



**Merry Christmas**



**Happy New Year**

**Please Join Us For An Evening of FUN, FOOD, & FRIENDSHIP**

**Including an Exciting and Fun Program -**

**Bringing Amelia Earhart to Life  
A First Person Portrayal, by Leslie Goddard**

**Chapter 95 Annual Holiday Banquet**

**Saturday, January 13, 2017**

**Autobahn Country Club  
3795 Centerpoint Way, Joliet, IL**

**Cocktails/Social Hour - 6:00 pm  
Dinner - 7:00 pm**

Besides the usual **FUN** and **FELLOWSHIP** at our Annual Holiday Dinner, we also have an **EXCITING and lively program**. (Please see page 5 for more details)

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!** You do not need to be a Chapter 95 member to attend. The more the merrier and I think everyone will enjoy the program this year, so invite your friends and family.

Dinner tickets are \$35.00 per person.

Cash bar will begin at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm.

Menu: Prime Rib, Chicken Picatta, Mashed potatoes/gravy au gratin, Pasta, Mixed Vegetables (no broccoli), Caesar Salad, Fresh rolls and butter, Cookies, Brownies, Chocolate Chip bread pudding.

**Call Jacque NOW and order tickets!!**

Please make out the check to: EAA Chapter 95

If you mail your check for Banquet tickets, please send it to: Jacque Nawojski, 1603 Devonshire Ln, Shorewood, IL 60404

If you have any questions, you can call Jacque at 815-741-3982 or e-mail: [jen.norton1943@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jen.norton1943@sbcglobal.net)

This is a GREAT event to CELEBRATE 2017 and LOOK FORWARD to 2018!

**HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!**

## From The President ...



Hi all,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years from Shelly and I to each and every one of you ☺

We enjoyed a good turnout for the November Pot Luck and December Ugly Christmas Sweater / Movie & Pizza night. It is now time for a little break in chapter activities while we all enjoy family gatherings for the Holiday Season.

EAA Chapter 95 and friends enjoyed a GREAT Year in 2017 and we are looking forward to an even better Year to come in 2018. The Holiday Party committee is doing an awesome job planning for our annual event to be held at the Autobahn Country Club 1-13-18. Be sure to contact Jacque and secure your ticket in advance as you don't want to miss the fun.

Signing off now until next month;

Be Safe, Healthy & Happy,  
Mark

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## Chapter 95 Meeting Minutes - Nov 17, 2017

Meeting called to order @ The Grundy County Farm Bureau @ 7:30pm by President Mark Molle with 27 in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Secretary's Report by Warren Roddy – Accepted as reported in our November Newsletter.

Treasurer's report by Jacque Nawojski –  
Income: \$75.00  
Expenses: \$47.50  
Young Eagles Fund: \$3947.73  
Available Funds: \$4617.92

### OLD BUSINESS:

10-28-17 Young Eagles at Joliet Airport. The WX was terrible and we had to cancel at the last minute on Saturday Morning. We also canceled an earlier date at Joliet due to weather. Next year we will ask to schedule a rain date on the Sunday after--as we had a very nice day on both Sundays.

### NEW BUSINESS:

“Potluck” before our meeting tonight. The chapter provided Italian beef Sandwiches and everyone brought a dish to pass. We had an awesome dinner and a head start on stretching our stomachs for Thanksgiving next week.

EAA95 Holiday Dinner and Banquet—Rita Saribekian reported the committee has selected the AutoBahn Country

Club and the date will be Saturday, January 13, 2018. Cash bar is at 6 PM and dinner will start at 7 PM. The entrees will be Prime Rib and Chicken Picatta. Cost per person is \$39.83. Tickets are \$35 each with our Chapter absorbing \$4.83 for each ticket. Tickets may be purchased at any time from our treasurer Jacque Nawojski.

Chapter Elections for Vice President, Secretary and three board members. Pete DeCraene was the volunteer election official. Pete announced the results were unanimous: Vice President--Brian DePung, Secretary--Warren Roddy, Board Members-- Doug Harford, Bill Morrison, and John Saribekian.

Young Eagles Academy Candidates: We had a quite a long discussion on how to best find worthy candidates and what criteria should be considered—such as whether we should consider sending someone to camp for a second time. For now it was determined to ask all Chapter members to identify and provide information to kids that might be interested in receiving our Chapter Scholarship for this fantastic Camp.

### Guest Speakers:

EAA Chapter Video

### Treats:

We had a table full of treats with our Potluck. They were great!

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## Reminder: 2018 Membership Dues

Please remember to pay Jacque for your 2018 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.

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## Reminder: EAA Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship

If you are interested in applying for the EAA Chapter 95 Memorial Air Academy Scholarship for 2018 or know someone that would be interested, please make sure you have the application materials submitted by December 31, 2017.

The forms and all the information is available on the chapter website - [www.eaa95.org](http://www.eaa95.org)

## Unexpected flight to Fox River Airport (96C)

By: Warren Roddy

Last Tuesday (December 5<sup>th</sup>) morning I was at home thinking it's time to type up the minutes from the November EAA95 Chapter meeting. So instead of doing the minutes I fiddled with my Iphone checking whether there were any new posts on the Facebook group: Citabria, Decathlon, Scout, Pilots and Owners (about 2400 members)—usually I find something of interest.

There was a new post from Terry in Arkansas looking for a Tailwheel Instructor to meet him at Fox River Airport (home of ACA-American Champion Aircraft) in Rochester, WI. He was picking up his new ACA Super Decathlon on Thursday and needed a Tailwheel Instructor for his one hour insurance checkride. I knew John Musgrave had been working on his house in LaSalle and figured he'd rather fly a new Super D than house repair—and gave him a call. After some discussion we decided I'd recommend him for the job by posting his name and telephone in the Owners Group. My post was “John Musgrave at C09 in Morris, IL is an excellent tailwheel instructor (Decathlon, Citabria, RV's, Stearman). His phone is 217-xxx-xxxx”

Later that same evening John called saying he's scheduled for 10 AM Thursday and would I like to take my Citabria and go up to 96C together!

We met at C09 early Thursday morning and flew an “interesting” and not very direct route to 96C—but that's another story. John made a call on the CTAF 5 miles out and we were advised by the ACA pilot doing a Scout flight test we might want to use the grass strip that parallels the paved runway due to the big X-Wind—very considerate and polite advice.

Terry, the new Super D owner, came out and introduced himself as John and I were getting out of my Citabria. He knew John by name and deduced who I was and my last name. We knew right away that Terry was another great pilot guy to talk to. (He hadn't flown fixed wing for three years due to concentrating on his helicopter.) After some paperwork by John and Terry, advice from John and me on how to get in and out of the Super D, me drooling over this beautiful Super D while noting it needed some gas--the check ride happened while I ate my sandwich in the office. The flight lasted an hour and they were done—John and Terry had completed his check ride and we were all ready to head home.

John and I recommended a couple of airport restaurants for Terry's flight back toward Northeast Arkansas and both planes took off for home within 5 minutes. As we were climbing out, the Chief test pilot from ACA came back on the CTAF and thanked John and I for flying in. John continued giving Terry flying advice on 123.45 while discussing insurance rates on the new Super D versus his helicopter.

Terry flew his Decathlon all the back home to near Jonesboro, AK. He even arrived home early that same evening. His post on Facebook after arriving home was “Thanks again to Warren Roddy for recommending John Musgrave as an instructor! John not only gave me instruction at the factory, he also kept up with me on the aircraft radio and then by text messaging all the way back to Arkansas! If you look close at the tailwheel, I hope to be able to take off the training wheels real soon”



## Van's Aircraft 10,000+ Flying Aircraft

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Congratulations to David Porter, who recently reported the first flight of his RV-7 and became the official 10,000th Van's RV aircraft to transition from a collection of parts and take to the skies. We say "official" because there are certainly more than 10,000 flying, but we don't know about all of them. Many builders have taken to the air and, doubtless, the thrilling experience caused them to overlook alerting anyone at Van's.

Mr Porter lives in Martinsburg, WV and spent 3 1/2 years building his RV-7 from a standard kit. It's the first airplane he has built. He's also the President of EAA Chapter 1071 in Martinsburg, where several members are also RV builders and pilots. Serial number 74311 (the 4311th RV-7/7A empennage kit sold) is the 1,662nd RV-7 to fly, and a splendid example of the marque. It's fairly typically equipped for a modern RV, with a Lycoming O-360-A1A, Hartzell blended airfoil prop, GRT/Garmin VFR avionics and seats by Flightline Interiors. His first flight was on November 24th, 2017.

David is an experienced CFI, but a relative newcomer to the RV world. As he says: "I had never considered building an airplane until one day in late 2013 when I got a ride in the back seat of an RV-8. It was my first time in an RV, and I was amazed by the performance. I immediately started running calculations about whether I could afford to build an RV. Before long, I ordered an empennage kit and sold the Piper Warrior I had owned for several years."

Van's Aircraft began to sell RV-3 plans back in 1973, so over the last 44 years a new RV has taken to the air every 1.6 days, on average. No-one is exactly sure when the 1,000th RV flew - best guess is around early 1994. The 2,000 mark was passed in November 1998, nineteen years ago.

The increase from 9,000 flying RVs to 10,000 took just 33 months or under 1,000 days. So currently, about one new RV airplane leaves the ground each day, 360 in the last year. An interesting sidebar is that the shortest time taken to gain 1,000 flying RVs was from 6,000 to 7,000 in the 23 months leading up to October 2010. At that time, three new RVs flew every two days.

Cirrus, the leader of the certified single piston pack, will deliver around 300 airplanes in 2017, so the "distributed production" of RVs is the largest addition to the worldwide piston fleet each year. Van's continues to democratize general aviation, to offer as many people as possible the opportunity to experience affordable RV "Total Performance". RV's have flown around the world, over both poles, and in more than 50 countries.

None of this would be possible without the dedicated efforts of thousands of builders, each one with their personal dream to fly an RV that is uniquely their own. Van's can supply the raw material, but our customers provide the blood, sweat and tears that transform those parts into flying aircraft. Thanks are due to all RV builders, whose work has changed the world of personal aviation.

Dick Van Grunsven, founder and CEO commented: "If we step back and take a historical we realize that "RVs" have been part of the aviation scene for over half of the "personal aircraft" era which began in rom interesting fringe area curiosities to GA mainstays. Credit is due both to the dedicated and talented staff at Van's Aircraft and to the thousands of aviation enthusiasts who had faith in the perhaps understated performance and value of our traditional designs. I cannot overemphasize the importance of the countless builders and pilots who have supported each other, and created a community that is now an aviation icon. Together, we have advanced the enjoyment and safety of personally built aircraft. On this strong foundation, I see no end in sight to the growth and energy the RV community is offering to GA. "

We look forward to the next 10,000. At current rates, that should take only about half as long as the first 10,000, so watch this space in 2040 or so. We're confident that Van's will be there, and that plenty of RVs will still be delighting their owners, and taking new generations of builders into the sky.

For more information on the most successful line of kit-built aircraft in the world, visit [www.vansaircraft.com](http://www.vansaircraft.com) or call 503-678-6545.

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**NOTE:**

Just a rough count, EAA Chapter 95 has at least 16 flying RV's in our club and 8 more being built! We also have all of the different aircraft represented except for the RV-14. All of us with RV's can attest to how much fun they are and how versatile. If you have never been in one, stop out at the Morris airport and I'm sure anyone with an RV would LOVE to give you a ride. (Warning/Disclaimer: It may be an expensive FREE ride, as you will then want to buy or build your own.)

# *Amelia Earhart*

**A First-Person Portrayal by Leslie Goddard**



Amelia Earhart's courageous exploits and spirited personality made her an international celebrity in the early twentieth century. In this lively living-history program, meet Amelia and learn about her experiences as the first woman to cross the Atlantic by airplane (1928) and the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic (1932). She'll describe how she learned to fly, what inspired her adventurous spirit, and why she set off in 1937 for an around-the-world flight.

Inspired by Amelia Earhart's books *20 Hrs., 40 Min.* (1928); *The Fun of It* (1932) and *Last Flight* (1937, posthumous).

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Leslie Goddard is an award-winning actress and scholar who has been presenting history programs for more than ten years. She holds a PH.D from Northwestern University specializing in American studies and U.S. History as well as a Master's Degree in theater. A former museum director, she is the author of two books on history and currently works full-time as an author and public speaker. Her programs have been presented for hundreds of museums, libraries, senior centers, clubs, and organizations around the country.



## 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 or \$35 for Member and Spouse

Name Badge: \$7.00 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 \$7.00 or \$14.00 for optional name badge(s). Send check and form to:

Jacque Nawojski  
EAA 95 Treasurer

1603 Devonshire Ln  
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## One (BIG) step forward for Two Builders

Glenn Vokac and Michael Foss are each building an RV-8. They were both at the point of needing an engine. They both took the plunge this year at OSH and even though they bought them from different places, they came around the same time. So on Dec 9, they were able to get both engines hung and take a huge step forward in their building. Glenn had the added bonus of having his prop too!

Congrats Glenn and Michael! We are looking forward to having 2 more RV-8s flying with us soon!!



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**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, Jan 13th, 2018 at 6:00pm**

## **Chapter 95 Annual Holiday Dinner**

**Location: Autobahn Country Club**  
**3795 Centerpoint Way**  
**Joliet, 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.