



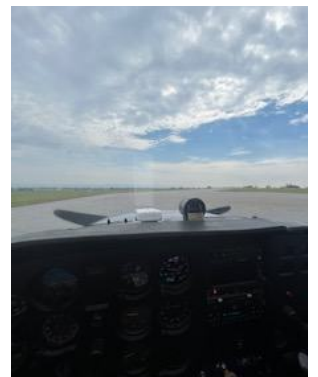
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→→→ **Our next general membership meeting will be held October 3rd** →→→

The President's Corner



Summer is certainly behind us. The heat and humidity are mostly behind us. Soon, the vibrant colors of autumn's foliage will be upon us. The downside, in my opinion, is the understanding that we are falling toward winter. We finally received some much needed rain—but hopefully Ophelia's precip didn't negatively impact Green Landings' runway for the recent fly-in/drive-in.

Our monthly chapter gathering in September involved a very unique opportunity, courtesy of Dan and Anne Russell, to learn about the Franklin Automobile Company and to explore their most impressive collection. Thank you for hosting us!

The stroll down memory lane in the automobile world came just in time for Hagerstown's annual Wings & Wheels event. I can't overstate my appreciation for everyone who played a role in the success of the event for our chapter. Whether you worked concessions for breakfast and/or lunch, supported the Young Eagles flights, secured donated items, helped setup and tear down among other roles—Thank You!

Our sales were down 25% from the previous year, which didn't surprise me. There were numerous competing aviation events throughout the mid-Atlantic; and the early morning weather wasn't inspiring for locals to venture out to outdoor activities. Thanks to the donations, the vast majority of our revenue was net profit—so it was still a very successful day for the chapter.

The forecast inspired discussions about possibly scrubbing Young Eagles flights. Fortunately for the eager Young Eagles, we took a wait and see approach.

The ceilings prevented Young Eagle pilots from flying into Hagerstown for a period of time; as well as delaying our start. But our patience was rewarded with a banner day—because we eventually flew, and we flew again, and we flew some more. Thanks to a team of dedicated pilots, the chapter flew 101 Young Eagles!

Congratulations to Mark Hissey for reaching 800 Young Eagles flown! He only has to fly three times as many to reach Don Myers' total—of course I say that tongue-in-cheek because I would have to fly five times my current count just to reach Mark's current total. Thank you for your continued dedication to the Young Eagles program and inspiring aviation's future.

October 7th is our final Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagles event of the year. Fingers crossed for good weather.

In addition to the financial injection from Wings & Wheels, we sold the Bücker Bü Jungmeister pedal plane. The finished product was a testament to the craftsmanship, and care, that our build project members put into all aircraft whether a pedal plane, remote control, or full-scale. It was gorgeous and the downside to selling it is now it's not around for us to look at any longer.

Madison is just under four weeks from her scheduled checkride. Weather, aircraft, or scheduling issues notwithstanding, I have no doubt that by the next edition of the newsletter Madison will be a private pilot. With the help of Joe Baginski and another instructor, Madison is making sure all of the requirements are met, her maneuvers are checkride ready, and preparing for the oral exam portion of the checkride. It's been an honor for us to play a role in her aviation journey.

Landry Kaufmann, our fifth Ray Aviation Scholar, is actively flying at Bravo Flight Training's Martinsburg location. Landry already passed his FAA Knowledge Test, so the only required milestones he has in front of him is to complete his first solo by December 31st, and to successfully pass the checkride by the end of September 2024.

On the 21st, we'll have our 3rd annual Poker Run. The route will be the same as previous years—a giant circle around P-40—but wide enough to avoid the airspace

even if it's expanded. Mother Nature owes us a good flying day for this event—so remind your flying friends of the event. Rain dates are each subsequent weekend day in October.

Lastly, some of you may have heard the news by now, but many of you may not. At our recent board meeting, I announced to the Board of Directors that I won't seek re-election/re-appointment (even by default) as President of the chapter as we conclude our current term through the end of 2024. I'll save the self-reflection, list of accomplishments, and parting sentiments for later when its more appropriate. I'm still PIC of the chapter for the next 15 months and there is still much to do to keep the chapter on its current vector. I am hopeful the Chapter will have its next leader identified before the end of next year so the transition doesn't make me look like an F-35 pilot who ejected while his aircraft continued to fly somewhat un-commanded. Too soon? 😊



Ray with his personalized pager.

Until next time

Safe skies!



Pictures from the monthly chapter gathering that occurred at the home of Dan and Anne Russel where members were treated to a presentation on the Franklin Motor Company.



Chapter 36

News and Events

Current Fuel Prices		
as of September 19, 2022		
Airport	SS	FS
Hagerstown		\$7.50
Frederick	\$6.85	\$7.60
Martinsburg	\$6.59	\$6.99
Winchester	\$6.25	\$6.65
Cumberland		\$6.35
Carroll County	\$7.19	\$7.49

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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 3rd, 7:00 p.m. at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum.</p>
 <p>Young Eagles Event</p>	<p>Our next Young Eagles and Chapter Breakfast event will be on Saturday, October 7th at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum. 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 21st. (Rain date: each subsequent weekend day in October)</p>

Wings & Wheels Expo 2023

Pictures from the Young Eagles event during Wings & Wheels. We flew 101 Young Eagles during this event. Mark Hissey reached 800 YEs flown. Photos from Pete Walters, Ray Franze, and Mark and Sandy Hissey.



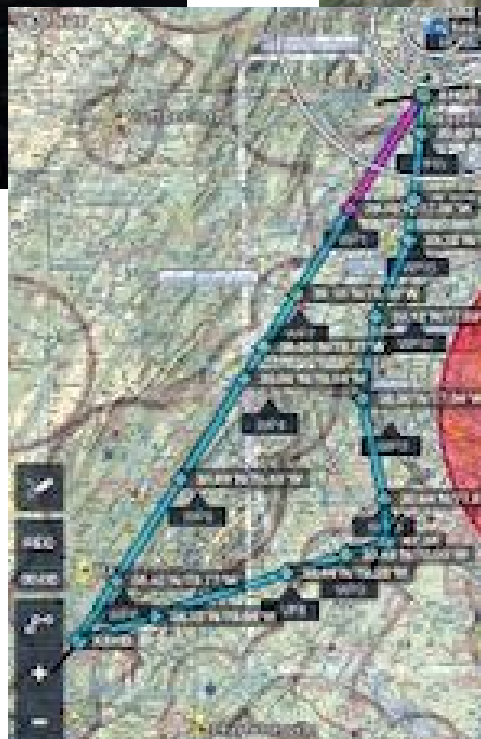
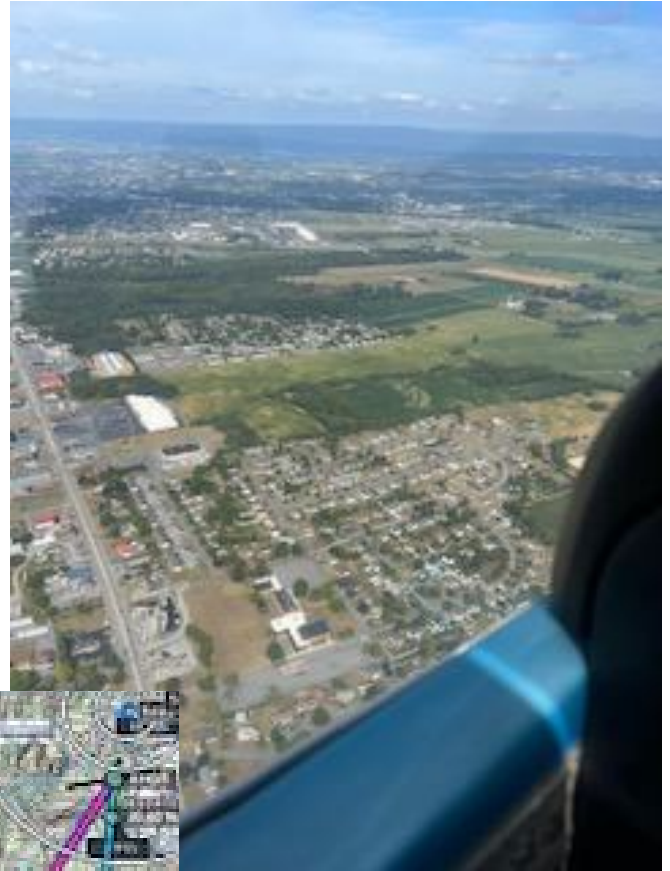
Upcoming EAA Webinars

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

Date	Time	Title	Presenter(s)
10/4/23	7 p.m. CDT	Fortunate Catch Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Mike Busch <i>A maintenance-aware owner is the last line of defense against maintenance errors. In this webinar, Mike Busch A&P/IA relates the story of one Bonanza owner whose shop replaced two cylinders because of burned exhaust valves. Then, just as the mechanic was buttoning up the airplane in preparation for the break-in flight, this maintenance-involved owner looked closely at the newly installed cylinders, spotted something that concerned him, raised his concerns with the shop, whereupon the A&P who installed the cylinders admitted that he'd made a critical mistake that almost certainly would have resulted in a catastrophic engine failure had the vigilant owner not saved the day. Mike also talks about the crash involving another Bonanza that suffered a catastrophic in-flight engine failure years earlier caused by precisely the same error and was the subject of landmark litigation.</i>
10/10/23	7 p.m. CDT	The Curtiss A-1 Sweetheart Museum Webinars Series	Chris Henry <i>This month, we will talk about the oldest airframe in the EAA Aviation Museum's collection: the Curtiss A-1 Pusher Sweetheart.</i>
10/17/23	7 p.m. CDT	Leaving a Lasting Aviation Legacy	Alan Spiegel <i>Whether you're a passionate aviation enthusiast, a pilot, or someone who simply appreciates the wonders of flight, this webinar offers valuable insights into how to ensure your legacy endures through the generations. We will share best practices for estate planning, helping you consider the process of preserving your legacy for your loved ones, and possibly helping to further The Spirit of Aviation.</i>
10/18/23	7 p.m. CDT	Weather Flying with ForeFlight: Preflight and ADS-B Weather Tips Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Bret Koebbe <i>Get more utility out of your airplane by making the best preflight and in-flight decisions when weather conditions are less than ideal. This detailed presentation by Sporty's Bret Koebbe will first cover using ForeFlight on your computer and iPad to develop your own preflight self-weather briefing. Then you'll learn how to keep up with changing convective and/or IFR conditions while en route using ADS-B datalink weather.</i>
10/25/23	7 p.m. CDT	Balancing Act: Managing Energy in Flight Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Catherine Cavagnaro <i>The latest version of the FAA's Airplane Flying Handbook contains a new chapter devoted to energy management. It's a long time in coming; after all, the subject comprises a significant part of Wolfgang Langewiesche's famous text Stick and Rudder. Catherine Cavagnaro from Ace Aerobatic School will discuss the ideas presented in the new chapter a step farther and see how adopting an energy-centered approach to aviation can lead to safer flying.</i>

Ray Aviation Scholarship Update: Madison Richardson

This past month has been a lot of prep-work for my check-ride. I started the month off with solo work and leaving the airport for the first time ever and flying over my home! Since then Joe, Willie, and I have been working hard to get my maneuvers and short field take offs and landings checkride ready! We are waiting for good weather to finish my night requirements, and then it's just my solo XC time! I've also been working with Ray and Tobias to get my ground knowledge in tip top shape for my oral! I cannot wait to see what happens this next month!



25 Years Ago – September 1, 1998

Thanks to Jay Kanagy

The regular monthly meeting of the Hagerstown Chapter 36, EAA., Inc. was held in the EAA Hangar located at the Washington County Regional Airport on Tuesday, September 1, 1998. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Ken Bercau at 7:30, with twenty-three members and guests present. Ken welcomed everybody. Ken appointed a Nominating Committee comprised of Bob and Dave Berger and himself – as he will not serve again. The election and installation of officers will be held in December. Joe Boyle is not here to present the program. He is still in Haiti. We will spend the time on planning for Potomac '98. The Operating Committee and Board of Directors will meet in the EAA Hangar Lounge the last Tuesday of each month.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Potomac '98 – Dean Truax Chairman

Aircraft Registration – Don Wilson. Dean recommended that he give envelopes containing badges, pencils, letters of welcome and instructions to each arriving pilot. Ken, Walter and June will run off the letters. Dean gave info to the Hancock Newspaper and Frederick News. June sent or gave in person to I stations, including WHAG-TV, four area Newspapers and Antietam Cable's local events calendar. Ken and other pilots took the flyers to other airports.

Trophies – Walter will again take care of them.

Airport Manager – Dick Rohm General Fly-in Chairman

Aircraft Communications – Danny Duckwall

Aircraft Judging – Bob and Dave Berger and committee

Public Relations – June Green, Dean Truax

YE Coordinator – Don Myers

Food Service – Dick Carbaugh and committee

Fire and Rescue – Danny Duckwall

Porta Potties – Bobbie McBee

Health permit – Bobbie McBee

Public Address System and Announcers – Dean Truax and Jack Raun. System is at Potomac

Will serve breakfast beginning at 8:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. on Saturday and 12:00 on Sunday. Other food will be sold until 4:00 P.M. and then the cleanup will begin at 4:00 P.M.

The Food Committee will meet Sunday, September 6, at 2:00 P.M. at the Hangar lounge to discuss the menu, prices, etc.

Don reported over 400,000 Young Eagles have been flown.

Walter received a check for \$50.00 from the Shooting Stars – Don Myers and Bobbie McBee flew the group of young people. He presented the check to them for their gas, but they returned the check to the Chapter to help defray expenses at the June Fly-In. Don and Bobbie flew 36 members of the Shooting Stars and Don flew 15 young people from a church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROJECTS:

Mini-Max – Don Wilson – project moving. Bob and Don will check on a Rotex engine. Are now starting to cover the wings.

Kevin Green's open house at his Green's Landing will be October 3, 4, and 5.

A small twin Apache with 145 Continental engines may be donated to be restored. Walter told about Earl Witt's Monti that is available to the Chapter. Everything is there – engine, tools everything to build it completely. It is a metal airplane. All Earl asks, is that after being built, all money over \$7,000.00 will go to the chapter and the \$7,000.00 – the cost of the kit – to be paid to him or his estate. Don Myers moved to get Earl's Monti and builds it, seconded by Bob Scott and the motion carried with a majority. In lieu of flowers after Bob Scott's hospitalization and recuperation he asked that the money be kept in the treasury. Thanks Bob and a speedy recovery for you.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Submitted by June Green

Members' Pages

Mark Hissey

Mark Hissey with his 800th young eagle.
Congratulations Mark!



Gary Keller



FYI, this is Gary Keller at the controls of the H-4 Hercules Flying Boat in McMinnville Oregon. This is in the Evergreen Museum there. Howard Hughes built this airplane and anyone who worked there if caught calling it the Spruce Goose was fired on the spot. – Gary Keller