



**Mark Your Calendar!!!**  
**Get Your Tickets NOW!**  
**Chapter 95 Annual Holiday Banquet**  
**Saturday, January 11, 2020**

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

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

**Tickets: \$30.00 per person**

It is TIME to SAVE-THE-DATE on your calendar and get your TICKETS for our Chapter 95 Annual Holiday Banquet.

You DO NOT need to be a Chapter 95 member to attend. In fact, we ENCOURAGE non-members to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet almost all of our members and see what we are all about. I know there are a lot of people that read this newsletter that are not members, so this is FOR YOU!

Cost is \$30.00 per person.

There will be a Cash Bar with cocktails from 6 to 7pm.

Dinner Buffet will be served at 7 pm.

The menu is:

- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Mixed Tossed Salad with choice of dressing
- Herb Roasted Chicken
- Thinly Sliced Prime Rib Beef
- Parsley Potatoes
- Green Bean Almandine
- Rolls and Butter
- Dessert: Cookies and Brownies
- Coffee

## EAA Chapter 95 October Meeting

**THIS FRIDAY, Oct 25th**  
**Grundy County Farm Bureau**

Please note, unfortunately, it is that time of year where we have to move our meetings back to the Grundy County Farm Bureau on Route 47. If you have any suggestions for other places to meet, please ring it up to one of the officers.

## Chapter Elections Coming Up

Our November meeting is our annual Chapter elections. Up for election are Vice-President, Secretary, and 3 Board Member positions. Glenn Vokac has agreed to be the chairman for the elections, so if you are interested in running for one of the positions, please let him or one of the officers know. Glenn can be reached at 630-346-0432 or email glennrv8@comcast.net.

This is a great way to share ideas and help plan the activities for the year and it is EASY! Please think about getting involved!

## Name Badges

One more reminder, Jacque is ordering some Chapter 95 name badges and wanted to know if anyone else in the chapter needs or wants one. They are \$8 each and you can get them with either a pin or a magnet bar.

Please email or call Jacque if you would like one:  
jen.norton1943@sbcglobal.net or 708-508-2620

Tickets will be available at the October and November Chapter Meetings or you can send Jacque a check (payable to EAA Chapter 95): Jacque Nawojski, 1603 Devonshire Ln, Shorewood, IL 60404

We would love to expand our raffle prize list. If you have a prize to donate or know of a person or place that might donate one, please let Cathy Needham know by calling 630-484-8486 or email roncathy67@gmail.com

## Chapter 95 Meeting Minutes September 27, 2019

Meeting called to order at Matt and Jana's Hangar at Morris Airport @ 7:35 pm by Vice-President Brian DePung with 18 in attendance.

### Treasurer's Report ~ Jacque Nawojski

Income: \$380.62

Expenses: \$182.43

Young Eagles Fund: \$3,721.35

Available Funds: \$3928.32

### Guest:

We had as our guest, Steve Scott, a friend of Janice Jack. We also had one of our new members, Eric Bullard, and his son, Evan, in attendance.

### Old Business:

Lucas Crater had a very successful 2<sup>nd</sup> RC event on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at Doug Harford's grass strip. Many showed up, including several planes flew in, to enjoy the beautiful weather day and the event.

The Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles Day at Morris Airport had a great turnout with our 8 chapter pilots flying 70 kids on a perfect day for flying. All the chapter members who came to help and all of our guests had a great time.

The Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Pig Roast hosted by Bruce & Cindy Limbach was a Fabulous event as usual despite the overcast skies and threat of rain – not good weather for flying in. However, the Stearman, the KitFox and the C170 were busy giving many guests rides in them. The weather held up until Fireworks Time. They were only able to set up a few fireworks before it started to rain. Guess the rest will have to be kept for next year.

### Announcements:

The Farm Bureau room has been booked for the Halloween Party hosted by Tom Ellis for Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. (Update after meeting: this event has been cancelled)

John Limbach said there are still a few openings for anyone interested in a CPR class or CPR Review Class on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Coal City Fire Station 2 at 6 pm.

### Presentations:

Keaton Cryder, funded by Chapter 95 for the Young Eagles Camp at the Air Academy, gave us an enthusiastic talk about his experience and shared his insightful impressions of the facilities and the counselors. His father, Ryan, who is a member of our chapter, also shared his favorable experience and impressions since he took Keaton up for the camp

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## Chapter 95 Board Meeting October 17, 2019

EAA Chapter95 held a board meeting on October 17, 2019 with 3 officers and 5 of the 6 board members present.

As allowed by the bylaws; the Board unanimously appointed Brian DePung to serve as our Chapter President for the remainder of 2019 and all of 2020 to replace Doug Harford (who has stepped down due to personal reasons).

At our November Meeting, we will be electing new officers to replace Brian DePung as Vice President and Warren Roddy as secretary. Also, there are three board members whose terms are expiring. We are looking for members to run for these positions.



### President's Note...

Greetings Chapter 95 family!

As many of you know, Doug has decided to step down from his role as chapter president due to health issues. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family as he fights to regain his health. Since my term as vice president was up and I didn't think there was any way you all would vote me back in, I've decided to step up and accept the remainder of Doug's term as president. There's only one year left, so don't get too worried! Don't expect any big changes, either! There's only so much one can do as a chapter president. I wish I could give everyone a free airplane and lower your taxes, but not even any POTUS can do that! However, I do want to continue the work of our past leaders and hopefully keep this plane heading in the right direction...though not necessarily straight and level, since we do have some IAC members in our group!

My contact info is at the bottom of this newsletter. Please call, text, email, snap, facebook message or talk to me with any suggestions of what you'd like to see us do or ways to improve this chapter. I need ideas, directions and feedback because, frankly, I'm content with just flying around the patch and hanger flying! So if you want more than that, give me some ideas and then let's go make them happen!

See you at the meeting!  
Brian

experience. It became a lively and enjoyable interactive discussion between the members in attendance and Keaton and Ryan.

**New Business:**

Since the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting is both a pot-luck dinner and elections, Glenn Vokac kindly agreed to be the Leader of the Candidate Selection Committee for the upcoming elections for Vice President, Secretary and 3 board members.

Discussion was held on whether we should have a December Pizza Party/Movie Night. The agreement was that we should have it if the Farm Bureau room was available on Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. A suggestion was made that instead of a movie, Jana should show all of the Chapter Years-in-Review that she has done since 2005 since many of us have not seen the earlier ones.

Brian DePung will be setting up a Board Meeting in the very near future.

Asked if anyone knew where one of the 6-foot white tables is, since we are missing it. No one knew. Jana will put that in the next Newsletter if it does not surface by that time.

It was mentioned that if anyone needs a Chapter Name Badge to please let Jacque now, since she will be putting in an order soon because we have some new members who requested them.

The status of the 2020 Holiday Banquet was discussed. A Board member asked Rita if she needed help planning the Holiday Party. Rita agreed it would be a big help to let someone else do this year's planning due to Family obligations. She was thanked for her dedication and will be welcomed back to help plan again. Meanwhile, Cathy Needham, Larry & Jacque Nawojski and John Limbach will be helping to plan our Annual Holiday Banquet. Volunteers are welcome.

In addition, any Raffle ideas and/or donations (along with a note containing the name of the donor and what the value of the item is) can be left with any of the committee members.

**Treats:**

Janice Jack brought a homemade apple cake which everyone enjoyed.





## Mother-and-Son Pilot Duo Fly First Trip Together On E175

From envoyair.com: <https://www.envoyair.com/2019/10/10/mother-son-pilot-duo-fly-first-trip-together-e175/>



We always talk about how Envoy is like a family. Well, sometimes it literally is; mother-and-son duo, the Limbachs are two of our very own Envoy pilots!

Recently, Captain Curtis Limbach and his mother, First Officer Cindy Limbach, flew their first trip together on the Embraer 175. Cindy, a longtime flight instructor who owns a flight school and has done commercial flying in the past, and Curtis, an A&P Licensed mechanic and ex-medical evacuation pilot, said that while it was exciting, “there’s still standards and checklists, so it was a pretty normal flight.”

Cindy and Curtis aren’t the only aviators in the family – they are joined by Cindy’s husband Bruce Limbach, who is a recently retired American Airlines Captain on the Boeing 787. Both Curtis and Bruce, father and son, recently earned their seaplane ratings and are avid skydivers. (Side note: Curtis and his wife Mariah met while skydiving — talk about falling in love!)

Well, it’s safe to say that aviation is the lifeblood of the Limbach family. Let’s hear more from Cindy and Curtis about their special bond in a quick Q&A below.



Cindy and Curtis in 2007 for Curtis’ first solo flight

**When was the first time you knew you wanted to be a pilot?**

**Cindy:** I loved looking at the sky since I was a kid. I wanted to fly by the time I was in high school, but had no idea how, plus my friends thought I was nuts!

**Curtis:** Pretty much forever.

**Is flying a “family activity”?? Describe what that’s like?**

**Cindy:** I guess similar to families that go boating or camping. If mom and dad like it, we all do it!

**Curtis:** There’s a lot of “MY PLANE”.

**How is your family different from other non-pilot families, and how is it the same?**

**Cindy:** Other than going to see their grandparents in a Cessna instead of a Chevy, it's pretty much the same.

**Curtis:** We are just as up and down as any other family. We have some other aviation-related hobbies, such as both my parents and I power-paraglide. We've even gotten some other friends into it as well.

**Why did you choose Envoy?**

**Cindy:** My son did a lot of research and chose Envoy. He suggested I ought to give it a go!

**Curtis:** The connection to American Airlines, and a Chicago base was important.

**What are your initial thoughts on the son being the Captain and the mom being the First Officer?**

**Cindy:** My initial thought was that it probably wouldn't happen, but would be fun. When he upgraded and got the Embraer 175, I knew it may happen when he texted, "I like cream in my coffee."

**Curtis:** She better get my coffee order correct - black.

**Cindy, normally a mother is proud of their son for achieving their dreams, but how is it different that you both accomplished the same dream?**

**Cindy:** My husband and I are proud that both of our kids pursued their dreams. Curtis' sister, Amanda, has a passion for art, so she became a jeweler. We don't care what our kids pick, as long as they are happy.

**Cindy, we've heard a lot of pilots say that their time to become a commercial pilot has run out, but that's not the case with you - do you have any advice for anyone who is on the fence about joining an airline because of their age?**

**Cindy:** At 56 years old, I thought the option was long gone. I didn't want to look back and regret missing this opportunity. I have a friend that was hired at 54 and just flowed to American at 60. They love it!

**Curtis, explain what it's like growing up in an aviation family, especially with your father as an American Airlines pilot?**

**Curtis:** There's a good aviation community where I grew up, which meant that we got to be around a lot of different planes. In addition to general aviation, I've flown medevac (Lear jet) and skydivers (Twin Otter) before starting at Envoy.

My mom also owns a flight school and maintenance shop, where my dad and I worked, and I have my A&P and FAA



Curtis, with his wife Mariah, and Cindy, with her husband Bruce, after completing a flight out of Columbus International Airport together.



The Limbach Family: (L to R) Curtis, Bruce, Cindy, and Amanda



Captain Curtis and First Officer Cindy on the flight deck of an Embraer 175.

Inspection Authorization. I think having my A&P helps when talking to our mechanics out in the field when issues come up.

**What's your favorite part about flying a plane and being an airline pilot?**

**Cindy:** I like flying anything. Any size and any speed. Airline-pilot flying exposes me to new people and new friends. Can't forget how great Known Crew Member is!

**Curtis:** Not sitting in an office.



## Don't Wait

By: Allen Checca

Nine years ago my life was changed forever. I had a stroke that left me paralyzed on my right side. I'm not telling you this story to gain your sympathy, but as a cautionary tale.

It took four years to build our airplane and since it was finished in 2004 we've taken many weekend trips. On Labor Day weekend 2010 my wife and I decided to take a trip to Philadelphia. We flew to Columbus, Ohio and had lunch with our daughter and her husband then flew on to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. We picked up our rental car and settled in for the night. The next day we drove into Philadelphia and took a walking tour, visited Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Our tour guide was dressed the colonial costume and gave an interesting description of life at the time of the American Revolution.



The next day we toured Hershey, Pennsylvania and Valley Forge. The streetlights in Hershey are shaped like Hershey kisses. That was a surprise. Chocolate World is like an amusement park ride that takes you through the chocolate making process. There is a large museum dedicated to Milton Hershey, who was quite a philanthropist. He gave away part of his fortune to endow an boarding school for orphans that's still in operation today. Then we drove to Gettysburg for the night.

On Monday we toured the battlefield. The tour followed the chronology of the battle as it moved around the countryside. That was the best part of the trip. That afternoon we drove back to Harrisburg to pick up our plane and head home.

We stopped in Columbus and had dinner with our daughter and her family. In the air on the way home I turned to my wife and said:

"I really enjoyed this trip. We should go to Boston next."

Little did I know I'd never pilot my plane on another trip.

Tuesday I went back to work. That afternoon I felt a little off. It's hard to describe. Not dizzy. Not in pain. Just different. I walked down one floor for a meeting and on my way upstairs I had to stop and gather my wits to make it to my desk. It's a long walk to the parking lot and half way there I had to stop because I didn't think I'd make it to my car. I stood there for a few minutes wondering if I should sit down and wait for help. Eventually I mustered enough strength to make it to my car. I took all my concentration to drive home. I passed one hospital and debated whether I should stop. It's a small hospital so I decided to keep going.

When I got home and walked in my wife said:

"Do you know you're dragging your leg and slurring your speech?"

I replied:

"There was no one in the car to talk to, so no I didn't know that."

She immediately packed me into the car and off to the hospital we went.

When we arrived they put me in a wheelchair and took me into the ER. I was able to stand up for a chest X-ray. They got me a room and wheeled me to it. As I stood up to climb into bed my legs gave out and I couldn't form words. Now I was scared. What's going on?

This is when my life began to change. A pretty young nurse came in and told me I needed a catheter. This was a humiliation I soon got over. I lost count of the number of people who saw me naked. By the end of my stay they could have rolled me naked through the lobby and I wouldn't have cared.

I was moved to the ICU where they could watch me closer. I had several CAT scans and MRIs but they couldn't come up with a diagnosis. At this point I could no longer speak, drink or eat. I was having trouble breathing and every night I had the same nightmare. In my dream I was presented with a large computer printout with rows and columns of ten digit numbers. These were the passwords for my next breath and I had to pick the correct one. After several nights of this I began to pray for death. Not being able to speak I couldn't tell anyone of my problem.

They decided to give me a tracheotomy to relieve my labored breathing. I was hoping it would solve the problem. Late in the afternoon they announced that no operating rooms were available so they would delay the tracheotomy until tomorrow. "Oh no", I thought. Another night of the passwords. The next day they did the tracheotomy and the nightmares stopped.

Because I couldn't speak my wife gave me a sheet of paper with the alphabet on it similar to one a child would use to learn cursive. I would spell out words but it was a tedious process. When visitors came I wasn't able to react with them, but their visits really cheered up my wife. It helped her cope with the boredom of sitting with me.

They finally came up with a diagnosis-Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM). A disease typically seen in children after vaccination but usually a transient problem that disappears within a year. I had received the shingles vaccine one week before so it gave me hope that my life would return to normal.

One day my daughter, who lives in Louisiana, set up Skype session so she check up on me. While her and my wife were talking my three old grandson, who had a cold, asked:

"Why is Pappap not talking?"

She told him:

"He's sick and he can't talk."

That night as she was putting him to bed he asked with concern in his voice:

"When I wake up will I not be able to talk?"

Out of the mouths of babes.

After three weeks in the ICU I was stable and ready for rehab. I was moved to a regular room and assigned to Emma, a physical therapist, Steve, an occupational therapist and Ashley, a speech therapist. They worked me hard. I had two sessions with each therapist everyday. I was up and walking with a walker in days.

While in therapy I would have to lie on an adjustable table so they could work on me. The table moves up and down electrically to be at a good height for the therapist. It's wide enough for two and one day they put a lady next to me. So I rolled over and said:

"Hello. My name is Al. What's yours?"

She said:

"My name is Caroline."

I replied:

"I'm pleased to meet you Caroline, I make it a habit to know the names of the women I'm lying beside."

I met some very kind and compassionate people in the hospital. Emma, my physical therapist, was very good to me. She knew when to push me and when I needed to rest. I still value her friendship. Jean, a night shift nurse,



touched me with her kindness. On November 5 I mentioned to Jean that it was my wife's birthday. Jean's response was:

"Do you want to get her card?"

"How can I do that?"

"I'll take you to the gift shop before she gets here."

"But I don't have any money."

"I'll buy it for you. Would you like a cake? I can order one from the kitchen."

As fate would have it my wife came in before the gift shop open and we couldn't sneak down there. Jean called one of the day shift nurses who stopped and bought a card on the way to work. We had a surprise party at lunchtime. Jean went above and beyond the call of duty to lift our spirits.

After 70 days I was released from the hospital. When it became apparent that I was not getting better several other doctors reviewed my files and determined that I had a stroke.

I had more therapy as an outpatient and started working out at a local gym. At first my wife was helping me but if you worked closely on something with your spouse you can guess how that went. We decided a personal trainer would be a better option to save our marriage so we hired Stacy. She was always cheerful and happy and that's what I wanted. The fact that she's good looking didn't affect my selection. Stacy and I are still working together and she has become a good friend.

After a year I realized I wasn't going get better. I never thought I was depressed but looking back I realize I was. I contemplated suicide many times. I thought of the ways to kill myself. I didn't want to hurt. I researched all my medications for overdose information and none of them fit the bill. They would hurt your liver but not kill you. I looked into sitting in a running van in the garage but with today's pollution controls it would take hours. I finally decided if it really got bad I'd crawl over the railing of a local bridge where I knew the water was deep enough to do the job. I never got the courage to do it.

My life is much different now. I can't fly my plane anymore. My son flies it. I never returned to work. We moved to a home with handicapped modifications. I use a cane or walker in the house and an electric wheelchair when I go out. We bought a handicap accessible van that I can drive. I work out twice a week in a gym. I've gotten stronger but I haven't gained back any more functionality.

I'm not saying my life is perfect now. Everyday life is a challenge. Taking a shower and getting dressed takes about 45 minutes. Getting my shoes on is a chore. I've read that "dreams are the window to the soul." My dreams have a constant theme-I'm lost. I parked my car and I can't find it. Soon I'm wandering around some rust belt city searching for it. It's not always the same city but it's always dismal. Another recurring theme is I'm at work and my desk is missing a computer. I search for an occupied desk so I can get back to work. It's strange that I don't dream about flying. My dreams show I haven't found anything to replace who I thought I was. I spent four years building my airplane and flying it was my passion. Every trip we took in it was an adventure. Sometimes I wonder if having a stroke was God's ways of keeping me from dying in a plane crash.

So why am I writing this? Don't put off what you want to do to later. I was talking to a fellow in the gym recently and he told me that he intended to take his wife on an cruise to Alaska for their 50th. My advice-don't wait.





## EAA CHAPTER 95 MEMORIAL AIR ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP for 2020

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 95, located at Morris Municipal Airport, is proud to announce the annual EAA Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship Contest. The contest is open to all students ages 12-18. The fast-paced Air Academy Program provides opportunities in hands-on workshops and computer laboratories. Participants explore nearly every facet of flight, from balsa gliders to the large collection of aircraft at EAA's world class Air Venture Museum located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

This year Chapter 95 will select a winner or winners to attend one of the EAA Air Academy Programs. The sessions are as follows:

**EAA Young Eagles Camp** (for 12-13 year olds):

Session 1 – June 15-19, 2020

Session 2 – June 22-26, 2020

**EAA Basic Air Academy** (for 14-15 year olds):

Session 1 – June 28-July 3, 2020

Session 2 – July 6-11, 2020

**EAA Advanced Air Academy** (for 16-18 year olds):

Session 1 – July 14-22, 2020

Session 2 – July 24-August 1, 2020

The contest will run until November 30, 2019. The winners will be contacted no later than March 1, 2020. All applicants will need to complete the EAA Air Academy Application as well as two letters of recommendations and a brief essay explaining your aviation interests, experiences and career goals. These goals do not have to be aviation related.

We are requesting anyone interested in applying for the EAA Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship for 2020 or know someone that would be interested, **please make sure you have the application materials for the Young Eagles Camp and the Basic Air Academy submitted by November 30, 2019, and for the Advanced Air Academy by September 30, 2019.**

The forms and all the information is available on the chapter website – [www.eaa95.org](http://www.eaa95.org) or the EAA Headquarters site at [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

### EAA AIR ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS:

- Step 1: Complete the Air Academy application. (DO NOT SEND THE DEPOSIT – ALL THE WINNERS' FEES WILL BE PAID BY EAA CHAPTER 95.)
- Step 2: Include two letters of recommendation. These may be from teachers, clergy, flight instructors, EAA members, etc. **No family members, please.**
- Step 3: Complete an essay discussing your aviation interest, experiences and career goals. These goals do not have to be aviation related.

Return all parts of the application (Air Academy form, letters of recommendation and essay) no later than September 30, 2019 or November 30, 2019 as stated above to:

Larry Nawojski, Young Eagles Coordinator  
EAA Chapter 95  
1603 Devonshire Lane  
Shorewood, IL 60404

For more information contact: Larry Nawojski, Young Eagles Coordinator, at 815-741-3982.

## 2019 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

Here is the current calendar of events we have right now, but keep checking as more are added. If you have ideas for events, please contact Doug Harford.

### October

25 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm @ Grundy County Farm Bureau

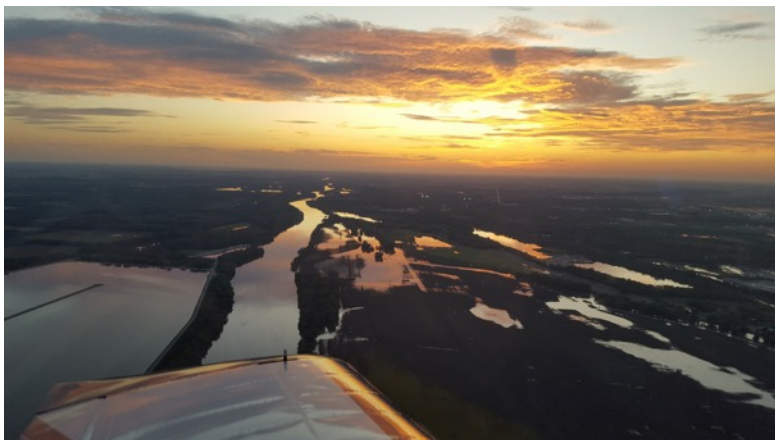
### November

14 - CPR Class 6pm @ Coal City Fire Station 2

15 - Potluck and Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm @ Grundy County Farm Bureau

### December

13 - Pizza Party/movie night



A beautiful sunset reflecting off the water a few days after the heavy rains and flooding the end of September.



Tom and Nathan Ellis participating in the Lewis Chapter 15 Poker Run - 5 cards - 5 airports (Bolingbrook, Joliet, Kankakee, Lansing, and Lewis)

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**NEXT MEETING: Friday, Oct 25, 2019 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.