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→→→ **Our next general membership meeting will be held May 7th** →→→

The President's Corner



We are one-third of the way through 2024; yet at the same time it feels like we are just getting started.

On the 20th of this past month, we were able to hold our first Young Eagles/Pancake Breakfast event of the year—and what an event it was for us! “Wow!” was a common refrain from me as reports reached my inbox about the day’s success. We flew over 100 Young Eagles and had nearly \$1,000 in breakfast sales. I’m told our concessions staff had to make a supply run mid-event which is unheard of for our first event in April.

“Thank you!” to everyone who played a role in what may have been a record day for a non-Wings & Wheels event. Families of participants have shared some of their photos on our Facebook page—one even made a really neat TikTok video that was shared—go check it out!

We had seven aircraft flying Young Eagles and a number of transient aircraft visiting for breakfast. “Fly-in” breakfasts are a staple of the EAA community, so I was excited to hear we had guests fly in to support our chapter. I can only imagine the coordination involved by our marshallers with that much activity taking place in the confined space.

During these events, Safety is paramount. The safety of our members and our guests is #1, and the safety of any aircraft, vehicle, structure, etc. is a close second. I truly appreciate the patience and understanding of our pilots who may have to burn a little more avgas to sit while our ground team safely conducts an orchestra of moving aircraft. And I sincerely appreciate the efforts of those before, during and after these events to plan,

orchestrate, and debrief the safe aspects that help us avoid any injuries or bent metal.

I’m sorry I wasn’t there to help the chapter on the 20th. Due to a planned exercise at my wing, I was in the middle of a 17-day stretch with one day off, and numerous 10-13 hour days. Fortunately, those stretches don’t happen often. I submitted a few pictures for the newsletter to highlight some of the activities that took place during the exercise. Visit the wing’s Facebook page (and apparently we’re on Instagram too) for more photos and excellent videos put together by the Public Affairs team.

I had another opportunity to work hands-on with our beloved A-10, performing an Integrated Combat Turnaround (ICT) where the aircraft park in a designated spot and they are refueled and re-armed without shutting down their engines. As the Air Force moves to officially retire the A-10 in the relatively near future, I will miss those opportunities.

Looking at my calendar, I may not make any Pancake Breakfasts/Young Eagles events this year—mostly due to work. I prefer to lead from the front, to be in the trenches with our membership during these events—and not being around for ‘em is one of the reasons why I know it’s time for me to step back. What has always been the case though, is because of YOU, the successes of the chapter carry on!

Don’t forget to join us on Tuesday, May 7th at our monthly chapter gathering. This month, Lin Caywood will be delivering a “must see” presentation on the Air Race Classic—an annual all-female competition that spans a couple thousand miles with approximately 50 aircraft. If you have any special lady in your life who flies, or may be interested in flying, this will be a must-attend event.

Our first planned flyout of the year will be Saturday, May 11th. The destination is EAA 518’s monthly breakfast at Mifflin Co. Airport (RVL), Reedsville, PA. It’s an impressive breakfast where the locals show in force and the line can extend a considerable distance from the building.

Don’t forget, we’re on the hunt for kids, at least 11- or 12-year-old (12-13 years old in 2025) who would be interested in attending EAA’s week-long, in-residence

Young Eagles Camp at Oshkosh, Wis. in 2025. Our chapter can cover the cost of the camp via the Richard Shoup Memorial Scholarship, and the youth's family would just need to cover the costs associated with getting to and from Oshkosh. Registration for the 2024 camps has been full for quite some time, so the plan is to have name(s) ready to go as soon as registration opens for the 2025 camps.

Landry Kauffman is scheduled to take his checkride later this month. Hopefully the weather cooperates, the aircraft cooperates, and by the time of my next newsletter comments we will have another scholar turned private pilot. For the 2024 version of the Ray Aviation Scholarship, an application deadline of June 16th was established. I have heard from one, maybe two, prospective applicants by this point. If you have any questions about the program, just let me know.

Lastly, congratulations to the Hagerstown Flying Boxcars! They won their opening game on the road against the York Revolution last night. Not only did they prevent the York Revolution from scoring a run (Shutout), even more impressive was their pitching staff combined for a no-hitter.

Until next time

Safe skies!



Some aviation-related pictures of stuff happening at/around my base lately (All but the C-17 in invasion strips [my photo] were shared by the wing's Public Affairs office)



Chapter 36

News and Events

April 20th Young Eagles Statistics

Aircraft:	7
Total flights:	39
Kids flown:	102
First time flyers:	60%

Numbers from Curtis Berry

Current Fuel Prices as of April 18, 2024		
Airport	SS	FS
Hagerstown	\$6.65	\$7.50
Frederick	\$6.75	\$7.50
Martinsburg	\$6.59	\$6.99
Winchester	\$5.99	\$6.39
Cumberland		\$6.60
Carroll County	\$7.09	\$7.29

www.airnav.com



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

May	
 <p>Chapter Meeting</p>	<p>Monthly chapter meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, 7:00 p.m. at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum hangar. Feature presentation by Lin Caywood from Air Race Classic.</p>
 <p>Chapter Flyout</p>	<p>Flyout to Mifflin Co. Airport (KRVL), Reedsville, PA for EAA Chapter 518's monthly breakfast on Saturday, May 11th. Time of departure to be determined.</p>
 <p>Young Eagles Event</p>	<p>Our next Young Eagles and Chapter Breakfast event will be on Saturday, May 18th. Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Young Eagle flights from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p>

April 20th Young Eagles Report

By Curtis Berry

We actually had a good day for flying today. It was a little breezy at the end but most of the rides were smooth and the wind was just about right down the runway. We ended up with 118 registrations and flew 102 young eagles and with all the help we were done by 1300. All of the volunteers really made this a great event and we collected over \$250 in donations which does not include what was contributed electronically.

It all started in registration where Kalyn, Kate, Rayanna, Sandy and Lisa got everyone checked in, registered and to the airplanes. I would finish a flight and out came three more. Pete kept them up to date on who was returning so they were always ready with a group.

On the ramp we had Gil, Mike, Matt and Landry. They had to wrangle our 7 aircraft and then the transients that were flying in for breakfast. It was a very busy ramp and a big thanks to them for keeping everyone organized and parked safely.

Our pilots Mark, Chad, Jim, Ken, Nick and Marshall kept up with all the Young Eagles and efficiently and safely flew everyone that was there. Thank you so much for volunteering your aircraft and fuel to help introduce these young people to aviation. I was looking at the YE logbook and it looks like Marshall is now over 100 Young Eagles, congratulations! Also I spoke with the tower after the event and they had no issues with anything, well done.

The tower did a great job of working with us. They got us out and back in without any confusion and kept us deconflicted. When we needed help they were there and were great to work with.

As far as the statistics we had 102 kids, 7 aircraft, 39 flights, 43 girls, 59 boys, 60% were first time flyers. Thanks again for all of your help and congratulations on a very nice event.

A message from Dean Popio

Sounds like a good day all around to kick off the 2024 event season! The Food Tent had what might be our best April ever. We had a \$950 day in cash and credit card sales, with an additional \$160 in cash donations. The April Fly-In event typically brings in about half of that!

We ran short on product and Cindy had to make a supply run. That sometimes happens during Wings & Wheels but never during a regular Fly-in event. The majority of the costs of food product, utensils etc is covered by donations, so the net should be not much less.

Ken Jones was set up in the table area talking with many visitors, generating interest in the chapter and the EAA. Hopefully Saturday's turnout bodes well for the rest of the season!

Big congrats to all the Food Tent volunteers who got it done big time on Saturday. Hope to see you at the next event in May.

BROKEN RECORD SEGMENT: Urgent plea for help!

There is an **URGENT** need for at least one person who would be willing to work as cashier during these events. Right now we only have one cashier and that isn't enough, especially if there should be a time when that one person isn't available.

If someone would be willing to work even a part of one event, your help would be greatly appreciated! Anyone willing and able to help out, please contact me, Dean Popio (dmpopio@gmail.com).



Upcoming EAA Webinars

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

[Borescope Initiative](#) | Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT Credit

Wednesday, May 1, 7 p.m. CDT with Mike Busch

The borescope is one of the most important and versatile tools for inspecting GA aircraft, and is the gold standard for assessing cylinder condition in reciprocating aircraft engines. However, aircraft and engine manufacturers have provided no guidance on how to perform a proper cylinder borescope inspection, and A&P training doesn't cover it. In this webinar Mike Busch, A&P/IA, discusses what his company (Savvy Aviation) has done recently to fill this vacuum.

[Slip Slidin' Away – All About Uncoordinated Flight](#) | Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit

Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m. CDT

We were all taught, from our very first lesson, to step on the ball and avoid uncoordinated flight. After all, slips and skids can lead to stalls and spins, can't they? And then, three or four lessons later, we were taught how to slip. But why on earth would anyone want to do that? Doesn't that lead to the dreaded stall/spin accident? In this FAA Safety Team WINGS award webinar, you will learn how to do forward and side slips, staying both uncoordinated and perfectly safe.

[Solid Edge Synchronous and Ordered Modeling](#)

Wednesday, May 22, 7 p.m. CDT with Doug Stainbrook

Doug Stainbrook with Siemens Solid Edge provides training on the use of the Siemens Solid Edge computer-aided design (CAD) program made available to EAA members by Siemens. The webinar will focus on the differences between Ordered (traditional history-based) modeling and Synchronous modeling offered in Solid Edge; moving Ordered models to Synchronous; hybrid modeling, combining ordered and synchronous features in the same model; creating dimensional formulas; and driving dimensions from the variable table and Excel. Learn how to take advantage of this powerful 3D modeling tool and create complex 3D models.

[Building Your Dream Airport](#)

Wednesday, May 29, 7 p.m. CDT with Gary Stevens

Considering a private airport, or wanting to learn more about your airport? This presentation covers the basics of airports, a comprehensive 101 discussion by Gary Stevens, former state and federal airport development and compliance inspector. This presentation will emphasize design, operations, construction, and alterations of privately-owned turf airports and review the approval process of FAA, state, and local zoning authorities. Additionally, it will review how to find additional resources to help your private airport.

25 Years Ago Today – May 3rd, 1999

Thanks to Jay Kanagy

The regular monthly meeting of the Hagerstown Chapter 36, EAA., inc. was held in the Meeting Room at Hagerstown Aircraft Services (formerly Alphins), located near the Washington County Regional Airport on Tuesday, May 3, 1999. The meeting was called to order by President Ric O'Donnell at 7:30 P.M., and a warm welcome to the twenty members and guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was reported that Pete Humphrey is ill and no longer able to fly. They have sold their home and moved to Florida, to be near their daughter.

COMMITTEES, PROJECTS:

Mini-Max project – Walter reported that the Mini-Max is going back together. Looks good and is pretty nice. Hoping to get ready for the Fly-in in September. They are now thinking about a prop. Bob also agrees that a ground adjustable prop is the way to go. They are working on the Monti upstairs. It is going good, too. Both projects are moving along. Don Myers donated an album for the Mini-Max project.

Potomac'99 – Chairman Dean Threats. June to order some new insurance forms for Fly-ins and have then faxed to her. Dates is September 18 and 19th, 1999. The date is the same at Canal Apple Days. These events should compliment each other. Copies of the flyers will be made and distributed to other airports, etc. Also make copies of the pilot information make up kits for the pilots. Dean showed a plaque made for the cars. Discussed awards – already have some that have not been given and could change the date with a placard; Jack said he doesn't need an award to attend a fly-in and he feels we don't need awards to bring the people. The members decided to leave the awards on the fliers.

Hangar Facilities – Don Wilson reported it needs an annual clean up. Ric vacuumed this past Saturday. Volunteers will be asked to clean each section of the Hangar. Walter announced that the trailer will have to emptied and moved. Phoenix Color has bought that piece of land. Walter has to locate a place to store it. Will move the stuff one Wednesday evening soon.

Fly-in and open house at Hagerstown Aircraft services – July 10 and 11, 1999. Gary Hartle reported the insurance will be covered with the EAA. Plan to have an area to display airplanes. Things falling into place. If you are planning to fly somewhere take someone with you. They want pilots to come. Keep as simple as can. Aircraft parking will be on the hill and auto parking outside the fence area. Dean to work on getting a PA system. There will be a display of new aircraft, also. Our chapter will do the cooking and parking of airplanes. July 10 and 11. Hours 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ric received a letter from EAA showing a list of items available for different donations – up to \$1,000.

Discussion tabled at this time.

Some visions of Young Eagles video tape showing what will follow a flier finishing our goal in 2002.

A B-17 will be at the Winchester Fly-in on May 21- 23.

President Ric sent a letter to the present and previous membership explaining who he was and telling of our Chapter web site that he worked.

It was discussed to hold a spring and fall cook out at Green's Landing. set up, cook and possibly recruit new members. Jack Raun moved to plan for a cookout and fly in at Green's Landing, seconded by Dean Truax – Jack Raun to chair the committee, assisted by Kenneth Flynn and Ric O'Donnell, and the motion carried. The consensus of the members was not to hold monthly executive meetings. Call meetings if something urgent comes up and then hold on Wednesdays before the work session. Ric declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Submitted by June Green.

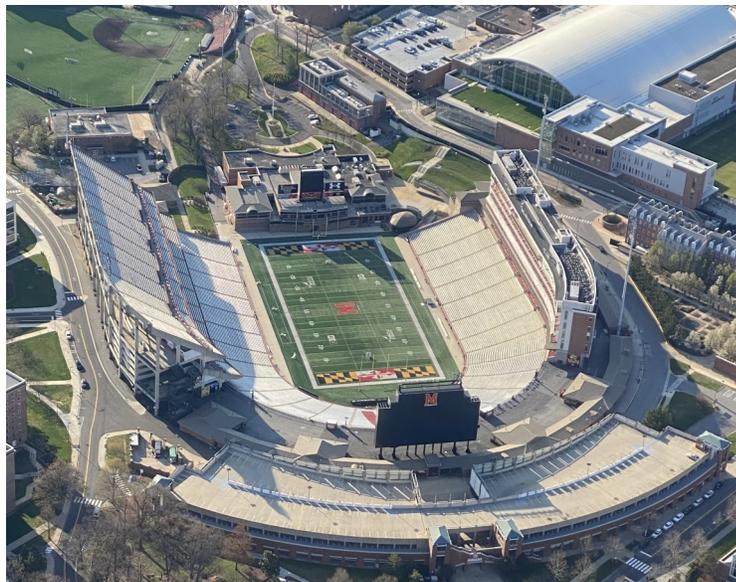
Ray Aviation Scholarship Update: Landry Kaufmann

This past month has been a whirlwind! I have finally started preparing for my check ride and I am very excited and nervous. I am also in the midst of moving to my home in southern Kentucky, where I am learning to run my dad's farm. I'm planning on returning to West Virginia for a week before my check ride, which is May 27th, and really hit it hard with my instructor and study.

Members' Pages

Ray Franze

Some miscellaneous photos including Landry and his brother utilizing the RC sim program in the chapter's hangar during Build Night(s), and two pictures from a flight I made at the end of last month to College Park, MD (CGS) – one of the University of Maryland's football stadium, the other looking out over the ramp from their upstairs, outdoor patio ... where I saw N33077, the first low-wing aircraft I flew/rented (and have over 10 hours in) when it was on the rental line for a flight school in Winchester, VA (OKV) years ago.



Carl & Elizabeth Thornwall

Elizabeth and I flew up north to see the April 8th total solar eclipse. We had originally planned to land at Erie, PA (KERI) and watch it from the ground, but forecasts showed clouds in the area so we decided to watch it from the air over Ohio. – Carl Thornwall

