



Welcome to the Chapter 770 newsletter. Please share your news and updates from the chapter, upcoming flying events, info and more. If you have flying stories, photos etc to include feel free to send them to [etf6911@gmail.com](mailto:etf6911@gmail.com). We will continue with the Countdown to AirVenture for the July newsletter .

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Chapter Meeting:** June 19, 2022  
**EAA Air Venture:** July 25-31, 2022  
**B-25 Berlin Express Visit:** August 20-21,2022

#### UPCOMING EAA WEBINARS

<b>One Week Wonder Build : AirVenture 2022</b>	June 7, 7:00pm
<b>Home Flight Simulation For Training and Proficiency pt2 (WINGS)</b>	June 8, 7:00pm
<b>Aluminum Overcast:The History of EAA's B-17</b>	June 14, 7:00pm
<b>Getting Started with the Skew-T Weather Diagram (WINGS)</b>	June 15 , 7:00pm
<b>Tips for Flying into EAA AirVenture 2022 (WINGS)</b>	June 22, 7:00pm
<b>EAA AirVenture 2022 Features and Attractions</b>	June 29, 7:00pm

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# YOUNG EAGLES RALLY MAY 2022

On May 7th, Chapter 770 held a Young Eagles rally at Lincoln Land Community College's aviation maintenance facility. Chapter pilots flew nearly 30 flights among 6 different aircraft. All smiles from the Young Eagles who flew that day, made possible by the hard work of chapter members who set up, coordinated logistics, piloted, and distributed refreshments. Thanks to the LLCC Maintenance program for use of their ramp and facilities.



(Marty Townsley performing a run-up prior to taking the runway)



(The operations desk held down by Gregg Benshoof, Oliver Gross, and Phillip Canady)



(Don Schwanke preparing to taxi out in the Cessna Cardinal)



(Jamie Rabins prepares for another flight as Cliff Poole and Dan Kerns staff the gate)



(Jeff Brown off the chocks in his Lancair Columbia just after Don Schwanke returns from a flight)



(Chris Bildilli heading out for another flight in the Cardinal)



(aircraft were coming and going on the busy Lincoln Land Community College ramp. Young Eagles had a variety of aircraft to fly in. Marty's classic T-Craft and Jeff's Lancair as seen here on the ramp between flights)



(Jamie Rabins taxis out in the Zenith)



(The departure end of Runway 31 with several departing Young Eagles Flights, as Jamie Rabins takes the runway with Chris Bildilli number 2 to go)



(Parris Fromm departs the ramp in the Archer)



(Young Eagles learning doing the preflight walkaround with their pilot Parris Fromm)



For the first time since the pandemic, chapter 770 hosted the Ford Trimotor for tours and rides May 19-22. The Ford 5AT arrived Monday the 16th and was the guest of honor, at our chapter meeting and potluck on Thursday. The meeting included a very interesting historical and operational presentation by the Ford's pilot Ashley. Thanks to Stellar Aviation and Springfield Airport Authority for use of their facilities.



(Ford pilot Ashley giving a very informative presentation on both the development of the type as well as this specific aircraft)

The aircraft this year was NC9645, "City of Wichita", which was the 2nd aircraft to depart Columbus Air Terminal as part of TAT's transcontinental railroad and air service between New York and Los Angeles.

Flights began Thursday with a media flight and 2 passenger flights. Between weather systems. Friday very strong winds near 30kts at times kept the Ford on the ground. Saturday another system moved in bringing low overcast, thunderstorms and rain, however throughout the day we managed by all! to get 4 flights in when more favorable conditions were present.



(Rich Deal and Cliff Poole secure the ramp as Jeff Hoffman prepares to marshal one of the flights out on Saturday)

Sunday proved to be a much better day in terms of weather. The system had moved off to the east and under blue skies, the Ford launched (a record for SPI Ford visits) 12 times throughout the day made possible by the work of the flight crew, Ford traveling ground crew, and the 770 chapter members who volunteered throughout the weekend.



(12 flights on Sunday meant a thirsty Ford. Jeff Hoffman and Terry Blome assist Ashley with the fueling process. There is over the wing fueling, and then there is OVER THE WING FUELING! )

Talking to some of the passengers, a fair amount of them can say their first ever airplane ride was on a Ford Trimotor. Many others had flown on one of the Fords during their previous visits. For both the first timers and seasoned vets alike, a fun time was had