

EAA 50 NEWS

FEBURARY 2024

MARCH EDUCATIONAL EVENT



Event: ForeFlight Training
Time & Location: 8AM EAA
50 Gathering Room at Hinde
Field

Date: Saturday March 16th
Presenter: Jeremy Colvin
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From the Vice President



January sure went by in a flash. Happy February to all. Our January event to tour the Toledo Express TRACON and ATC facility was a great success with 25 folks getting to see firsthand how the Air Traffic Control system supports flights in and around our local area. Big thanks to Travis Weisenberger for hosting our group and answering all of our questions. I'd also like to thank Charlie Smith for offering our group a chance to see the Grand Aire FBO facility where she works. Coming up on March 16, we hope to see you at the ForeFlight Training session at the Hinde Field Gathering Room starting at 8:00 am. Jeremy Colvin will be providing us a broad look at all the features of this software package.

Our membership numbers are growing with 122 Members and Spouses on the roster of which 81% have already paid their 2024 dues. This is outstanding and a testament to the new way we handled collecting our dues this year (including a self-address, stamped envelope) making it easier for members to pay their 2024 dues.

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ForeFlight details continued:

Bring your devices with ForeFlight and be prepared to spend a full day learning about flight planning, weight & balance and weather monitoring using the powerful ForeFlight software.

Future EAA 50 Events

April 13, 2024 (Sat.) Ground School - J. Colvin 8:00 am

Just want a refresher or preparing for your next Biennial Flight Review? Get a jump start with a full day of Ground School training. Bring your Log Books.

May 18, 2024 (Sat.) Hanging at Hinde Fly In 11:30 - 12:30 social hour, serving at 12:30. Celebrating Hinde Field's 89th year

June 1, 2024 (Sat.) Gleason Memorial Fly-In Hinde Field 11:30 - 12:30 social hour - serving at 12:30 Honoring Ben

June 22, 2024 (Sat.) Hinde Field Young Eagle Day 10:00 am - many volunteers needed.

July 22 – 26, 2024 Airventure all Week
August TBD (Suggestions Welcome)

September 14, 2024 Galloway Chili Fly in 11:30 social hour serving at 12:30

October 5, 2024 (Sat.) Octoberfest Hinde Field 11:30 social hour serving at 12:30 continued next

Please join me in welcoming the newest members to the Chapter: Charles Holbrook, Rick Keller, Jim Colvin, James Colvin Sr., Jim Boule, Brian Todd, Kayli Bergman, and Nancy Smith. We look forward to getting to know you and seeing you at future Chapter 50 events.

If you want to get more involved, consider assisting with one of our Committees: Scholarship Committee, Young Eagle Committee or the Website Committee. The Chapter gets more things done with more participation. Reach out to me or any of the Board Members if interested.

Former EAA 50 Young Eagle and Scholarship winner Advances Career

If you have ever wondered whether EAA 50 Young Eagles Program and Scholarships produce results the below information should leave no doubt. You will learn about the success of Grant Fisher who was inspired by Ben Gleason and the Young Eagles Program. Included in this article is an excerpt from the letter written by Grant and obtained by Tracy Hille. Grant was an EAA Scholarship winner in 2018. He received his YE flight from Ben. He finished his Private and Instrument ratings and is in the Military and recently went to one of the Poles.



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Please take the time to read as it worth it!

November 22, 2024 Banquet

5:30 pm.

**December 6, 2024 (Fri.) Wassail & Hors
d'oeuvres** 5:30 pm serving at 6 pm

Congratulations and Welcome to EAA 50's Newest Member

New member Kayli Bergman received her Student Pilot's License in the mail! This license will allow her to fly solo while continuing her flight hours and training! She just turned 16 and will probably Solo before she gets her driver's license. She has already passed her written exam and completed some of her night flights. Welcome to EAA 50.



Heat!

Heat is now available in the chapter workshop. (BYOB) Bring your own bottle or refill the chapter bottle after use. Work and stay warm.



....Mr. Gleason was a retired businessman with the passion for aviation, or as he called it "the bug", and he had the means and ability to kindle "the bug" in others and help it grow in them. He was a pilot out of one of my local airports and one day as we drove by, we decided to stop by his hanger, and he invited us in. He had three planes and hundreds of posters, pictures, and models hanging from the walls and ceiling. For a kid like me, a place like that is heaven. We spent hours there talking about all the different types of planes and eventually he took me up on my first young eagles flight in Huron, Ohio when I was 11 years old and "the bug" has only grown from there. He slingshot me onto my path and I've never been able to repay him for the happiness he brought into my life all those years ago. He's gone now but his legacy will remain in all the people that he inspired in his life and that same bug that he kindled in us will be passed down through the future generations in aviation. I am 23 now but to this day I think of him when I need motivation to keep going on this challenging path that I've taken. Making him proud is one of my biggest motivators because I think of myself as a reflection of the man he was. I joined the Air Force when I was 19 as a C-130 Crew Chief and it has taken me places that I never thought I would go like New Zealand and even all the way to Mc Murdo Station and the South Pole. Traveling with the military pilots has shown me what I want for myself in the future, but every time I look out the window of whatever plane I'm in, ill always be the little kid looking down from the plane for the first time, awestruck at the size and beauty of what he's seeing because its not just a passion, its truly a love of flying. LINK TO THE FULL LETTER TRANSCRIPT - double click <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-yYdwm9227db03l95u1iB7ZDCfz7J4wx/view?usp=sharing>. Pictures next page

Toledo Express Tour

On January 10th, 25 individuals made the trip to Toledo to tour the Toledo Express ATC. Thank you Toledo



Let Us Hear From You

Have something for the newsletter, or suggestions? Let us know at:

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Congratulations Grant, and thank you for reaching out. EAA50 is proud of your accomplishments.



First American Woman to Fly Solo

Bessica Faith Curtis Medlar Raiche, M.D.,



Snow at Hinde Field...No problem.
EAA member Kevin Kline departing submitted by
Hinde Field Tenant and EAA member Dan DeCarl
double click on picture to watch video or

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kjCNxCF0P35zmKzQk-9mJFeRpWYyIjh/>

16 September 1910: Bessica Faith Curtis Medlar Raiche, M.D., having had no training, made a solo flight in an airplane that she and her husband, François C. Raiche, had built at their home in Mineola, New York.

Two weeks earlier, 2 September 1910, Blanche Stuart Scott had also made a solo flight in an airplane while under instruction of Glenn Hammond Curtiss at his school at Hammondsport, New York. Scott was practicing taxiing to familiarize herself with the airplane and its controls. Curtiss had rigged the throttle to prevent it advancing far enough for the airplane to takeoff. However, possibly because of a wind gust, the airplane did become airborne and Blanche Scott is considered to have been the first American woman to fly solo in an airplane. *Continued*

A Few 2023 Visitors to Hinde Field



Bessica Medlar was a many-talented woman. She received a Doctor of Medicine degree (M.D.) from Tufts University in 1903. She was a practicing dentist, a linguist and an artist. She had traveled to France to study painting, and while there, had seen Orville Wright demonstrate his Wright Flyer.

Later, back at home, she and her husband built an airplane based on the Wrights' design. Using lighter-weight materials, though—bamboo, silk and piano wire—they assembled the components in their home before taking them outside to put together. The biplane had a length of 28 feet, 6 inches (8.687 meters) and a wingspan of 33 feet (10.058 meters). It was powered by an engine built by C.M. Crout which produced approximately 30 horsepower.

Because Dr. Raiche was lighter, it was decided that she would attempt the first flights. The airplane was transported from their home to Hempstead Plains for the attempt. During the day she made five flights. The last one covered approximately one mile (1.6 kilometers). The airplane nosed over in a depression and Dr. Raiche was thrown out. She was uninjured and the airplane was only slightly damaged.

Forming the French-American Aeroplane Company, Mr. and Mrs. Raiche built several more airplanes.



The Aeronautical Society of America credits Bessica Raiche with the first *intentional* solo flight, however. The society awarded her a gold medal, studded with diamonds, and inscribed *The First Woman Aviator in America*. Link to full article double click <https://www.thisdayinaviation.com/tag/bessica-raiche/>

Submitted by Elaine Bores