



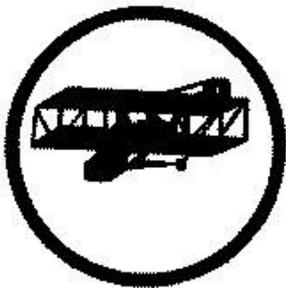
Rick, Emilie, Richard, Diane, Phaedra, Tom, Steve, John, Ernie & Ken  
during the August 25 Young Eagles Rally

## Only 36 Young Eagles?

Did you ever think you would hear someone say, “It was a slow day, we only had 36 Young Eagles?” Well, it was heard numerous times during clean up, after the August Young Eagles Rally. A year ago 9 volunteers struggled to provide a first flight experience to 14 Young Eagles. We doubled our turnout in August with 18 volunteers and looked like professionals. Some of the volunteers are pictured above. We continue to break chapter records for volunteer turnout and Young Eagle flights. We’ve averaged 14 volunteers a month and have flown 378 Young Eagles this year. Thank you to all of the volunteers and aircraft owners that make it happen each month.

Anyone for a party when we fly the 500th Young Eagle this year?

## Boy Scout Merit Badge



The Aviation Badge (left) was one of the original 57 badges created in 1911. The original design was replaced and the name changed to Aviation Merit Badge (right) in 1941. We’ll be reviving a chapter tradition on November 23 as we host Merit Badge day at the airport





## What Do We Want To Be When We Grow Up?

Do you remember the first time you were able to answer the “What do you want to be?” question? Some members of our chapter have yet to grow up, and for them the question is moot. Others have pursued their “what do you want to be” vision with laser-like focus, leaving no

box unchecked, no goal unaccomplished. Not all of us, however, have been able to follow our plans through to completion for a variety of reasons.

I wanted to be an astronaut. Recognizing a shortage of “the right stuff,” I decided to become a cargo pilot in the Air Force so I could move into an airline career. Failing math enough times led me to modify my career goals yet again, and I chose to follow my strengths instead of my plans. As a result, I’ve been blessed to make a living as a writer in one capacity or another for more than 30 years.

But I never lost the vision I had of becoming a pilot; and even though it took 35 years of effort, I found a way to get my SEL certificate here in Columbus in 2007. Nothing has given me a greater feeling of accomplishment.

What do we as a chapter want to be when we grow up? It’s an important question. Paraphrased, we should ask, “What is the vision we have for ourselves?” Proverbs 29:18 (King James Version) says, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” The Ernie Translation is “People without a purpose drift aimlessly.”

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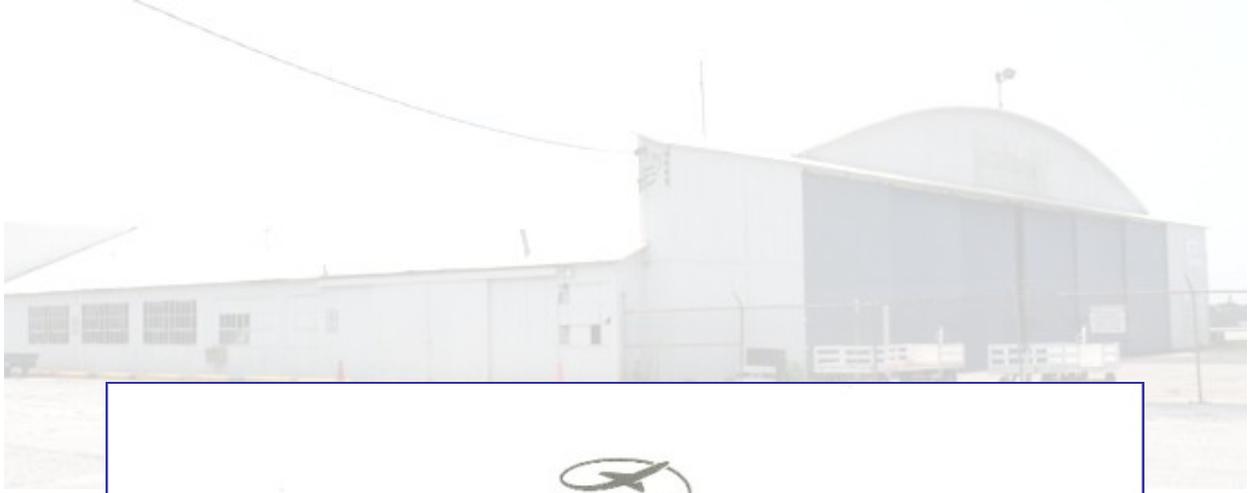
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Dear EAA Chapter 677,

Thank you so much for sending me to such an awesome camp! I had so much fun riding on Delta Airlines. They took such great care of me.

I got to ride on a Bell 47 helicopter. I got to go behind the barriers at the EAA Museum. I also got to build creative things at the workshop. The Cessna SkyCatcher I flew in was really fun! I have enjoyed this camp so much.  
Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Jerad Lewark

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Last month we received a letter from Bob Campbell, Manager of Museum Operations & Resident Education and Scott Cameron, EAA Air Academy Camp Supervisor, thanking us for our support of the Academy and the Young Eagles program. They also attached this letter (above) that Jerad prepared will attending the academy.



## *Ernie's msg cont—*

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Our membership is growing because we have focused on several very worthwhile activities: Young Eagles, Thunder in the Valley, and restoring Hangar 13. I'm afraid our growth won't continue without a guiding purpose – a vision – that helps us delineate where we will and will not focus our energy. The danger of having a defined vision is that you lose those who disagree with it. Those who remain, however, are committed and energized. And others who identify with the vision are eager to join.

What is our vision? Look at our accomplishments and see if our successes bring it into focus: Young Eagles is on track to fly more than 500 this year; we're moving into Hangar 13 little by little and establishing a positive presence on the field; we've become a reliable source of energy for Thunder in the Valley Air Show; we're slowly becoming accepted as partners with the management

of the airport.

Where is that taking us? When someone says "Chattahoochee Valley EAA 677," do we want them to think of "that group that takes kids for free rides" or do we want them to think of "a group that inspired my son/daughter to become a pilot?" Are we "a bunch of airport bums who have a good time and drink all the coffee" or are we "a fun bunch of aviation nuts who promote every possible way to get involved in general aviation." Will we be "those old guys who griped about everything" or "the go-to team for challenging projects – look what they did with that hangar!"

What do we want to be when we grow up? It's a question we must answer. I'd love to hear your thoughts. Send them to [EAAChapter677@gmail.com](mailto:EAAChapter677@gmail.com). We'll talk about them and see what kind of vision comes into focus.



# Young Eagles Gallery– Aug 25



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Jerad accepted the role of 1st officer for Phil in his Cherokee 6



Emilie's airplane coloring station was a hit



Daniel's Tri-Pacer joins the Young Eagles fleet



**10 for 2012**

- Chris Cook
- George Wade
- Jack Bartholet
- Ernie Kelly
- Mac Molnar
- David Hall
- Ken Sines
- Phil Johnson
- John Walden
- Next?



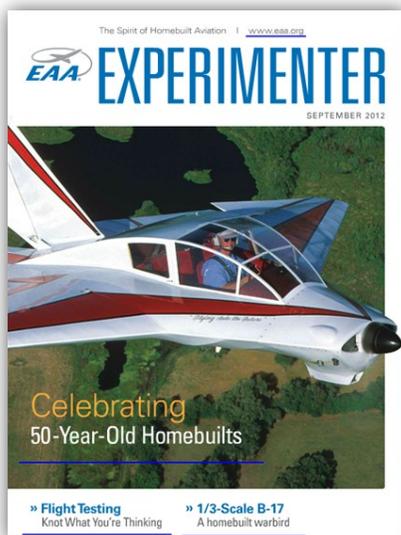
## *This month in history*

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Ninety year old Steve Wittman, in his Little Bonzo, graced the cover of the September 1994 issue of Sport Aviation.

Steve retired Little Bonzo in 1994 and it hangs along side Big Bonzo in the EAA Air Adventure Museum, on Wittman Field, in Oshkosh, WI.

An article in the issue “*Little Bonzo Retired*” provides a nice summary of the aircraft’s history and Steve’s 7 decades in air racing



### **The Experimenter has gone digital!**

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- Thorp T-18
- Flight test technique
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- 1/3 scale B-17 project

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### Once Around the Patch

We need a patch. A logo. A graphic. Something we can pin on, sew on, staple, paint, or print that gives a visual identity to our chapter.

For years we've used the circular logo with Marty's beautiful Pitts in the middle, and we can use it for years to come if that's the chapter's inclination; but we're about to order our 2013 shirts, so it seems the ideal time to make a change if we're going to.



It kind of goes back to the vision thing. What single image best identifies who we are or what we want people to think when they see our name? The Chattahoochee River? Hangar 13? A flying monkey? Silhouette of an adult and a kid carrying headsets? A recognizable home-built outline? The runway layout at KCSG? A generic airplane? A propeller? A rack of barbecued ribs? Some combination of some of these? Something else entirely?

Send your ideas and suggestions to Gary Brossett at [brossettg@bellsouth.net](mailto:brossettg@bellsouth.net). We'll narrow the list, get a graphic artist to do rough executions of the top three, and hope to present the options for a final vote at the October chapter meeting.



## Upcoming EAA Webinars

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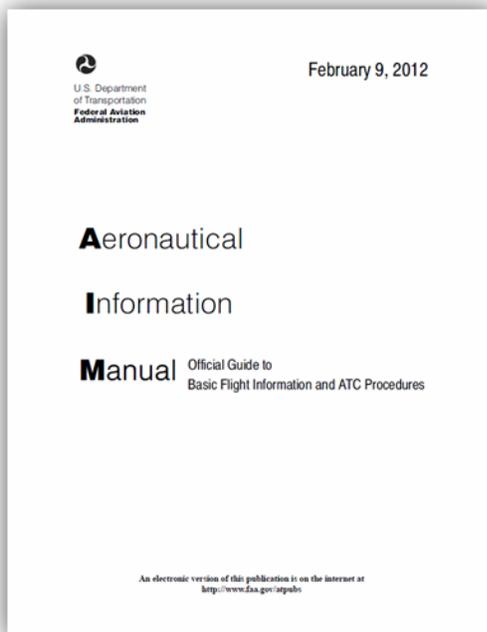
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| 9/11/12 7:00PM CDT  | <u>Don't Let Fear Stall Your Flying -<br/>Wings Credit</u>         | Chelsea Stein Engberg            |
| 9/12/12 7:00PM CDT  | <u>Young Eagles- 20 Years and<br/>Growing</u>                      | Brian O'Lena &<br>Michelle Kunes |
| 9/19/12 7:00PM CDT  | <u>Flight Testing Homebuilts</u>                                   | Chad Jensen                      |
| 9/25/12 7:00PM CDT  | <u>Aircraft Insurance – MUMBO<br/>JUMBO</u>                        | Bob Mackey                       |
| 10/3/12 8:00PM CDT  | <u>To TBO and Beyond<br/>AMT &amp; Wings Credit</u>                | Mike Busch                       |
| 10/10/12 7:00PM CDT | <u>How to Quickly Ace Weather The-<br/>ory on a Practical Test</u> | Don Weaver                       |
| 10/17/12 7:00PM CDT | <u>Build Your Own Airplane? You<br/>CAN Do It!</u>                 | Tim Hoversten                    |
| 10/24/12 7:00PM CDT | <u>Dealing with Emergencies -<br/>Wings Credit</u>                 | Larry Bothe                      |

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### **“Operation Lights On” pilot safety program**

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