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EAA Chapter 790

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From Matt Van Bergen, Chapter 790 President



A Look Back At Last Year As 2023 Gets Underway

As we turn the page from 2022 to the new year, we'll take a look at some highlights:

- ◆ Chapter 790 was the recipient of the EAA Silver Award for combined 2021-2022 years.
- ◆ We flew 230 Young Eagles, despite having two months cancelled due to weather conditions. That's 42 more than we flew in 2021.
- ◆ Chapter 790 was recognized by EAA for flying Young Eagles for 30 consecutive years– as long as the program has been in existence. The award is a beautiful wood plaque.
- ◆ Megan Pranczke was awarded a Ray Aviation Scholarship. She is our third scholarship recipient. I would like to extend a BIG thanks to the 790 Board Members and to Tom Solar for your support of Megan and the program.
- ◆ Thanks to Paul Ranieri for keeping the monthly fly-outs on track to fun destinations.
- ◆ We added great new members this year– Douglas Kramp, Michael Ley, Peter Stypuloski, Andy Zhou and Miles Venere. Michael jumped right in to fly Young Eagles!
- ◆ Randy Sweet completed his Van's RV-12iS. He has been logging hours whenever the weather permits. I was lucky enough to get a flight with Randy and can confirm that he built a really nice airplane. Congrats again Randy!
- ◆ We have several airplane builds in progress including Paul Ranieri's Prescott Pusher, Mike Perkins' Tango 2, Andy May's RV-10, Pete and Lynn Thompson's RV-14A, Josh Cannata's RV-7, Dean Rausch's Rotor X helicopter and my Christen Eagle 2. Hopefully I didn't miss anyone's project!



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I survived my first 2-year term as Chapter 790's leader-somehow I won the confidence of the chapter to be President for another 2 years. I appreciate everyone's willingness to help while I was traveling this past fall.

If you have been with the chapter for quite awhile, we thank you for being a member and helping the chapter to be the chapter that it is and sharing your knowledge. If you are a new member, thank you for joining and we look forward to learning how our chapter can help you achieve whatever aviation interests you may have. If you would like to get more involved, reach out to me or anyone on the board. We love new faces and new ideas!

I look forward to 2023 and helping everyone share their love for aviation and working with our board to make this another great year!

Matt

Chapter Meetings

Chapter 790 meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month. The meetings are generally held at the Lake in the Hills Airport Office lounge at 6:30 pm. From May until October, the meetings also consist of a cookout to enjoy the nice weather. Matt will keep everyone posted via email of exact times, location, guest speakers, etc.

Fly Out Scheduling

A great way to enjoy a Saturday morning and some camaraderie are the fly-out events. They are held the third Saturday of the month at 9am. If the weather isn't satisfactory, it will be rescheduled to the following Saturday. Paul Ranieri will keep everyone posted as to the destination and time via email. If you are interested in going and need a seat, you can respond to Paul's group email prior to the upcoming fly-out.

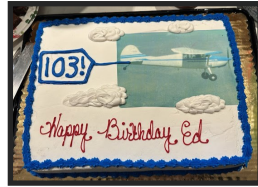


Young Eagles

Beginning in May and running through October are the Young Eagle events. They are held the first Saturday of the month at either Schaumburg Airport or Lake in the Hills Airport. There is no better way for kids to get some flying experience. Before each event, chapter members will receive an email outlining the various volunteer opportunities. These consist of the registration area for kids and their parents, being on the ramp to park airplanes, and flying the kids of course!

Waypoints

- ◆ At the November chapter meeting, officer elections were held and a solid majority re-elected Matt Van Bergen for President, Dave Stokes as Vice-President, Paul Ranieri as Treasurer, and Randy Sweet as Secretary. Great leadership continues for 2023! Dave Stokes brought a cake so we could celebrate Ed Berthold's 103rd birthday. Ed skipped his weekly bowling league to join us.



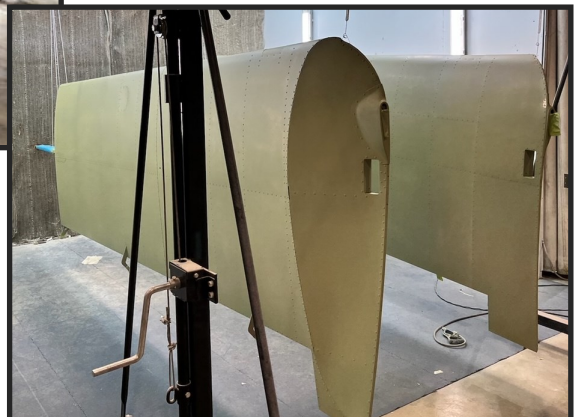
- ◆ The annual chapter 790 banquet will be held at the Cary Country Club Saturday, February 11. Everyone is invited! Chapter member Ron Rogers will be the guest speaker. As you may recall, Ron has held a pilot's license for over 50 years and has flown just about anything that has wings! RSVP to Matt as soon as possible.
- ◆ With the new year underway, Treasurer Paul Ranieri would like to gently remind everyone to stay up to date with their annual dues.

Builders Log

Member Randy Sweet recently flew his RV-12 up to Door County, Wisconsin to a paint shop. The final color is going to be a beautiful deep blue!



Randy's RV-12 is being disassembled so that each component can be painted separately.



Wings in the paint booth

Guest Speaker January 2023

While listening to Michael Kukulski describe his Skyote biplane build project, what comes to mind is the home builders motto, "Hands, Mind, and Heart."

After flight testing the prototype Skyote in 1976, Bob Hoover said, " ...it was a rare experience to fly an airplane that exhibited such delightful flying qualities." Designed in 1974 by Otto "Pete" Bartoe, the single seat steel tube and fabric biplane has a following today. Like so many of the 70's homebuilt designs though, the Skyote was no different—a plans-only undertaking. For example, if one didn't have access to an extensive shop, fabricating the 600 steel fittings would be daunting.



Interestingly, Aircraft Spruce now carries the plans, as well as line-up of CNC cut parts, hydro-formed rib sets, and TIG welded frame components. The availability of these components would certainly eliminate much of the difficult parts fabrication.

If you're looking for a 20 ft. wingspan biplane in the 100 HP category, the Skyote fits the bill. The only downside is it's a single seater-can't share the fun with someone!

The Skyote Type Club website is www.skyote.org for more information.



"If you want something you have never had, you must be willing to do something you have never done."

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