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EAA Chapter 790

# *Winds Aloft*

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## **From Matt Van Bergen, Chapter 790 President**

Wow, I can't believe we are already in November. As you all know, I am finishing up my second term as the President of Chapter 790. It's been a great run and I have enjoyed working with my fellow Board members, Dave Stokes, Randy Sweet, Paul Ranieri, Tom LeGates, Pat Crawford, Pete Thompson, and Tom Solar over the past 4 years. It's time to hand the controls over to a new leadership team to continue evolving Chapter 790 into the bright future. I certainly plan to continue to be an active member of 790 and excited to see where the next administration takes the chapter.

With that said, it's time for 790 elections! We still would love to see some people volunteer to be on the ballot for the VP and Treasurer positions. Mike Monreal will be on the ballot for President and Gregg Dubin will be on the ballot for Secretary. Please do consider putting your hat in the ring for the Treasurer or VP positions. These roles are not overly demanding and Dave Stokes already said he'll continue to cook for our meetings in the summer so if you volunteer for the VP position, you don't have to worry about this responsibility (Thank you Dave!).

The election process will take place at the November member meeting. Janet and I will be in Arizona that week spending Thanksgiving with our daughter Claire. In my absence, Randy Sweet will manage the election and be the overall election judge. Because the meeting lands on Thanksgiving week, we will offer a remote option for voting in case you can't make it in person but still want to cast a vote or even do a last minute add to the ballot.

Here are your options:

1. In person - You will be provided a ballot with the four officer positions and those that are on the ballot. Note: In person voting is the only way to submit floor nominations.
2. Via email - Send me an email at [mvanbergen@gmail.com](mailto:mvanbergen@gmail.com) anytime between 11/18 and by noon on 11/26 stating in the email that: (a) you are the person sending the email and that no one else is using your email as an intended or unintended proxy for you, (b) that you are in agreement with the fact that your vote is no longer a “blind” ballot, in that your vote choice(s) will be known by the member(s) of Election Committee. You cannot submit any "floor" votes nominations via email but you can write in candidates if you wish to do so.

Matt will send the final ballot out to everyone on 11/18 so that those that will email their vote in will know who is on the final ballot.

Also, please do keep in mind if you are thinking about volunteering for any of the positions (hopefully Treasurer or VP), you don't have to be present physically at the meeting. Just let me know ahead of time so that we can put you on the ballot.



Finally, as in the past, the meeting will not have any formal programming other than the elections. The remaining part of the meeting will be a social gathering along with any food and beverage you would like to bring.

## October 19 Fly-Out Recap: Palmyra (88C) – Dave Boone



Ron, Tom, my wife Bitsy, and me at the The Edge of Town Cafe.

## October 22 Meeting Recap: AOPA's Cade Halle on BasicMed – Matt Van Bergen

AOPA's Cade Halle was our featured presenter at our October 22nd meeting. The topic was everything medical with a focus on BasicMed and strategies to stay flying from a medical perspective.

Cade went through his slides pretty quickly and then fielded quite a few questions from our members. He did a great job, offered how you go about transitioning from an FAA medical to BasicMed, shared some pitfalls and things to look out for, and never wavered in his answers. The presentation is attached to this month's Winds Aloft email.

A huge thank you to Randy Sweet for organizing the topic and speaker. It was definitely a very relevant talk for many of us.



## November 16 Fly-Out to Janesville (KJVL)



We'll meet at **Bessie's Diner** ([bessiesdiner.com](http://bessiesdiner.com)) in the **Janesville airport terminal on Saturday, November 16 at 09:30**. Watch for email from Paul Ranieri for details, and reply-all to offer or request a ride.

## November 26 Chapter Meeting – Elections & Ed Berthold's 105th Birthday Party!

Join us on **Tuesday, November 26 at the 3CK LITH Airport office at 18:45**. We will vote for candidates for our Board of Directors, then celebrate "Bud's" 105th birthday! Bring any food or beverage you would like. Cake will be provided. See you there!



## December 3 Board Meeting

Join us on **Tuesday, December 3 at 18:30 via Zoom**. Watch for email from Matt with conference instructions.

## December 11 Chapter Holiday Party

**There will not be a Chapter meeting in December.** Instead, Matt and Janet Van Bergen invite you their home on **Wednesday, December 11 at 18:30**. As in the past, our hosts will provide the main entree, wine, and beer, and attendees can bring a dessert and/or beverage to share. Watch for email with details.

**Who dressed as a  
pilot for Halloween?  
Be honest !!!**



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## Spotlight on DuPage (KDPA) – John Kinyon

DuPage Airport (KDPA) ([dupageairport.gov](http://dupageairport.gov)) is busy, with 4 active runways, 2 ILS approaches, 24-hour control tower, 4 flight schools, 3 flying clubs, a full-service FBO ([dupageflightcenter.com](http://dupageflightcenter.com)) with a cafe (open M-F 09:00-14:00), and even a U.S. Customs Office. Busy? In October there were over 15,000 flight operations!

The FAA maintains an enlightening “Know Before You Go” page ([faa.gov/dpa](http://faa.gov/dpa)), and a printable Pilot Handbook ([faa.gov/flight\\_deck/pilot\\_info/dpa.pdf](http://faa.gov/flight_deck/pilot_info/dpa.pdf)).

DuPage Tower has a monthly [Safety & Outreach Newsletter](#), published by the DuPage National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) Pilot Outreach team. Topics include traffic statistics, information about safe flight operations, local procedure changes, profiles of controllers, and an invitation to have “coffee with the controllers” from 09:00-11:00 on the first Saturday of every month. Each newsletter contains links to view previously newsletters, subscribe, request a tour of the tower, and to contact the Pilot Outreach team.



**DuPage, as seen from the southwest**



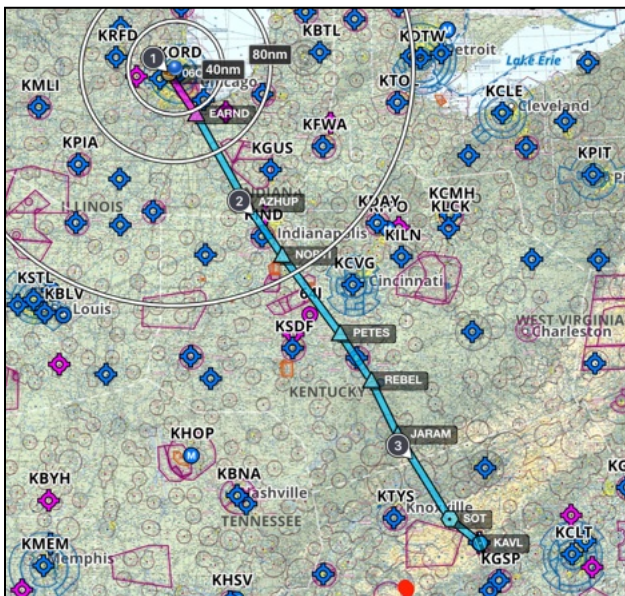
**Kitty Hawk Cafe**

## Your Perspective – John Kinyon

Since we’re part of EAA, we are interested in all things aviation – especially building, modifying, and repairing aircraft. Have you done any projects? What is your favorite plane? Where do you like to fly? Did you have an a-ha! moment or learning experience that would help or interest others? Please send your idea, draft article, or photos to [jjk2005@gmail.com](mailto:jjk2005@gmail.com). It needn’t be long or perfect. I can help with adjusting photos, editing, and proofing an article. Add your voice to the chapter!

## PIREP: My Trip to Hilton Head, NC – Matt Van Bergen

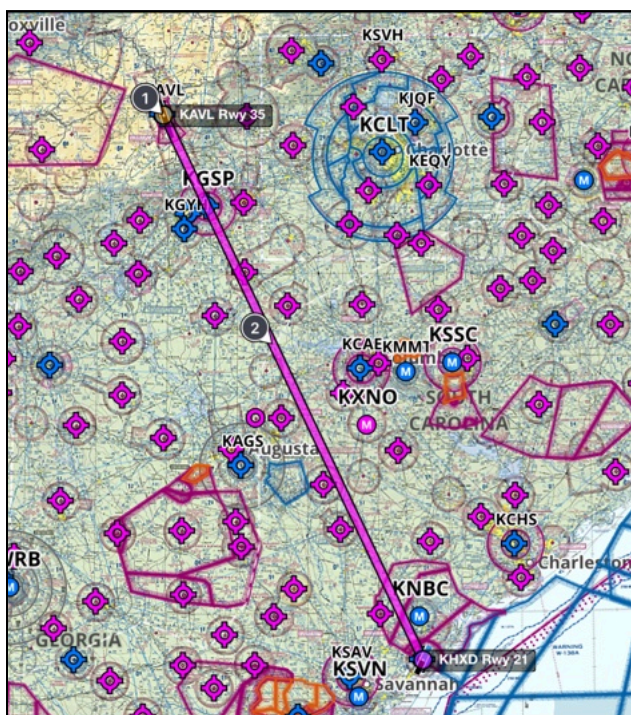
My wife (Janet), our Cavpoo (Milo) and I flew down to Hilton Head, SC in our C182RG to visit our friends that had relocated down there from Fox River Grove a few years ago. They actually live in Bluffton which is just off the Island. We have been meaning to visit, but just never hardened dates. This time we did and it was in early June of this year. We had a ton of fun with our friends and I have shared a couple pictures of our fun and frolic, but I know this audience is most interested in our flight, flight details incoming!



We decided to stop in Asheville, NC (KAVL) because it's a city we wanted to visit, and it was right along our route.

Also, I figured it would be better to land on Hilton Head Island in the morning versus early-mid afternoon as it was already beginning the "hot" season down there. My IFR flight plan is shown on the left, nothing too interesting. We did hit some light turbulence and light rain going over the

Smokey mountains which also happened to be where we were descending since KAVL was just on the other side of the mountains. My wife was not that happy (haha). I actually did log some instrument (in the clouds) time, but was bummed that while there were some clouds on our approach into KAVL, it was not enough to be able to "log" an approach. We stayed at The Foundry Hotel Asheville, Curio Collection by Hilton. It was a convenient and nice place to stay as it gave us instant walking access to town. We walked around in the afternoon, ate dinner, called it a night and in the morning caught an Uber back to KAVL where we started the second and final leg to Hilton Head. As you can see on the left, our flight plan was direct. It was a beautiful morning to fly south with a scattered cloud layer which made it even more beautiful as we headed south to the Atlantic. The best part of the flight was the approach and landing on the island (see picture above).



Once we landed at KHXD RWY 21, our friends were there to load up our bags and take us back to their house. It's always fun to have non-GA type friends participate in a flying adventure. In this case, they, especially their 13-year-old son, were amazed that the airport let them drive their car right out to my airplane!

The flight back home was of course less exciting. It was time to get back home. As it always seems to be, we had a 20 KT headwind so the journey home was a bit longer than we wanted. With that said, it's also always nice to gain an hour due to the time change. We stopped once, for fuel at KFFT (Frankfurt, KY), and landed at 06C by 2:30 PM local time.

Flight Stats (filed IFR all legs):

Leg	Distance	Cruising Alt.	Total Time	Avg. Ground Speed
06C → KAVL	506 NM	9,500	3:23	156 KTS
KAVL → KHXD	237 NM	7,500	1:53	148 KTS
KHXD → KFFT	437 NM	8,500	3:48	121 KTS
KFFT → 06C	293 NM	6,500	2:35	124 KTS









## Chapter 790 Calendar

Sat, Nov 16	09:30	Fly-out to Bessie's Diner at KJVL	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Tue Nov 26	18:45-21:00	Chapter meeting, election, socializing	3CK LITH Airport, office
Tue, Dec 03	18:30	Board meeting via Zoom	Details to be emailed by Matt
Wed, Dec 11	18:30	Chapter party at Matt and Janet's home	Details to be emailed 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
Tue, Feb 4	18:30	Board meeting	3CK LITH Airport, office
Tue, Feb 15	09:00	Breakfast fly-out	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Feb TBD		Member banquet	Watch for email

**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).