

September 2017 Newsletter



Chapter 732

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A Note from Randy

NEXT MEETING:

September 17, 2017

2:00 p.m.

**Arkansas Air and Military Museum
(KFYV)**

Bring a snack to share, and the Chapter will provide soft drinks as usual!



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**Start Planning Now!
July 24-30, 2018**



Fall is here! This is the best time of year as far as I am concerned. We have been having great flying weather not to mention the lack of rain which means the grass isn't growing! I am very glad of that! Our next meeting is at the Air Museum this Sunday, September 17th at 2:00 pm. And don't forget to wear your nametag! See everyone there on Sunday!

Randy

Fred Fallis's RV- 9A Project

I have wanted to build an airplane since my teenage years(a long time ago). But like so many others my private pilot certificate and airplane building had to wait until after the kids were grown and my income had increased enough to allow for flight instruction and then airplane building.

I passed my private pilots checkride in Sept. 2007 and started building my RV-9A in Feb. of 2012. Being naïve about building a homebuilt airplane I thought it would take me 3-5 years to have a flying RV-9A. Well it's been 5 yrs 7mos and I am still about 2 yrs from finishing, but I am enjoying the build process and I have a Cherokee 140 to fly and stay proficient. The Cherokee 140 will soon be up for sale so I can apply the proceeds to finishing the RV- 9A.

I have completed the empennage, wings and 90% of the fuselage which means I am 90% completed with 90% to go on the build. My wife recently helped me attach the horizontal stabilizer and I hope to attach the rudder and wings soon. I have 1960 hours on the build to date which means I probably won't finish in Van's estimated time to complete of 2000 hours. I still have all the firewall forward, electrical, canopy and avionics to do. My RV-9A will have Lycoming O-320, fixed pitch prop, a glass cockpit and TruTrak autopilot.

I can't wait to fly it!

Fred Fallis

RV- 9A Project Photos



Steve Bray's Cruiser Project

I brought my plane to the Lost Bridge Village fly-in on Saturday. I had seen this done a time or two elsewhere and thought I'd give it a try.

I provided markers and encouraged the young and young at heart to express themselves by decorating my plane. I think everyone enjoyed it and some kids and parents have pleasant feelings towards aviation. Not exactly a Young Eagles activity, but something nonetheless.

I plan to leave the artwork in place for 1st flight and paint/wrap afterwards. Lots of encouraging messages included in the artwork.

Steve

Here are some photos of some recent "finishing" work.



Why I Joined the EAA by Mark Hutton

EAA is not just for aircraft home-builders anymore. I saw a statement somewhere that read “EAA is for people that are Plane Crazy” which I am and I agree.

My mother claimed that they had an airplane before they could afford a headboard for their bed. I grew up around airplanes. I had watched my father give people airplane rides in rural North Dakota for many years. Many of the people never would have had a chance to ride in a small aircraft anywhere else. The happiness and joy I saw my father share by giving airplane rides is something I wanted to continue. Over the years I have given rides to hundreds of people on my own. My wife says it feeds my soul to share my love of flying. It does, but I also feel an obligation to share my god given talent and give a little back to society.

The main reason I joined EAA was to participate in the Young Eagle program. Now I am happy to say that my daughter has joined EAA and started flying in the Young Eagles program. Since I joined EAA 12 years ago, I have given rides to over 200 Young Eagles. Come join us in spreading the joy of flying because, the look on the kid’s face after a flight (as the credit card commercial stated) is “PRICELESS”!



Mark Hutton with his favorite Young Eagle pilot buddy, daughter Abby Hutton!

Hanging in Harrison!



Several of Chapter 732's members participated in the fun and attended the Safety Seminar at KHRO on September the 9th. The weather was perfect, planes & skydivers were abundant and our local 99's were serving birthday cake to celebrate that the Arkansas 99s Chapter was chartered on September 21, 1963.

Privatization May Jeopardize FAA Modernization

September 7, 2017 - A Government Accountability Office [report released September 7](#) revealed that a rush to ATC privatization could have a negative effect on modernization and undo progress already made on the NextGen system, with no promise of greater benefits. The report concludes that NextGen modernization is still within the cost estimates first provided a decade ago and NextGen has provided operational improvements at 39 of the 40 busiest airports in the U.S. It also stated that the risk of privatizing the U.S. air traffic control system presents a major challenge to NextGen implementation. “The GAO report is another piece of evidence that EAA’s stated position of ‘Modernize, Not Privatize’ is the correct path,” said EAA Chairman and CEO Jack J. Pelton. “Contrary to what ATC privatization proponents claim, the data shows that modernization is threatened more by privatization that would undo all the progress already made. The total cost has stayed within the initial estimates and is well below the \$100 billion that privatization would add to the federal deficit – with absolutely no promise of improved technology or efficiency.”

There are continued challenges to NextGen, according to the GAO. Those include uncertainties regarding future funding; whether aircraft owners equip their aircraft to use NextGen improvements; FAA's leadership stability; and cybersecurity issues. The GAO also called out potential air traffic control restructuring as a major challenge. “This non-partisan review by the GAO refutes the claim that NextGen is running over budget,” Pelton added. “It further proves that ATC privatization has little to do with funding and efficiency – it is a power grab by commercial aviation interests designed to enhance their profitability instead of the public good.”

EAA and other GA organizations continue to fight H.R. 2997, which includes language for ATC privatization. All EAA members are encouraged to contact their House representatives via [ATCNotForSale.com](#) or EAA’s [Rally Congress](#) website to express opposition to the legislation.

Can you Name that Plane?



Do you have a photo of a mystery plane?

Send your photo to:

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Answer to September Mystery Plane below.

*September Mystery Plane
1931 Stearman*

**I see everything,
I am in complete control.
The horizon lined in the shadows of the setting sun.
The brilliant burning blue beckons me.
The clouds dance relentlessly with the flirting wind,
lending me to the heavens.
The crisp, cool air cleanses my mind and soul.
I am free now, if just for a moment.
Free from the hypnotic cadence of the world below.
Free by definition of the sky.**