



May/June 2014

Memorialize Them Always!!!

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363).

Red Poppies

In 1915, Moira Michael wrote:

“We cherish too, the Poppy red that grows on fields where Valor led, it seems to signal to the skies that blood of heroes never dies.”

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their “Buddy” Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled



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We Remember**

veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

The history is good to know, but it is much more important that we **ALWAYS** remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice and the families of those men and women. Not just on the last Monday of May, remember them when you enjoy the freedom to fly wherever you choose, when you express deferring views, when you come and go as you wish-remember those that died to keep us **FREE**.

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Special points of interest:

- **Sat. 6/7**-Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30 followed by the Runway Safety Action Team Mtg
- **Mon. 6/9**-Board Meeting at the hangar @ 7:30pm
- **Fri. 6/13**-Chapter Business Meeting @ 8:00 followed by a program on Photography Basics given by John Slemp
- **Sat. 6/21**-Young Eagles starting @ 8:30am

Young Eagles Update for May 2014

From Duane Huff-Program Coordinator

It was a beautiful day for flying Young Eagles. (Wish I could have flown). Twenty Two (22) were flown by four pilots. Pat Bratton flew 5 YE on 2 flights, Brian Michael flew 6YE on 2 flights, John Morgan flew 6YE on 2 flights, and Chuck Roberts flew 5YE on 4 flights.

Our Young Eagle Gals were Barbara Epstein, Jeanne Ferguson, Gay Roberts, Karmen Sunshine and Lynn Zahner.

Safety Briefings were conducted by Art Farmer and Bob Krone. Instructing on the Simulators were Hugh Colton, Joel Levine and Wes Reddick. The remaining

Ground Crew included Herb Rusk, Bill Ferguson, Sam Bak, Tom Martin, Colin Hathaway and Rich Hopkins.

An 11 Alive camera man was there to film activities for kids to do this summer. It was put on Face Book and I had 9 or 10 calls on Monday as a result.

It was great to be able (weather-wise) to fly Young Eagles. Many thanks to all who make our Young Eagles the wonderful program that it is.



Brian Michael after returning from a Young Eagle flight

Membership Report

EAA 690 is still gathering renewed and new members. Since the report in April, one member renewed, always great to have; and 5 new members joined, which is very exciting. One new member is a new partner in a member owned aircraft

and another asked for a Young Eagle pilot registration form upon paying his dues. Always fun to meet the new members and learn their interests in the chapter activities and members.

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Celebrations

We enjoy getting to know our members more and better and one way to do that is by knowing special events in their lives. In **May**, the following members celebrated birthdays.

Happy, Happy Belated Wishes to:



Not anywhere near enough candles for you old guys, but we don't want the place to burn down!

John Morgan 12th
Duane Huff 26th
Bill Ferguson 30th

What a Great Group!!! A Message from the President

As we move from May into June, I wanted to brag on our Chapter. Back on May 10th we hosted Ron Alexander's beautiful DC-3 at KLZU. While the weather was threatening, Ron was able to get up here and we flew 65 passengers. This was a good fund raiser for the Chapter. Most importantly though was the number of chapter members that volunteered both Friday morning for setup and during the day Saturday for the actual event and after to help tear down. I am not going to attempt to name them all, but if you were there and helped out I appreciate it very much. A big congratulation goes to Herb Rusk for heading this up and doing a bang up job. I do wish the weather had not interfered so we could have better assessed our various marketing efforts. We also need to thank Chick-Fil-A at the Mall of Georgia for sponsoring this event by supplying the main course for our volunteer's dinner afterward. Please support

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them with your business.

Now June is upon us and our third Summer Camp will be held from Monday June, 2nd through Friday, June 6th. We have a large contingent of volunteers for this event also that will make it a huge success for us and the young folks who participate. This year we've added a 3rd level to the camp. We have 8 enrolled for both "Alpha" and "Bravo" camps and 3 for the new "Charlie" camp. By the way, those 3 are all female. A big thanks here to Debi Huffman and Jeanne Ferguson for coordinating all of the activity leading up to the camp week itself. This event will

allow us to give out scholarships during the year.

I hope to see you at breakfast on Saturday, June 7th and on Friday evening June, 13th for our monthly business meeting. Our breakfast meeting program will be Joseph O'Neill, KLZU tower chief, conducting the annual Runway Safety Action Team Meeting and our Friday evening program will be John Slempe giving us some basic photography information in the digital age.

The DC-3 Visit - A Magnificent Day

Even with a lower than preferred ceiling and an iffy forecast, 65 people got an amazing ride on Ron Alexander's beautiful plane. The responses were always positive-fantastic, awesome, thrilling, great, very special, etc. One flight was filled with one large family-it was fun watching them come together one by one for the spectacular event. We made it possible for the people to pay for their flight with credit card and approximately 75% took advantage of that method. The support from the Chapter 690 members made the day much sunnier than it actually was!!! The cloud cover kept the temperature down just enough to make the day very pleasant for the participants and the workers. And Ron went above and beyond expectations with his history lessons and excellent flying. An appreciation supper was enjoyed by the hard working men and women of the Chapter with some of it provided by Chick-Fil-A. In more ways than one, the day was a Magnificent Success!!! (The pictures were provided by Randy Epstein)



Chapter 690 Programs and Activities And Other Interesting Events

Mark Your Calendars

Summer Aviation Camp is underway through **Friday, June 6th.**

Saturday, June 7th-Runway Safety Action Team Meeting given by Joseph O'Neill

Also, Saturday, June 7th-Vintage Day at the Peach State Aerodrome

Friday, June 13th-John Slemple gives us some Photography Basics

Saturday, July 5th-Roadable Airplanes

Friday, July 11th-Carter Wood, Escape from Colditz

Monday, July 28th-Sunday, August 3rd-EAA AirVenture OSHKOSH 2014

Saturday, August 9th-Post Oshkosh Blast: Great Food, Great Pictures and Lots of Amazing Stories!!!

Saturday, September 6th-Plane Wash with BSA Troop 827

Friday, September 12th-Presentation from the participants of the 2014 Summer Aviation Camp

More activities are in the planning stages and those dates will be announced soon.

EAGLE FLIGHTS IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK!!!

In this month's Sport Aviation magazine, Mac McClellan has an interesting article about the number of pilots and aircraft still flying in the good old USA. In his article he basically points out that because of the way the record keeping is done, the FAA has no clue how many active general aviation pilots and aircraft are still out there flying around. But he does point out that the antiquated way that the FAA keeps score does indicate that there are far less of us active pilots than the FAA number of about 610,000.

So what are we to do in a world where all physical activity has become almost extinct? Looking at a screen of various dimensions and using our thumbs to manipulate various devices has become the reality of all phases of life for most of our population under age 60!

So now the number of active pilots in our country is less than 1 in 500 of our population.

What will it be in 5 to 20 years when many of us will no longer be able to fly and are looking for buyers of our beloved steeds of the air?

The reality of it all is that unless we act now there will be no buyer for our airplanes. So it is all important that as a pilot you should want to protect your investment in any way that you possibly can.

The best way to do so is to become part of the solution instead of part of the problem, and involve yourself in the new EAA Eagle Flight Program. I understand that many of our flying chapter members do not want to be involved in Young Eagles for many reasons and I understand your concerns. But I cannot understand why any of our pilots would not want to spend \$50 worth of tax deductible avgas and 45 minutes of their probably not so valuable time to light a spark in a future pilot that has the time; age and money to get involved in aviation today and not 10 to 20 years down the road.

Several of your fellow EAA chapter 690 Pilots have already bought into the Eagle Flight concept and are doing their part to expand the general aviation community by offering flights to those they think

might make a future pilot. You know some of these people too and it is your obligation to yourself to make this program a success.

So please call me at 770-823-1713 or email me a morganjp@mindspring.com to find out how you can become involved in Eagle Flights. Or as an alternative you can call Pike's Nursery and find out the price of begonias to plant in you RV (you pick the model) very expensive flower pot that you plan to stick out in the front yard!

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Important Information to Remember

Every Month our Pancake Breakfast is the 1st Saturday with serving starting at 8:00.

Our Business Meetings are the 2nd Friday of each month beginning at 8:00 with an aviation related program following an update on the activities of your chapter.

To send the Editor your birthday and/or anniversary information, to notify her of anything you wish to sell or a partnership you may have or want, to send her an article you'd like included in the NavCom please provide that information to her no later than the 20th of the month you wish the information to appear. Send your information to barbara_epstein@hotmail.com



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For Sale

Various Products available at the Aero Shoppe include:

Large Coffee Mugs-\$15 These are extremely well made with a sectional on one side and Chapter 690 logo on the other.

Water Bottles-\$12 These are perfect for adults and kids to enjoy while watching or participating in any type of sporting event. They're really great any time, any place.

Personalized Large Coffee Mugs are available upon special request by contacting Ronald Hlozansky @ skee5bell-south.net or by calling him @ 770-435-2104

Gift Cards (set of 8) \$10 and Ceramic Coasters (set of 4) \$10 featuring aviation photography by our own John Slempp.

Child Related Products including gliders, wooden airplanes and so much more.

Oil Analysis Kits-\$12 Keep on hand for those very important changes.

Hangar Space Available

For a "Van's RV aircraft in the EAA Hangar #4. For details, call **Clyde Schnars @ 770-769-7177**

Individual Sale

Becker Transceiver AR4201, just back from Becker USA, Yellow Tagged \$650, contact **Mike McKenna @ 770-962-7064**

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