



Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

Please Join Us For An Evening of FUN, FOOD, & FRIENDSHIP  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED - GET TICKETS NOW**

**Chapter 95 Annual Holiday Banquet**

**Saturday, January 11, 2020**

**Location: Syl's Restaurant Banquet Room**  
**820 Moen Avenue**  
**Rockdale, IL 60436**

**Cocktails (cash bar) - 6:00 pm**  
**Dinner - 7:00 pm**

**Have you RSVP'd to Jacque and gotten your tickets for our annual Holiday Banquet yet?** If not, what are you waiting for? Please call Jacque (815-741-3982) or email (jen.norton1943@sbcglobal.net) and RSVP!

You do not have to be a chapter member to attend. If you are reading this newsletter, you are invited! If you have friends and/or family that you want to bring along, they are invited too.

We'd love to have a great crowd again this year. It's a great way to get out after the holidays are over and the winter doldrums have set in.

Tickets are \$30.00 person.

**NOTE ABOUT PARKING:** Everyone can park in the large parking lot next to the restaurant and go thru the Handicap-marked Door on the side of the Restaurant facing the parking lot. This entrance is right next to the banquet room we are using. This way you don't have to go thru the restaurant to get to the banquet room.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacque.

**HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!**

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## Reminder: 2020 Membership Dues

Please remember to pay Jacque for your 2020 membership dues. Dues are \$25.00 for the year or \$35 for you and a spouse. You can pay Jacque at the holiday banquet in January or send her a check anytime in the mail. The membership form is on Page 6 of the newsletter.

Please make the check out to EAA Chapter 95. If you mail it, address to: Jacque Nawojski, 1603 Devonshire Ln, Shorewood, IL 60404.



## President's Note...

Greetings Chapter 95 family!

I'd like to start by sending out a big Thank You! to all our veterans, as this newsletter will likely be coming out on Veterans Day.

I'd also like to invite all of you to our November meeting this Friday. This month's meeting is not really a true meeting, but is our pot-luck dinner and of course, our elections! Based on what I was hearing at last month's meeting, it sounded like we might actually have more than one person running for some of the officer positions and more candidates to be board members than openings, so you really need to show up and vote for the

candidate you think will best represent the direction you'd like to see the chapter take in the future! I'm also pretty sure it's not too late to put your own 'hat in the ring' for any of these positions, if you really want your voice to be heard (contact Glenn Vokac to be sure)! It's actually not that much work and it's very rewarding to be a part of the chapter's leadership! That said, the next best way to make your voice heard and be a part of the future direction of this chapter is to come to the meetings! I'm hoping to make them even less formal than they already are and make them more interactive, so everyone feels they have a voice in the decisions being made. We'll see how that plays out, but for now, as winter descends upon us and we don't have a "normal" meeting until February, be thinking ahead to next year and any ideas you have that we can try to implement or improve upon!

See you Friday!  
Brian

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## Chapter 95 Meeting Minutes November 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at the Grundy County Farm Bureau @ 7:30 pm by President Brian DePung with 41 in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Secretary's Report - Warren Roddy: Minutes accepted as reported in our November Chapter Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report ~ Jacque Nawojski

Income: \$0.00

Expenses: \$7.85

Young Eagles Fund: \$3,741.35

Available Funds: \$3934.59

### Old Business:

John Musgrave reported on the condition of our airport sign and noted that it's been damaged quite a lot by wind and does not look like it's worth repairing. However, we use it to advertise our Young Eagles events and people do read it. Charlie Gibbs noted that it may be possible for us to use the new scrolling sign that is slated to be installed at the airport. It will be an internet controlled sign that is programmable from Morris City Hall.

### New Business:

We all enjoyed a great Pot Luck Dinner! Thanks to Norma Limbach for bringing the Italian Beef/Buns, Matt Trofimchuck for providing the water and soft drinks, and to everyone else who brought dishes. We had a lot of really great food!

**Our Annual Election for Officers and Board Member was conducted by Glenn Vokac. All of these positions are for 2-year terms. The results were:**

Vice-President: Tom Ellis

Secretary: Anthony Madonia

Board Members: Ron Needham, Lucas Crater, Joe Saltzman



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Please note that the following officers and board members have a one-year term remaining for 2020:

President: Brian DePung  
Treasurer: Jacque Nawojski  
Board Members: John Limbach, Matt Kwiatkowski, Larry Nawojski  
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**New Business:**

John Limbach noted that 11 people attended the CPR Class this week. It was reported to be a great class!

Dave Richardson just received his Private Pilots License. Congratulations Dave!

Joe Saltzman is halfway through Instrument Training at Lewis University. He really likes it when he flies down to a 200 foot minimum and then takes the hood off!

Ron Needham is rebuilding Doug Harford's old gyrocopter.

Tom Ellis has finished covering his Avid.

Lee Brinley's Adept engine is in Texas and he will have his Lancair ESP moved there for the engine installation.

There is a flyout tomorrow morning to Rochelle (KRPJ) for lunch at noon.

Tony Madonia and John Ricchio will be taking the EAA Electronic Workshop Class at Oshkosh in January.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

### Dave Richardson - New Private Pilot



**From Dave Richardson:** I passed my check ride for Private Pilot on Nov 7! It took me a couple years but between family commitments and a professional career, I finally got it done. And of course my first passenger was my wife Angela! She was a little nervous at first but then had fun! And now she's looking forward to our many flying adventures to come! I took my flying lessons out of Kankakee in a Cessna Skyhawk 172 with Elite Flight School. Great place and give them a call if you need anything! We'll look forward to seeing everyone on the flight line and at the Young Eagle events!

### CPR Class - Nov 14

John Limbach organized a successful event for chapter members to get their CPR certification. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed it.



## Trade-A-Plane: It Told Us We Could All Do This

From Avweb: Paul Bertorelli, Dec 1, 2019

The smell of Varsol—a petroleum-based solvent that’s essentially paint thinner—all but makes me nostalgically woozy. It’s cheaper than drugs and probably healthier, too. It’s the smell I remember when I walked through the pressroom every morning at my first newspaper job. A decade later, when I became a magazine editor, the job changed but the smell of printing didn’t. The pressmen use Varsol to clean the rollers and plates between runs.

Maybe if we just hang on for a few more years, this digital thing will blow over and we’ll return to the wondrous roar of a multi-gang press in full throat. Sure, and maybe slide rules and the Narco Omnigator will emerge from the crypt, too. Obviously, neither is going to happen which is why the news of Trade-A-Plane ending its print edition has such a sad finality. Cue the predictable blather about the end of an era.

But it is the end of an era and not having that thick yellow tabloid to spread out on the kitchen table with a cup of coffee diminishes the world. If the face of Helen launched a thousand ships, Trade-A-Plane must have certainly launched thousands of aviation careers, not to mention hundreds of thousands of happy airplane buyers and maybe no-so-happy sellers.

I’m pretty sure it launched mine, because Trade-A-Plane is my earliest memory of a publication that conveyed this message: Yeah, you can do this. My memory of the details is hazy, but I think I first encountered TAP in the office where I worked at Fort Bragg, probably brought in by the battalion XO, who was an Army aviator. Seeing me browse it, he said something like, “You know, you can do this.” He revealed the existence of the Fort Bragg Flying Club where I’m sure I found yet more issues of Trade-A-Plane in the dilapidated shack that served as a clubhouse.

Trade-A-Plane’s unique position in the aviation universe was due partly to timing and, as is so often true of startup businesses, partly to a market gap between established players picking the easy fruit. Cosby Harrison started it in 1937 and it soon flowered because he discovered—and ignited—a market of thousands of disparate buyers and sellers with no outlet for their commercial interests.

Like the daily newspaper upon which it was loosely modeled, Trade-A-Plane had a place for every advertiser, from manufacturers selling new airplanes to a private owner trying to sell a surplus heater muff for a post-war Cub. And that unrestricted range is what made Trade-A-Plane more than just an ordinary shopper.

It never had any editorial, other than the cover photo and the cartoon. But the astonishing variety and number of ads made TAP a reliable indicator of the aviation economy and a bellwether for what was new, what people were buying and what market trends were lurking beneath the surface that the slick aviation magazines hadn’t noticed yet.

Once a month, I’d page through Trade-A-Plane to sense the trends on used aircraft sales. That’s where I first noticed there were good buys to be found in used Cessna 172s equipped with the early G1000s and where the same trends dumped a lot of perfectly serviceable GNS 430s on the market at bargain prices until owners—probably reading TAP—noticed the same thing and started snapping them up.

Trade-A-Plane was one-stop shopping for what was going on in the maintenance shops along Tulsa’s Sheridan Road. Those businesses remain intensely competitive and even as down-in-the-weeds as we get at AVweb, we wouldn’t necessarily have noticed market shifts that Trade-A-Plane would telegraph through its advertising. That’s how I found out that the refurbished cylinder market was exploding due to price hikes by Lycoming and Continental. And that a company called Superior was building its own cylinders.

The advent of digital publishing has proven disruptive but in slow motion. Industry wide, revenue from digital has increased over print at a glacial pace and for some publications, it hasn’t at all. The advertising market has just become less concentrated and more diverse, impacted heavily by Google and Amazon.

I have an indelible soft spot for print, but I’m hardly a Luddite about it. I no longer read print books because I always like to carry something to read and that’s an e-reader. I get most of my news from digital sources, for the timeliness and the convenience.

But Trade-A-Plane was and is different. Spreading that tabloid out on the desk allowed you to browse and both find things you were looking for and discover things you weren’t. That changes with the digital-only version and is further impacted by there being no deliverable. Gone is the three-times a month paper arriving in your inbox. While many businesses have found a home in digital-only advertising and its evil cousin, social media, I wonder how many have not and how the demise of TAP’s paper will impact them. Also, the company used to hand out free issues at the major shows, stuffed into a brand-touting yellow shopping bag. I thought that was brilliant promotion and I will miss it. We all will.

I’ll go all schmaltzy romantic here for a sentence and concede the dream-sheet quality of Trade-A-Plane. You could always peruse those classifieds and wonder, if only. Then, before you know it, you’ve written a big check and if only has become, I did it. TAP proved that, yeah, you could do this. And many of us did.

But like it or not, we’re moving on. The march of time and the progress that goes with it is relentless. My only hope is that the local Ace Hardware can still order Varsol.

## Tom Ellis's Lighted Holiday Parade Float

Tom Ellis put together an awesome pedal plane lighted float for the Morris Lighted Holiday Parade on Nov. 29, 2019. Tom's grandson and the Ruffatto's were the pilots.



## "Test Your Knowledge" Corner

Submitted by Linda Roddy

When do the two-digit numbers painted on a runway NOT correlate with that runway's magnetic direction?

(Answer on Page 7)



# EAA Chapter 95 Membership Form



**Date:**  New Member  Renewal

**Address change or correction:**  Yes  No (Please check one)

**Name:**

**National EAA Number:** **Expiration Date:**

**Spouse's Name:**

**Children's Names:**

**Address:**

**City:** **State:** **Zip:**

**Home Phone:** **Cell Phone:**

**E-mail Address:**

**Certificates Held:**

**Projects, Aircraft owned, Aviation Interests:**

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, Office Crew, etc)
- Fly-Ins, Dinners, Poker Runs
- Builder's Support
- Membership recruitment
- Newsletter and website
- Other (Please describe)

Renewal and New Member Dues: \$25.00 (Member Only) or \$35 for Member and Member's Spouse  
Name Badge: \$8.00 each (Name(s) on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_)

Please fill out this form and send it with a check made out to **EAA Chapter 95** for \$25.00 or \$35.00 plus \$8.00 or \$16.00 for optional name badge(s). Send check and form to:

Jacque Nawojski  
EAA 95 Treasurer

1603 Devonshire Ln  
Shorewood, IL 60404



**From Tim Cook:**

Espie & I went out to the DC area into the ADIZ/SFRA to meet up with my Avionics shop to install FAA sanctioned Garmin GPS for G3X and visited her family. She took this pic in Eastern Ky./West Virginia looking down east of Knoxville/Smoky Mountains... Beautiful.. but slim pickings for emergency landing spots....



Flying to Rochelle for lunch

**Answer to "Test Your Knowledge" Corner:**

**Runways on Aircraft Carriers**

Unlike normal (earthbound) runways where the number on the end of the runway is the first two digits of the magnetic heading of the runway, the number on an aircraft carrier's flight deck is the identification number of that aircraft carrier.

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**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, Jan 11th, 2020 at 6:00pm**

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**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.