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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Chapter Meeting:** MAY 19,2023  
**VMC/IMC Club :** JUNE 1,2023  
**EAA Air Venture:** July 24-30, 2023

### UPCOMING EAA WEBINARS

FAA Medical Certification and You (WINGS)	MAY 19, 12:00pm
Conquer The Checkride:Strategies for a Successful Practical Test (WINGS)	May 19, 2:00pm
ATC & You: Communicating with Confidence and Clarity (WINGS)	May 24, 7:00pm
Introduction to Hot Air Ballooning (WINGS)	May 31, 7:00pm
Flying With AOA (WINGS)	June 6, 7:00pm
Mechanic Crisis (WINGS)	June 7, 7:00pm
The Thorp T-18	June 13, 7:00pm
Tips For Flying Into EAA AirVenture 2023 (WINGS)	June 14, 7:00pm

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# OUR NEWEST PRIVATE PILOT!

By John Salz

We have a new private pilot based at SPI! Ayden Miller passed his check-ride yesterday afternoon after several weather and mechanical delays. In fact, yesterday almost fell apart with another weather delay when he and DPE Denny Taft were just about to start up for the check-ride when tornado warning sirens went off! Fortunately, the nasty stuff stayed south and east of the airport long enough they were able to go out and complete the flying portion. Denny said he had never had that happen to him before! But Ayden's persistence finally paid off! Congratulations Ayden!

Thanks to our Ray Scholarship coordinator, Marty Towsley for his work dealing with all the paperwork between Oshkosh and the chapter and the Flying20 Club as we look forward to our 4th candidate, Kenny Spaniol, starting his lessons in the next few days! Congratulations again, Ayden!



# AVIATION TV

by Eric Fromm

Over the years we've changed the way we watch video programming. Those of us who are older grew up at the mercy of the television networks. There have been a few aviation related TV shows both documentary and drama.

I can remember always waiting for the latest episode of Wings on Discovery Channel which was an hour long documentary about a specific type of aircraft. Wings spawned a separate network for Discovery Channel that was focused on aviation called Discovery Wings. It featured shows like Wings, and other documentary and the reality show , Airline which portrayed life at the airport for gate, ramp, ops, and baggage service agents at Southwest Airlines.

Airwolf, and Supercarrier were dramas that were based on aviation for me in the 80s, and some of you probably remember shows like Bah Bah Blacksheep, Sky King, and I'm probably forgetting a few. There wasn't a whole lot of aviation related programming though.

I've probably said it in this newsletter before, I'm not the biggest fan of technology but I'll admit, thanks to streaming, we've been treated to a plethora of new personalities in every facet of aviation who put out some very interesting real world programming. You could be looking for aircraft building, airline operations, military aviation, corporate aviation , flight instruction, it is all very well represented.

I'm sure I haven't seen all of the creators out there who put out good aviation programming, but I wanted to share the ones I enjoy on a regular basis.

## EAA

Of course you need not look further than the EAA channel to get a world of different aviation topics. Aircraft types, pilot biographies, stories of flight squadrons, and of course stories about EAA itself.

The have several playlists including warbirds, ultralights, vintage that include a number of videos covering different aspects of each area. [EAA YouTube](#)

## MIKEY MCBRYAN/ PLANE SAVERS

I was always a fan of Ice Pilots NWT. It was sometimes hard to catch in the US. It was a legacy television program that would remind you of Ice Road Truckers but with airplanes. Over 4 or 5 seasons they followed the every day operations of Buffalo Airways which in and of itself is a really interesting operation out of Yellowknife NWT. Buffalo is owned and operated by Joe McBryan who created a fleet of WW2 era cargo and passenger aircraft and became a lifeline to many communities in the NWT and polar region of Canada. Flying C-47s, DC-3s and more “modern” DC-4s and Lockheed Electras. The show had you fly along during typical airplane being airplane situations like engine issues, landing gear failures, etc.

Mikey McBryan who served as a sort of vice president/marketing guy at the airline, who was the one approached with the idea of doing Ice Pilots show came out with his own YouTube channel several years back. He called it Plane Savers and the mission of the channel was to resurrect aircraft back to flying condition.

The first project was a C-47 that was used on D-Day that was sitting derelict in Montreal QC. The episodes of Plane Savers brought you along as they slowly brought the aircraft back to flying condition. In 2019 they flew it, C-FDTD (or as they affectionately speak in tail number in Canada using the last 3 letters, “DTD”) to Oshkosh to show viewers the final product.

Other projects included a Fokker Triplane, and Mikey also did some live interviews with other aviation personalities, including several with his dad Joe. His channel has not been active lately however there is a library of episodes to enjoy..

[Mikey McBryan / Planesavers](#)

## FLY8MA (flight training and more)

Fly8MA was mainly a flight instruction channel. You can find anything from basics of flying, reading charts, and even mock checkrides here. In a few videos he used a Cherokee that was no longer airworthy to demonstrate different incidents that you might encounter like taxiing over a tiedown rope, tire blow outs. And disassembles some components and instruments to show you

how they work. Recently he has been working on airplane houses in which he is making homes out of a DC-6 DC-9 and 727. (The cockpit of the DC-6 is going to be a flight sim). Some of his older videos highlight flying into AirVenture.

[FLY8MA](#)

### **JIMMY'S WORLD (aircraft rehab)**

Jimmy's World is the aviation answer to Vice Grip Garage (cars). Jimmy buys derelict aircraft that have been sitting for long stretches and brings them back to life. Every thing from J-3s to MiG-15s. Recently he bought 5 aircraft in a lot, A J-3, a Luscombe, A ¾ P-51, A ¾ Jenny and several homebuilts and his challenge was to be able to sell the other 4 so that he could essentially keep the J-3 for free.

He recently purchased Elvis Presley's Lockheed Jetstar that sat abandoned in Roswell. He initially thought about bringing it back to airworthy but unfortunately it would be nearly impossible to do so finding engines, dealing with noise regulations on top of bringing the rest of the aircraft to life. He decided to keep the fuselage and convert it to an RV.

[Jimmy's World](#)

### **THE FIGHTER PILOT PODCAST**

Vincent "Jell-o" Aiello sits down with military pilots from many eras and branches. Everyone from Thunderbird and Blue Angel pilots, Vietnam, Gulf War, fighters, cargo, it's all represented. One of the episodes I found most interesting was with the pilots of the Dehavilland Caribou on resupply missions in Vietnam.

[The Fighter Pilot Podcast](#)

### **BOLDMETHOD (flight instruction)**

Boldmethod is probably my favorite flight instruction channel. It was started by University of North Dakota aviation students and their topics go very in depth. For a while they hosted weekly live seminars on VFR and IFR topics, like procedure turns, DME arcs, how CG effects performance, how carburetors work.

Their other videos feature similar topics and they dive deep into the topics and discuss and

describe to make everything very understandable. . They are great for the student who is having trouble with the concept of something from the book. Their animations are high quality and really help visualize what is being discussed.

They have migrated to their own website and do not use Youtube as a platform much anymore but there is still a great library of info available from them. One of their alumns is Swayne Martin who documented his journey with the regional airlines and on to the majors.

[BOLDMETHOD](#)

### **KEVIN LACEY- AIRPLANE REPO – TEXAS AIR FLEET – "FLY IT LIKE YOU STOLE IT"**

You've probably seen the cable TV show "Airplane Repo". By nature it was pretty dramatized as it had to be, I don't think it would be possible to film the real life operations, however that show's star Kevin Lacey is indeed an airplane repo man, aircraft importer /exporter mechanic etc. . On his channel, he does everything from taking kids flying to going to NBAA conventions, to , what I found most interesting his videos overhauling a Stinson.

[Kevin Lacey "Fly it Like You Stole It"](#)

### **SKYSHIPS ENG (type specific documentaries)**

Skyships ENG offers documentaries on the history of particular aircraft types. Mostly military, commercial and corporate but they do dive in to some GA as well. They get some pretty interesting footage up close and interior scenes from the aircraft of topic. Some of the more interesting ones are of Cold War era Russian aircraft.

[Skyship ENG](#)

### **THE FINER POINTS (flight instruction)**

This is one of the best flight instruction channels. CFI Jason Miller demonstrates the basics and advanced flying skills. What I really like about this channel is that he is really good at showing techniques to improve your flying skills, and includes in cockpit footage that gives a really good



visual in how to perform these maneuvers better.  
[The Finer Points](#)

## **FLIGHT CHOPS**

Flight Chops is a channel out of Canada. He some of his earlier videos document his flight training and the videos evolve with his flight experience. He has gained a big following and has been afforded opportunities to fly a lot of different aircraft types. Aerobatic flying, flight safety, every day flying, he does it all and he documents the failures as well as the successes. He has some AirVenture videos as well, and as a matter of fact, we were walking near the homebuilt section and walking the opposite direction was a tall guy with unmistakable sideburns, it was Flight Chops himself.

[FLIGHT CHOPS](#)

## **AIRSHOW STUFF VIDEOS**

This is a great channel to turn on while you're doing stuff around the house. It's almost like turning your house into a runway side hangar. Their videos feature airshows from many places but I really enjoy this channel because of their documentation of Oshkosh.. They cover the actual airshow performers, but my favorite videos are the arrival and departure videos. It looks like they usually shoot those from somewhere right around the border between the Vintage and South 40 campground area. You'll see a ton of GA and warbird arrivals, and I always catch the GA airplanes I enjoy seeing down in the South 40. If you've ever flown into Oshkosh, there's a good chance your arrival is on one of their videos!

[AirshowStuffVideos](#)

## **SWAYNE MARTIN**

Swayne Martin was part of BoldMethod before flying full time. His channel documents his still rather young career of becoming an airline pilot. He comes up through the ranks at Envoy Airlines flying the Embraer 145. His videos give a behind the scenes look at preflight walkarounds, in flight, as well as topics covering how to become an airline pilot, how bidding for schedules works, what the average day of a pilot is like. He recently got hired at mainline United and has continued to

cover similar topics there, showing the nuances of flying at a mainline carrier vs a regional.

[Swayne Martin](#)

## **KING SCHOOLS (Don and Martha)**

If you learned to fly in the 80s 90s or 2000s, you probably learned a thing or two from Don and Martha, or even Rod Machado or another of the guest instructors on their videos. As I type this I'm still looking at my Cleared For Takeoff, Cleared for Approach, and Cleared For Hire DVD sets on my bookshelf. These were the youtube flight instruction videos of the era. I learned quite a bit from the Kings and they are still putting out videos many of which are available on You Tube. They still sell their premium content as courses but they do offer a generous amount of free content on their YouTube channel. Another great source for new pilots or those upgrading to higher ratings.

[King Schools](#)

## **AIRBOYD**

AIRBOYD is hard to describe. This channel has a very eclectic collection of aviation videos and they seem to come from many different sources. Some are old VHS documentaries, some are current videos from planespotters, military, commercial, GA they cover the gambit of aviation.

[AIRBOYD](#)

## **VASAVIATION (Air Traffic Control Visual)**

This is a very informative channel. They take ATC communications and overlay a flight tracking map of a particular flight to give you and audio/visual picture of an event during a flight. There are many emergencies and comedic moments alike. The majority are airline incidents however there are a good number of GA incidents and accidents as well.

I see this channel as a good learning tool, both for basic ATC communications. For those who learn at a non towered airport, flying into a towered one can be intimidating. These videos at least give you a better understanding of the terminology and flow of communication in busy airspace because you can see the other traffic on the map.

There are plenty of funny moments as well. Snarky communications from both pilots and

controllers will give you some humor while watching their videos as well. But to me this is definitely an informative channel on many levels.

[VASAviation](#)

### **AIR SAFETY INSTITUTE**

Air Safety Institute has long provided accident case study videos. The videos are very well produced and document the lead up to an incident/accident and then review what caused it. These are all GA focused so they are a great learning tool.

[Air Safety Institute](#)

### **MZEROA FLIGHT TRAINING**

Jason Schappert is another great online CFI. He is one of those instructors who surely has the logbook that would allow him to fly anywhere he wishes, but instead he chose to stay in the flight training world, and he is very good at it. He is very procedural and uses great teaching skills to make topics understandable and memorable. The thing with channels like this is, while they are great for those who are just beginning their journey in to flying, they are also great sources for seasoned pilots to brush up on their knowledge or get another perspective on how someone handles certain situations.

[MzeroA Flight Training](#)

### **PERISCOPE FILMS (historic films)**

Periscope isn't exclusively aviation related but they have a huge library of vintage aviation and military videos. Many of them are military produced videos from WW2, Korea, and Vietnam era. Even on their main page the second video available is a USN WW2 intermediate pilot training video on the inverted spin. Military produced type specific documentaries on many different aircraft types, example being a Vietnam era video on the AH-1 Cobra. There is footage from commercial airports in the 60s and 70s. A documentary on Allegheny Airlines in the 1960s, how to fly the B-26.

This a very diverse collection that anyone can find something interesting in, but the warbird people will definitely find a lot of interesting content here! [Periscope Films](#)

### **ERAU SPECIAL VFR (flight training)**

I know I've included a lot of flight training channels in this, but with the amount of prospective and current pilots reading this, I know you'll find these being very valuable. ERAU Special VFR comes from Embry Riddle and as you would expect they have some great flight training videos. Like the other flight instruction channels mentioned, they offer great insight on properly flying maneuvers, as well as ground topics. I wish there were content creators like this when I was training. Its great to be able to see 3 or 4 different perspectives on a topic, from reliable sources and take points from each to expand your knowledge.

[ERAUSpecialVFR](#)

### **DRONESCAPES (aviation documentaries)**

DronesCapes is a large collection of aviation documentaries from all eras. Most cover military aviation so there is a lot for the warbird enthusiasts to enjoy. My favorite is an hour long documentary on who I consider the greatest pilot to ever live, Bob Hoover. It features a lot of interview footage with Hoover and he talks about how he first started flying, dealing with nausea while flying, becoming an Air Guard / Force pilot and on through the POW experience, flying for Rockwell and his airshow career.

There are many other in depth documentaries on specific aircraft types as well as in depth pilot biographies on various historic pilots.

[DronesCapes](#)

### **BLANCOLIRIO**

The main theme of this channel is to analyze aviation accidents. While disturbing this can be good information as a pilot to learn from past mistakes and this channel does a very good job explaining what happened, possible reasons why it happened and what can fix it. He occasionally features flying videos and other aviation topics as well.

[Blancolirio](#)