



EAA 713 Club Officers

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EAA 713 Newsletter *April 2025*

Happy April Fool's Day!!

When the pilot forgets
you've entered Australia



EAA President

-Ken Foote

Happy April everyone!

No fooling around in this group!

Can you believe the year is 1/4th over already? I read a while ago that “weeks” are really how people measure time, I'm beginning to think that's changing to “months.”

With buds showing up on the trees, and the winter brown beginning to turn to green in our grass, Winter is still trying but Spring is ushering in a warmer flying season.

We had a terrific club meeting in March but missed some of the regular familiar faces that weren't able to attend. A delicious meal by the LeRowe's continues to raise the bar for our club dinners. Thanks again LeeAnn & Jim! Thank you if you've submitted your personal profile to Tanner, the bio list on our website continues to grow.

At the recent meeting, we announced John Elgin's passing. John was a local icon and his contributions are immeasurable. Mike Elgin, Suzanne and Chuck helped with the memorial services (see below.)

The YRA sent out notice that all gate card holders will need to complete an annual online driving test to keep their gate card access

active. Please see YRA's website in order take your test.

Lastly, I just want to thank and commend the members in our club. We have amazing comradery and fellowship and that is the lifeline for a vibrant club.

Blue skies!

Ken



Treasurer Report

- Karl Lampe

➔ Scholarship Fund – \$730.75

➔ General Fund – \$10,287.86



-Karl's Korner

Not much new to report. Just the same old great food, lively Sunday breakfast club, talented new student aviators, and lively second Tuesday meetings. Kind of a high bar to improve upon, but I'm optimistic.

Have a project, hanging the display case, that is languishing. If anyone has 1 1/4 or 1 1/2-inch angle iron available, need about 15 ft, to support the weight. The support structure in the walls seem to be horizontal. If anyone has other insight in the hangar structure during the remodel some years back, please share. There is a double layer of sheetrock on the south wall messing with stud finders.

Keep Mike Elgin in your thoughts and prayers. We all lost a great man and aviator with John's passing.

Be Well, Karl

Stop fooling around – get back in your seat!



Secretaries Report:

- Suzanne Stephan

EAA minutes March 25, 2025

-Present at the meeting: Vice president John Stephan, Treasurer Karl Lampe, YRA Liaison Chuck Walker, Scholarship committee chair Bill Schneider and Membership coordinator Pere Davison. Pres Ken Foote and Web master Tanner Paulson were absent. Safety office John Brouillette came at the very end of the meeting.

-The February meetings were read and approved. Pere D made a motion to approve and Bill S seconded it.

-Treasurer report was presented by Karl L: EAA scholarship fund is \$730.75; General Checking is \$10,287.86. Karl reported all tax letters were submitted to EAA donors that requested a letter.

-Board members discussed the passing of John Elgin, a highly respected EAA member, and founder of the Chapter 713 Sunday Breakfast. Chuck W stated that a funeral and a reception for John Elgin is being planned. Chuck also stated that his son Mike found some old

aviation photos of his father that could be displayed at the Chapter 713 hangar. **A service is planned for John Elgin at the Riverside Cemetery in Cody, on April 12 at 10 a.m. with reception to follow at Heart Mountain Bar and Grill inside the YRA commercial airline terminal.** (Please see article on this in the newsletter.)

-Scholarship chair Bill S stated there are no new applicants. Karl L stated that the balance of the Chapter scholarship fund is \$730.75; this balance needs to total \$10,000 before an anonymous donor will match those funds for future scholarship recipients, and Karl is not certain that the chapter can generate that amount of money in a timely way. Bill S stated that the committee will continue to meet and interview all scholarship recipients regardless of the shortage of funding. The recipient will be told that the money is not available now, but they will receive it in order of acceptance when the budget is available.

-Chuck W stated that he hopes Ken F efforts at establishing scholarship donation (creating a brochure and letter to estate planners in Big Horn Basin) will generate revenue for the Chapter 713 Scholarship fund. The donation is a tax shelter for investors, making it a viable financial maneuver.

-John S reported that Tues April 8 EAA dinner menu is individual Italian meatloaf, served with broccoli and cauliflower covered in cheese sauce. A presentation on survival packs for airplanes is planned for the April dinner meeting.

-Chuck W reported that YRA board discussed rule 139 mandated training for all people entering the airport gate. There is an online test that must be completed annually or the gate pass will be invalidated. The test can be

retaken until it is passed; it includes three videos and one set of questions. The test must be completed by the end of May 2025. Please see article on this issue in the newsletter.

-Bill S stated that an airport with a Security ID Display area (SIDA) is allowed to accommodate an airplane with more than 61 seats. He hopes to “up the game in Cody” by encouraging the YRA board to become a SIDA airport that will increase air traffic. Chuck also discussed that YRA will soon employ a consultant to design a new approach that is curved and will lower landing minimums. CRJ 500, and 550 typically do not have the avionics to handle an ARC, but many other corporate and commercial jets do have the necessary instruments. The board plans to have a letter of agreement with the FAA and plan to offer two proposals. A 70-seat ‘mini-bus’ a 170 and a 175 can handle the new approach and the airport is trying to get the approach ready ahead of new aircraft coming in.

-John B stated that the safety meeting will be about an emergency landing experienced by Christian Essinger during a freight flight in Montana.

-Pere D stated that chapter 713 has 70 current members and 2 members have expired membership status because annual dues were not paid by March 1.

-Pere reported on behalf of Tanner P that pilot biographies continue to be posted on the update Chapter 713 website, and events are being added to the calendar.

-Next board meeting is set for Tues April 22, 8:30am

When landing, it's wheel side down.



Membership Coordinator

-Pere Davison

Membership News:

Currently we have 70 active members in our chapter; two members have expired memberships. Late dues for 2025 can be paid at dinner meetings, or at Sunday Breakfast, or by mailing it to this address: Chapter 713, P.O. Box 841, Cody, WY 82414-0841.

Membership is open to all, from aviation enthusiasts to aircraft owners, pilots and builders. Annual dues are \$20 for the entire family. All are welcome to join our aviation community.





YRA Board News:

-Chuck Walker

Those in attendance at our March meeting would have heard Aaron, our Airport Director, describing a discussion that was to take place at the YRA Board meeting the next day. The Board was to discuss and decide whether to pursue utilizing an FAA subcontractor (Flite Tech Engineering) to study and hopefully create a new GPS curved approach to Rwy 04 that could potentially lower the RNAV LPV minimums significantly below the existing 700-2 currently approved by the FAA. With over 20,000 approach and departure procedures to maintain, the FAA is extremely slow at approving new ones. Flite Tech has an LOA with the FAA for creating new approaches, but first, an on the ground survey needs to be completed with an analysis of whether such an approach is feasible.

Currently Cody is served by CRJ 200's and 550's that, given their age, don't have the avionics capability to utilize GPS curved approaches. Aaron believes the CRJ 200 and CRJ 550 aircraft are what Cody will be served by for the next few years. It will take an upgrade to the Embraer 175 before the capability could be utilized. Nevertheless, it takes time to get new approaches approved, so the hope is to get a jump on being ready for the 175. Efforts are constantly underway to upgrade commercial service to our airport. With lower minimums, the airlines are more likely to upgrade our service sooner rather than later. Most business jets, and many GA aircraft already are able to fly such coupled approaches.

The Board approved moving ahead with Flite Tech to include, only initially, the survey and

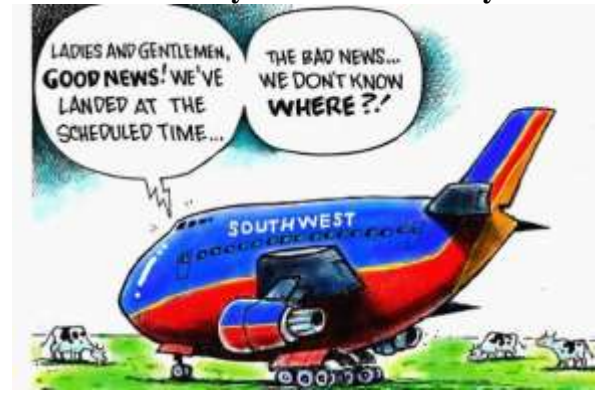
initial feasibility study for \$30K. Creation of the new approach and implementation by the FAA is expected to cost a total of \$92K.

Annual expenses for maintenance and certification are estimated at \$12-15K. Work will probably start in the spring.

Update from the March 12 Board Meeting:

Another potential bidder was identified (Honeywell Aerospace) that was interested in the project. The Board agreed to pause discussions with Flite Tech in order to invite both companies to a special meeting to make presentations. The hope was to have that happen before the next scheduled Board meeting on April 9, at which a decision could be made regarding the successful bidder. At the time of this writing in late March, no decision has been made.

Well at least they found the runway!



RULE 139 Training

This training is mandatory for all who have gate passes to YRA. This online test covers the safety procedures while operating a vehicle inside the airport area.

To access the test, follow these steps:

Go to website for Yellowstone Regional Airport

<https://flyyra.com> (ctrl + click to open)

Click on Resources as in the photo



Then click on non-movement training.

Online test will open.

Or, you can go directly to the testing site here:

[YRA Drivers Non-Movement Drivers Training Video and Test – Veoci](#) (ctrl + click to open)

When jump starting a plane, push the wings from the other side!



Tuesday, April 8 at 6pm

EAA Dinner meeting!

Individual Italian meatloaf

“western style!!”



with baked potato, cauliflower/broccoli with cheese sauce.

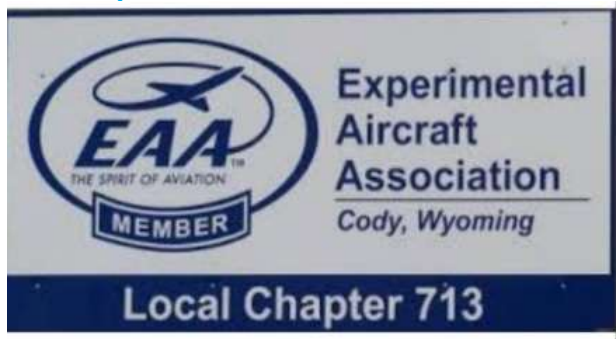
Please **bring desserts!** Very much appreciated!

Safety meeting during dinner



Jim LaRowe and/or **John Brouillette** will give a safety presentation on emergency landings, specifically one that EAA member **Christian Essinger** experienced while flying freight in Montana recently.

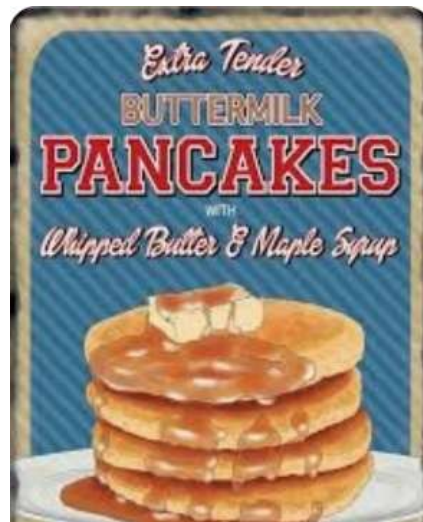
Next Board Meeting:
Tues April 22 at 830a.m



★ **John Elgin Memorial**
April 12 at 10 a.m.



A graveside service is planned for **John Elgin** at the **Riverside Cemetery in Cody, April 12 at 10a.m.** Following is a lunch reception at the **Heart Mountain Bar and Grill** paid for by Mike Elgin. Menu: pulled pork, rolls, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, a fruit tray and cheese cake, along with soft drinks and coffee. **Heart Mountain Bar and Grill** is located inside the YRA commercial airline terminal.



**JOIN US FOR THE BEST
BREAKFAST IN TOWN**
Breakfast at EAA chapter 713

★ **EVERY SUNDAY**

7am at the EAA Hangar, please join us for a ***\$5 hot breakfast!** Eggs to order, toast, blueberry pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice! The EAA community gathers each Sunday for lively discussions!

★ **Happy Easter All**
Sunday April 20, 2025



You're doing it wrong!



Terrace Kitchen with **LeahAnn LaRowe**



THANK YOU TO:

Lynn Lampe for sharing the commercial kitchen at the Terrace so John S and LeahAnn L can prepare the EAA and QB dinners!!



Thanks John S and LeahAnn L for the wonderful soup in March!



History corner

APRIL IN AVIATION'S PAST

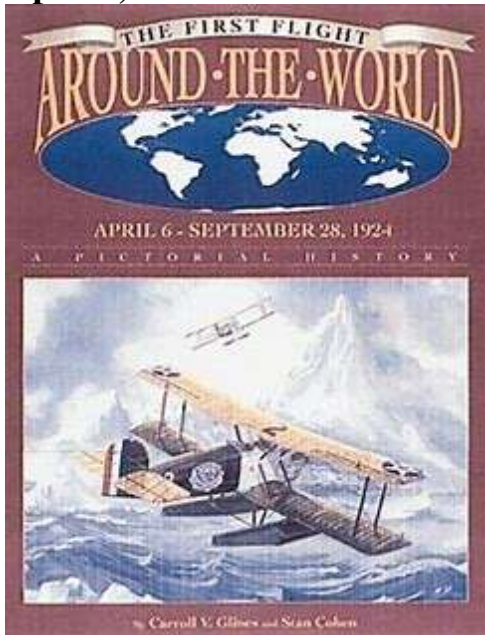
WWII April 1, 1945



Battle of Okinawa: Date, Significance & Who Won - HISTORY (ctrl + click to open)

APRIL IN AVIATION'S PAST

April 6, 1924



First Flight Around the World | Pioneers of Flight

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JOKES

Top 10 April Fools by airlines: have you fallen for any of these jokes? - AeroTime

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When you miss the roof landing!



Biggest April Fool?



An F4U Corsair flown back to base after a dogfight off southern Kyushu, Japan. June 1945



Contributed by Karl Lampe:

This was sent to by a friend.

I used to remind my "entitled" young co-plots in the Airlines who were always complaining, that 1. if you have had enough to eat, and 2. if nobody was shooting at you, this was a GOOD day!

Contributions to the Newsletter are welcome by all!

Send it to suz.stephan.ss@gmail.com

Sadly, Frank Watson's Malibu Marlin turboprop has been sold!



But the good news is that he purchased a new turbo prop! The rest is a mystery, but we are sure it will be

