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→→→ **Our next general membership meeting will be held March 5th** →→→

The President's Corner



Winter is officially over in a few weeks. If the forecast for this week holds from when I checked it shortly prior to typing these newsletter comments, we're enjoying a preview of spring-like temperatures this week. In addition to the warmer temperatures, daylight will linger at least an hour later in ten days thanks to Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget, effective March 10th, we'll be four hours behind GMT—so you'll need to add four (vs. the current five) hours to determine UTC (aka "Zulu" time).

An important reminder to start things off—we will have a monthly chapter gathering on the first Tuesday of March. Same time (7:00 pm), same location (HGR Aviation Museum). Joe Baginski is scheduled to be our guest speaker, regaling us with tales of flying for 50-plus years.

On Saturday, March 9th, for those who can make it, we're going to try again to head down to the National Air & Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport. If you've never been, it's a must go. If you've already been, it's worth visiting again—it seems every time I go, there is something new and exciting on display. Most of us are planning to drive, though flying is an option—just beware the fees for parking at Signature FBO can be quite steep. Our plan to go in mid-February was scratched due to an inbound snowstorm that was forecasted to drop up to 8" of snow in our area. The snowstorm ended up being a bust. Given Mother Nature's desire to piss me off, they'll probably call for the blizzard of the century on March 9th.

The following week will be our annual chapter awards banquet. On March 16th, at 6:00 pm, we will gather at Hoffman's All-American Grill on the MD/PA state line near the airport. A couple of years ago the consensus throughout the chapter was to mix up the location of the annual banquet, and this year we were able to make that happen. I can't thank Gary Keller enough for his efforts over the past several years to coordinate the banquets at the Parlor House—and to bring in NASA Flight Director Scott Stover as a guest speaker at one of those banquets.

I received word a week ago from EAA—Chapter 36 was, once again, selected to receive a Ray Aviation Scholarship for youth flight training with funds courtesy of the James Ray Foundation. This marks the sixth consecutive year—and every year since the program's inception—that our chapter was selected to award this scholarship. The credit goes to our chapter members for helping build and maintain an active chapter; and to our previous scholars whose successes have helped encourage EAA to continue to award our chapter this scholarship opportunity.

Mark it on your calendars—our monthly chapter gathering for September will be an evening out at the ballpark. The Hagerstown Flying Boxcars host the Charleston (WV) Dirty Birds on Tuesday, September 3rd—opening pitch is currently scheduled for 6:30 pm so plan to arrive earlier than usual. I wonder if they'll let us use their jumbotron to review any PowerPoint slides we have for review that month.

For those who missed our last monthly chapter gathering, I'm going to include a few of the slides I had up highlighting my goals for the year as well as a list of activities—some planned for the year and others came to me from the Good Idea Fairy. With your help—which I will need—we can make 2024 a great year for the chapter!

Until next time ...

Safe skies!

Chapter 36

News and Events

Aviation fact: In the U.S. in 2021, the FAA received about 9,700 reports of LASERs being pointed at military or commercial aircraft (The American Legion Magazine, March issue, p. 48).

Thanks to Pete Walters for sharing this fact!

Further reading: Dangerous Laser Strikes Increase to Highest Numbers
www.faa.gov/newsroom/dangerous-laser-strikes-increase-highest-numbers


Current Fuel Prices		
as of February 21, 2024		
Airport	SS	FS
Hagerstown	\$6.65	\$7.50
Frederick	\$6.75	\$7.50
Martinsburg	\$6.59	\$6.99
Winchester	\$5.79	\$6.19
Cumberland		\$6.70
Carroll County	\$6.59	\$6.99
www.airnav.com		

Article on Major Charles Carpenter and his World War II Piper L-4 Grasshopper “Rosie Rocketer”: WWII heroics of 'Bazooka Charlie' doubted until Granville daughter sets record straight.




www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/2/023/12/31bazooka-charlies-granville-daughter-shares-wwii-heroics-in-new-book/72033226007/

Thanks to Gary Keller for sending us this article!

Additional reading: Bazooka Charlie and the Grasshopper
www.smithsonianmag.com/air-space-magazine/bazooka-charlies-grasshopper-180974445/



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

March	
 <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 5px;">Chapter Meeting</p>	<p>Monthly chapter meeting on Tuesday, March 5th, 7:00 p.m. at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum hangar. With a featured presentation by Wright Bros. Master Pilot Award Winner Joe Baginski.</p>
 <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 5px;">Udvar-Hazy Field Trip</p>	<p>Field trip to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport (KIAD) on Saturday, March 9th, departing KHGR around 10:30 a.m.</p>
 <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 5px;">Awards Banquet</p>	<p>Annual Chapter Awards Banquet at Hoffman’s All-American Grill on Saturday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m. Details and pricing to be announced.</p>

Upcoming EAA Webinars

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

[Hosting a Flying Start Event 101](#)

Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m. CST

May 18 is International Learn to Fly Day, and your chapter is invited to participate by hosting a Flying Start event! Join this live webinar, and we review how to plan the perfect Flying Start event. Topics covered will include event planning, event best practices, and what resources EAA provides to simplify the hosting process for chapters.

[Unleaded AVGAS -- Cure or Curse?](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT Credit**

Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m. CST with Mike Busch

In this webinar, Mike Busch explores what we know about valve recession and lead, and discusses how much of an issue this is likely to be.

[Swallow and Travel Air](#) | **Museum Webinar Series**

Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m. CST with Chris Henry

One of the special things about Pioneer Airport is the opportunity to have flights right at the EAA Aviation Museum. We will talk about the two biplanes which can be not only seen by our visitors, but actually flown in by anyone wanting a ride.

[Jumpers Away! Seeing and Avoiding Skydivers](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit**

Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m. CST

Skydivers may not be ADS-B equipped, but they share the same airspace as we pilots do. In order to see and avoid those who don't mind jumping out of a perfectly sound airplane, we need to know how, where, and when skydivers operate. This FAA Safety Team WINGS award webinar will help you to anticipate their actions, altitudes, and location when you hear the magic words "Jumpers Away!" on the common traffic advisory frequency.

[Fueling V F T - Learning from Mistakes to Prevent a Tragedy](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit**

Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m. CST with Keith Clark

Everyday aircraft are fueled, and what happens during this time is the key to preventing a tragedy. Keith Clark from Phillips 66 Aviation discusses proper communication of aircraft fuel orders and strategies to ensure verification. Keith reviews examples of past mistakes and how to learn from these mistakes to prevent another aircraft misfueling.

[Young Eagles Rally Planning 101](#)

Tuesday, March 26, 12 p.m. CST

Gear up for EAA's International Young Eagles Day, scheduled for June 8, 2024. This webinar will cover rally planning best practices, how to utilize Young Eagles online registration/digital signature app, and other program updates!

[Lessons from a Performance Chart](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit**

Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m. CST with Catherine Cavagnaro

We often rush through performance calculations to ensure our aircraft is up to the mission. Join Catherine Cavagnaro from ACE Aerobatics School as she explains that these charts have so much more to teach us than that. We'll consider takeoff performance and weight and balance, and learn important considerations for safe flight.

Ray Aviation Scholarship Update: Landry Kaufmann

This past month has been incredible, with lots of excitement and progress with my flight training! I finally finished my second stage check and received my endorsements to make my first solo cross country flight! I arrived at the airport, pre-flighted the airplane, fueled the airplane and was about ready to leave when the wind picked up beyond flight school minimums and I had to cancel the flight. This was a bit of a let down but I got on the schedule the next day. The weather looked decent and, believe it or not, everything went smoothly and I was able to fly! I flew from Martinsburg (KMRB) to Garrett county (2G4), back to Cumberland (KCBE) and home to Martinsburg again. Everything went quite well and it wasn't until I was on the ground at Martinsburg that it dawned upon me what I had just done. I flew an airplane to another airport and back by myself. I was so excited! A few days later I planned a flight to Mifflin county (KRVL) and met a friend there. We hung out for a few minutes, then I departed back toward the south where I stopped at Hagerstown and then Martinsburg. My long solo cross country was complete! I'm currently at about 6 hours solo, so I need some more solo time and then check ride prep! We are currently waiting on a few DPEs to get back with us before we can schedule a check ride date. Apparently they're quite busy.



Members' Page

Ray Franze

Pictures are from a couple of recent flights. Dinner at Lancaster's (LNS) Fiorentino's restaurant, and a picture of Frederick, MD I took at night during a flight (HGR-FDK-MRB-HGR) to maintain currency for carrying passengers during the day and at night.



Meeting Slides

Slides from our February meeting highlighting the goals and possibilities for Chapter 36 in 2024.

Goals

- Increase the public's exposure to our chapter
- Increase the variety of activities available for members/public
- Membership Growth
- Revenue Growth
- Achieve "Gold" status in EAA Chapter Recognition Program
- Provide the incoming chapter president with a strong foundation (membership, financial resources, activities)

Action Items for 2024

- Build Projects
 - Complete Heath Parasol
 - Sell Heath Parasol
 - Sell Stolp SA-900 V-Star
 - Sell Rans S-3
- Young Eagles Program
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Wings & Wheels Concessions
- Award David Dodd Scholarship
- Award Ray Aviation Scholarship v2024
- Award Walter Green Mem. Scholarship v2024
- Updated Group Photo
- New Shirts for Volunteers
- Hangar Enhancements (Paint, Signage, Tools)
- Identify an 11-12 year old to sponsor for 2025 EAA in-residence Kids Camp using Richard Shoup Mem. Scholarship funds
- Fly-Outs
- Field Trip(s) (Udvar-Hazy, Hagerstown Flying Boxcars game, etc.)
- Young Eagles Workshops
- Movie Nights (The Aviators)
- Poker Run
- Annual Awards Banquet
- Green Landings Fly-In/Drive-In

THE GOOD IDEA FAIRY



HAS COME FOR A VISIT

Signage on Henson Blvd near T-Hangar access "Home of EAA Chapter 36"

EAA Chapter 36 display in the airline terminal / staffed on occasion during passenger movement

Flight Training 101 Seminar

Aviation Career Opportunities Seminar

Host a College Fair

Build an Aviation Library for members of the Public

Acquire another Pedal Plane Kit (or two, or three) to build in the future

YE RC Build & Fly Program – Consider buying another kit for a future build

Take advantage of EAA's Tool Crib program

Create surveys for member feedback

Compass Rose (re-paint)**

Udvar-Hazy

—
Saturday, March 9th

Depart HGR: Approx. 10:30 am

