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Message from the Chapter President by John Fitzgerald

Greetings all.

Wow, what a great time Shirley and I had in Oshkosh this year. It was nice to see all of you that could make it out for this year's event. We spent most of our week volunteering in different areas and sharing our experiences and passions for Aviation and EAA along with the many programs EAA offers. The highlight was being part of George Coy's receiving the EAA Major Achievement Award. Thank you to all of you that had a part in this incredible experience. It was another record-breaking year for EAA. I am already looking forward to Air Venture 2024.



More excitement —Franklin County Airport is open again and it is nice to hear the roar of engines and propellers turning. I can't wait to put a few skid marks on that new pavement. It will be so nice to get back to normal, no matter what that looks like. I am told next summer our airport will gain a few more additions that will make our airport even better!

Thanks again to all our Chapter members that make us a great Chapter. See you all again soon as fall is upon us. I can smell the bacon and eggs already.

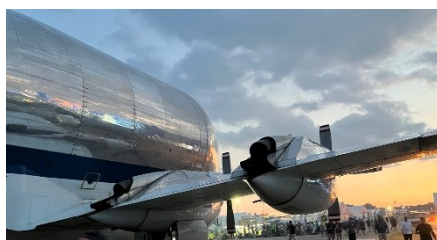
Chapter 613 Members Gather at Air Venture



Memories from Air Venture 2023



Donald G. Taylor EAA 121437
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Earl R. Taylor Twin Brother
Don & Earl are WWII Navy Vets
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Swanton, Vermont





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EAA Chapter 613 Youth Aviator Program



In the radiant glow of summer, EAA Chapter 613 comes alive with the exhilarating spirit of aviation. As the sun paints the sky with hues of gold and blue, our young aviators take to the skies, embarking on awe-inspiring flying lessons that ignite their passion for flight. The last week of July witnessed a remarkable spectacle as countless chapter members converged at Oshkosh for Air Venture, a journey that surpassed all expectations. Amidst the camaraderie and the roar of engines, we had the immense honor of celebrating one of our own, the illustrious George Coy. With hearts full of pride, we witnessed George receiving the prestigious EAA Major Achievement Award. The ceremony was graced by his aviation family, including the revered Fitzgerald's, Yishay Mercy, Ishir Agarwal, Walker Hughes, Jerry Ricotti, and the indomitable Kyle Clark whose generosity and spirit made the entire trip a reality. George's heartfelt speech moved us deeply and shed light on the importance of seasoned chapter members opening hangar doors to our youth, inviting them to learn alongside one another.

Youth and adult chapter members Bianca Marrier, Laila Marrier, Yishay Mercy, and Beth white traveled to KLWM, Lawrence Municipal Airport, in North Andover, MA, to attend the seminars on homebuilt airplanes hosted by EAA Chapter 106. They immersed themselves in the wealth of knowledge, absorbing invaluable insights that will soon find their way to Habitat for Aviation. For the first time since WWII, youth and adult women from Habitat for Aviation will build an airplane – our modern day Rosie's – marking a significant milestone being the first time since WWII that a plane was built with an all-female team. This groundbreaking undertaking will happen at Franklin County Airport with the support of EAA Chapter 613 where we will etch a new chapter of empowerment and achievement in the skies. After Miranda Gallagher, Genevieve Gallagher, and Beth White presented to 100 Women Who Care Franklin County, they pledged to generously support the purchase of the tail.

EAA Chapter 613 Youth Flyers: Reflections from Flight Training

Katie Adams, Aviator, Ray Scholar

At the time of writing this, I am driving to college! I am attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and majoring in Aeronautical Science. There, I will be taking classes and flying to obtain the rest of my ratings. My goal is to complete my instrument and commercial ratings my freshman year. Although I will not be able to come home often so as to not lose my flight block and instructor, I will be working hard and it will be only my first year. I will be flying after just a few weeks of classes. Going from part 61 to part 141 will definitely be a transition. I am excited to start this new chapter. I am so thankful for the EAA and the help that I received to get my PPL before college. The students who have not gotten their PPL will have to spend the whole year working on it before moving on to instrument. In the position that I am currently in, I will have my CFI by the end of my second semester of sophomore year and will be able to begin teaching! I am so grateful for the opportunity to learn to fly and I am excited to continue this school year.

Miranda Gallagher, High School Aviator

This month I took and passed my written test for my PPL at a Civil Air Patrol flight academy in Syracuse NY. When I was there I got to fly N9344L, which was the only plane to be allowed to fly after 9/11 and was the one that took many of the aerial photographs we can see today. I also went to a 100 Women Who Care meeting with Beth White and my mom to try to raise money to buy the tail of an RV-12 for our upcoming All-Women Build project. I've still been working on the Antonov II restoration project in George's hangar at Franklin County and now that the runway is open again I hope to take more lessons here. It's been a productive month.

Ben Sibold, Aviator

This summer has been very busy for me. It started out with high school graduation, and all of the festivities that come along with that. Roughly two weeks after I graduated I was sent off to Navy Basic Training outside of Chicago. There I went through a brutal few weeks of physical and mental training and basic military indoctrination. While I was there I was itching to fly, thinking about how I had to be missing some prime flight days during mid-July. Little did I know Vermont was experiencing generational flooding, so I really wasn't missing out on too much. When I got back, the day after my 18th birthday, I scheduled multiple flights for the remainder of my summer. I have enjoyed the opportunity to share aviation with my friends and family, and hope that I can sprinkle in a few flights here and there while I'm in college. Over the next few days I will be transitioning to college life at Yale. I am extremely excited to experience what the Yale community has to offer.

Calla Senasac, High School Aviator

This past month I've been focusing a lot more on landings than previous lessons. It's difficult to figure out the exact formula for a super smooth landing and most of mine have been a little bumpy to say the least, but I'm excited to keep working on it and to be able to make light work of landings like so many experienced pilots do. I also scheduled my written test, but when I went to take it the server was down, so I need to reschedule. I know I can't be the only one not looking forward to going back to school, so hopefully this next month with the start of school will be a good one for my fellow peers!

Ishir Agarwal, Ray Scholar, Aviator

This past month has been a memorable one as I start to enter the college phase of my life at University of North Dakota (UND). Although I didn't fly nearly enough I was able to go flying with Calla finally and it was extremely fun having a co-pilot that loves aviation. I went to Oshkosh again this year! It is now set in stone to myself and my friends that the last week of July will forever more be dedicated to being at EAA Air Venture – these grounds are where I will be for the rest of my life. This year I was able to go to Oshkosh with Walker again and the experience of camping at an active airport, surrounded by aviation enthusiasts, and serenaded by overhead airshows is something that will never disappoint. Although the weather was iffy at times, it was clear that everyone still had a smile on their face and a sense of curiosity in their eyes. All in all, I will definitely be going back to Wisconsin next year, and you can read all about it in the newsletter twelve months from now!

On a huge side note, I am moving to Grand Forks, North Dakota for college! As I have mentioned before, I will be attending the University of North Dakota for Commercial Aviation starting this fall, and I am so excited. Although leaving the mountains and Vermont lifestyle to move to the flattest place imaginable wouldn't be my first go-to, I am so ready to start my aviation career and keep my passion burning. In order to get to Grand Forks, my brother and his girlfriend decided to join me on an 8-day road trip, visiting nine different states! I had never been to many of the places we visited, and a road trip was a perfect opportunity to see the country before getting back into the school mindset. After seeing Niagara Falls, having my first banana split, walking the Chicago Riverwalk, and 2,200 miles later, we finally made it to Grand Forks! My 200,000 mile Honda CR-V only broke down once in the middle of Wisconsin and now is what I believe to be the only Vermont-registered vehicle in the state. My parents will be flying up to UND in order to help move me in and see the city, and then I will be on my own, just flying planes and studying hard.

I have felt so unbelievably supported by Chapter 613 and the remarkable people I've gotten to know throughout my journey, and it is thanks to you all that I am here living out my dream right now. I will continue to share my story from UND, as well as staying connected with the 613 family. I will see you all soon!

Adel Medic, Ray Scholar

For the past I feel that I have made significant progress with my knowledge of aviation and my capabilities. My instructor and I have been practicing touch-and-goes and I have improved a lot since last month. I am looking forward now to my next lessons and eventually my first solo flight. I recently got hired as a ramp agent for Delta which shows a new side of aviation and what goes into the whole process. I gained a huge amount of respect for the people that make commercial flying possible. I continue to study each day so I am ready to pass my written exam.

Meet Our Newest Aviator and Mechanic-In-Training with our All-Female Build, Emma Cornett

Hi, my name is Emma Cornett. I am 15 years old and I live in Lincoln, VT. I transferred from Mt. Abe Highschool to CVU and I am now moving to Shelburne, VT. I play field hockey and I am a goalie in lacrosse. I love to read and paint and make things with my hands. My father is a retired F-16 fighter pilot who flew with the Green Mountain Boys in Vermont. I have been around planes and fighter jets since I was little so I've always had a fascination with them. My mom's side of the family are mechanics so I have also seen lots of cars and weird contraptions built from scratch. This has made me want to build and work on things with my hands so I am hoping to be able to work on planes and fly them, preferably racing and doing aerobatics.

Meet Our Newest Aviator and Mechanic-In-Training with our All-Female Build, Laila Marrier

Hi, my name is Laila Marrier. I am 14 and I am going into my freshman year of high school at Milton high school. I have been part of the softball team for 2 years now going into my third year of this year. I also play piano and guitar, I also enjoy cooking and baking. I try my best in school and I excel in any reading and at any writing project thrown my way, and I enjoy debating.

Ian Bradette, High School Aviator

Hello wonderful aviation community! This month has been running smoothly, with just a few new things. First, I decided that I will most likely scrap the wings of the J3 kitten completely as I have no use for them, there is a decent bit of damage, and the number of J3 kittens out and about is low. Second, I'm interested in chemistry! Come to find out with just a bit of searching around, I actually really enjoy all of the processes involved in chemistry and I've been teaching myself quite a bit about chemical reactions and vocabulary. The rest of my free time this last month here in Florida has been spent finishing up my summer assignments for school, which I am thankfully almost done with. Of course, since I'm out of state, I have not had the opportunity to fly, but I'm excited to get back into the air as soon as I get back to Vermont and get some George-time in. Side note, I have been attempting to sell my Rotax 447 engine, which has recently been completely cleaned out and lubricated, removing most of all carbon deposits as well as changing all of the gaskets. The engine, to my knowledge, has less than 100 hours on it and is in good condition. I also have a 68" wooden prop. Both came off of the kitten. If anyone is interested in either, let me know!

Kyra Becker, Ray Scholar, Instructor

First, I would like to express my gratitude and excitement for the opportunity to instruct in Plattsburgh this summer. Teaching aspiring aviators has always been a very fulfilling experience for me. I am grateful with the closure of KFSO for the summer that I was able to continue instructing. George moved the two of their Fly VT airplanes to Plattsburgh in April. Since then, I can think of 8 plus people from the Plattsburgh area who took advantage of having an airplane located more locally.

I have been diligently studying for my multi-engine license over the past month because I have accepted a cargo job out of Plattsburgh. In early September, I will be departing for my multi-engine license training, along with additional training for my new job. This is an exciting step in my career. It will allow me to build multi engine time, night hours, and more real world flying experiences. I will give more details about the job when I return from training. I plan to resume instructing on the side, teaching aviation enthusiasts and sharing my experiences is a passion that I won't be giving up any time soon.

Gabe Merrill, High School Aviator

I am currently focused on getting to the point where I can do my first solo but I know it will be difficult, as good communication has never been a strong suit of mine, but I think with good study and maybe some notes I can communicate on the radio with ease.

As flying often does, I get reminded that the state I live in is bigger than my county, and that it's hard to find a ugly place in Vermont when you're 3,500 feet in the air. It's a grand feeling as the terrain melts into a sea of green.



Brody Hammond, High School Aviator, AOPA Ray Scholarship Recipient

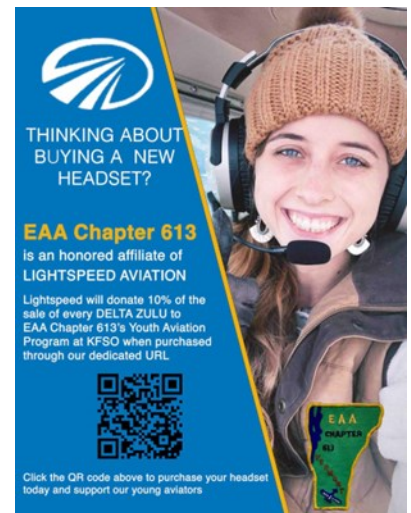
I have spent the last few weeks of summer break flying friends and family around on short sightseeing excursions around Vermont. As a freshly minted first-generation aviator, it's been awesome to finally provide my family with a glimpse into the wonderful world of general aviation. Much like getting a driver's license, the feeling of independence and freedom from a pilot's license is almost overwhelming: I can fly anywhere, with anybody, at any time! I've completed checkout flights in the Cherokee and 172 to be proficient in all of the club's aircraft. I'm starting my instrument rating in college this fall at Vermont Tech, which is unfortunate considering I'm going to be stuck staring at screens while overflying so much beautiful foliage. I'm hoping to leave college with an ATP license and a degree in Professional Pilot Technology. I hope we have some nice flying weather this fall!

Spencer Levi

July was a good month for me. I made lots of progress and was able to fly a bunch. I took my pre-solo written test, got my student pilot certificate, and was ready to go. Then the winds suddenly changed and made a solo not possible. I hope that I can do it during my next lesson on the 28th of this month! I was ecstatic to see that the project at Franklin was completed early and the airport was reopened. I haven't gotten to fly there yet but I am looking forward to it. Fly safe everyone!

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Aviation Center Rear Stairs Get a Facelift!

Thanks to the combined efforts of **Jon Fick, John Fitzgerald, John and Marge Butterfield**, the rear stairs and door trim on our Taylor Aviation Center have been cleaned and repainted.

The stairs have been in need of some TLC for several years, and this was the summer to make it happen. Jon with his pressure washer, followed by John, Marge and John with their paint brushes got the job done.

These stairs provide emergency egress from the second floor, so they are not often used. However, they are an essential part of our Aviation Center, and it's good to seem them looking good and being preserved.



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