



CONGRATULATIONS!



EAA Chapter 95 Achieves **BRONZE** Chapter Recognition Level!

EAA is thrilled to help EAA Chapter 95 celebrate this achievement. Your chapter will be mailed a banner to proudly display where your chapter meets. Your level also will be displayed online at EAA.org/FindAChapter with a specially designed emblem. You're encouraged to use it on your website, newsletter, and other promotional materials.

This program was created to recognize chapters that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to general aviation. Developed in partnership with EAA's Chapter Advisory Council, it's based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and engaged chapters. Each is worth a point, and there are three levels of recognition: bronze (7 out of 10), silver (8 out of 10), and gold (at least 9 out of 10).

1. Attending a chapter leadership training session
2. Growing or steady membership
3. Offers IMC or VMC club programs
4. Participates in Young Eagles or Flying Start Programs
5. Has an EAA approved flight advisor or technical counselor
6. Participates in EAA's annual chapter member survey
7. Reads EAA ChapterGram regularly
8. Requested EAA promotional materials or ChapterBlast email
9. Hosts at least two public events each year
10. Owns/leases a facility

The current score for EAA Chapter 95 is 7 out of 10, which places us in the 86 percentile. Our point breakdown:

Leadership training - 1	ChapterGram - 1
Membership - 1	Chapter Promotions - 1
IMC/VMC - 0	Events - 1
Young Eagles - 1	Facility - 0
Flight Advisor/Tech Counselor - 1	
Annual survey - 0	(continued on Page 3)

EAA Chapter 95 Meeting

THIS FRIDAY, Feb 28

Grundy County Farm Bureau

7:30pm

I don't know about you, but it feels like it's been forever since we've gotten together. This Friday our **Guest Speaker will be Matt Kwiatkowski - Trip Report: Drones and Canards in Palau**

Matt will talk about his work trip report of some drone work he did and meeting a fellow EZ builder on the other side of the planet!



Also, from one of Matt's Facebook posts:
Look what I found 9,000 miles away!!! I got to meet a LEGEND Pat Colin a marine biologist in Palau. The ONLY guy in the country doing general aviation and he has a Cozy III (which used to be a Long EZ). I am going to have a GREAT story for EAA Chapter 95 when I get back. This was 1 year in the making.....



Hope to see everyone there!!



President's Corner...

Greetings Chapter 95 family and friends!

Hope you're enjoying your winter, which thankfully feels more like spring right now! This week we'll return to our regular meeting schedule until we take our next break in July, when many of us will be attending some big event up north! Though

it doesn't seem like it now, it'll be here before we know it!!

In the meantime, let's get together and plan what we can do around here to make the most of the rest of the year. We have a few items to discuss and are always open to your ideas and concerns. One new item for discussion will be an opportunity from a local "serial builder" who reached out to the chapter for ideas about putting together a builder's group of some kind for those interested in learning more about building an airplane. His next project begins in early March and is a very cool plane (come to the meeting to find what kind!). He's also involved in the operations at Cushing Field and is encouraging ideas for more activity and welcoming us to possibly hold events there! Unfortunately, he's out of town and will not be able to attend the meeting, but I told him I'd present it to everyone and try get some ideas brewing! Also, I'm very excited and looking forward to a presentation from Matt Kwiatkowski about his recent trip to the Pacific Islands!

Hope to see all of you there this Friday night!

Brian



Volunteers Needed for Treats and Drinks

We are in need of some volunteers to bring treats and drinks to the chapter meetings in 2020. If you are willing to sign up, please send Jacque an email or talk to her at the February Chapter Meeting this Friday.

We are looking for volunteers for March, April, June, August, September, and October.

February - Larry and Jacque Nawojski

March

April

May - Matt Kwiatkowski

June

July - Matt and Jana Ice-Cream Social

August

September

October

November - Potluck

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We should ALL be extremely proud of this accomplishment! For us, some of these criteria might seem pretty simple or come naturally, but note that our score puts us in the 86 percentile for chapters! That's awesome!!

If you look at the criteria on the next couple pages, we could VERY EASILY get to the GOLD level without too much effort. The only item on the list that will be extremely difficult for us to achieve is item 10, but otherwise we could get 9 out of 10 and hit GOLD.

I think we could offer an IMC or VMC club program very easily. I don't know much about them, but I do know whenever I am around fellow chapter members our conversations typically end up talking about flying at some point and would probably be considered VMC club related.

Check out the criteria for Chapter Recognition on the next couple pages.

Chapter Recognition - Why These Ten Criteria?

1. Have any of the current chapter leaders attended a Chapter Leadership training session?

If not, visit www.eaa.org/ChapterTraining. EAA offers two different training options for chapter leaders. The two-day Chapter Leadership Academy is hosted in Oshkosh, while the one-day Chapter Leadership Boot Camps are hosted all around the country.

How is this criteria calculated?

If at least one current chapter officer has attended a chapter leadership boot camp or academy in the previous five years, your chapter earns this point.

2. In the past 12 months, has your chapter membership been growing, staying steady, or shrinking?

At EAA, we like to say “If you ain’t growing, you’re dying.” It is important to always be focused on membership retention and growth. One of the best ways to keep your chapter growing is to create value to the members. This value comes from three areas; Aviation, Education, and Socializing. Read the ChapterGram article ‘[Added Value: What Does Your Chapter Offer?](#)’ and learn how your chapter can add more value for your members.

How is this criteria calculated?

Based off your chapter’s self-reported membership number during annual chapter renewal, the year over year membership change is calculated. If your chapter has steady membership and at least 20 members, your chapter earns this point.

3. Does your chapter offer an IMC Club or VMC Club?

Although the cornerstone of EAA is supporting those who build and fly their own aircraft, it is equally important to support every type of aviation interest.

Having a VMC and/or IMC Club is a great way to provide pilot proficiency and safety of flight for your members, no matter what type of aircraft they fly. These organized hangar-flying scenarios are completely free to all EAA chapters; however, you must appoint a VMC and IMC Club coordinator to adopt these programs.

[Learn more about the VMC Club here>>>](#)

[Learn more about the IMC Club here>>>](#)

How is this criteria calculated?

If the chapter has an IMC or VMC Club Coordinator on record for the previous year, the chapter earns this point.

4. Does your chapter engage with the Young Eagle program or Flying Start?

Flying Young Eagles and the Eagle Flight participants is one of the best ways to engage your local community in aviation. Young Eagle rallies provide your members a great excuse to get together and volunteer, all while introducing the next generation to aviation. Flying Start is a great way to introduce local adults to the aviation and flight training options in your area.

If your chapter is looking to host its first Young Eagles rally, check out our [Young Eagles Rally Planner here](#).

To learn more about Flying Start, visit EAA.org/FlyingStart.

How is this criteria calculated?

If your chapter has flown at least 10 Young Eagles in the previous year, or hosted a Flying Start event, your chapter earns this point.

5. Does your chapter have an EAA approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor?

Homebuilding is the corner stone of EAA and it is equally important to chapters. In fact, over 30% of chapter members said they joined an EAA Chapter to expand their homebuilding skills and knowledge.

Flight Advisors are a great asset to those members who are approaching Phase I flight testing of their homebuilt or transitioning to a new type of airplane. Flight Advisors are also great candidates to give presentations on flying new airplanes and/or test flying homebuilt aircraft.

Technical Counselors provide an extra layer of safety to those building their own airplane. Technical Counselors are very experienced builders, who volunteer their time to help members through the build process, every step of the way! Technical Counselors can also be great presenters on aircraft building or even demo specific building techniques.

To learn more about Flight Advisors, visit www.EAA.org/FlightAdvisors. To learn more about Technical Counselors, visit www.EAA.org/TechCounselors

How is this criteria calculated?

If your chapter has a Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor on record for the previous year, your chapter earns this point.

6. Do your chapter members engage in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey?

In 2017, EAA began sending out an annual survey to all chapters, so they could distribute this survey to their members. This survey helps give EAA a direct look into how the chapter member experience can be improved.

More importantly, the results of this survey are shared back to the chapter. The chapter can then use these results to gauge the satisfaction level of their members. Using these results, the chapter can improve the overall member experience.

How is this criteria calculated?

If at least 20% of your chapter members participate in the survey (number of members is determined by the chapter-reported number during renewal), and your chapter receives at least an 8 out of 10 satisfaction score, your chapter earns this point.

7. Do your chapter leaders regularly read EAA's e-newsletter, ChapterGram?

Staying in touch with EAA HQ through monthly chapter publications is critical to chapter success. EAA is constantly announcing new resources and opportunities for chapters, and the first place to learn about these new opportunities is in these publications.

In addition to announcements of new offerings, ChapterGram is a great place to read about chapter success stories and best practices. These write ups can offer a great deal of motivation for chapters to take new approaches to chapter activities.

[Click here](#), to access archives or subscribe to ChapterGram.

How is this criteria calculated?

ChapterGram is sent once a month (twelve times per year). The average readership of the newsletter must be 50%. This means the four chapter officers have a combined opportunity to read the newsletter 48 times. Each officer has the opportunity to read the respective newsletter once per month. If ChapterGram is read at least a combined 24 times (50%), by the four chapter officers, your chapter earns this point.

8. Has your chapter used a ChapterBlast email promotion or ordered promotional materials?

Chapter have a great opportunity to reach out to local EAA members via a ChapterBlast email. A ChapterBlast is a promotional email sent by EAA on behalf of your chapter, to invite regional EAA members to your chapter

event. The email will be sent to all EAA members within roughly 75 miles of the chapter event.

A ChapterBlast is the perfect way to invite new EAA members to your Meet-n-Greet, Fly-In, Open House, or Pancake Breakfast.

Each chapter is limited to 3 ChapterBlasts per year and requests must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the event.

How is this criteria calculated?

If your chapter requests one ChapterBlast or one shipment of promotional materials from EAA in the previous year, your chapter earns this point.

9. Does your chapter host at least two public events per year (I.e. Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast, Airport Open House, etc)?

The number one reason why EAA members join chapters is for aviation activities. By hosting a minimum of two chapter activities per year, outside of your monthly gatherings, you are satisfying their hunger for aviation activities. In addition, these events provide great recruiting opportunities and can introduce your local community to general aviation.

In addition, fly-ins and airport open houses can be some of the most effective recruiting techniques. They provide your chapter the opportunity to show your community the positive impact your chapter is having on the airport.

How is this criteria calculated?

If your chapter submitted at least two insurance requests in the previous year, for an event other than a monthly gathering, your chapter earns this point.

10. Does your chapter have their own facility to host presentations, meetings, or build sessions?

Having a chapter home is one of the final ways to help take you over the top. Having space to host presentations, meeting, build session, potluck dinners, etc is a fantastic asset. These locations create a sense of chapter pride and open the members up to many new opportunities. Chapter don't necessarily need to own their own facility, they can also rent or lease space. Either way, EAA can help provide insurance!

How is this criteria calculated?

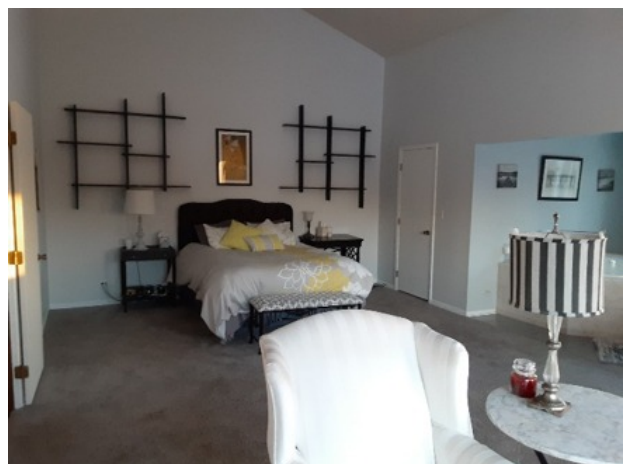
Any chapter that owns, leases, or has 24/7 access for at least 30 consecutive days should purchase facility insurance. If your chapter purchases facility insurance during the annual chapter renewal process, your chapter earns this point.

Executive home available Spring 2020 on 5 acres with access to a grass airstrip on Riley Field

Beautiful modern home with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms and stunning views of the countryside. Large open gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite counter extended for seating. Dining room and 4 season sunroom. Large Great room with wood burning fireplace and 20-foot ceilings. Master suite has vaulted ceilings, walk in closet, sitting area and jacuzzi tub. Recently updated master bathroom with heated tile floor. 2 large size bedrooms and full bath. 3rd full bathroom next to laundry/mudroom. 2 car garage with a circular drive and waterfall.

Home can be rented furnished, semi-furnished or empty, your choice.

\$3,300 a month (includes utilities). Deposit \$5000 if furnished, \$3000 if unfurnished. 1 dog allowed with \$500 nonrefundable pet deposit. Minimum 1-year lease. \$40 application fee. \$500 earnest deposit. Please contact Kelly Miller at 779-225-8442 or email aeroridgeroad@gmail.com for more information and to set up an appointment to see this amazing home in the country.



2020 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

Here is the current calendar of events. The Board of Directors should be meeting soon to add more items, so continue to keep checking the calendar each month. This should be a good start to put in your calendar and plan for. If you have any ideas for events, please contact Brian DePung or any of the officers or board members.

February

28- Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, Larry & Jacque Nawojski treats

March

27 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm,

April

24 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm,

May

22 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, Matt Kwiatkowski treats

June

13 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 9am-2pm

20 - Ruffatto Fly-in/Drive-in @ Riley Field

26 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm

July

10 - Matt and Jana Trofimchuck Ice-Cream Social @ Morris Airport

19 - Oshkosh Family Dinner Night @ Wendt's on the Lake

20-26 - Airventure 2020 @ Oshkosh

August

28 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm,

September

12 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 9am-2pm

19 - Bruce & Cindy Limbach Annual Pig Roast

25 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm,

October

23 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm,

November

20 - Potluck and Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm

Save The Date - June 20

We have a new event on the calendar this year. Mike and Eryn Ruffatto are hosting a fly-in/drive-in at their new house on Riley Field (8100 Old Ridge Road, Plainfield, IL). More details to follow later, but get this on your calendar so you don't miss out!



Impromptu landing at Sy Salinas's house

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NEXT MEETING: Friday, Feb 28, 2020 at 7:30pm

**Location: Grundy County Farm Bureau
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Morris, IL**

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!!!

Visit our website at <http://95.eachapter.org>

Do you know someone who might be interested in joining our chapter? Please bring them to our next meeting and let them see what we are all about. Membership dues are \$25.00 per year.