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# Winds Aloft



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## From Matt Van Bergen, Chapter 790 President

I hope everyone had a great summer after Oshkosh (everything centers around Oshkosh, doesn't it?). I'm excited about the prospect of good flying weather this fall.

As many of you know, I'm involved with the Pilots-n-Paws organization, where I frequently fly down to the St. Louis area to bring rescue dogs back to Chicagoland. I work with a couple of rescues and often meet up with the same pilots who handle the leg before mine. Most of the dogs come from remote areas in Texas, so these flights typically involve 3-4 pilots, each taking on a leg. It's enjoyable because you start forming connections with the other pilots. Aviation is such a fantastic way to bring people together! Anyway, I flew a group of pups on Monday, August 19, which included four puppies and three small to medium-sized adult dogs.





There were three pilots involved in this run. I met the pilot who flew from Memphis to the St. Louis area at Litchfield Airport (3LF). The flight was straightforward, though I had to navigate a few extra hoops around the Chicago area due to a TFR for the Democratic National Convention. Normally, I would have flown into 06C to meet the rescue person, but with that area effectively locked down, I changed my meeting point to 3CK, which was in the outer ring of the TFR and inactive during my drop-off. I flew under an IFR flight plan, monitored 121.5, and the only significant difference was that ATC required me to keep my squawk code even after canceling IFR prior to landing at 3CK. While the idea of an F-16 pulling alongside to escort me to my destination seemed exciting, it probably would have only been cool for a few minutes 😊. If you're looking for a reason to fly, consider joining Pilots-n-Paws – I guarantee you'll have a great time while contributing to a wonderful cause. ([pilotsnpaws.org](http://pilotsnpaws.org))

The Board finished up the updating of our bylaws and will vote them in at our October Board meeting. It will be nice to have a stamped version of our bylaws for the next administration and beyond. Don't hesitate to reach out to any of us or attend a Board meeting to learn more. There are six Board meetings each year. The next will be **Tuesday, October 1 at 18:30** in the Lake in the Hills Airport office.

See you all at the September member meeting. I'm sure we will enjoy hearing from a relatively new member of Chapter 790, Gregg Dubin, who will be doing the same talk he did at Oshkosh this year on the life of a Dispatcher for United Airlines. It will be a great talk for sure!

## August 18 Fly-Out PIREP: 17th Abel Island (IA23) Fly-In – Matt Van Bergen

The Abel Island fly-in ended up being changed to Sunday, 8/18 due to unfavorable weather being forecasted for 8/17. However, for most that wanted to fly out to Abel Island, the low ceilings from basically Rockford east prevented them from flying out. I was fortunate enough to have my airplane at the Albertus Airport in Freeport, IL (KFEP) and the ceilings were acceptable to fly out to Abel Island. It was a blast with over 25 airplanes that flew in - many backcountry type airplanes, typical Cessna 172s and 182s, a few gyrocopters, a couple helicopters and even a Grumman Goose. My favorite part of flying out there was the approach and landing from the south. There is a cluster of trees on the south end of the runway that you have to navigate over, then you slip your airplane all the way down to the runway. The perfect runway for a tailwheel airplane! Oh by the way, I arrived, registered and was given a door prize ticket. Within 15 minutes my name was called. I had my choice of a T-shirt or hat and I chose the hat which I am wearing in one of the pictures below. Nice!



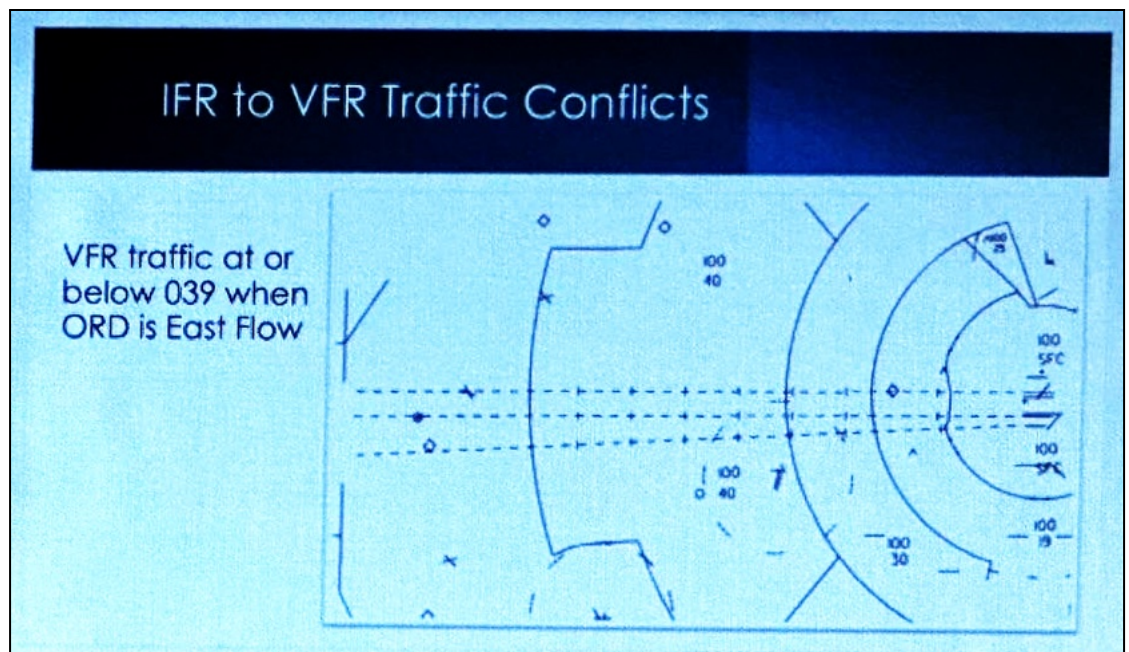


## August 27 TRACON Presentation Recap

John Hoelscher, controller and Local Safety Council member at C90 Chicago TRACON, spoke at the August member meeting. John gave an overview of the TRACON, showed diagrams of O'Hare arrival and departure flows, pointed out high-traffic areas, recommended using flight following, and answered questions.



**Tip:** The floors of the Class B shelves near DuPage (KDPA) are 3,000' and 4,000' MSL. When O'Hare (KORD) is on "east flow", airliners are landing to the east and can descend to the Class B floor. Plan your flight to avoid TCAS advisories and wake turbulence.



Get an inside look at C90 with pilot Martin Pauly ([YouTube](#), 65 minutes).  
Pilots interested in touring C90 may contact John at [jrh427@yahoo.com](mailto:jrh427@yahoo.com).

## September 21 Fly-Out to Rochelle

We'll meet at the [Flight Deck restaurant](#) at Rochelle's [Koritz Field](#) (KRPJ) on **Saturday September 21 at 11:30**, and then hang around watching skydivers, ummm, [literally hang around](#). Jump planes and private planes often land on the grass on the north side of the asphalt runway. Be sure to read the [tips for flying in](#).

Pilots can ride right-seat on a jump plane for free! If interested, save time by completing the [waiver](#), and bring your own headset. Details: [observer flight](#), [airplane rides](#).



Watch for email from Paul Ranieri for details, and reply to offer or request a ride.

## September 24 Chapter Meeting: BBQ & Airline Dispatch



Chapter 790 member Gregg Dubin is an FAA certificated Flight Dispatcher for United Airlines, based in Chicago. Gregg has 27 years with United Airlines – many years in airport operations, crew scheduling, and the last 11 years as a flight dispatcher. Gregg wears many hats. In addition to flight dispatching, Gregg is a flight dispatch instructor (teaching new hire dispatchers), a fleet operations manager (where he balances the needs of the operation with the needs of the customers), and is an internationally qualified dispatcher.

Gregg will give us an introduction to the world of Flight Dispatch and answer questions like: What is a flight dispatcher? Where do they work? and What do they do? Certificated Flight Dispatchers share **joint operational control** with the captain, and are 50% responsible for the safety and execution of a flight.

Join us on **Tuesday, September 24 at LITH Airport (3CK), hangar P-60**. Enjoy a cook-out of brats and burgers at 18:00 and get insight into airline dispatch at 18:45. See you there!

## October 5 Young Eagles Rally

Our last Young Eagles rally for 2024 will be at **Schaumburg airport (06C) on Saturday, October 5**. **We need pilots** to ensure all Young Eagles get a ride. This is the last rally for 2024. Watch for email from Paul Ranieri for details.



## PIREP: My Trip to Madeline Island – Randy Sweet

I decided to take advantage of the mid-August weather to head on up to Madeline Island (4R5). It was a wonderful flight and so thought I'd share it, along with a couple of GoPro clips. Click the captions to view.

I left Galt Field (10C) early Thursday morning, August 22nd, headed for Wausau Airport (KAUW). The winds were light, cloudless sky and excellent visibility. I topped off with fuel at Wausau and then set course for Madeline Island. It was a beautiful approach over the lower portion of Lake Superior, though the winds were a bit gusty. After landing @ Madeline, I met the airport manager. I clearly caught him on a bad day, as he was quite upset (angry) that the prior night a bear had taken out 14 of the runway lights!

I borrowed one of the airport bicycles and pedaled my way into town for a BLT sandwich and an ice tea. The restaurant was directly across from the ferry pier, which was kinda cool. I walked around a while and then worked my way back to the airport. The winds had picked up considerably, but my trusty steed (Van's RV12iS) handled the takeoff with its normal aplomb. Heading home, I bypassed Wausau and instead stopped by Hartford (KHXF), where I topped off with fuel and then flew directly back to Galt. It was a wonderful trip – 6.9 hours on the Hobbs.



[The 1st part of the flight was to Wausau \(KAUW\) for fuel on the way to Madeline Island \(4R5\)](#)



[The 2nd half of the flight was from Wausau to Madeline Island](#) (click captions for video)







## Chapter 790 Calendar

Sat, Sep 21	11:30	Lunch fly-out to KRPJ Rochelle	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Tue, Sep 24	18:00-21:00	Chapter BBQ & meeting, Airline Dispatch	3CK LITH Airport, hangar P-60
Tue, Oct 1	18:30	Board meeting	3CK LITH Airport, office
Sat, Oct 5	08:30	Young Eagles rally	06C Schaumburg Airport
Sat, Oct 19	09:00	Breakfast fly-out	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Tue, Oct 22	18:00-21:00	Chapter BBQ & meeting	3CK LITH Airport, hangar P-60
Sat, Nov 16	09:00	Breakfast fly-out	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Tue Nov 26	18:45-21:00	Chapter meeting, pot luck, elections	3CK LITH Airport, office
Tue, Dec 3	18:30	Board meeting	3CK LITH Airport, office
Wed, Dec 11	18:30	Chapter party at Matt & Janet's home	Details to be announced by Matt
Sat, Dec 21	09:00	Breakfast fly-out	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Sat, Jan 18	09:00	Breakfast fly-out	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Tue Jan 28	18:45-21:00	Chapter meeting	3CK LITH Airport, office

**EAA's calendar of events** is at [eaa.org/eaa/events](http://eaa.org/eaa/events). You can search by event categories and the distance from a location, a state, or a date range. Events you add to your itinerary are at [eaa.org/eaa/myitinerary](http://eaa.org/eaa/myitinerary).

**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 6:45 pm. From May until October, the meetings begin with a cookout at 6:00 pm in hangar P-60. Matt will keep everyone posted via email of exact times, location, guest speakers, etc.

**Fly-outs** are a great way to enjoy a Saturday morning and some camaraderie. They are held the third Saturday of the month, usually 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 Eagle events** begin in May and run through October. 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!



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Chapter 790 members are a group of aviation enthusiasts, aircraft builders, and pilots who get together with like minded people to share ideas, exchange information, encourage safety, serve the local aviation community and have a lot of fun doing so. Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to attend our events and join our Chapter. Recent newsletters: [chapters.eaa.org/ea790/newsletters](http://chapters.eaa.org/ea790/newsletters).