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From the Chapter President

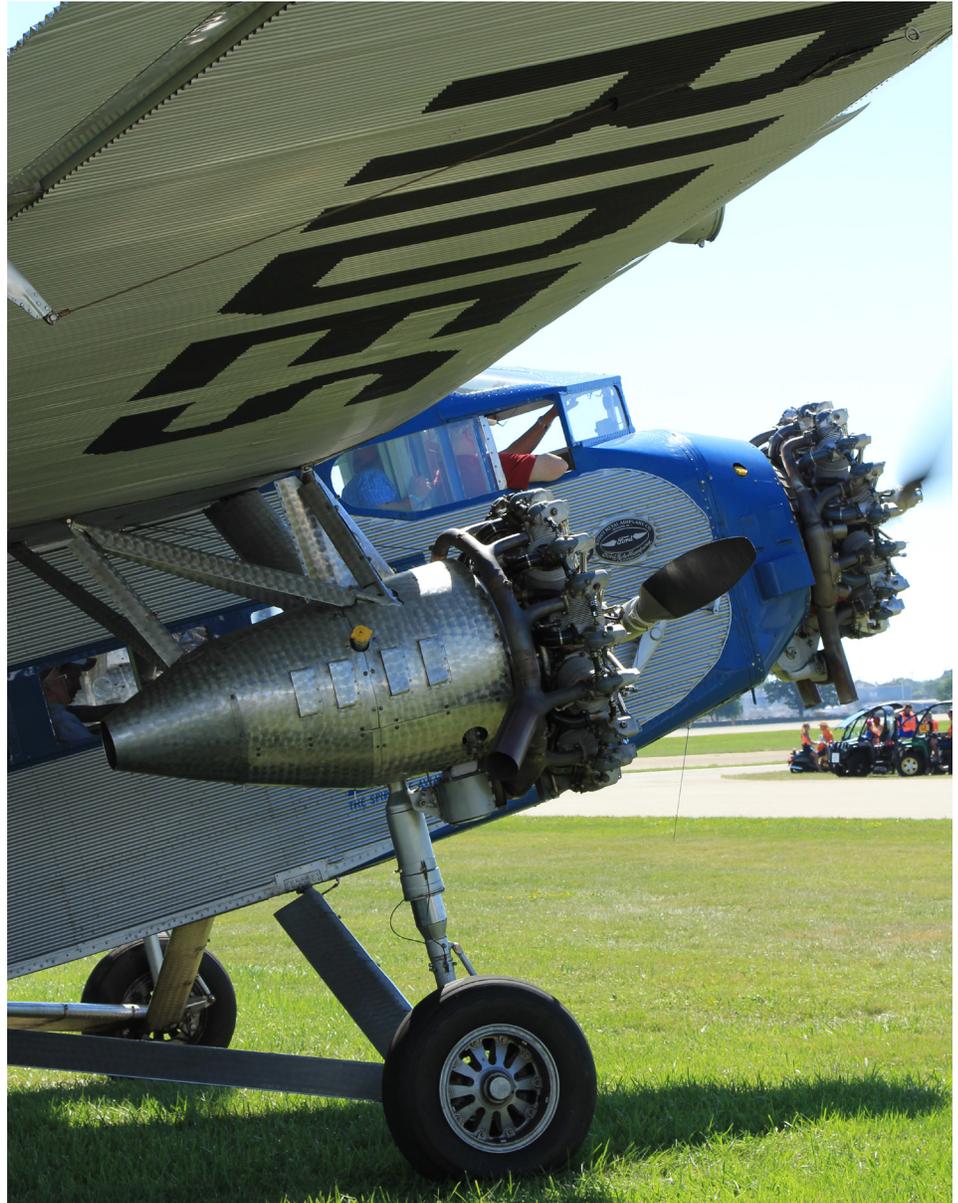
By Ed Lovrien

Hello everyone. I hope this finds you well and warm finally. Its been a long, cold winter. We had a great turnout for the first pancake breakfast in early April. There were about 40 people there and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Hopefully the next one will allow us to open the big door and enjoy some sun. We didn't get to do Young Eagles flights due to weather but we will do them again at a later date.

The raffle has started and is in progress. We need each and every one of you to help with this to make it successful! We are trying to get tickets to people to sell. We have heard all kinds of excuses. Please step up and help the chapter. I sent a note to four neighbors with the flier attached (in this newsletter) and three of them said they would buy a book of 10. That's all you have to do. It is very easy. Take a handful of fliers with you when you go someplace and hand them out. People will approach you. No pressure involved. You don't have to go door-to-door. It's very easy. Put them on your Facebook page if you have one. People will come to you.

We would like to do a table in front of Walmart and Rosauers in the coming months. You could help man that table and sell there. There are so many ways of helping the chapter meet its goals. We need to make it work.

Summer flying is coming. I started a group on Facebook called Missoula EAA Chapter 517 and fly out Missoula. The main goal of this page is to put pilots together for fly outs, pictures of your flights, hooking up the people who don't have access to planes to people who do and are



willing to take people with on fly-outs or backcountry landing strips when we plan flights there. A few of us have talked about meeting at Moose Creek or Spotted Bear for lunch on a nice day. Some have room for people to go with. It's a cool way to see country you otherwise can't see. Even for a flight over the China Wall in the Bob is a cool way to spend a couple hours. I have split the cost a few times to fly people up and check it out as well as Glacier. It's a

good way to get others involved and splitting the cost makes it easy to do more often.

Our monthly meeting on April 18 was at my shop to show my Limo EZ project, and also to show some radio controlled planes. I have a ton of them and have wanted to show the group how they fly but the airport has not wanted me to do it there. Having everyone up was the next logical step. We had about 15 to 18 people. We had fresh chocolate chip

cookies and talked airplanes both big and small. I got to fly a large gas plane and a helicopter for everyone. People seemed to enjoy it and the comments were all great. We always need people to do presentations at the meetings and are starting a sign up sheet so people can sign up to do so at upcoming meetings. Please contact orson.jordan@yahoo.com to sign up. He is going to be our coordinator to help us out.

I would like to share another income source for us that has been going on for quite some time now. People have been donating stuff, airplane related and not airplane related and I have been selling it. So far we have brought in \$3,700, which is not bad at all. I have sold instruments donated from a cockpit redo, airplane parts that were donated, bass speakers that were donated in the box and sold, Tools, a sled, ladders, tires and rims, and many other things.

You have probably heard many of us talking about building a loft in the back of the hangar to clean up the main floor, have a place to store stuff being sold (so I don't have it all in my shop), a large place to set up the flight simulators so they are always ready to use, and an area with couches and chairs to just come and hang out at the hangar and enjoy friends. It would make it kind of a fun place to just go – a destination hangout instead of just place to go eat once a month in the summer and a meeting now and then. I have more plans for it but that is for another time.

Why bring it up in this bit on donations? Well, someone donated a bunch of stuff, and then another heard him and he donated a bunch, and both said the money had to be marked for the loft project. So far from those sales, we have \$1,032 in the loft project account. My goal is to get enough from this means to have it entirely paid for before we start it, and the money will not come out of any of the club funds at all.

Another announcement I made last night was that I applied for a grant to help with the loft through a local company, and I found out yesterday that they awarded us \$1,250 additional money for the loft project. That is on top of the money I already have put in the account. I will receive it the first week of May! Pretty excited to look for more of those opportunities. I hope we can keep building momentum and have a great summer of flying and friendship. I have missed my aviation friends for years due to family obligations and other things, but I am really happy to be back and living my dream again. Hope to see you all at the hangar.

Ed

May Pancake Breakfast and upcoming events

EAA 517 will hold our second Pancake Breakfast of 2022 this Saturday, May 7, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the chapter hangar in Missoula. As we have in the past, we ask for a \$5 donation per meal. In addition to pancakes, we serve scrambled eggs, turkey sausage links, juice, and coffee. There is nowhere in Missoula that you can purchase breakfast at this great price! You will also have a chance to purchase your chapter raffle tickets for \$10 each or 10 for \$75.

Other Upcoming Events:

May 16 - 7 p.m. – Chapter member Cal Geyman has completed his RV-9 airplane build project and has scheduled its inspection with the FAA representative later this month. Cal is inviting our members to come do a preliminary inspection of the airplane on May 16. The more eyes on the airplane the better. Those of us who visit the chapter hangar regularly have enjoyed watching Cal's progress on building this airplane. Let's continue to support him now that he is in the final stages.

June 20 - 7 p.m. – Local flight instructor Aaron Foster will present a program about the advantages of using ForeFlight for preflight planning and easier flight operations. Whether you already are a ForeFlight user or just curious, you will definitely learn something new with Aaron's presentation.



2022 Raffle: Support Youth Aviation in Missoula!

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 517 (www.eaa517.org)



Buy a raffle ticket, be entered to win some amazing prizes, and help support youth aviation in the Missoula area!

Proceeds help us to provide FREE airplane rides for kids (Young Eagles), support our scholarship program for aspiring young pilots, and help us support the amazing hangar space that we get to share with the local community!

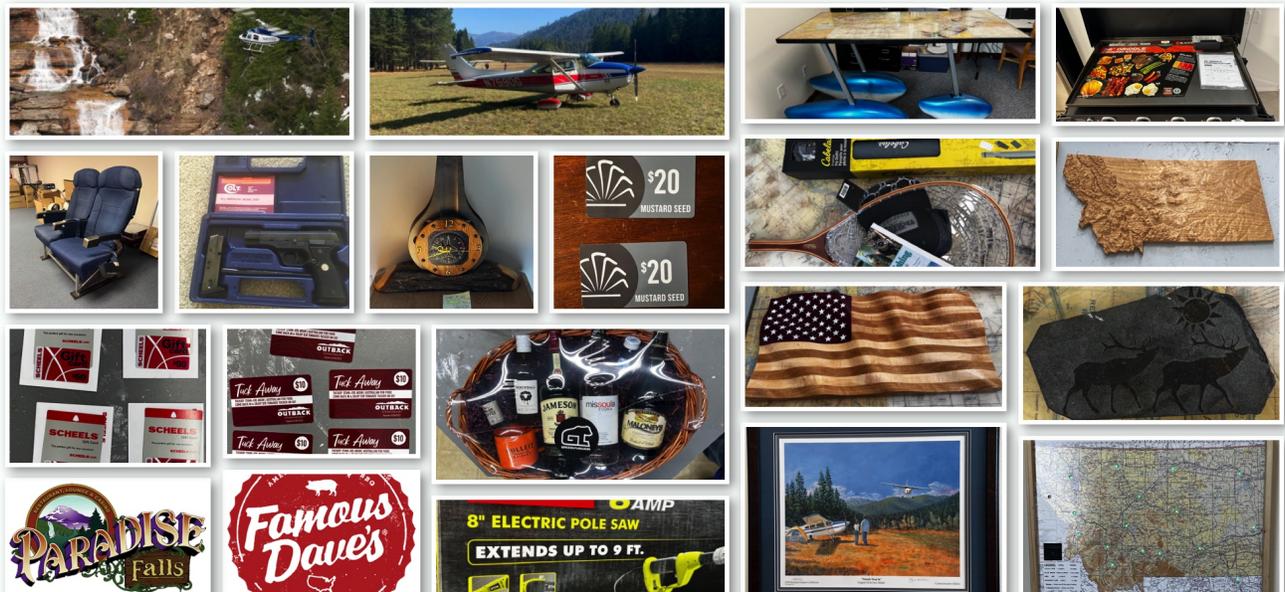
We also have aspirations to bring a kit aircraft building program to the region that will provide local students with the opportunity to learn about aviation hands-on and get a head start in an aviation-related career.

Tickets are \$10 each (or \$75 for 10 tickets). Each ticket provides a chance at winning one of the prizes listed below. Additionally, there will be a monthly drawing (starting in July) for a gift certificate from a local merchant. Monthly winning tickets will be returned to the pool for the **final drawing in December 2022.**

As a bonus, each ticket is also good for one free pancake breakfast held at the EAA 517 hangar on the first Saturday of the month through the summer. Breakfasts typically coincide with free Young Eagles flights so be sure to check our website for event details and registration information.

Prizes

Helicopter sightseeing flight for 5	\$1,250	Grizzly Liquor gift basket	\$125
Aviation-themed wheel pants table	\$1,750	Ryobi 8" electric pole saw (Home Depot)	\$120
Colt 2000 9MM Pistol	\$900	Cabela's fly fishing package	\$100
Painting titled "Friends Drop In"	\$750	OS2 padfolio, pens and \$50 gift certificate	\$100
36-inch flat top Grill (Missoula Ace Hardware)	\$519	Famous Dave's gift certificate	\$75
Airplane sightseeing flight for 2	\$500	Serene Nail Spa gift certificate	\$65
Airliner seat unit	\$500	Montana decorative etched stone	\$25
3D Montana terrain map (wood)	\$250	Scheels gift certificate	\$50 x 4 winners
3D US wood flag (maple, cherry, purple heart)	\$250	Paradise Falls gift certificates	\$25 x 4 winners
Montana LED live aviation weather map	\$150	Mustard Seed gift certificate	\$20 x 2 winners
R-3350 piston rod clock	\$150	Outback Steakhouse gift certificate	\$10 x 5 winners



New EAA Museum Exhibit Honors Medal of Honor Recipient With Display of His Corsair



By EAA

A new exhibit that opened April 23 in the EAA Aviation Museum's Eagle Hangar honors the late Thomas Hudner, a Korean War naval aviator, with a Corsair aircraft that replaced the one Hudner used in his heroic actions that earned him the Medal of Honor.

The airplane has been in the EAA collection for 40 years and was fully restored in 1994 to represent one flown by World War II ace Kenneth Walsh. Recent research into the aircraft logbooks, however, showed the Corsair was a replacement for the Corsair that Hudner crash-landed in Korea in 1950 in an attempt to save fellow pilot Jesse Brown, the U.S. Navy's first Black naval aviator. Hudner logged many hours and multiple carrier landings in the EAA aircraft, which after its Navy service was owned by several individuals before it was donated to EAA in 1982.

"When we discovered that our Corsair had a direct connection to a Medal of Honor recipient, it was an easy decision to restore the airplane to its Korean War markings to honor him," said Ron Connolly, EAA Aviation Museum director. "This new exhibit also honors Jesse Brown as a naval aviator and the bond he forged with his squadron mates during that time."

Members of the Hudner and Brown families were at the museum as part of the formal dedication of the display, including Thomas Hudner III, son of Thomas Hudner, and Jamal Knight, grandson of Jesse Brown. They also loaned personal memorabilia that adds to the authenticity of the exhibit.

The Korean War incident that memorialized Hudner and Brown is the subject of a book and a soon-to-be-released major motion picture, both titled *Devotion*. The film stars Screen Actors Guild award winner Glen Powell, as well as Jonathan

Majors, Serinda Swan, and Joe Jonas. The movie is scheduled to be released later this year, and EAA has been in regular contact with the production team in an advisory role.

The gull-winged Chance-Vought F4U-4 Corsair was one of the finest fighter-bomber aircraft produced during World War II. It was a formidable weapon from the closing months of WWII through the Korean War. In Korea, the Corsair was outclassed as a fighter (though it shot down at least one Chinese MiG-15 jet fighter), and it was used mostly as a ground-attack fighter/bomber. Its speed and ruggedness, and its huge bomb load capacity (rivalled only by late-model P-47s) made it very effective in the ground-attack role.

Corsairs were flown by the U.S. Navy and Marines, the British Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm, the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and the French Aéronavale.

AirVenture Oshkosh 2022 to Celebrate Young Eagles 30th Anniversary

By EAA

The EAA Young Eagles program, the largest youth aviation program ever created, will celebrate its 30th anniversary during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, the event where the program began in 1992. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is July 25-31 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The AirVenture activities include flights, forums, and recognition throughout the week, which will kick off a full year of 30th anniversary commemorations. Special focus on Young Eagles will take place on Thursday, July 28.

“Over the past three decades, more than 50,000 volunteer EAA-member pilots have flown nearly 2.3 million young people, with thousands of those Young Eagles inspired to pursue their own aviation dreams and careers,” said David Leitig, EAA’s Eagles Programs manager. “At Oshkosh this year, we want to recognize those volunteers, build on the program’s successes, encourage new pilots to get involved, and celebrate the lives that have been influenced by the Young Eagles program.”

Among the activities scheduled for July 28 are:

- Harrison Ford - Young Eagles Program | EAA
- Young Eagles flights in the Ford Tri-Motor and Bell 47 helicopter with young people chosen through local EAA chapters
- A 1:30 p.m. group photo on Boeing Plaza that day, open to all previous Young Eagles, Young Eagles pilots, and



volunteers

- A ceremonial 30th anniversary Young Eagles flight prior to the afternoon air show, recognizing the impact of the program on the aviation community
- An evening program at EAA’s Theater in the Woods, featuring noteworthy Young Eagles, scholarship recipients, and other special guests

Throughout the week, the goal is to fly at least 30 Young Eagles during AirVenture. Additional flights will take place in EAA’s powered parachute in the Fun Fly Zone. An expanded Young Eagles presence on the grounds all week will include a pavilion adjacent to the Learn to Fly Center and prop cards available for any airplane at Oshkosh that has been used to fly Young Eagles. Additional activities will be



announced as they are confirmed.

After the Young Eagles program’s introduction at a Washington, D.C., news conference in May 1992, the first flights took place on July 31, 1992, during that year’s EAA Fly-In Convention. The initial flights were piloted by EAA president Tom Poberezny and Young Eagles’ first chairman, pilot and Academy Award-winning actor Cliff Robertson.

Bounty of Activities for Kids at AirVenture 2022

By EAA

EAA founder Paul Poberezny said it from the start: get the kids and families involved at the annual EAA fly-in and it will become an annual family tradition. The same holds true at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as young people will find plenty to do and discover at Oshkosh on July 25-31.

Again this year, it's free admission for all those age 18 and under, thanks in part from support by The Boeing Company.

Among the activities on the AirVenture grounds for kids and families in 2022 are:

KidVenture: Full activities return this year at Pioneer Airport. It allows young people to explore aviation from several different fronts. Learn how to fly a radio-controlled airplane, experience flight simulators, and learn aviation history. KidVenture highlights also include A&P booths where kids learn basic building skills, a simulated B-25 flight experience, and life-size replicas of the Mercury 7 and Gemini 7 space capsules.

Youth Education Center: EAA's new youth education area adjacent to the EAA Aviation Museum will be open for exploration during AirVenture week. There will be opportunities to sign up for hands-on projects during the week.

EAA Aviation Museum/

KidVenture area: This hands-on area is specifically for our younger visitors and is highly interactive. The centerpiece is the Raptor Gallery, which contains 16 interactive exhibits focuses on the world's most advanced airplane, the F-22 Raptor. It includes a half-scale model of the F-22 where young people can climb into the cockpit. KidVenture also features a scenic overlook from



the Tower of Flight — a stunning observation deck for viewing activities on the grounds.

Young Eagles 30th anniversary: Located on the Four Corners crossroads at the center of the AirVenture grounds, kids and their parents can find out more about getting a free introductory flight in their home area.

Warbirds area flight simulators: Young people are invited to take the controls of virtual warbirds in the Quonset hut located just east of Knapp Street in the Warbirds area.

Vintage area kids' tent: For all kids ages 8-12 who want to learn more about using tools! This workshop includes various stations that allow kids to practice the proper use of basic hand tools, such as hammers and pliers. Presented by Vintage volunteers, there are even more advanced, aviation-related stations such as safety wiring. Parents are encouraged to attend and watch their kids' progress. Located outside of the Vintage Hangar on the south side, look for a white tent with tables underneath! More information will be available at eaavintage.org and facebook.com/EAAVintage as details are finalized in the coming weeks.

NEXTGEN Aviators: NEXTGEN Aviators will be hosting their ground-based programs at Aviation Gateway Park at AirVenture. Hands-on activities, flight simulators, and more are part of the daily schedule of events.

NASA exhibit: Discover the universe and space travel with the displays inside the NASA Pavilion, located in Aviation Gateway Park, just northwest of the FAA control tower

Pedal Planes! Young aviators can discover their inner pilot at the Aviation Products exhibit, just east of the EAA Warehouse.

Air shows: Nine air shows in seven days are among the biggest highlights of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Daily afternoon air shows with the world's finest aerobatic pilots on July 25-31, with special night air shows (including fireworks) on July 27 and 30. In addition, Twilight Flight Fest returns to the Fun Fly Zone on July 25-26 and July 28-29.

More family-friendly activities! Evening programs at Theater in the Woods and aviation movies at the Fly-In Theater make it a full day for families on the AirVenture flightline!

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