

EAA Chapter 95 Social Event

THIS FRIDAY, Mar 29

Grundy County Farm Bureau

7:30pm

As Doug mentioned in the last newsletter and has a follow up in this months newsletter, we'd like to replace meetings with events and we need everyone to help provide ideas. Lucas Crater stepped up and suggested a Game Night. Mark Molle tagged on and suggested playing Euchre. So bring your favorite game(s) and/or cards and we can split into smaller groups and play various games.

Even if you don't like playing games, this is a GREAT opportunity to come and hang out and just get together with your aviation family! You don't have to play games or cards, just come out and enjoy a getting together.

EAA Chapter 95

Day At The Range

With Sight On Solution

Saturday, Apr 13

10am - 5pm

**1121 N Division St,
Braidwood, IL**

Mark Molle is hosting this FUN, NEW Event for Chapter 95. This is an opportunity to spend the day shooting at the range with expert instruction. Dave from Sights On Solutions is our host/instructor offering a wide variety of guns to experience and of course bring your favorite firearms and ammo as well. This is scheduled for Saturday, with Sunday as a rain date, if necessary. The cost is \$25 for the day. Please RSVP to Mark Molle (mrkmolle@gmail.com or 815-378-1680) so they know how many people to expect.

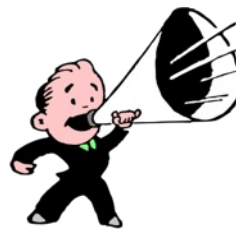
EAA Chapter 95 Facebook Group

Are you part of the EAA Chapter 95 Facebook Group? If not, we would highly encourage you to join. Just go to the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1675896942688224/>

And click on "Join Group". You can also search for "EAA Chapter 95". If you see a couple options, select the one that says "Group". If you have any questions, please contact Doug Harford or Matt Kwiatkowski, their contact information is in the back part of the newsletter.

We are trying to use the Facebook Group as a way to let as many people as possible know about events and activities that we have coming up. It is also a way for you to create an event and get it out to a big audience. We hope to see a lot of events getting created.



ATTENTION!

I encourage you to read through the list of items and meeting minutes from the Chicago Area Chapter Leaders Conference on Page 4. Mark Molle and Brian DePung attended this in February and represented our Chapter. There is a lot of good information and as you can see (especially number 12) all chapters are struggling with the concept of "traditional meetings" and it seems the trend may be more "event based".

Also, take a look at number 17 - there is a good list of ideas for events. Do any of those seem interesting to you? If so, pick one and make it an event for us! I'll even make it easy for you - we already have been used to having the 4th Friday of the month set aside for Chapter 95 meeting/event, so pick a 4th Friday of the month and set up an event on Facebook or email/talk to Doug or one of the officers/board members about it. How's that for EASY! Let's start getting events on the calendar for each month!!

If this is completely new to you, come on out and check it out and try something new. If this is something you are interested in, come on out and share your common interest and hobby with the group.

From The President ...



Thank you to all our leaders!

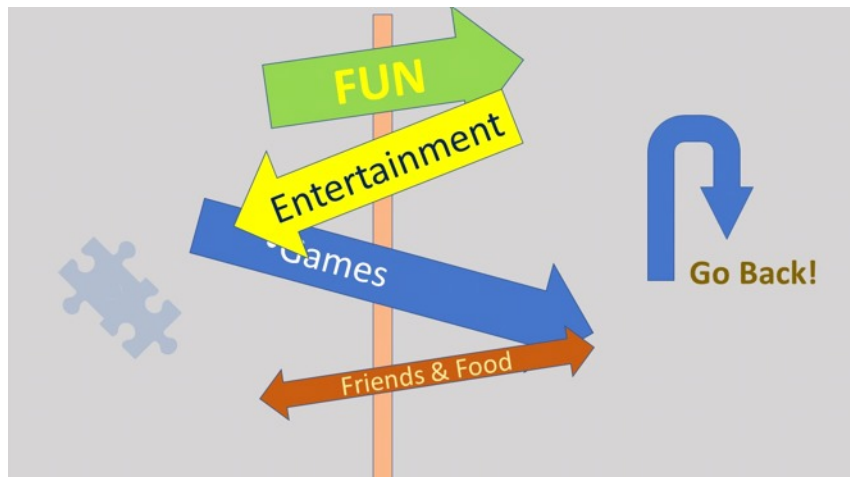
Last week I was struggling with the less meeting concept and then Lucas Carter stepped up and suggested we have a game night March 29th. Thank you Lucas for your leadership and throwing your idea out! Mark Molle replied to his post and suggested Euchre as one of the games for this social event. So, is anyone willing to run a trivia contest or something else for the non-euchre playing crowd?

Mark has also posted events like a Chapter Day at the Range. A day of shooting is not my thing, but over 20 people have signed up and more are calling! This promises to be a popular event and something new for The Chapter to experience.

The idea behind less meetings and more events is so we can all lead Chapter 95 and we will have a more diverse and interesting offering. Last week we had 8 members go to supper and attend “Peaks to Pavement, lessons from the back country” at Clow Airport. After I posted the event Mark suggested we all meet for supper at The Patio and everyone had good food and fellowship.

Soon it will warm up and days will get longer, so we can get in more flying and Tail Dragger Tuesdays. I look forward to that, and to see where new leaders take us. Where do you want to lead? Do you have a favorite game to share with friends on the 29th, or an idea for a different event? Please share it with us like Lucas and Mark.

Doug



Chapter 95 Meeting Minutes - February 22, 2019

Meeting called to order at the Grundy County Farm Bureau @ 7:30 pm by President Doug Harford with 27 in attendance.

Treasurer’s Report ~ Jacque Nawojski

Income: \$3,775.00

Expenses: \$4,962.47

Young Eagles Fund: \$3,620.73

Available Funds: \$2,982.09

Old Business

Doug Harford complimented Nick Scholtes for the seminar he presented last Saturday on “Flying into Towered Airports” Everyone who attended (35 of us) learned a lot, enjoyed bagels, donuts, and coffee; and later participated in an on-line survey for future educational events.

New Business

“No Meetings!! What’s that about? Doug Harford and Group Discussion: Members come to meeting for different reasons—social, information, learning, making decisions, etc. Everyone comes to meetings with different expectations.

What are the alternatives to a meeting? (Everything we do is Social) Some of these are:

Social: Family Dinner Night, Annual Banquet, All Events, Game Night, Fly-ins and Fly-outs, Lunches

Information: Newsletter, Internet, Lunches

Decisions: Board Meetings, Polls, E-mail voting, Meetings for important topics

Our new meeting format will be slanted toward “events” Anyone that wants an event is welcome to have one. We need teams to do this—

Social

Outreach

Flying/Travel

Building

Communications

Our approach will be this is My Club and I'm willing to do one event a year. If no-one wants to do anything, we're going to have a sparse schedule.

We really need to organize a social team. We need to help out Jana with newsletter articles. It doesn't need to be a big article--even just a paragraph on an item of interest. We don't need to have big events--some of our best "events" are only a few people.

Some of the discussion:

- I like to come to a set meeting on Friday night because I have a busy schedule and can plan on being there.
- I think we need to have at least one event a month.
- One event idea is an "Airplane Sampler Day"

How to Facebook your Chapter Event by Matt Kwiatkowski: Matt presented an online demo on how any one of us can create a Chapter Event on the Chapter 95 Facebook Group.

EAA Flying Start: This event invites non-fliers and has a presentation about learning to fly. At the end everyone who attends would receive and Eagle Flight. By a show of hands we had plenty of volunteers willing to provide a Flight.

Tom Ellis has signed up with the EAA to get information on this program--tentatively to be held on May 18th.

Nametags

Jacque has a source for nametags. They are eight dollars each and you can choose a mounting style of either a magnet or a pin. Contact Jacque if you want one.

Treats

Jacque and Larry Nawojski provided treats. Thank you!

Flying the RV-6A

As the 2019 flying season approaches, I wanted to extend an offer to those of you who would like to experience the RV Grin.

Over the past several years I have added other named Pilots to my insurance and shared expenses enabling these pilots to fly and use my RV-6A (which is hangered at our home on Riley Field LL51) If you are building a RV and want to get some transition time, or just enjoy an occasional trip flying to your favorite destination, this might be an opportunity to make it happen.

Kelly and I are out of town and will miss the March Chapter Event, but you can call me after April 1st if you're interested.

Dave Miller
815-351-7542



7th Annual Chicagoland EAA Chapter Leaders' Conference - February 23rd, 2019

Mark Molle and Brian DePung attended the Chicago Area Chapter Leaders Conference in February. The purpose of this annual meeting is to build relationships between chapter leaders in the Chicagoland area, to share knowledge and experience, to help each other resolve chapter issues and to encourage our chapter members to attend each other's events.



1. This year we had 29 attendees from 13 chapters. Representatives from EAA in Oshkosh were unable to attend. Attendees from Lewis (Chapter 15), Rockford (Chapter 22), Lake in the Hills (Chapter 790), Poplar Grove (Chapter 1414), Dekalb (Chapter 241), Aurora (Chapter 579), Galt (Chapter 932), Joliet (Warbirds 4), Clow (Chapter 461), Morris (Chapter 95), Waukegan (Chapter 414), IAC 1.
2. Special thanks as always to Schaumburg Airport to lending us the room for the event and to Bob Brandt and chapter 153 for providing coffee and donuts.
3. The first item on the agenda was best practices for pancake breakfasts - chapter 579 in Aurora would like to start hosting pancake breakfasts this year.
4. Next the group discussed the new Young Eagles online registration software (www.youneaglesday.com). This is an optional system. It provides a way to advertise your young eagles events because parents can search for events in their area. If chapters don't have access to computers during the rally this software is not helpful. There are lots of help videos on the site explaining how to use it. The software also allows you to print registration forms and certificates as well as entering the pilots' and young eagles' details. Only young eagles coordinators can post events on this site.
5. Carol reminded everyone to make sure you use the latest Young Eagles registration forms and certificates.
6. Youth protection policy. This expires every three years and so this year the people who took this training when it first came out are getting notices reminding them to renew. It only takes about 15 minutes. Carol asks all her volunteers to provide her with a copy of their YPP certificate. Young Eagles Coordinators can check the status of a pilot or volunteer's YPP training on the EAA web site at this url: <https://www.eaa.org/apps/chapters/chapterpersonlookup.aspx>. You will need the last name and EAA member number.
7. There was a short discussion about the EAA Air Academy. You can donate your chapter's young eagles credits to academy scholarships. You can use them to reserve a place even if you don't yet know the name of the attendee.
8. IAC chapter 1 is looking for opportunities to get involved with the Young Eagles program. Todd explained that most aerobatic aircraft are not suitable for giving rides to children but they would love to give rides to Young Eagles pilots and or Young Eagles coordinators as a reward. Contact Todd Ashcraft at akrotodd@yahoo.com with your chapter's recommendations for a ride. He will arrange for volunteer pilots to do rides for several pilots in an afternoon to minimize the travel for the IAC pilots.
9. The group came up with some suggestions on how to keep Young Eagles engaged with chapters/aviation after their ride;
 - a. Have your local flight school set up a booth/table at your event.
 - b. Partner with high school honor societies because they require students to perform volunteer work.

- c. You can keep in touch with the parents via the email address they provide on the Young Eagles form or, as some chapters do, ask parents to sign up for your email list.
- d. Talk to the parents about the Young Eagles Flight Plan (all the opportunities EAA provides after the flight). Details at <https://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/free-ye-flights/eaafly-flight-plan>.
- e. EAA provides projects for youth that chapters can use. Carol will find out if rib kits are available.

10. We discussed the new chapter roster management program which has a beta version available for chapters to try. It is completely free and it works similar to a spreadsheet and keeps data about your chapter members. John Cecilia and Chuck Newell have both experimented with it. There are two types of access, admin or read only. If you keep your membership data in a spreadsheet it can be imported into the program. The contact for information is Serena Kamps(skamps@eaa.org).

11. There was a short discussion on using social media to promote chapter events. We all agreed it was important to have a web site but even more important to make sure the information was always current. Several chapters use/recommend using FaceBook to promote events and you can use it to send notifications and reminders. You can post pictures on Instagram. You can use a group text for flyout notifications and meeting reminders. Someone asked if a mobile phone app would be useful. This might be worth more discussion to find out if it would be useful, but I don't think any of us know how to create an app anyway!

12. This topic comes up every year: how to get members to come to your meetings? Various ideas were discussed such as having a clear value/purpose for your chapter. Find something specific that engages your members such as youth engagement, education or social gatherings. Food always brings people out to events. One chapter sees themselves as providing "aviation entertainment" and they keep their chapter business to 5 minutes.

13. How do chapters relate to local flight schools? In particular can we and should we support flight schools? The biggest value EAA chapters have is in their sense of community. This is absolutely something that flight training students need. Somebody shared the current drop out rate for primary flight training is 60% (which is actually an improvement from a few years ago). A big part of the drop out issue is that many students have no support system - they only interact with their CFI. EAA chapters can definitely help with that. We can offer mentoring, friendships, fly with them, help them with areas they are struggling with, help them find the right CFI, help them find scholarships, take them to EAA AirVenture, give them access to flight simulators and flying clubs, etc.

14. It was suggested that chapter leaders should have a prepared "elevator pitch" for their chapter and that we each should be very familiar with the EAA mission.

15. Two participants had recently attended the EAA leadership academy and had current copies of the chapter handbook. You can download a copy from the EAA web site under chapter resources.

16. How can we get members to volunteer? This is another question that comes up every year. Personal requests for help work best. We have all tried email blasts and newsletter appeals but they don't seem to work. Make sure you have a specific description of the task or duties. Most chapters get plenty of volunteers on the day of an event but not many people are interested in the months of planning that needs to be done ahead of time. It was also suggested to make sure you invite your newest members to help with volunteer activities. It is a great way to get to know them and for them to meet others in the chapter. Anyone leading a committee needs to remember to delegate - too many people try to do everything themselves.

17. The last item on the agenda was suggestions for interesting chapter topics/events. Here is a list of what we came up with;

- EAA chapter videos
- Movie night
- Ski plane talk/demo
- Overview of EAA AirVenture and flying in to EAA AirVenture/review NOTAM
- Builder demos
- Birds of prey - www.northernillinoisraptor.org
- Junk yard wars
- Paper airplane contests
- Amelia Earhart re-enactor (www.lesliegoddard.info)
- Trivia night
- ATC talks
- Aviation pictionary
- NOAA at Romeoville will come to your chapter meetings
- Airport safety stand down

There are many different ways we pursue aviation. Chapter Member Don Bonk wanted to share his son's story and let us know how his son is designing his unique path in aviation.

Stepping Out In Faith

Matthew Bonk is going to be a missionary! His commitment to missions is not going to a foreign land but staying here in Port Saint Lucie, FL and using the gifts and skills he developed as an aircraft mechanic to work/minister as a maintenance specialist with (MFI) Missionary Flights International (based out of Fort Pierce, FL). He will help keep the turbine-powered DC-3's flying to meet the needs of over 400 missions to the Bahamas, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and wherever the Lord directs. About 250 tons of cargo and 4,000 Christian workers are transported every year by this vibrant ministry. Being a missionary is not an individual calling if you are married – as commitment to missions ministry truly involves the support of the whole family. So here is "Getting to Know the Bonk Family!":



Matthew Bonk & Pastor Brian Carr at Missionary Flights International

Matt grew up with his parents and older brother in the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. Kari was born in Illinois but grew up in various parts of Florida. They met when Kari went to college at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois. After Kari finished her bachelor's degree in broadcast communications, they were married in May of 1998 and had their first son, Patrick, that same year after moving to Florida.



Matt went to college at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida and earned an Associate's Degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology with his FAA Airframe and Powerplant license. He then went to work at several different commuter airlines. The first was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where Kari and Matt received their second son, Marck, from the Lord. Then they moved back to Illinois and added their third blessing from God to the family, Luke. Shortly after Luke was born, Kari went back to school and obtained an Associate's Degree in Patisserie and Baking at the Le Cordon Bleu Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago. After this, they packed up the family and moved to Jacksonville, Florida to pursue careers.

After about 10 years of marriage, 30-year-old Matt finally committed his life to Christ. Kari accepted Jesus in her life at the age of 35 after dealing with being laid off at two different jobs and having to go through several Christian therapeutic retreats to deal with past issues. At that time, both wholeheartedly started following the Lord and strengthening their faith which soon would be tested.

In June of 2009, while on vacation, their oldest son Patrick was in a tragic accident. Had it not been for the miraculous power of God, he would not have survived, let alone made a near full recovery. He spent months in the hospital and years in therapy but surpassed all the doctor's expectations and predictions. He is currently in college attending Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia pursuing a degree in financial services.

Even though Kari had achieved working in both fields that she has degrees in, her sons' needs and lack of a current job prior to Patrick's accident made it difficult to pursue her career. At that time, she felt that God called her to start homeschooling their boys. Currently, she is utilizing her time to help her younger two boys get into different schools to maximize their potential while taking on a role of private baking lessons to anyone interested in her services. She is excited to see where God will lead her and her family in life as they make the transition into mission life.

Matt volunteers at their youngest son's Boy Scout Troop and at their middle son's Trail Life Troop. He is also helping as an adult leader in the youth group at FUMC. God has called Matt to missions with MFI after he went on several youth mission trips and Walk to Emmaus weekend.

Mathew, Kari, and their family are in the support-raising portion of their ministry at MFI. Mathew is working full-time as an aircraft mechanic while raising support and will be serving at MFI as a maintenance specialist.

2019 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

This year we are hoping to try something new and get away from the model of “traditional chapter meetings” and have more “events” instead.

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.

March

29- Chapter Social Event 7:30pm

April

13 - Day At The Range with Sights On Solutions, 10am - 5pm, 1121 N Division St, Braidwood, IL

26-28 - Golden Aerodrome Flying Circus Fly Out, Table Rock Airport (MO32), Golden, MO.

<https://www.goldenaerodrome.org/>

May

18 - EAA “flying start” event (tentative, details at a later date) eaa.org/flyingstart

June

8 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 9am-2pm

29 - Mark & Shelly Molle IL51 Fly-in/Drive-in

July

12 - Matt and Jana Trofimchuck Ice-Cream Social @ Morris Airport

21 - Oshkosh Family Dinner Night @ Wendt’s on the Lake

22-28 - Airventure 2015 @ Oshkosh

August

24 - Dave & Kelly Miller Riley Field Fly-in

September

14 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 9am-2pm

21 - Bruce & Cindy Limbach Annual Pig Roast

Matthew needs your prayers and financial support as his ministry is what is called a tent-making ministry - he raises the funds to fund his salary at MFI. For more information about Missionary Flights International go to www.missionaryflights.org – to support Matthew in his ministry go to the staff section on that website or contact the FUMC Mission Team.

Anyone interested may contact Don Bonk and he can set up a place and time to Skype with Matt and Family so they can answer any questions you may have.

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NEXT EVENT: Friday, Mar 29, 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.