificates, along with complex, high-performance, and tailwheel endorsements. I am currently a senior at University of Maryland Eastern Shore, working on a bachelors degree in Aviation Science. This semester I am taking classes on advanced aircraft systems, aviation psychology, and aviation law, among others. Last semester I took a class on air traffic control, which was one of my favorites so far. My classmates and I were able to practice on the university's ATC simulator, which runs a simulation of BWI tower. I have also been working as a part-time flight instructor for the university over the last two semesters, and might do it again this semester. In my free time, I enjoy flying my Cessna 150 around the Ocean City area and exploring the airports along the Eastern Shore. The airplane also shortens my commute if I want to travel home for the weekends. A three hour plus drive is only about a two hour flight through the VFR flyway, and no need to deal with traffic on the Bay Bridge.

Thank you to EAA Chapter 36 for starting me on this aviation journey!



25 Years Ago Today – September 7, 1999

Thanks to Jay Kanagy

The regular monthly meeting of the Hagerstown Chapter 36, EAA., Inc. was held in the EAA Chapter 36 Hangar located at the Washington County Regional Airport on Tuesday, September 7. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Don Wilson at 7:35 P.M., with a welcome to the twenty-two members and guests present. The September Minutes were accepted as corrected: Don Wilson, Vice President, instead of Don Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Walter Green reported the following working capital: BANK BALANCE - \$552.69 – PETTY CASH - \$698.17 for a total working capital of \$1,250.86. He reported that they paid \$366.00 for the prop for the Mini Max.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND PROJECTS:

Potomac'99 – Dean Truax, Chairman
Young Eagles: Don Myers
A/C Parking: Bobbie McBee, Ed Layton, Gray Hebb
Auto Parking: Ken Bercaw
A/C Registration: Don Wilson
A/C Communications: Danny Duckwall
Insurance: Dean Truax – taken care of
Young Eagles Insurance: Don Myers
Safety Officer: Chuck Doherty
Porta Potties: Bobbie McBee
Food: Carbaughs, Greens, T. Duchaine
Transportation to Canal Days: Don Myers
Static Displays: Engines. Cars will not be here
Fire Engines and Ambulances: Danny Duckwall

The newer members are asked to work in any area that they would like to. Just let Dean Know. Friday is set up day – all day. Setting up the PA System, preparing the food hangar, etc. Will begin on Saturday with the serving of breakfast at 8:00 A.M. Will sell food all day (June and Walter will try selling funnel cakes instead of French fries) and close at 4:30 P.M. Ditto on Sunday. Young Eagles will be flown both days. Eagle Air will sell rides both days.

Mini-Max project – Walter reported it is almost done as you can see. Hope to have it ready for the Fly-in, but it won't be flying there.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don reported on the possibility of the J-3 Cub for a project. The owner may donate it to the Chapter for restoring if he has first option to buy it back. It is located at Chambersburg.

Bill Wright invited the members to Ray John's home for a tour with the Society of Automotive Engineers on Tuesday evening at 6:00 P.M. Ray now uses a fiberglass material for covering wings, etc. Walter reported the Mini Max has cost the Chapter \$4,479.16 including the engine. The engine has been run.

Dean Truax moved to adjourn, seconded by Ed Layton, and the motion carried. The members then looked at the Mini-Max.

Submitted by: June Green

Members' Pages

Ray Franze

A lot of pictures for the newsletter this month. It's been a big month for me travel wise. A few are photos while enroute to, or returning from, Japan aboard one of our C-17 Globemasters. The picture of the snow-capped mountains is the landscape in Alaska as we were descending into Elmendorf AFB (I was riding in the jumpseat for that leg of the flight) for a quick turn before continuing on to Japan.



Yokota Air Base is one of a handful of Air Force bases that still has an on-base Aero Club. They have several Cessna 172s they use for sightseeing flights, and a couple of Diamond DA-40s they use for flight training. I made sure I brought my pilot certificate, medical certificate, and logbook on the trip. I spent an hour on a Sunday morning flying around/over Tokyo ... deferring to the instructor on board while I took photos above Tokyo and for the landing back at Yokota since I was flying from the right seat and I'm not yet comfortable landing from that seat.



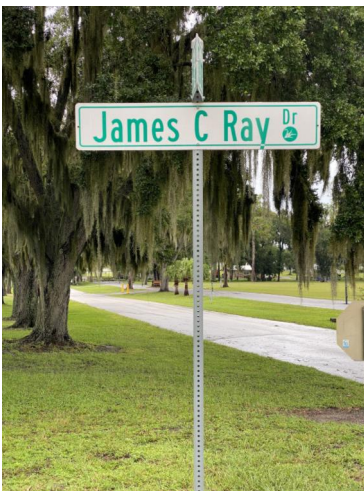
Flying over Tokyo was an incredible experience. There isn't much (hardly any) GA traffic to worry about. Our route of flight went from Yokota AB to Shinjuku, over to the Tokyo Skytree, near the Imperial Palace, over Shibuya during which we circled so I could get pictures of their famous intersection/crosswalks, down to Yokohama and back to Yokota AB. By the end of the flight I logged 0.7 PIC in another country – a memory I will cherish for a long time.



Soon after returning from Japan, I boarded a flight to Florida to play in a golf tournament. When I saw that the Florida Air Museum (Lakeland, FL) was halfway between the Orlando and Tampa areas, I figured that might be a great way to spend some time on a rainy weekday.



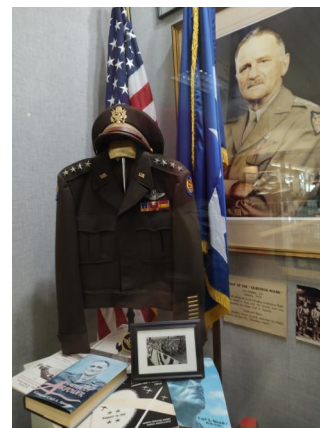
More pictures from the Florida Air Museum. Those who attend the annual "Sun n Fun" gathering in Lakeland may be familiar with the museum as it's located on the same site.



One fun find was the name of the street, James C. Ray Drive. The Ray Aviation Scholarship, which has financially supported five successful young private pilots with our chapter, is courtesy of the Ray Foundation (James Ray).

Pete Walters

Photos from the fly out to Reading last Saturday.



Elizabeth Thornwall

The Frece Tricolori (Italian Air Force airshow display team) were parked at Salisbury Airport (KSBY) for the Ocean City Airshow this past weekend. I think this was their last stop on their U.S. airshow tour. I was at the GA hangars working on my airplane and was able to watch them take off and land for their airshow display. I got a great view of them as they taxied right past me on their way to the runway. The ground crew saw me taking pictures of the jets and gave me a poster.

