

EAA 863 FLY PAPER

## THE SPIRIT OF AVIATION AUGUST 2024 LEBANON EAA 863



Upcoming Events

August 8th 6PM regular meeting Hangar 2 EAA 863 Fly in breakfast and Young Eagle's Rally August 31 Girls in aviation day September 21st

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Plane of the Month Brian Thompsons New to him RV-6



\*We are announcing a new member benefit.\* All youth members are eligible for 30 minutes of simulator time with a flight instructor before the regular meetings in Hangar 2. Contact Myron Lasater for more details <u>mglasaer@gmail.com</u> 615-347-9108

Brian and Toby on there way to Oshkosh RV-6 Style



### Presidents Column



I am very excited to see how our chapter is growing. One thing that I hear from other chapters that visit us is how hard it is just to get enough people together to have a meeting. We are very blessed to have such an active group that come together every month for the meetings and a great number of volunteers that show up and help with our numerous activities. Our motto is "To Promote the Future of Aviation and Preserve its Past" and to do this it takes people of all ages to work together and make it happen.

I am excited to see how the youth group is growing. As for most of us the love of aviation started at a young age and has carried on throughout our life. We have a growing number of young people that share the same passion and are looking to further their education and love of flying.

I urge all of us to think back of how we wanted to get involved and help our youth to achieve their goals.

I am very proud to be a part of such a great chapter, and I can't wait to see what the future holds. If this last year is any indication, I think it will be pleasantly surprised to see the things to come.

Blue Skies and Tailwinds Brian

#### By: Faye Haynes

I soloed about 6 weeks ago—I flew N757BZ, (1977 C-152), off the runway and back three times without damage or destruction to anybody or anything except my nerves, so I'm ready for a cross-country trip to Sun-N-Fun! Thanks to some very good friends, Robert Redmond and I are off in Poco Roho (1968 Citabria 7ECA,N2990G) with all our camping supplies for the week. All packed in Poco's 12" x 12" baggage compartment. That is tents, tie downs, cloths and toothbrushes.... Very small toothbrushes!

Since I'm in the front seat sitting on my clothes, two pillows, not what you would call "ship and we have a strong tailwind... the front seat. It is shady and very turned a pale shade of blue. He face was sun burned and my legs only known what those little round have closed them. Robert never the preflight! Our stops were freble even though our ride was a lit-



and need to see over the cowl, I am towels and a jacket. Effective but shape". The temperature is 30° F the sun is beautiful and it is hot in cold in the back seat. Robert has kept saying turn up the heat . My well done. He was frosty. If I had things at my knees were, I would mentioned air vents to me during quent enough to keep us comfortatle rough. We stopped at Cedar

Key for lunch, the landing was exciting. Imagine a poorly loaded, tail-heavy plane, in a crosswind, trying to set down on a 2000' strip with water on both ends. It looked like somebody's driveway to me. How I admire those carrier pilots. We were transported to the restaurant in an old station wagon taxi, driven by an even older lady... she had a face that looked like time itself. After a delicious lunch and a little shopping, we were on our way again to Lakeland.

My first big fly in, I was impressed! Suddenly there were planes everywhere. We only had a handheld radio and Robert was talking that "Pilot French" to some lady whose job it was to get us on the ground safely. He instructed me to Watch for planes, look for a golf course and a big orange ball, keep your altitude and <u>"WATCH FOR PLANES</u>!" At one point he took the stick and rocked the wings, I know now that this is a normal response to the instructions form the ground, but at the time I thought he was just having a bad day. Well he saw the golf course and I didn't, I saw the orange ball and he didn't, but we found the lake and turned toward the field. There we were, 1200' downwind when the lady said, "Red taildragger... Land Now!!!". She sounded really serious so we turned and put Poco in a Kamikaze dive for the end of the runway. Now Robert said 9R, but he gets his Left and Right mixed up sometimes and 9R looked like a bicycle path, so I thought he really meant 9L... that was a real runway. There we were in a side slip and crosswind... me up front headed for 9L and him in the backseat wrestling with me for the stick and really wanting to line up on 9R. Of course, he won, and we put her down on a small taxiway. None too graceful I might add, but we stayed off the grass! His only comment was "I hope nobody we know saw that!"

What a week it was. More aircraft and types of aircraft than I knew existed, and he kept saying "This is nothing compared to Oshkosh." Still, I was impressed. You know all about Sun-N-Fun, what can I add. Don't miss it!

The day we started back began early. We planned to stop at Clearwater for a few hours of sailing. It was so warm and sunny; we weren't quite ready for winter yet. We were in line, taxiing for takeoff. I had seen enough that week to appreciate being in a real taildragger for the event and Poco was looking good, all the red and white glistening in the sun. People were watching us. I was in the front seat trying to look confident while Robert talked me through all the turns and kept me out of trouble. He said "Smile, they are taking our picture." And they were... because we were the only taildragger in line with a flat tailwheel! Off in the grass we went, a mad dash thru the fly market to look for a tube, tire or wheel... not too easy to find for Poco. We got one of each and I removed the wheel while Robert lifted the tail. The officials were very helpful and I sat in the shade while they helped Robert put the tire on the new wheel. I had a nice chat with a fellow from up north. He had some problems with an alternator on his P-51 on the way down...Nobody I knew...Found out later it was Paul Poberezny, a very pleasant guy.

Back in the air again. We had to beg for a rental car...the lady plane thing" in Lakeland and all the over to Tampa Bay for a few hours summer. A walk on the beach and bucking a stout headwind and flying were passed by everybody and an hour. Poco just doesn't get in a from where it took 5 hours to go. on Monday. Was it worth it? What



landed at New Port Richey... said they were having an" Aircars were rented. We drove sailing, just like it was really we headed north once again, low to avoid the clouds. We watched Chattanooga for over rush. It took 8 hours to get back Back to 30° weather and work an adventure....Indeed it was!

This is an article from our EAA chapter Newsletter~ May, 1990.

## Member Profile



On May 15, 2024, Julie Nicole Woods was awarded the "Harrison Ford" \$3,000 Scholarship from the EAA.

Julie has been an active youth member of our local EAA Chapter 863 since she experienced her first Young Eagle flight in October 2022. The following summer, she was selected to participate in the Sattler Foundation Exploration Camp.

Julie will attend MTSU this fall to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace with a pro-pilot concentration. Her career goal is to become a professional pilot and fly for one of the major airlines.

A special message from Julie: My introduction to the Young Eagle Program, EAA Chapter 863 Youth Group, and the Sattler Foundation Exploration Camp have all helped fuel my aspirations to become a professional pilot. I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome that I received from everyone within the Lebanon Airport community.

"There is more to life than being a passenger." —Amelia Earhart

\*\*Calling all new members\*\* Please consider sending a brief Bio and pictures to airtoby@tds.net so we can introduce you to the entire chapter.



April meeting presented by Karl Richcreek our new Web Editor. Karl shared his vision for the new web page and his personal flying experiences in the US Navy flying F-18 Hornets. He also flew several airliners for United airlines where he recently retired. He now fly's his beautiful RV-8 that he built.



Our Young Eagle make up day was a great success. 11 Pilots flew 58 kids, 2/3 boys, 1/3 girls. 75% were first timers. A great showing for pilots and ground volunteers, adults and youth. Thank you to our cooks and food service volunteers. Having a food option seemed to make family's awaiting flights more at ease. We also had coloring books for the smaller children in attendance. All of the youth volunteers received a short flight.

Anybody say Cheese Curds??

Birddog at Oshkosh!

Enjoying the mass arrivals.



# **GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY**

Women in Aviation International's 10th Annual Girls in Aviation Day

The Music City Chapter of Women in Aviation International will be hosting its annual Girls in Aviation Day. This FREE event is open to 75 participants 8-17.

To register, please email wai.musiccitychapter@gmail.com

Contact Ashley at the above email or 615-681-7682 with any questions



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8 am—Noon

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