



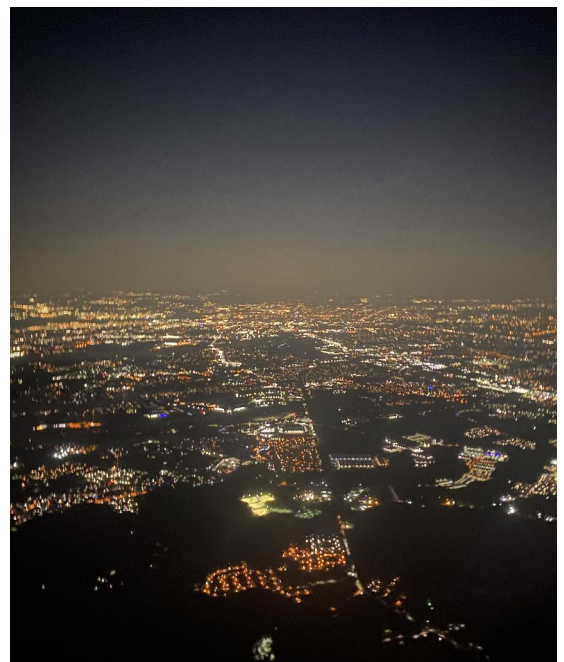
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→→→ **Our next general membership meeting will be held October 1st** →→→

The President's Corner



Welcome to autumn, and the final quarter of 2024. As I write this, the weather forecast threatens to disrupt a planned flyout this coming Saturday, September 28th to Georgetown, DE. But I'm not going to complain, because we were blessed with good weather for three of our planned outdoor events this past month—our monthly chapter gathering, Wings & Wheels, and the Green Landings Fly-In/Drive-In.

At the beginning of the month, we mixed things up for our monthly chapter gathering by attending a Hagerstown Flying Boxcars baseball game at Meritus Park in downtown Hagerstown. Approximately 20 members enjoyed the gorgeous weather, and the team's nice, new stadium. The team tried to keep the game interesting in the middle innings, but in the end the Charleston Dirty Birds came away with the victory. Despite the outcome, the game proved to be a relaxing endeavor that provided members with an opportunity to catch up and enjoy each other's company.

A huge "THANK YOU!" to everyone involved in supporting the chapter's efforts during Hagerstown's annual Wings & Wheels event. I've seen the reports from the event—we had a successful day!

We flew 131 kids (new record?) thanks to the efforts of nine pilots and support staff. Chad Gross flew the most with 21 (at least 7 flights if they were full)—entering the race for 2024's "Iron Man" award. Some fun facts provided by Curtis: 57% were first time fliers, 28 YEs live more than 50 miles from HGR, and we had a few who live 100+ miles away—so our reach is far and wide.

Our Concessions staff's efforts provided a significant financial shot in the arm for the chapter. We cleared \$4,400 as a result of sales, donated supplies, and support from many. Employing the "work smarter, not harder" philosophy, we, "sold out of just about everything before 3 pm," eliminating the need to stay open for business until 4:00 pm as originally planned—moving up the time our volunteers could enjoy a well-deserved rest. If you Google the word, "dedication," the fifth result—after a couple of memes and fancy quotes—is a picture of EAA Chapter 36 members at Wings & Wheels. Okay, it isn't—but it should be.

For the third time in as many weeks, we were blessed with good weather for another outdoor event—the Green Landings (WV22) Fly-In/Dive-in. I popped in briefly before needing to leave for a family engagement—so if you swore you saw me, but couldn't find me, you're not going crazy. I was there, and then I wasn't. While there, the field looked to be in great shape. The setup in the hangar seemed to be heaven—with tables sandwiched between the right side's never-ending assortment of donuts, the left side's lunch menu, graphics playing on the screen toward the front of the hangar, and highly coveted shade over it all. Numerous planes were landing or inbound during my brief stint on the grounds which was good to see—and I hear we had a very good turnout of fly-in traffic. A big "THANKS!" to the Green Landings community for continuing the return of the annual Green Landings Fly-In/Drive-In.

On Saturday, October 5th, we have our final Young Eagles / Pancake Breakfast event of the season. The following week (12th) brings at least one more attempt at hosting a Poker Run. And the week after (19th) is our second-to-last planned group flyout (LBE). I will be shocked if we go 3-for-3 with favorable weather conditions for each of those events, for a second straight month.

It seems lately, at each turn, I'm seeing—or hearing of—new faces engaged with our chapter. This includes having new(er) members join us for the Flying Boxcars game, new members attending the Green Landings event, recently a new face at Build Night thanks to Frankie's recruiting efforts at PIA, and reading about the new help we had for both Concessions and Young Eagles support. A testament to

the character of our membership that others are willing to work with us to support the chapter's events and help us grow the aviation community.

The end of the month marks the deadline for us to nominate a scholar to EAA for the Ray Aviation Scholarship. Per EAA, chapters who are selected to administer the scholarship each year, are not penalized for not awarding a scholarship in a given year. However, an unsuccessful scholar will impact a chapter's opportunity to be selected to award future scholarships. To that end, we will continue to be deliberate with our selection process when applications are received. At this point the window may be too compressed to have a scholar pass the FAA Knowledge Test prior to official selection—a local policy our scholarship committee initiated last year.

I am told our Nominating Committee began the process of surveying the landscape and canvassing members in search of the next chapter President. My tenure as President of the chapter is nearing its sunset as my sixth year in the left seat is rapidly approaching "short final." If you haven't been approached yet, but find yourself interested in the position, let us know. If you are *not* interested in the position, you better make sure you're on Dean's good side—he's the one who enters a name for the office when we submit our annual dues to EAA national. 😊

Until next time

Safe skies!

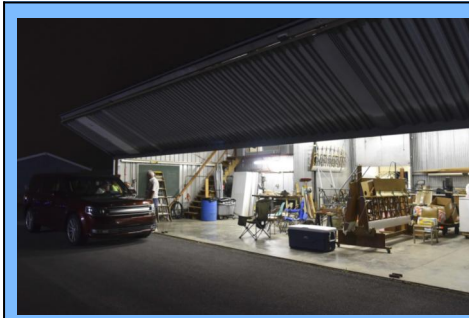
Photos from September's chapter gathering:







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News and Events

Current Fuel Prices		
as of September 25, 2024		
Airport	SS	FS
Hagerstown	\$6.65	\$7.50
Frederick	\$6.75	\$7.50
Martinsburg	\$5.98	\$6.59
Winchester	\$5.47	\$5.87
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.

October	
 <p>Chapter Meeting</p>	<p>Monthly chapter meeting on Tuesday, October 1st, 7:00 p.m. at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum hangar.</p>
 <p>Young Eagles Event</p>	<p>Our next Young Eagles and Chapter Breakfast event will be on Saturday, October 5th at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum. Breakfast is from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Young Eagle flights are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,</p>
 <p>Poker Run</p>	<p>Annual chapter poker run on Saturday, October 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p>
 <p>Fourth Saturday Flyout</p>	<p>Flyout to Arnold Palmer Regional Airport (KLBE), Latrobe, PA for lunch at DeNunzio's on Saturday, October 19th. Time of departure to be determined.</p>

Upcoming Poker Run Info



Our annual Poker Run is scheduled for October 12th. Please note that the Chambersburg FBO has moved. It's now east of the old building. The directional sign above, made by Gary Keller, will be used at Chambersburg during the event.

Contact Gary Keller if you have any questions.

Wings & Wheels Young Eagles Event

From Curtis Berry

Thanks to all that helped with our event this weekend at the Hagerstown Aviation museum. The weather held and our cavalry from Leesburg made it up for the event which really helped. Fog was our big concern and it did not materialize. As for the stats we flew 131 kids, 34 girls and 97 boys on 46 flights with 9 pilots. Chad Gross flew 21 (perhaps he needs a call sign like Ironman), Marshall Martin and I 18, Tobias Mottley, Chuck Perry, our new pilot Tom Saxon and Mark Hissey flew 15, Gil Hamilton flew 11 and Dave Anderson flew 3 (he only has one seat) on his first event back. Looks like 57% of the kids were first time fliers.

I did some quick calculations on where they were coming from and 28 came from more than 50 miles away (straight line distance) with three of them coming from over 100 miles.

Our ground team did a fantastic job of handling all of the registrations. When I would come in for my next flight there was always a line there, it did not seem to go down all day. Kalyn and Lisa had 147 registered and processed 131 for flights including some special requests for families, Pete kept them apprised of who was back and ready. Kate and Sandy got the kids to the pilots, filled out the logbooks and got them and the certificates to Charu on the flight line. On the flight line we had Gil Motz, Jim Hauber, Landry Kauffmann (back from Kentucky for a bit) and some new help Brady Leeb and Randy Leatherman.

Thanks again to all of you for your efforts in making this a successful event and the Museum for getting us a pop-up and a good space to set up. Our last event for this year will be 10/5, hope to see you there.

Green Landings Fly-In

Pictures from the annual Green Landings (WV22) Fly-In/Drive-In, Hedgesville, WV.



Upcoming EAA Webinars

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

[Two Programs to Engage Youths in Your Chapter](#)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 12 p.m. CDT with Serena Brouillette

Learn about two avenues to engage young people in your chapter. The Young Eagles Build and Fly program is an initiative giving kids hands-on building and flying experience using a remote controlled aircraft. Young Eagles Workshops are a day camp program that can be customized to what works best for your chapter. Through classroom and hands-on project experience, kids are exposed to various aviation knowledge areas and building techniques. Join Serena Brouillette for an overview of each program and learn how your chapter can participate.

[Why Annual Inspections? | Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit](#)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 7 p.m. CDT with Mike Busch

Why does the FAA require owners of small GA airplanes to put them through a complete inspection every 12 months, even if they've only flown 40 hours or less since the last inspection? Does it really make sense to open up the wings, empennage, and tailcone and remove the seats, carpets, and floorboards to inspect for corrosion every 12 months? In this webinar, Mike Busch A&P/IA explores this issue by pointing out that owners of "big boy" airplanes like King Airs aren't required to do this, but owners of smaller airplanes are. Mike questions this double standard, asks why the FAA doesn't treat the "rest of us" more like it treats the "big boys," and fantasizes about a simple change to the regulations that would make this possible. Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

[F-89 Scorpion](#)

Wednesday, October 8, 2024, 7 p.m. CDT with Chris Henry and Amelia Anderson

The early 1950's saw an vast array of new jet fighter and intercept aircraft being developed. The Northrop F-89 Scorpion was on the cutting edge. We will talk about the design, operations, and the history that ties it in with the EAA.

[Experimental Aircraft Maintenance for the A&P | Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit](#)

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 7 p.m. CDT with Joe Norris

This presentation will be a great way for any A&P mechanic to become familiar with the rules associated with maintenance and inspection requirements for experimental aircraft. Join Joe Norris, FAA DAR, A&P/IA, and amateur aircraft builder/owner as he presents a vast array of topics to help A&P mechanics understand how they can work on experimental aircraft. This presentation will also help nonbuilder owners of experimental aircraft understand the rules associated with maintenance and inspection of the experimental aircraft they own. Qualifies for FAA WINGS and credit.

25 Years Ago Today – October 5th, 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, October 5, 1999. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Don Wilson at 7:35 P.M., with a warm October welcome to the twenty-two members and guests present. The members were reminded to take a Newsletter and sign the attendance sheet.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Mini-Max – Walter reported it is in pretty good condition. New points and condenser in the engine. Found out the starter spring was upside down, and now it works great. Engine will be on Wednesday. Bob Matthews asked about grommets or something to put around the cable holes, but Kevin replied it is not really necessary.

Fly-In – Dean Truax, Chairman. Plan to have a meeting and decide what we did right and what we did wrong. One thing noticed – kids running out on the flight line. It was suggested to put a chalk line on the ground for reference and put stanchions and rope off the Young Eagle Area. Dick Carbaugh thanked everyone for their help in the "kitchen". He had no complaints on our kitchen help. Weather was perfect. Dean complimented everyone for their help. It was a pretty safe operation. About 120 airplanes flew in. For next year, Dean suggested having a committee of possibly seven (7) key people meeting and putting things together some time in March. We need more displays. The antique engines will be back next year. It was suggested to have it again at the same time as the Canal Days in Hancock.

OLD BUSINESS:

Don Myers asked if Tracey Potter will hold his Fly-In and open House sometime in May, before school is out. Don to talk to Gary Hartle. The drawing for a Trade-A-Plane subscription was won by Rick Gray, from Vincent, Ohio. It was determined by a drawing from the Pilots Registration Numbers. He also happened to be the first pilot registered. The Award was given by Trade-A-Plane.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Berger knows of an Ercoupe that can be bought for around \$2,000. It could be our next project. Kevin Green asked if the Chapter would help build the ultralight Flight Star – a two seater. Could build two at a time. He has one that needs to be finished – slip on covers, and final touches. The control cables are hooked up. Just needs to be assembled. Everything is ready to cover and bolt together. It is an easy plane to build – no painting, just cover with pre-sewn covers, bolt together and do final assembly, such as instruments, cable hook ups, etc. The planes are sold as is. Can work at Kevin's. Bob Scott moved to finish the plane for Kevin, seconded by Dick Carbaugh and the motion carried. Kevin has an EAA Ultra Light Chapter at Green's Landing. Dave Berger suggested that some Wednesday nights they could work on Kevin's planes.

Hanger Use and Facilities – Don Wilson, chairman, set Saturday, November 6, as clean up day at the EAA Hanger. Will start at 1:00 P.M. and end with a picnic of hot dogs, rolls, potato chips, etc. June will bring potato salad. Will sort out bolts, tools, etc. Will need more jars or cans with lids. Dick will bring some baby food jars. Plan to clean in sections. Halloween Fly-In at Green's Landing all day Saturday, October 30. Lunch will be provided. Bob Enterline introduced his friend, Pete Hancock, who also joined Chapter 36 at this meeting. Bob Matthews said MEK is on sale again. He has five gallons for sale @ \$9.00 a gallon. Walter, Kevin, Ken, Bob Berger and the Chapter each bought a gallon. Dick Carbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Scott and the motion carried.

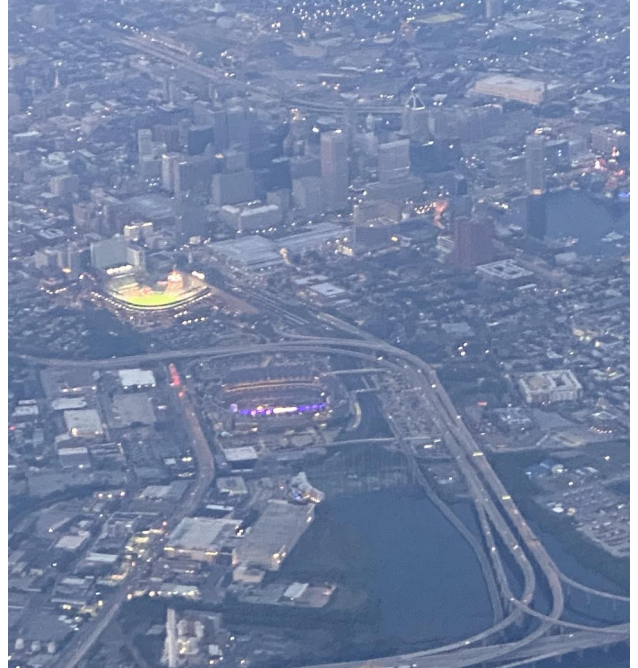
Meeting adjourned at 8.55 P.M.

Submitted by: June Green

Members' Pages

Ray Franze

Several images from a flight I made this past Friday (September 20th) to the eastern shore. Flew over the Key Bridge (or what's left of it), and pictures of Baltimore at night.



Additionally, flying with Marshall Martin in his plane for instrument currency, and Lane Kaufmann and the guys working on the Heath Parasol in the hangar.

