



# Hangar 13 News

Chattahoochee Valley EAA Chapter 677

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Marty Flournoy competed in the National Aerobatics Championships held at North Texas Regional/Perrin Field (KGYI) in Denison,

Texas September 20-28, earning himself a spot on Team USA. The Team will be competing in the World Advanced Aerobatics Championships in Dubnica nad Váhom (Slovakia) next August.



Photos by Laurie Zaleski

# President's Desk



## Every Little Bit Helps...

I work for Synovus, and one of the ways we celebrated our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary was something called “125 Little Ways to Make a Big

Difference.” The goal was to have our 30+ divisions do what they could, so we helped a total of 125 different groups across the five states in which we serve customers.

Some of the bigger divisions helped 10 or 15 different charities. Smaller divisions helped only one or two. But it all added up; and we would not have achieved our goal if even the smallest teams didn't do something. In at least one instance, a division was able to accomplish its goal only because a single person made sure it happened.

During the October Young Eagles rally, I had the privilege of being superfluous for a great deal of the time, which allowed me to observe how every single member in the chapter contributes in both small and large ways to the success of those events.

Naturally, you have people like Gary Brossett, Steve Culpepper, Ken Sines, Chris Cook, and Jack Bartholet, performing specific roles and executing them flawlessly. When they can be there, Dianne Preston and Phaedra Childers bring an even higher level of organization to the team and, of course, a special sweetness the guys can't dispense.

There's Rick Dellinger, who can barely walk, greeting people and handing out forms. That makes life easier for Gary and Steve. Steve then has the paperwork ready as the pilots walk in so the kids get their certificates and a picture and smile all the way home.

Brian Pappas is on the ramp talking to waiting parents or shooting video. In the meantime, when Ken Garbacik isn't escorting kids and parents to or from the planes, he's on the computer with Frank Lumpkin IV (FLIV), showing him how to sign up for Air Academy 2014, making things easier for Frank III. It's easier for us, too, because we know we have at least one representative who will be there, leading the way.

Jerry Lewark is in a corner bragging about how EAA has made a difference in Jerad's life, easing another scout parent's nerves. John Hart is quietly placing and removing chocks for each pilot so they don't have to worry about it. Young Emilie Brossett has too-young-to-fly siblings entertained in the conference room when she's not outside with the photo plane, both of which help parents and the other volunteers. Phil and Lynn Johnson mosey in from a broken airplane with a great, contagious attitude. Even Rocket Rick is talking with an EAA prospect while some of our members just sit on the couch telling stories and laughing – a sound that makes the place warm and welcoming.

Every single person makes a difference just by being present. Don't ever say, “There's nothing for me to do!” Doing nothing with us is a very positive thing! Every little bit helps and we might even help YOU a little bit! I can almost guarantee you'll leave with a story that starts with, “You'll never believe what happened at the airport today...”

Ernie







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**Editor's note**

October pretty much ended the air show season for this year. My family and I met up with Al Allnoch at the Wings over North Georgia Air Show in Rome, to get one more fix. I've included a few photos that Emilie and I snapped during the show. They put on what seemed to be a never ending air show with hours of flying. It was quite a show!

While looking for something to get my air show fix this winter, I came across an announcement for the Collings Foundation Tour. The tour will be at the Perry-Houston Co. Airport this weekend offering rides and tours.

Poor planning on my part resulted in no new Young Eagles pictures this month...sorry! We did have a steady stream of kids during the event and plenty of volunteers were on hand to greet them.

At the October meeting we elected to move next month's meeting up a week, so we don't conflict with family time on Thanksgiving.

We need your submissions for the newsletter. If you've taken an aviation related trip, snapped some aviation photos or found a website to share, please send to me.

With elections coming up at our next meeting, this is an opportune time to mention program volunteers. These volunteers are not elected, so there is really no end time. That being said, if there is a position that you would be interested in trying (like newsletter editor ☺), this would be a good time to speak up. All it takes is a willing volunteer and a quick nod from the board and you are in.

**Chapter Calendar**

**Nov 21** – Chapter meeting—Chapter Elections

**Nov 30**—Young Eagles Rally

**December 12**—Chapter Christmas get together at the Loft

**Mar 15-16**—Thunder in the Valley 2014

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Al enjoying the show (by Emilie)



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# Election Notice

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*Chapter elections will be held at the November 21 meeting*

## **Class I Directors (2 yr term)**

### **President**

Ernie Kelly (Incumbent)

Gary Brossett

### **Vice President**

Gary Brossett (Incumbent)

Chris Cook

## **Class II Directors (1 yr term)**

### **Board - minimum of 3 / maximum 9**

Chris Cook (Incumbent)

Mac Molnar (Incumbent)

Marty Flournoy (Incumbent)

Phaedra Childers (Incumbent)

Phil Johnson

Steve Culpepper

Jack Bartholet

Danny Jones

Ken Sines

Rick Dellinger

Rocket Rick

## **Program volunteers**

Eagle Flight Coordinator

Steve Culpepper

Editor

Gary Brossett

Events Coordinator

**vacant**

Flight Advisor

Marty Flournoy

Membership Coordinator

Daniel Jones

Property Manager

Marty Flournoy

Technical Counselor

Gary Brossett

Webmaster

Chris Cook

YE Coordinator

Ken Sines

Still Photography

Al Allnoch

Videographer

Brian Pappas

Photo airplane supervisor

Emilie Brossett

Idea man

Rocket Rick

These positions are appointed by the chapter board when vacated

These positions were suggested by the membership during the October meeting for the chapter board to consider

# Thunder in the Valley Update



## Sponsorships

The committee got off to a good start with a kick-off meeting October 24. A couple of important revisions were made to the presentation: 1) Thunder in the Valley Air Show's non-profit status and tax identification number was added throughout the presentation. Private donors will need the information and it legitimizes the

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organization and 2) a statement was added for the "total contributions" made back to the community through the years – "*More than \$700,000 has been given back to the community*".

## Non-Food Vendors

An effort is being made to recruit aviation schools this year. Booth space fees will be waived if the school brings a static display. Several schools have responded favorably.

Committee members traveled to the Great Georgia Air Show and Wings Over North Georgia Air Show to research the set-up and management of chalets.

## Transportation and Parking

Columbus State University has confirmed same level of support and Muscogee County School District has placed the event on their calendar for the use of their school buses. A meeting request is pending with Walmart and the owner of the property for Titlemax.

## Facilities Management

Committee members met with City Managers and department heads October 21. The City will maintain same level of support as in previous years.

## Marketing

The committee and media partners got off to a good start with a kick-off October 22. The group revisited the campaigns from the 2013

event. Goals set for 2014 were: 1) create more awareness for entertainment inside the gate, 2) family-friendly, 3) more ticket sales increase support for the community and 4) less attention on "titled" acts or statics.

## Contracts

Progress has been made on the contract between the Airport and Thunder in the Valley Air Show.

MWR has submitted a consignment contract for ticket sales at Ft. Benning.

## Ticketing

2014 tickets are in the work flow with Commnicorp. A permission statement for photos will be added to the back of the tickets. The permission statement gives Thunder in the Valley Air Show the right to use photos taken during the air show for advertising and promotional use.

McDonalds has donated tray liners to promote ticket sales through their restaurants. The project is in work flow with Bassett and Becker.

## Taking into account....

Donation of tickets to area schools or other youth programs is being considered. Thunder in the Valley Air Show donated tickets several years ago and the return on the investment was not enough to note. Other events and air shows have since implemented the strategy and it has proven positive results for them.

A "Career Day" with local recruiters during set-up on Friday, March 14. Logistics for set-up and execution of the event are being reviewed.

An EAA hosted fly-in during the air show. Research is being done with other chapters and air shows that host fly-ins.

# Of interest

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## 10 for 2013

Danny Jones  
Ken Sines  
Thomas Moore  
Mac Molnar  
Jack Bartholet  
Phil Johnson  
Lina Taborda  
Chris Cook



### Chill in the Air

Sorry, no pictures in this issue...lens frosted over! Our October rally was a chilly one, but we still flew 39 Young Eagles on the day, bringing our total for the year to 345. We're well on our way to flying 400 this year. Be sure to tell the kids, your neighbors and friends to come on out for our November and December rallies. Remember, we receive credits toward Air Academy Scholarships for each Young Eagle flown.

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### Chapter Christmas Party



The chapter Christmas Party will be held on December 12th at the Loft. It promises to be a great night of fellowship, hangar talk, reminiscing and fun. We'll start at 6:30 and end when we are good and ready, so be sure and mark your calendars.



### Chuck's famous Ribs and Q

If you missed Chuck's BBQ on October 5th, you really missed a meal. Those of you that were there, know what I'm taking about. It has been awhile since Chuck hosted a cookout for the airport community, but he has not lost his touch. Our new Airport Director Richard Howell and his wife Deborah joined us for a fine meal. Thank you Chuck and Sherry!

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### Perry-Houston County Airport Open House



We are honored to have in attendance the Colling's Foundation with their WWII Bombers, the B-17 Fortress & B-24 Liberator and the P-51 Mustang, which was highlighted in the movie Red Tails. Step back in time as you board these rare, vintage aircraft, of which there are only a handful left and get a sense of what it must have been like for the for the brave men that risked their lives to keep this country free. Come and celebrate these courageous WWII vets! Lots more to do, to see & to eat! Saturday, November 2, 9am to 5 pm

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