

EAA CHAPTER 879 Newsletter

Notice to Chapter Members

Due to the YE Rally, nominations for our next chapter president is pushed to the June 10th meeting.

Notes from the President

This months meeting is mostly about our Young Eagles flights, however our regular meeting will still be held. Come on out and watch the action, enjoy the great weather, and be exposed to some great aviation knowledge.

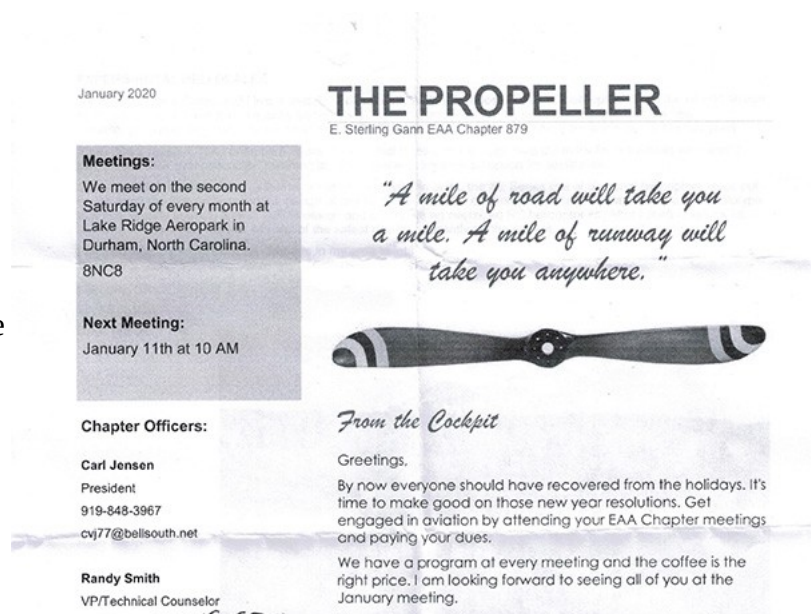
NAMING RIGHTS

EAA Chapter 879 Newsletter. What an unimaginative name, right? At last month's meeting, Carl, our current chapter president, gave me a copy of a newsletter that 879 used to use. It had a name, and it was called "*The Propeller*," and it featured a wooden prop in the heading. It also included the byline, "A mile of road will take you a mile. A mile of runway will take you anywhere."

Personally, I like the name and the byline. However, this provides an opportunity to have some fun. I propose this:

During our next regular meeting on **June 10th**, we'll ask for alternative newsletter names and bylines from the floor. Don't be shy now, there are no bad ideas, and this should be fun. After all the suggestions are voiced, we will vote on which one we like best, including the name from the previous newsletter. The majority rules, and we would have come up with an official name for our newsletter.

-- Frank White



CROSS YOUR FINGERS - 3rd TIME IS THE CHARM



After getting rained out on two dates in a row, it looks like EAA Chapter 879 Young Eagles Rally might finally happen. Can you imagine the disappointment our Young Eagles may have felt? As pilots, we all know the feeling. Safety, in aviation supersedes all else.

Cross your fingers and let's wish for a picture perfect Saturday. There may still be some volunteer opportunities for

the rally. Contact Ben Plowman at bwpagr@yahoo.com if you're interested.

ABOUT YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles



Founded in 1992, the Young Eagles program is dedicated to giving youth ages 8–17, an opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane. These flights are offered free of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers.

It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation.

Today, the Young Eagles program has flown over 2 million kids.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Thank you, EAA Chapter 879 member Phil Hartig for submitting the following article:

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FROM YOUNG EAGLE TO THE AIR FORCE

BY JERAD LEWARK, EAA 1055573

I WAS 4 YEARS old when I first remember hearing the roar of jet engines overhead, and I could not run to the door fast enough just to catch a glimpse. My journey began at this moment. Little did I know that this urge to fly would define my life.

I began to read books and watch videos about airplanes. I can remember sitting for hours in my playground gazing at the contrails left by airliners. I knew at this point that becoming a pilot was my life's ambition.

The next step of my journey began in 2011 at the Thunder in the Valley Airshow. During the air show, my dad walked with me to the EAA Chapter 677 booth where I met several volunteers and pilots. After talking to the volunteers, I attended my first Young Eagles rally in the fall of 2011.

I can remember my first flight to this day. After my first flight, I knew that I wanted to be involved with this program to the fullest extent possible. During the following months, I decided to become a member and volunteer with the organization so that I could learn as much about aviation as possible. After a year of volunteering, the EAA chapter offered me the opportunity to attend the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh.

During my time at the Air Academy I was surrounded by aviators from all careers including civilian, private, and military. During one of the seminars, a husband and wife shared their journey to becoming F-15 pilots, and that story inspired me to become a pilot in the United States Air Force. The part of the story that impacted me the most was that their actions directly supported ground forces. I realized that being a pilot for me meant not only flying an airplane, but also developing the skills to directly support friendly forces involved in the fight.

After my trip to the EAA Air Academy, I continued to volunteer with the Young Eagles program so I could get all of the aviation

exposure that I could. EAA Chapter 677 generously sponsored me again to attend the senior version of the EAA Air Academy. After this trip, I knew that being a military pilot was going to be my main goal in life.

Once I returned home, I asked around to find a local flight instructor, and when I turned 16, I began my official training with David Hall, a retired police officer. Once I had my certificate, I knew it was my time to give back to younger people who were also aspiring aviators. I took several Young Eagles on their flights, as well as Eagle Flights to help adults discover the magic of aviation.

During my junior and senior years of high school, I began the grueling process of applying to the United States Air Force Academy (USafa). This included a long application, medical and fitness testing, recommendation letters, as well as seeking a nomination from my local representative, Congressman Sanford Bishop. During the summer after my senior year I received an appointment to the USafa, the school of my dreams. This meant that I would be commissioned in the United States Air Force as a second lieutenant and graduate with a pilot slot.

I am now a senior at the USafa, graduating in June, and I have my pilot slot. The journey has been filled with years of hard work and dedication, but none of this would have been possible without the help of my family, friends, mentors, and EAA Chapter 677. All of the milestones that I completed along the way have laid the foundation for me to complete my dream of serving as a military pilot. *EAA*

CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NEWSLETTER

No one can make every meeting. That is why our newsletter is essential. It also provides an opportunity for members to share stories we find interesting. "Pictures are worth a thousand words". Share the story behind that great picture on your phone or in your photo gallery.



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Send your announcements and/or, story & picture(s) to frank@ewhitecap.com for inclusion in an upcoming Chapter 879 newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- *June 3, - Raleigh Executive Jetport (TTA) Young Eagles Event*

ABOUT EAA CHAPTER 879

EAA 879	Meetings: Every 2nd Saturday 10:00 AM
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