



The Leader In Recreational Aviation

The Walston Aviator

EAA Chapter 864, East Alton, IL - KALN

December 2024

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Next Meeting
ALN Admin Building

When
Thursday, January 9th
at 7:00pm

Calendar of Events

December
7 EAA Chapter 864
Christmas party 7pm

January
9 EAA Chapter 864
Meeting at 7:00pm

February
13 EAA Chapter 864
Meeting at 7:00pm

EAA events
www.eaa.org/ea/events

Fun Places to Fly
www.funplacestofly.com

ALN Hangar Page on Facebook
<https://bit.ly/aln-tenants>

Newsletter Contributions and Deadlines

- Anyone wishing to submit items to the newsletter should send them to your friendly editor by the Friday before the scheduled meeting. Please send contributions to Nicholas at pilothobbs@gmail.com.

Next Chapter Meeting

- There will not be a chapter meeting for the month of December. Our Christmas party is on Saturday, December 7th, starting at 5:30pm at Laux Brickhouse Grille, 212 N Prairie Street, Bethalto, IL. 62010. There will be a happy hour, followed by a meal of fried chicken, pork chops, mashed potatoes, mostaccioli, green beans, and salad.
- Our next meeting is on January 9th.

EAA Chapter 864 Meeting Minutes – November 14th, 2024

- President John Harding called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and it was seconded by Derek Gallagher. There were 29 members and guests in attendance.

Program

- Nicholas Hobbs shared a summary of the chapter's fly-in breakfast that was held on Saturday, October 19th. The breakfast was well attended and we hope to have a few more in 2025. A total of 22 aircraft flew in, with the chapter bringing in over \$550.
- Our speaker this month is Mr. Micheal Ahern. Micheal was a smoke jumper on a helicopter fire suppression crew. While in the service, Micheal piloted Med-E-Vac helicopters in Vietnam. After his service, he was a helicopter pilot for many different jobs.

Treasurer's Report

- Our checking account balance is \$17,868.69, with a total of 59 paid memberships.

Old Business

- Please be sure to write your information on the clipboard (located on the table) when checking out our chapter tools and equipment.
- The 50/50 raffle winner was Dan Hauter! The raffle made \$404, with Dan taking home \$202.

New Business

- The following people will be our next chapter leaders for the upcoming term:
 - Rick Farrow – President
 - Nicholas Hobbs – Vice President



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- Rick Huebner – Treasurer
- Lou Dieu – Secretary

- Adam Elik passed his check ride and is now a private pilot.

News

- None this month.

Pictures From the Meeting

- None this month.

End

- President John Harding moved to close the meeting at 7:48pm, with Gary H. seconding.

Notes Submitted by Kyra Gallagher for Louis Dieu, Secretary

Important Notes

- Here is the link to our chapter's online resources: <https://bit.ly/eachapter864>

Announcements

- If anyone has any pictures, posters, or stories about Walston Aviation (based at ALN for many years), please email Nicholas at pilothobbs@gmail.com.
- Check out the new website for St. Louis Regional Airport: www.stlouisregional.com.
- The chapter has one box of pancake mix leftover from the fly-in breakfast. Our cost was \$10 per box. If interested, please let Nicholas Hobbs know and he can bring it to the next meeting.
- The next ALN board meeting will be held on December 19th, at 4:30pm. The meeting will be at the airport administration building and all are welcome to attend.
- Fuel prices: West Star \$6.25, 3LF \$4.75, SET \$5.39, VLA \$4.50 (subject to change).
- We have a new EAA Chapter 864 logo! Be on the lookout for chapter merchandise in the future. The chapter has stickers available for \$1. All proceeds go towards the chapter's scholarship fund.
- Congratulations to Jim and Julie Kramer on the addition of another grandson, Marshall James!
- Our member, Dale Rust, lost his wife in November. Please keep him in your thoughts.
- Joe Ord from Piston Aviation lost his mother in November. Please keep him in your thoughts.
- Future pilot in the making! Nicholas Hobbs' younger brother Ben has started taking flying lessons in Nebraska at Hastings Air (KHSI).



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Other News at ALN

From the Tower – Joe Case

- Another month and you all have been flying. You have to go back over 15 years for these numbers. For November, traffic count was 3,802. We're just above 40,000 operations for the year, with one month still to go.
- I was truly humbled/privileged/honored to have the EAA president, John Harding, stop by the tower and present me with this plaque from the EAA chapter. I have been working at this tower for just over 30 years and have done my best to provide quality ATC to the ALN community. To have this plaque means more to me than what I can express in writing. God bless you all.



ALN Director – Danny Adams

- With one snow event already in the books, winter is here. Snow removal equipment is always on standby for the next event. Check NOTAMs for up-to-date field conditions of runways and taxiways. If conditions are ever determined to be unsafe, airfield surfaces will be closed. As always, please watch for moving plows and equipment during winter weather events.

Piasa Flying Club – John Hentrich

- No news is good news!

Piston Aviation – Dack Quigley (ALN manager)

- No report this month.

AeroEducate – Randy McKee

- No report this month.



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Ray Scholarship – Randy McKee

- No report this month.

Chapter 864 Scholarship – Jan McKee

- Adam Elik passed his check ride on Friday November, 8th and is now an official PRIVATE PILOT. Congratulations Adam!

Young Eagles – Jan McKee

- We are hoping to have a Young Eagles rally in the spring/early summer!
- Remember you do not have to be part of a Young Eagles rally to fly Young Eagles - you can do it as an individual pilot. Make sure you meet the insurance requirements and have completed the EAA Youth Protection Training online, which is good for three years. If you need forms, there are forms, certificates, and logbooks in the chapter hangar, in the top drawer of the file cabinet.

Thanks John!

At the end of December, John Harding will finish his term as chapter president. Thank you, John, for your past four years as chapter president and two years as a sitting member on the executive board.





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EAA Questions of the Month



EAA VMC Club

Question of the Month

This Month's Question and Answer:

Question: You are flying a single engine aircraft, the POH for which identifies a Demonstrated Crosswind Capability (DCC) of 17 knots. Approaching an airport for landing on runway 24, you check the ASOS to learn that the winds are 300 at 15 gusting to 25 knots. Is it a violation of the FARs to land this aircraft under these crosswind conditions?

Answer: Considering a 20 gusting 25 knot wind 60 degrees off the nose, the crosswind component exceeds the DCC of 17 knots. However, the DCC is not considered an operating limitation of the aircraft, so in that regard, there would be no regulatory violation. However, flight schools, flying clubs, and flight departments often impose restrictions on the maximum crosswind conditions under which an aircraft can land, which may be imposed by the operator's insurance company, and these restrictions often correlate with the DCC. So while the aircraft and pilot might well be able to perform a landing under the stated conditions, the risk should be carefully considered before attempting such.



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EAA IMC Club

Question of the Month

Question: You've taken an over the counter cold medication containing diphenhydramine, which may cause various symptoms including drowsiness. The dosage is 50 mg every 6 hours as needed. If you plan to fly, what is the minimum time you should wait after taking a dose for the medication to be out of your system?

Answer: According to the FAA: Every medicine is different, but a good rule of thumb is 5 times the half-life of the medication. The easy way to determine this is through the dosing interval. If a medication says to take it 4 times per day, the dosing interval would be 6 hours. Therefore the wait time after the last dose would be 30 hours (6 hours x 5 = 30 hours). Other medications may have longer or shorter intervals which is why it's important to talk to your AME.

Announcement: EAA Chapter Leadership Training Boot Camp will be co-hosted by Greater St. Louis area EAA Chapters on March 8th, 2025

The EAA Chapter Leadership Training Boot Camp is coming to St. Louis on March 8th, 2025. EAA Chapters 32 and 1675 will co-host the event which will be held at the Wings of Hope Facility at Spirit of St. Louis Airport. EAA Chapters 64, 864 & 1387 have also expressed interest in helping to partner for the EAA training event. After discussions with EAA's Christopher Gauger (Chapter Field Representative) and local STL chapters, March 8th, 2025 is the best fit for the greater St. Louis area EAA Chapters to have a Leadership Boot camp. In addition, EAA Director of Chapters, Charlie Becker, is a native of St. Louis and will be available to attend the boot camp on this date. Thanks to John Heilmann, President of Chapter 1675, who confirmed that we can use the Wings of Hope facility at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport for the Saturday leadership boot camp. We'll likely have a catered dinner and speaker on Friday night in the Wings of Hope facility. EAA Chapters 32, 64, 864, 1387 & 1675 have let us know that there are no other scheduling conflicts on that date. Thanks for working with us to select the best date. We're all looking forward to the leadership camp!

If interested, please visit [Chapter Leadership Boot Camp | EAA](#) The boot camp is FREE but registration is required!

Special thanks to Chapter 32 for this press release!



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Hope everyone has happy holidays!





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History of Civic Memorial Airport, better known now as St. Louis Regional Airport – ALN

- Airplanes, airplanes, airplanes! Walston had a ton of aircraft based at ALN in 1968. Here is a view looking from the west to the “old hangars” in the east.
- These hangars look to be in great shape! Just image the stories they could tell now about the past!





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Old magazine clippings/ads, courtesy of EAA Vintage Aircraft Association

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