

EAA Chapter 95 Meeting

**THIS FRIDAY, Aug 28th @
7:30pm**

**Mike & Eryn Ruffatto's
8100 Old Ridge Road, Plainfield, IL 60544**

Weather Dependent

Mark your calendar and plan to come out and finally enjoy some time together at our EAA Chapter 95 meeting THIS FRIDAY (Aug 28th). Mike and Eryn Ruffatto graciously agreed to host the chapter meeting outside at their house.

Please bring your own chair.

NOTE: This is weather dependent as it will be held outside. If the weather is bad, I will send out an email to cancel the meeting. Please check your email next Friday to verify if it's canceled or not.

Bruce & Cindy Limbach

17th Annual Pig Roast Drive-in/Fly-in

Saturday, Sept. 19th @ 2pm

Please mark your calendar for September 19th, 2pm for the 17th Annual Fly-In Drive-In Pig Roast!

Where: 3220 W Waupecan Rd., Verona IL
Airport LL39 Curanda

MAP: <https://goo.gl/maps/S4sgoS5Xyi4aMx4N8>

Please bring a **dish to pass and a chair and a friend or three**. We hope you can stay till dark for the night show! We should have lots of **food, bouncy castles, airplanes, and a night show!**

Come on out to have a normal day with fresh air and friends!

If flying in, please call Bruce (815-258-2235) or Cindy (815-252-1031) first for a briefing!

Hope to see you there!!
Bruce and Cindy



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathy go out to the family of Doug Harford. Doug passed away on August 14, 2020 at the age of 71.

Doug was the most recent EAA Chapter 95 President, stepping down last September due to health issues. Doug was a friend to us all and we are all forever changed by having known Doug.



Doug's Obituary:

Doug Harford, 71, passed away August 14, 2020 on his farm with his family by his side. Doug was born June 16, 1949 to Bernard and Esther (Zabel) Harford in Morris, IL.

On January 31, 1970 he married Debby Willman and started a journey that would last 50 years. Doug was an innovator, adventurer, pioneer, and problem solver. He loved exploring new opportunities and convincing others to take a chance.

Doug and Deb raised 4 children, Becky (Jamie) Thomas, Kristin (Sean) Crider, Mandy (Greg) Simmons, and Chris (Marlee) Harford. He was Grandpa to Maggie (Zach) Thomas Harper, Joey Thomas, Julia and Charlie Crider, Lily, Sam, and Hank Simmons, and Cash, Skylar, and Jett Harford.

Doug saw life as an endless opportunity to try out new ideas and challenge the status quo.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Doug's memory can be made to the Are We Having Fun Yet? Adventure Fund, furthering Doug's commitment to inspire the joy of flying & adventure. (continued on Page 3)





President's Corner...

Greetings Chapter 95 family and friends!

It is with a heavy heart that I write this article. We lost a dear friend and wonderful leader this month. Doug's term as chapter president began with much excitement and a renewed sense of purpose and direction. But even before that, for as long as

I've been around the chapter, anytime a group of us were gathered, Doug was usually there. Not just as a fixture, but often as the instigator of the gathering or project that happened to be taking place or of any future ideas being concocted. His presentations highlighting some of his many

flying adventures were amazing and inspiring and were especially helpful when the chapter was struggling to find speakers for our meetings. Many of you knew him better than I did, but it's obvious his big smile and warm heart touched many and he will be missed by everyone who knew him! I will always remember Doug as a wonderful example of a life well lived and am confident his memory and influence on our chapter will live on! Yes, one of Doug's ideas to help energize the chapter was to break away from holding the normal, monthly meetings, but I think even he'd be happy to know that we are finally going to have a meeting, this Friday evening, after so many months of not being able to! With almost everything this year being cancelled, there will be very little chapter business to discuss, so it will be more of an event than a meeting, anyway! Kind of fitting! Hope to see you there!

Brian

EAA Chapter 95 Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes - August 7, 2020 Virtual Meeting - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Board Meeting Attendees:

Larry Nawojski
Jacque Nawojski
Brian DePung
John Limbach
Matt Kwiatkowski
Ron Needham
Joe Saltzman
Lucas Carter
Tom Ellis
Tony Madonia

Call to Order

Brian called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 pm. He began by thanking everyone for joining the virtual meeting.

Minutes

We discussed a date for our next meeting. The current meeting arrangement, in a hanger at C09, may not allow for the social distancing that the state of Illinois requires, so we decided to meet at Mike Ruffato's house, where there is much more room to spread out. The date for that meeting is August 28.

We discussed Young Eagles, and the upcoming date in September for the next scheduled flights. Due to the Covid pandemic, it would be very difficult to keep each airplane, and each headset, clean, so the decision was made to cancel the second Young Eagles event. We remain hopeful for next year!

We discussed the Aviation Camp, and the fact that EAA shut it down for this year. Those campers scheduled for this year will attend next year.

We discussed our annual holiday dinner. Banquet halls are not taking reservations for groups over 50 right now, so we cannot schedule it. The decision was made to postpone a decision on having the holiday dinner so we can see where the covid restrictions are in the fall.

Our annual election of officers takes place in November. We may have to do that electronically, depending on meeting restrictions. More discussion to follow.

Finally, there are old desks, and a few old grills, in the chapter hangar. We need to get the hangar cleaned up. If anyone wants anything out of it, John Limbach has volunteered his pickup truck and trailer to move things.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Are We Having Fun Yet? Adventure Fund

“Are we having fun yet? Was something you often heard Doug Harford say. The more unique the situation you found yourself in, the more fun he thought you were having! His family has created this fund in Doug Harford’s honor to further his commitment to inspire the joy of flying & adventure! Learn more about how you join Doug’s legacy of fun & adventure here: <https://www.arewehavingfunyetfund.com/>

Take a few minutes to check it out and Donate Today!



Celebration of Doug’s Life

On Tuesday, August 18th, family and close friends gathered at Doug’s family farm for a celebration of Doug’s life. The service and the setting were beautiful and perfect to honor Doug! Scott Doorn wrote a wonderful tribute and summary on Facebook which he graciously gave me permission to share:



Today we celebrated the life and legacy of our great friend Doug Harford.

Doug was a Husband, a father, a grandfather, a farmer, a pilot, an innovator, a mentor and a role model.

Most of all Doug was an inspiration and the ultimate adventurer. Doug questioned and challenged the status quo and always asked: “are we having fun yet”?

Doug always pushed you to be better than you were.

I got to know Doug through our partnership in our 182RG. Most airplane partnerships do not work well but ours was flawless due to Doug being such a great guy. Doug flew that airplane to Alaska and Cuba and Mexico.

Doug was one of the best men I have ever known and he had a passion for life and adventure the likes that I have rarely seen. Doug virtually never complained and when he did it was about the crops and government but that’s very common in the farming community.

Doug’s send off today was very fitting. In his hangar with his land full of airplanes, friends and family and his last 2 airplanes in the back drop.

I am going to miss that man and he will forever be in my thoughts. Doug was an inspiration to hundreds, maybe thousands of people.

Blue Skies forever Doug Harford. We will fly together again one day. Until then, enjoy perfect flying every day and please save some time in the right seat for your old partner.

RIP my friend.



CONGRATULATIONS!

New Airplane Owner - Gary Lowry

Gary Lowry recently bought a Bellanca Scout. He flew out to Nebraska with Bruce & Cindy Limbach and flew it home! He has already been flying around a lot and we look forward to seeing him flying even more! Congratulations!



Mike Ruffatto Enjoying PPG Cross-Country

Mike has been having a blast with his new PPG and even managed to fly it cross-country from Riley Field to Morris Airport a couple of times.



IAC Play Day at Curanda



More Wonderful World of Doug Harford Flying Stories

Continued from last month's newsletter

From Doug Harford's Facebook Page:

Story 7: Truro Nova Scotia

In the mid 90'S I farmed and also worked for Dupont as a Relationship Marketing Specialist. A request came through Dupont to work with a group of Dairy Farmers in Canada's Maritime Provinces to help them incorporate No-till into their farming operations. The stars are aligning, I'm going to get to go to Nova Scotia and get paid! So, load up the kids and off we go!

We have covered some of this trip on the last one, so I am going to address different stuff. We flew through Ottawa ON like last time and then through Southern Quebec to shorten the trip. Landed the second day in Truro NS.

Truro is on the Bay of Fundy (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfhNjpu_IU4) which has the highest tides in the world! 40' Tides! Pull into a harbor at low tide and all the boats are on there side in the mud. A couple hours later everything looks normal. This is a picture of Chris and Mandy in front of what they call the Flower Pots. Like this picture when the tide goes out the Flower Pots rise 40' above the sea floor and the trees growing on to look like a flower pot. When the alarm sounds you must immediately start climbing the stairs to stay ahead of the tide. St John NB has the Reversing Falls <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvLslMFBZvg>



While visiting we drove around Nova Scotia including a couple days in Cape Breton to the North.

Let's talk about food and entertainment, two great reasons to come here. Winters are long and not too much infrastructure exists for tourists which makes it more interesting. Most food is served in small Irish Taverns run by fisherman's families. Winters are long and everyone plays an instrument even if it's a saw or other tool. Menus all have lobster, PEI Mussels, and beer. For supper when you are away from the cities the different churches have church suppers during to summer to raise money. Lobster or cod, potato, and a piece of homemade pie! While we were here St John NB had its Summer Festival by the Sea. Three band shells in town all playing Irish Music with people from 8 to 80 dancing up a storm. The best way for me to describe Irish Music is like our Bluegrass with a faster beat. St John NB was where we were introduced to our favorite Irish Band from New Found Land "Great Big Sea." The Fisherman's Lament seems to apply to farming and the government as well as fishing. Enjoy! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddSVb7wmMsg>



While traveling around Nova Scotia we heard a Highland Games being advertised on the radio. My Kansas City Aunt had always told us the Harford's came from Scotland, so off we went to the games! The "Heavy Events" are crazy hard, but I was curious to look up my Scottish Heritage and the booths lining the isles. At every booth they said Harford is not Scottish it is Irish and pointed to the booth at the end of the line. Eventually we met our heritage there! Isn't it crazy how heritage claims so much of us? I assume my aunt was embarrassed that we were Irish and made up a heritage that fit her narrative. There it was in the end booth, The Irish Harford Family Crest! Highland Games



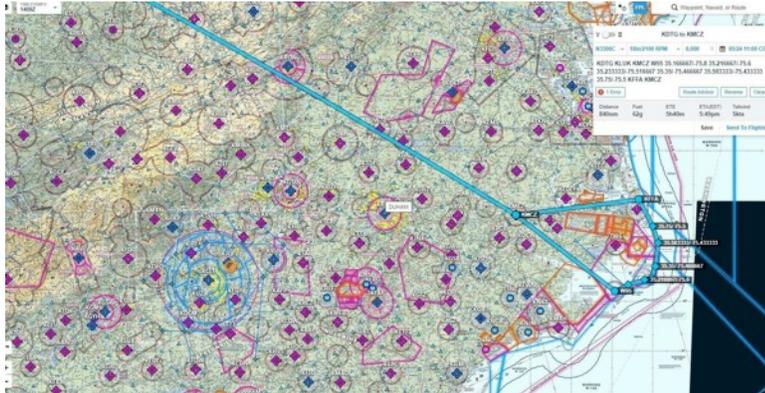
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We sent a week with the Scottish Dairy Farmers and had a great time with them. Milk in Canada is protected by their tariff system at \$36 per hundred weight. In the US milk sells for \$9 per hundred weight. We talked farming, no-till, economy, feed and all the farmer stuff. Had a great time with them!

Leaving Truro; The Bay of Fundy creates its own weather, so we were very fogged in. Ceilings, overcast at 300', but its clear a couple miles out. Call to flight service: "Doug- If I fly straight out there is nothing to hit because its water, right?" FS- sounds right" "Doug- Its clear to Bangor from a couple miles out?" Can I get a special VFR below 300" out of Truro? Sure, you are clear out of Truro below 300' Thank you Canadian Flight Service!

Story 8: North Carolina Outer Banks

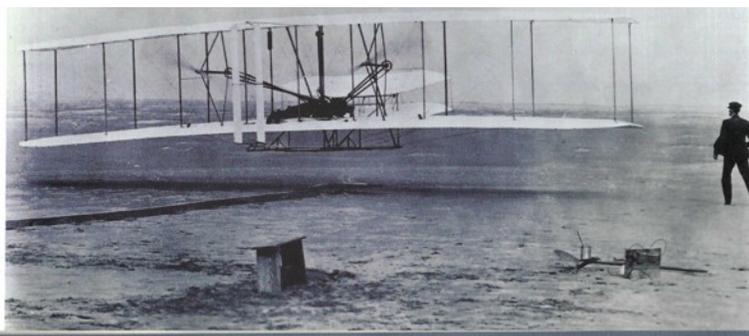
When our daughter Kristin got married, she and Sean moved to Korea for a year on their big adventure. When they returned right after the Towers going down in 2001, they moved to Williamston NC where they could both get a job and that led us on many flying adventures to NC. We stopped at Cincinnati for fuel and later found Lexington KY. Don't miss the opportunity to stop by Lexington KY, those Horsy People know how to run an FBO.



From Williamston NC to Ocracoke Island it is a short flight through lots of restricted airspace. Ocracoke Airport is elevation 1 meter. And the short airport ends at water's edge. Ocracoke is an island with no cars, it is walk only, but you can land there!

Next to the Holy Grail of Kittyhawk. We flew up the Outer Banks to Kittyhawk and signed the big hokey logbook! Just like Wilber!

Kristin snuck away to buy this photo to honor the occasion and write up this plaque that has hung in my office since that day!



Picking up our married daughter and her husband and flying them down the Outer Banks ranks right up there for me.

John Daniels took this photo of the first flight on December 17, 1903. He had never used a camera before that morning. Douglas Harford landed on this ground shortly thereafter on June 15, 2002. Our father dares to dream, too. Happy Father's Day - Happy Birthday - 2004

Story 9: San Antonio, Carlsbad, Alamogordo

In January 2004 Deb and I took off for San Antonio.

One of the first trips we took by ourselves. We stopped to see our nephew who had just taken a job in Durant OK. I countered our first TFR at President Bush's Ranch, which at that time went from 5 miles to 20 miles depending on if he is there. We flew almost directly over his ranch on the way to San Antonio. We had a very brief stop at Austin to check weather for the Hill Country until someone said they had just put a \$30 landing fee in place, so Deb and I got back in the plane and left.

In San Antonio we mostly did tourist stuff, but I remember sitting in Dirty Nellies and Howl at the Moon until we could barely walk. Apparently, cabbies need to know where you are staying to return you! We had a cabbie that drove us around till we found it!

From San Antonio to Carlsbad NM we encountered 80 knot headwinds, turning a 2.5-hour flight into a 4.5-hour endurance test w/hangover! Carlsbad Caves were interesting, but just a day there. A Very nice pilot at Carlsbad Airport asked if I had mountain experience and claiming none told me to climb at 500'/min until we got to 12,500.' Start engine cooling immediately, because the airport and White Sands Restricted airspace is at 4000' and 4 miles. Thank you, Bill Morrison, for teaching me not to be afraid of a sustained full slip! We made it! Deb was unhappy??

White Sands is interesting. There is no sand just Borax! We drove around the Missile Range and realized that White Sands has been a joint German-American base since WWII. Lots of German Influence in the area! Fun to visit!

When leaving another pilot didn't ask my skill level (Obvious??) said take off on Runway 4 hold runway heading until 10,000,' turn right and go through the pass to Roswell! I love our flying community! I believe we are that helpful!

Roswell ½ the airport is dedicated to commercial airplane storage and the other ½ is recycling planes, and the whole thing is about aliens! Roswell is a must stop for the whole picture, we loved it! The next day after sleeping alien style we were off to Dodge City KS!

Dodge City is quite the tourist stop in summer, but it was 3 below, we had to plug in outside, there was a girls volleyball tournament in town, so we had our choice of bad rooms. Dodge City left a mark on us in the morning at 3 below and getting going. Rough end to a nice trip!

2020 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

August

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

September

19 - Bruce & Cindy Limbach Annual Pig Roast

25 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Mark & Judy Kenney treats

October

23 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm,

November

20 - Potluck and Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm

September Young Eagles Canceled

Per the board meeting August 7th, the board of directors decided to cancel our Young Eagles events for this year and hope to get it going again next year. Please note, pilots can still fly kids ages 8-17 and receive Young Eagles credits. Please contact Jacque at 815-741-3982 or 708-508-2620 to get forms.

Ron Needham flies into Dwight for the first time in his Velocity



More PPG fun at Curanda



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**Location: Mike & Eryn Ruffatto's Hangar (Riley Field)
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Look forward to seeing everyone there!!!!

Visit our website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea95>

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.