

Tom Wise Memorial Air Academy Scholarship 2016 Winner - Rich Toth Jr (RJ)

We are excited to announce this year's winners of the Tom Wise Memorial Scholarship to go to the Air Academy Camp in Oshkosh, WI - Rich Toth Jr (RJ). RJ flew with Matt Kwiatkowski at our September Young Eagles Rally and from that event, his dad (Rich Toth) joined Chapter 95. Both Rich and RJ were at our December movie night/pizza party, so the members there got to meet him. RJ is a definitely a worthy recipient of the scholarship. Here is his essay from the Scholarship Application:



As a sophomore at Lockport Township High School it's hard to imagine what flying an airplane would be like just for fun or as a career decision but boy, it sure has me driven to do just that. Ever since my dad took our entire family to O'Hare for his employee family day at the United Airlines service center, I have been overwhelmed and excited to become a pilot working in the aviation industry. I have gotten started with a few introductory flights with a friend of my dad's who is a pilot for United as well as having the opportunity to fly with Matt Kwiatkowski in his Long EZ. Every time I fly, I get excited that I am getting closer and closer to my dream. Probably the coolest thing I have done so far has been to ride in the cockpit of the 777 during a taxi move from United's maintenance hangar to the Terminal. The one great

thing about aviation is that there is so much to experience at every level and age group. I have joined the JRAFROTC program at Lockport Township High School and it has taught me that giving back just like the EAA volunteers do for the Young Eagles is one way to help the interest in aviation grow. I was lucky enough to be selected to a Leadership course at Scott A.F.B. in St. Louis and what a great experience for a week it turned out to be. My Mom and Dad support my dreams. I am thankful and lucky to have a parent working in the Industry where I can get contacts of people so they can help me with my dreams. My Dad is an Aircraft Maintenance Controller for United Airlines and is now a student pilot as well. My mom gets a little worried when I fly but knows that this is a dream of mine.

My first visit to the EAA convention at Oshkosh was in 2012. Our whole family camped for 5 days. This year it was just Dad and I for a day as he did not have the whole week off. I currently like all of the new stuff with glass cockpits, so seeing the A350 was a big deal for me. My dad enjoys everything but that stuff. I understand because that is what he has to deal with on a daily basis. We still hang together and let me see all the airliner cockpits I can get into. Then we visit the warbirds which I find totally cool as well. While at Oshkosh, I have met a few people with similar interests from New York and Philadelphia so when EAA Oshkosh was ongoing, we were able to meet up and check out all the cool aircraft.

I wasn't really aware of the EAA camps for kids until my dad mentioned them and we sat down to talk about what they had to offer and possibly attending. He works with another maintenance controller whose son attended and he had such a great time that he is now enrolled in the S.I.U. Aviation program.

My Career goals are to be able to work in the aviation industry as a pilot. I am also going to train and consider a career path where I could work with ATC or dispatch. Right now, I have aspirations to enter the Air Force after college, so we will see where that takes me. This opportunity would be a great stepping stone for me and would just be amazing to be able to experience.

Thank you for Your Consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard C Toth Jr.



From The President ...



Hi everyone, well the holiday party turned out GREAT as the food was awesome and well attended by the majority of our membership which made for a FUN evening for all. 2016 is shaping up to be the best year ever for EAA and Chapter 95. I plan to attend the Chicago Area Chapter Leaders event again this year on Sat. Jan 30, as this was a productive event last year for planning and

exchanging dates for area chapter events. Our first board meeting is scheduled for Sat. Feb 6, so if you have any ideas to present for this year's activities please don't hesitate to send me an email and or give me a call so I can add to the agenda for discussion. I have a suggestion for a new chapter event as Red Bull Air Racing is coming to Indianapolis Motor Speedway the first weekend of October so let me know if any of you are interested in attending. We only received one application for Tom Wise Memorial Air Academy this year, however he is a great candidate Rich Toth Jr. (RJ) is our winner of the scholarship and you will find his SA in this news letter to review. Hops and Props is coming up again on March 5th so if you have been thinking about joining the fun this is the year get your tickets NOW. I know of six couples going so far and the more the merrier.

One of our favorite chapter events is Young Eagles Rides for the kids and EAA has enacted a Youth Protection Program. It is mandated that all chapter members who have direct contact with the kids comply with the policy by May 1, 2016. Please go to www.eaa.org and sign in to your account. Once logged in, click on "My Account" at the top of the page. Scroll down and click on "Go to Training" at the bottom left of the page. Click on "Go To Course" to complete the Youth Protection Training and Background Check. It will take you about 15 minutes to complete. Then wait 7-10 days for background check to come back and EAA will send you confirmation and a print out to make a card confirming you completed the course. They have made the process pretty simple and no cost to our members so please complete this task ASAP as I will need your HELP at our Young Eagles Rally's

Signing off now until next month;

Be Safe, Healthy & Happy,
Mark
(Email: mrkmolle@gmail.com)

2016 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

Here is the current calendar of events. Some things may change, so continue to keep checking the calendar, but this should be a good start to put in your calendar and plan for. If you have any other ideas, please contact Mark Molle.

February

- 06 - Chapter Board Meeting
- 20 - Family Dinner Night
- 26- Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, Larry & Jacque Nawojski treats

March

- 05 - Hops-N-Props trip to Oshkosh, WI
- 18 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, John & Rita Saribekian treats

April

- 09 - Family Dinner Night - Location TBD
- 22 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, Dave & Kelly Miller

May

- 14- Chapter Board Meeting
- 27 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, Mark & Judy Kenney treats

June

- 11 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 8am-3pm
- 12 - Young Eagles Rain date
- 24 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, Mark & Shelly Molle treats
- 25 - Mark & Shelly Molle IL51 Fly-in/Drive-in

July

- 15 - Matt and Jana Trofimchuck Ice-Cream Social @ Morris Airport
- 24 - Oshkosh Family Dinner Night @ Wendt's on the Lake
- 25 - 31 - Airventure 2015 @ Oshkosh

August

- 20 - Board Meeting
- 26 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Ron & Kathy Needham

September

- 03 - Open House
- 10 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 8am-3pm
- 11 - Young Eagles Rain date
- 17 - Bruce & Cindy Limbach Annual Pig Roast
- 23 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Al & Linda Franowsky treats

October

- 01/02 - Red Bull Air Races - Indianapolis, IN
- 28 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Bill & Mary Jo Shain treats

November

- 18 - Potluck and Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm

December

- 10 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Party - Pizza party/Movie night

Editors Note: PLEASE do this EAA Youth Protection Training and Background check as soon as possible. I did it and it took exactly 12 minutes, including the time to log-in and figure out where to go. Doug Harford let me know he has completed it to and agreed it took between 10-15 minutes. If you have any questions, please talk to Mark or I or one of the officers.



January Banquet - Annual Holiday Dinner Recap

As always, the January Holiday Banquet was a huge success with a great contingent of Chapter 95 members and guests. This year we tried a new venue, Fireside Grille, in Sugar Grove, IL. Even though we were filled to capacity, it was a nice, cozy room with great food. We believe everyone had a good time.

We greatly appreciated having Brett Hahn as our special guest and guest speaker. Brett is the Manager - EAA Chapter Network in Oshkosh, so it was nice having someone from headquarters at our event. I think Brett felt welcomed and had a great time. Brett was kind enough to bring us a nice, big custom Chapter 95 EAA banner. (shown in the picture above) He also brought a signed picture of the EAA Headquarters staff. Thanks Brett, we all enjoyed meeting you and look forward to seeing you in Oshkosh!

We had 11 door prizes donated this year. They were won by:

- 1 – Mike Ruffatto, \$100 gift card from Mark Peter’s Diamond Designs, donated by Mark Perle, one of our members.
- 2 - Mark Kenney, set of EAA white towels with EAA emblem
- 3 - Christa Bonk, Phillips 66 large duffel bag
- 4 - Michael Foss, Case of Phillips 66 Aviation Oil
- 5 - Bill Miller, Phillips 66 baseball hat
- 6 - Judy Kenney, Phillips 66 baseball hat
- 7 - Lucia Douglas, Phillips 66 baseball hat
- 8 - Doug Harford, Phillips 66 baseball hat
- 9 - Nick Scholtes, Phillips 66 baseball hat
- 10 - Rick Siegfried, Phillips 66 baseball hat
- 11 - Robin Traubenik Ellis, Phillips 66 T-shirt

Judy Kenney was the lucky raffle winner of the beautiful print graciously donated by Glenn Vokac.



For those of you who have attended our January Dinners in the past know that we celebrate aviation milestones (that we are aware of) that occurred during the past year. For 2015, we had the following milestones and notable mentions:

First Solo - Samantha Limbach



First Flight - Tom Ellis in his Rotorway Exec Helicopter



Oshkosh Compound 95 - Matt & Jana Trofimchuck



International Traveler: Alaska, Cuba, Bahamas - Doug Harford



Fly in/Drive in Picnic - Mark & Shelly Molle, Dave Miller & Mark Perle



Tom Wise Memorial Air Academy Raffle - Rick Siegfried, Don Bonk (winner)



Tom Wise Memorial Air Academy Raffle Top Sales - John Limbach



Honorary Lifetime Chapter Membership - Jack Matravers, Bob Bushby, Charlotte Curtis





With Deepest Sympathy

Bernard "Bernie" Simunich

Mark Molle and Don Bonk were notified by Bernard's son of his passing. Here is a note they received:

This e-mail is to announce the passing of my father, Bernard Simunich this past week. I've had all his mail forwarded to my home since early summer and I noticed he was still receiving Chapter 15 notifications and since he was also quite active in Chapter 95 I thought I'd send this to you as well. My memories of Chapter 95 start with all the weekends I spent with my dad as an extra pair of hands building his Mustang II out at the Bushby RLA and farm. Then, there were all the AC Spark Plug Flight Rally's (Joliet and Morris), Fly In breakfasts (Lockport) and flights to the big convention, then at Rockford, Illinois and soon to be Oshkosh WI. Those flights for me were mainly in his modified "Baby Ace" called the "SimCo Special", a chilly open cockpit experience (always wished I had a long scarf to trail behind me!) The names I remember most from that era are Ballard Leins, Bob Bushby, Al Vелlette and Bernie and Dave Andrews. I've attached some pictures from my fathers album taken during the mid 70's. The top picture is my laughing dad and Al Vелlette, next row (left) my dad and Dick ??? (right) Bob Bushby and my father, bottom left, again Al Vелlette and my dad (looking so official!!) and finally Bernie Andrews and two other ladies from a 1976 Fly In.

Dad also built a replica of a 1917 French Newport when he moved out to DeKalb, IL. A nasty 11 foot fall from a ladder in 1996 ended his flying days and he sold the Newport shortly there after. He still kept his flying license active (but had no valid medical) and I just let the last application lapse last month.



Bernie and Al Vелlette



Bernie and Dick???



Bernie and Al



Bob Bushby and Bernie



Bernie Andrews and 2 other ladies from a 1976 fly-in

My Life of Flying - Part 8

By: Char Curtis

Editors Note: Char Curtis is a long time EAA Chapter 95 member and the mother of members Matt and Mark Trofimchuck and mother-in-law of Jana Trofimchuck. She has been flying since 1952 and has a lot of aviation stories. Her family has been telling her she should write her stories down, so she finally did. We will be publishing them as a series in each month's newsletters.



I scheduled a night cross country with one of my students. I usually took them to Aurora to let them get some experience with a control tower at night, so we can do some landings on a larger runway than they were used to. Then we would go to Joilet and then home. They had obstacles to clear over there and larger runway. We took off heading for Aurora. We did some landing there. The student couldn't get over how different it was landing on a larger runway. They usually stall the plane out a little high over the runway and drop it in. Then we took off for Joliet. On the last takeoff, we were heading home. We heard this loud bang, like something hit us. We kept climbing. I told the student, "We are still in the air, so keep climbing."

I wasn't sure whether it was the engine or something else. I told him to follow I-80, so we took I-80 to Rt 47 back to the airport. In the dark, I would rather take the highway instead of a field. When we got back home, we got out and took a look with a flashlight over the whole plane. We found feathers and blood on the left strut. It was a bird that hit us.

My son, Dan, was going to turn 16, so I decided to teach him to fly. He was just like his brother, Mike, he was a good pilot.

He was having the same dream every night. The airplane would quit on take-off. He was afraid. I asked him what he would do if he was in the Cub and it quit on take-off? He said, "Lower the nose and land." I said, you do the same thing in the C-150.

It came time for him to solo on his 16th birthday, like his brother Mike. He took off on 36. It was a windy, cold day. It was March 13. He solo'd in the C-150 first, like Mike did, and then he solo'd in the Cub. Believe me, I didn't take a breath until he got to 400 feet and turned. He made good

landings and take-offs in both airplanes like his brother. We had a party and cut his shirt.

After everyone solo's, we cut the back of their shirt off and put the date they solo'd on it and hung it on the wall.

It was a nice winter day, with snow piled on the sides of the runway, but it was melting. I had a student named Bill. It was his Tri-Pacer that we were flying. I had to get him ready for his checkride. We went out to the practice area and did all the maneuvers that he needed for his checkride. He did well, so we started back to the airport to practice all the different landings: soft field, short field, and obstacle clearance landings, as well as soft and short field take-offs. We were on our last landing, it was obstacle clearance landing. I told him I wanted him 100ft over the road. That is his obstacle. He was exactly 100ft over the road. I turned down the radio because there were a lot of planes in the pattern and everyone was talking. It was so hard to hear each other. That was another mistake. He chopped power over the road and made a nice landing. I told him that was perfect and that was what I wanted him to do for the examiner. I leaned over to the right, because the nose of the Tri-Pacer was so big you couldn't see anything. Something caught my eye and I leaned over again. It looked like a wing of an airplane and it was. I turned the wheel all the way over to the left and left rudder and our wing went right over his tail and up over the snow bank. We just about tipped over, but stayed upright. We sat there for a few minutes to try and stop shaking. We taxied over to our manager and he told me to go and challenge him. He was wrong. He came in on a right base and was underneath us. I went over to talk to him and he said no one was hurt, so let's forget about it. We could have all ended up in a ball of fire. Our other instructor, Bill, was trying to call us, but I had the radio down. I never did that again.

Reminder: 2016 Membership Dues

Please remember to pay Jacque Nawojski your 2016 membership dues. Dues are \$25.00 for the year.

Either fill out the renewal membership form on the last page of the newsletter and send it to Jacque (check payable to EAA Chapter 95) or you can pay at our February meeting.

EAA Chapter 95 Facebook Page and Group

Mark Molle has gotten a EAA Chapter 95 Facebook Group up and running.

Any members that would like to join the group, just send a friend request to Mark Molle and let him know you want to be included. Anyone can “like” the page and see updates on their timeline. Feel free to post pictures of chapter activities.

If anyone is a Facebook expert and willing to teach Mark, please let him know as this is proving to be an awesome group social place for members to connect with the chapter daily rather than our usual monthly gathering. If you haven't checked it out already, please do, there have already been some good pictures posted.

EAA 1414 Chili & Hotdog Ski-plane Fly-in

Date: Sunday 2/21/2016
Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Place: EAA 1414 Hangar (north side of field), C77 - Poplar Grove, IL.

Menu: Chili
Hotdogs

Sides: Baked beans
Crackers
Potato chips

Condiments: Shredded Cheese
Sour cream
Diced onions
Ketchup (hotdogs)
Mustard (hotdogs)
Relish (hotdogs)

Drink: Coffee
Hot Chocolate
Water

Awards: Furthest traveled (**certificate**)
Coolest ski-plane (literally - open cockpit)? (**certificate**)





ATTENTION: This event will go on snow or no snow



Fly-in, Drive-in, Snowmobile-in, walk-in, whatever.....all are welcome!!!!

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Sky's the Limit: Interactive Aviation Camp

If there's a girl in your life in middle or high school, we have a fun-filled, action-packed day planned to introduce her to aviation - or expand her growing interest. The girls will be in the presence of amazing role models ranging from airline pilots to aircraft mechanics to aviation industry executives. They'll learn how to read a section chart, preflight a Cessna 172, learn the phonetic alphabet, fly a flight simulator, and lots more hands-on activities. A group lunch, with current Lewis University aviation students joining each table, will feature a dynamic speaker. Help encourage the next generation of women in aviation by participating in Women In Aviation Sky's the Limit Aviation Career Camp at Lewis University. The day's activities, including lunch, are available at no charge.

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2016, 8:30am - 2:00pm

Location: Lewis University, Romeoville Harold E White Aviation Center

RSVP: Free Event, Please Respond Event Brite <https://wiaskysthelimit.eventbrite.com>



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 SKY'S THE LIMIT

Aviation Career Camp

Join us for a fun-filled, action-packed day planned to introduce you to aviation - or expand your growing interest. Meet amazing role models ranging from airline pilots to aircraft mechanics to aviation industry executives. Learn how to read a sectional chart, preflight a Cessna 172, fly a flight simulator, and lots more hands-on activities. A group lunch, with current Lewis University aviation students joining each table, will feature a dynamic speaker.



Arrival time:

8:30AM

Departure time:

2:00PM

Meet airline pilots,
aircraft mechanics,
aviation industry
experts

Flight Simulator
Air Traffic Control
Career Panelists

Scholarships

Get your Boarding
Pass NOW

<https://wiaskysthelimit.eventbrite.com>

WOMEN IN AVIATION
Chicago's Leading Edge

<http://chicagosleadingedge.org/>

September 24, 2016

8:30AM - 2:00PM



EAA Chapter 95 Membership Form

Date:

Address change or correction:

Yes

No

Please check one!

New

Renewal

Member

Name:

National EAA Number:

Expiration Date:

Spouse's Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-Mail address:

Certificates Held: _____

Children's Names: _____

Areas of Interest (Please check all that apply)

- Meeting and Flying activities
- Welcome and Social Committees
- Budget and Finance
- Young Eagles (Organization, Ground crew, Pilot, ect.)
- Fly-Ins, Dinners, Poker runs
- Builder's support
- Membership recruitment
- Newsletter and website
- Other (Please describe in the comments section)

Projects, Aircraft owned, Aircraft Interests:

Newsletter Preference: (check one) via e-mail printed U.S. Mail

Renewal and New Member Dues: \$25.00

Name Badge: \$7.00 (Name on Badge: _____)

Please fill out this form and send it with a check for \$25.00 in dues or \$32.00 for dues and name badge to: **EAA Chapter 95** and send it to:

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NEXT MEETING: Friday, Feb 26, 2016 at 7:30pm

**Location: Grundy County Farm Bureau
4000 Division St (Route 47)
Morris, IL**

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!!!

Visit our website at <http://95.eaachapter.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.