



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathy go out to Sharon Bushby and the rest of Bob Bushby's family on the passing of our dear friend and longtime, original Chapter 95 member Bob Bushy. Bob passed away on October 14, 2018 at the age of 91.



Bob was one of the original founders of EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and went to every single Oshkosh AirVenture, only missing this year, 2018. Bob was beloved by SO MANY, but especially his friends here at Chapter 95. He was a source of information and stories and we all loved talking to him and learning from him. Bob will definitely be missed!

Bob even has a Wikipedia page! See page 7 for the Wikipedia information on Bob.

Reprinted from Carlson Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home, here is Bob's obituary:

Robert W Bushby "Bob", age 91, passed away on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home. Born in Joliet on February 24, 1927 to the late Merritt L. And Esther G. (nee Gallop) Bushby.

He was a proud US Air Force veteran during W.W. II. He was a self-employed designer and builder of experimental aircraft. He designed his own version of the Mustang I and Mustang II after the P-51 Mustang which is widely regarded as the finest all-around piston-engined fighter of World War II to be produced in significant numbers. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Preceded in death by his parents, Merritt and Esther Bushby; two brothers, Merritt and John; and one sister, Gwendolyn.

Survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Sharon (nee Blake) Bushby; three children, Wesley (Christi) Bushby, Paula Bushby and Sandra Bushby; two step-children, John (Jackie) Blake and Kim (Stephen) Seth; four grandchildren; one brother, Harvey Bushby; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

October Chapter Meeting THIS FRIDAY, Oct 26th 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 bring it up to one of the officers.

Get Your Tickets NOW! Chapter 95 Annual Holiday Banquet Saturday, January 19th, 2019

Cocktails: 6:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm

Location: Jacob Henry Mansion Estate
15 S Richards St
Joliet, IL 60435

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

This event is open to EVERYONE and 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. Please put the date on your calendar and get your tickets! Jacquie will be selling tickets at the Oct and Nov chapter meetings or you can mail a check to Jacquie at 1603 Devonshire Ln, Shorewood, IL 60404. Make checks out to EAA Chapter 95.

Questions - contact Rita Saribekian 815-302-6963

In accordance with Bob's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial service will be held and announced at a later date. Inurnment will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

From The President ...



Hi all,

November is elections at our Chapter 95 meeting. The terms up for election are President, Treasurer and three board members. I highly encourage anyone interested in filling a position to let me know so we can put you on the ballot.

Our November meeting will be on the 16th moved up to avoid any conflicts with the Thanksgiving Holiday. Nov. meeting is also a POTLUCK so please come an hour early @ 6:30pm and bring your favorite dish to pass. The chapter will provide the Meat and Water to drink.

The Red Bull Air Races was awesome with a beautiful 86d day in Indiana while it was cold and rainy at home. Michael Golian from USA won the Master Class event which moved him into first place for the World Championship race to be held in Texas.

Holiday Party Tickets are available now see Jacque and get your tickets early for one of our chapter's favorite events of the year.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Friday.

Signing off now until next month;

Be Safe, Healthy & Happy,

Mark

(Email: mrkmolle@gmail.com)

Chapter 95 Meeting Minutes - September 28, 2018

Meeting called to order in Matt and Jana's hangar @ 7:30 pm by President Mark Molle with 22 in attendance (on another damp and rainy evening).

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Treasurer's Report ~ Jacque Nawojski

Income: \$268.00

Expenses: \$157.07

Young Eagles Fund: \$3,875.73

Available Funds: \$4,285.43

Income included a \$100 Young Eagles donation for the July 3rd Flyover for the Liberty 5K Run/Walk.

New Members:

Ted Taylor

Patrick and Samantha Shroba

Peter Siena and son Jake (junior member)

Old Business

9-15-18 Curanda 15th Annual Pig Roast. It was another awesome event with lots of flying and great food! The NODAM (NOTAM) for flying in was really clever and even useful!

9-22-18 Young Eagles Rescheduled date at Morris. We were able to fly 31 kids. We had to call a 1.5 hour delay due to windy and gusty conditions.

New Business

10-7-18 Red Bull Air Racing at Indianapolis. It was pretty cool last year. The wind was 20 gusting to 35 knots and they still flew!

10-13-18 Young Eagles at Joliet. This has been cancelled due to a lack of available pilots.

1-19-19 Annual Holiday Party at the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet Cocktails at 6 and dinner at 7 PM. Cost is the same as last year at \$35 per person. Rita Saribekian was at a wedding recently and enjoyed their delicious food! If you have a suggestion for a guest speaker for please contact Mark or Rita. Tickets are available from Jacque.

Chapter Challenge by Mark Molle. We went thru a list sent out by EAA HQ on items for which EAA Chapters should strive. Our Chapter meets most of these items that included—

- Attendance at Chapter Leadership Training Sessions
- Stable or growing Chapter membership count
- Involvement in IMAC or other flight programs
- Ongoing Young Eagles Program
- Dedicated EAA Flight Advisor and Technical Counselor
- Participation in Annual Chapter Membership surveys
- Chapter Leaders review of EAA Chapter grams
- Chapter Blast to order promotional material
- Sponsorship of Kids for Young Eagles Flight Camp
- Procurement of dedicated facility to hold meetings and presentations

Open Discussion:

October 20th (Saturday) was discussed as a good time to have another family dinner night. Place and time will be announced via email.

Charlie Gibbs stated there is an AOPA Flyin on October 5th and 6th in Carbondale. Doug Harford noted he had a really good experience when he attended an AOPA Flyin in Bentonville, AK

Per Matt T-- Joey Saltzman is looking for airplanes to wash.

Thanks to Rita for putting the banquet together!

Treats

Matt and Jana Trofimchuck provided treats. Thank you!

**Chapter Elections are coming up...
NEED NEW PRESIDENT**

Our Chapter 95 elections are coming up in November and up for election are President, Treasurer, and 3 Board member positions. Please note that Mark Molle is NOT seeking re-election for President, so we will need someone to step up and run for that position. The chapter continues to grow and now is a great time to step up and get involved. Being on the board is one of the easiest and fun jobs you can have. It's a great way to share ideas and help plan the activities for the year. Please strongly consider getting involved!

If you are interested, please talk to Mark Molle.

The FloatFox Bush Pilot Training Adventure

Last year, Doug Harford and Mike Ruffatto bought a Kitfox on floats. It needed some work and TLC, but by this summer they had it ready to fly. One problem, they needed a seaplane rating first! After many phone calls and scheduling issues, they finally found Adventure Seaplanes in Tower, MN, right next to the boundary waters. On August 12, they were getting ready to leave on their adventure and ended up with a stow-away passenger - Mark Kenney decided to join in on the fun too. The 3 of them embarked on a 3-hour flight in Doug's 182 and within 30 minutes of landing, Mike was in the C172 on Lake Vermillion starting his training. In fact, all 3 of them got some seaplane flying in on Sunday, even though they weren't planning to start until Monday. Mike "No Flaps" Ruffatto did his flying in a J3 Cub, while Mark and Doug chose the C172.



All 3 of them successfully got their Seaplane Rating and have been out flying the FloatFox around the Illinois River.



Doug Harford's Flying Journey - Leading to Float Flying... and Gliders

By: Doug Harford

Mark, Mike, and I have been asked about our float flying adventure which was awesome, but I would like to talk about the journey that led there and the people who made it happen.

I learned to fly in Dwight where they had a very active Flying Farmers Chapter. Dwight Aero was a Cessna Dealer, flight school, and charter business. Dave Constantine, the owner, invited me to fly with him to the Farm Progress Show and the seed was planted. Bill Morrison taught me to fly there.

The Flying Farmer Chapter Members were buying airplanes and flying to breakfast like we do now. They eventually mounted a group trip into Central America. I was learning to fly then and that was a powerful incentive to keep going. I wanted to make that trip! By the time I learned to fly, got a few trips under my belt, decided I needed an instrument rating, enough time had passed the Flying Farmers had moved from airplanes to Buicks. Now being more on my own I took trips with my family exploring Canada and some to the south and west US. Deb's parents moved to Arkansas, so that gave us a place to fly, but the group was gone. Then I sold the 182 to end a failing partnership and decided at age 58 I was done with trips and bought a powered parachute and joined that group. Not satisfied with that experience, I tried gyrocopters and that group. The gyro group was made up of guys my age flying gyros, but you couldn't go anywhere with a gyro.

So, one night sitting on my gyro at Curanda discussing dreams and such, Cindy tells me about a 182 for sale. Scott and I bought that 182 and the journey got back on track! Thank you, Scott! Our flying group took me camping at Oshkosh where I met a guy that said I could fly to the Bahamas! That year we were so excited with the Bahama experience we joined a group that was flying to Central America! Deb and I flew to Mexico, landing in Cozumel and Compeche (a personal dream of mine) and met the group in Belize and Guatemala. I finally made it to Central America!! Gary and I flew to Alaska the next summer for an adventure of a lifetime!

What does any of this have to do with float plane flying? Its about the role all of you play in my adventure, Bruce and Cindy telling me to buy that plane and then facilitating it all. Matt and Jana taking me camping at Oshkosh. Gary saying let's go to Alaska. It was at Oshkosh that Mike, Mark, and I bought a seaplane! With out this group, none of this exists! It is not taken away, it just never exists. You all make life and dreams happen in ways you will never know.

Back to Bush Pilot Training as we like to refer to it, (because it sounds much better than "Getting your ASES Rating). I could write a report, but it would never express how much closer we all become when we have the support of friends and shared adventure to build friendships!

Let's continue the journey together! Saturday come to Dwight and cheer Nick on as he flies our new Grob Glider!

It's about all of you, my friends, the shared journey, Flying Farmers, Blue Sky Aero, and Chapter 95! That's my learning from Bush Pilot Training in the Boundary Waters!

Mike and Mark, thanks for making this more than an adventure!

Now On To Glider Adventures...

Nick Scholtes has been talking about gliders ever since we've known him. His dream finally came true when Doug Harford found a deal too good to pass up on Ebay! They are now owners of a 1983 Grob G109 motor glider. More challenging than flying it, is finding a place to keep it, as it has a 54' wingspan! Nick and Cindy have already been out flying and enjoying it. Stay tuned for more glider adventures and hopefully Nick will become a glider CFI and share the fun with others by next spring.



The following article appeared in the Morris Herald-News following our Young Eagles Rally on Sept 22.
(<https://www.morrisherald-news.com/2018/09/24/the-wild-blue-yonder/arp3pml/>)

The wild blue yonder

Local EAA chapter gives local kids a chance to touch the sky

By Allison Selk
Sept. 25, 2018

MORRIS – Seven-year-old Kaija Johnson received the surprise of her life Saturday when her mother pulled off Route 47 into the Morris Airport.

“I didn’t tell her until we got here,

I went out on a limb to surprise her,” said Kaija’s mother, Samantha Johnson.

Kaija soon found out her mother, who saw a flyer at Saratoga Elementary School, registered her to take a free plane ride in a kit built plane.



“I didn’t know the next time she would be able to sit in a two-seat plane. How many 7-year-olds can say they sat in one?” Johnson said.

On Saturday, about 60 children, ages 8 to 17, took part in the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 95 Young Eagles Rally where pilots donated their time and fuel to take the children into the air for a 10-minute ride at no cost to the participant.

“We want to encourage kids who are interested in flying. There is a shortage of pilots, don’t know if people realize that there is a need for pilots. This gives them experience in a small plane and hopefully encourages youth to want to fly in the future,” event coordinator Jacqueline Nawojski said.

The event originally was scheduled for Sept. 8, but was called off because of unfavorable weather.

However, two hours into the event Sept. 22, once again flights were halted because of wind. After a short break, pilot Ron Needham took up his plane to test and came back with an all-clear sign.

Pilot Jana Trofimchuck said this opportunity gives children an introduction to aviation, and the pilots enjoy it because it allows them to share their own passions with others.

“We share our passion for aviation.

A lot of kids never get a chance to fly in a small plane; this is our way to give back. We want to ignite a passion in kids,” Trofimchuck said.

Andrew Rickman, 12, of Morris was given this experience as an early birthday present by his mother, and when he got out of the Velocity Experimental plane piloted by Needham, he was all smiles as EAA Chapter 95 member John Limbach helped him out of the plane.

“It was good. I want to do it 10 times,” Rickman said.

Shelly Felber said her 13-year-old son, William Felber, had a passion for planes and interest in being a pilot.

Saturday was William’s first time in a small plane; he had only ridden in large commercial planes, his mother said.

After the ride, he played it cool and said it was fun, but then said, “It was awesome, it was bumpy at first, but I got used to it. I would do it again, yes.”

Limbach, who has a plane in the process of being built, helped out at the event.

“When you see a smile wrapped ear to ear on one of these kids, it’s priceless. There are too many negatives in life; we have to find a positive,” he said.

The EAA Chapter 95 out of the Morris Airport hosts the free rides twice a year, one in the fall and one in the spring.

The EAA headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, gives the chapter an incentive to host the event. In turn, the chapter uses the money to send children interested in aviation to an air academy at the headquarters.

Nawojnski said the event usually averages 40 to 80 children along with eight or nine pilots. Each participant received a certificate and logbook to show they have flown.

Some children have come back repeatedly and become EAA Junior members, which starts about age 12.

At that time, they can apply for a scholarship for the air academy event in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The next Young Eagles Rally will be held in June at the Morris Airport, just north of town on Route 47.

Most events require advance registration in order to accommodate the children and pilots.

A YOUNG EAGLE RALLY SPECIAL THANKS!

By: Jacque Nawojnski



Thanks to the Chapter members who participated in welcoming and flying the 7 Cub Scouts who came out from LaGrange, IL to Morris Airport on Saturday, October 13th, at 1 pm. It turned out to be a sunny, but chilly day.

We appreciate Matt Trofimchuck letting us use his Hangar 77 as our Coordinating center.

The 7 Young Eagles were flown by our four chapter pilots: Pete DeCraene, Matt Kwiatkowski, Mike Ruffatto, and Jana Trofimchuck. The first-time flyers had a great time despite it being a little chilly.

Larry Nawojnski took all the pictures which were mailed out to their Cub Scout Leader for distribution to the 7 Young Eagles we flew. All the other paperwork was handled by Jacque Nawojnski on site.

Thanks again for making this Young Eagles event special for 7 young Cub Scouts.



Robert Bushby

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Bushby

Robert “Bob” Bushby (born February 24, 1927) is an aircraft mechanic and aviator who designed the Bushby Mustang II, later called the Mustang Aeronautics Mustang II. He was born in Joliet, Illinois, and started to learn to fly while in high school in Minooka, Illinois.

Life and career

Bob's interest in airplanes started in grade school and at age ten he had his first airplane ride in a Ford Trimotor. His family moved to Minooka, Illinois in 1941. His first solo flight was in a Piper J-3 Cub in 1943 and he graduated from high school in 1944. During his military service he attended aircraft maintenance school at Keesler Field in Biloxi, Mississippi, followed by time on Guam in the 4th Emergency Rescue Squadron as a B-17 Flight engineer. In 1948 Bob graduated from the Lewis College in Lockport, Illinois aircraft maintenance course as an A&E mechanic (now referred to as "A&P" for Airframe and Powerplant) and later added the Inspection Authorization rating. In 1950 he earned his Commercial pilot license and in 1954, his Multi-engine rating. From 1955 until 1970 Bob worked for the Sinclair Oil Co. in their engine research laboratory.^[1] Robert Wesley Bushby passed away on October 14, 2018 in Joliet, Illinois at age 91.^[2]

EAA

Bob was one of the original founders of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953, with EAA number 26. He is Technical Counselor number 20 and has attended every EAA national convention from 1953 through 2016. Bob was an early member of EAA Chapter 15, in 1956 was instrumental in forming EAA Chapter 95 and later contributed to the formation of EAA Chapter 260. He conducted metal aircraft building forums at the Rockford and Oshkosh EAA fly-ins for 25 years.^[3]

Mustangs

The FAA pre-cover inspection of the first wing of his prototype Midget Mustang was January, 1953. Bob built his prototype version of the Midget, N15J, and first flew it on September 9, 1959.^[4] In 1959 he purchased the rights to the Midget Mustang and began to sell prints for the M-I. In San Antonio, Texas he built six Midget Mustang aircraft. In 1963 he began work on a two place design based on the Midget Mustang. In 1965 the first ever Mustang II (N1117M) was brought to the EAA convention at Rockford (by trailer) and in 1966 the prototype was flown to the convention.^[5] For the next 26 years Bushby Aeronautics sold plans and kits for the Mustang II. In March, 1992 Mustang Aeronautics, Inc. acquired the design rights from Robert Bushby for both the Midget Mustang and Mustang II aircraft.^[6] At the Homebuilder's Dinner at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2016, Bob received special recognition from the EAA commemorating 50 successful years of his Mustang II design.^[7]

Awards

1966 - Outstanding Design award (Third place) for Mustang II
1967 - August Raspert award
1973 - August Raspert award
1986 - Stan Dzik award
1992 - Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award
2005 - Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award
2016 - Recognition for his Mustang II design flying for 50 years

Robert ‘Bob’ Bushby



Born	February 24, 1927 (age 91) Joliet, Illinois
Died	October 14, 2018 (aged 91) Joliet, Illinois
Nationality	American
Citizenship	American
Alma mater	Lewis College in Lockport, IL
Occupation	Aircraft mechanic, designer
Known for	Designer of the Bushby Mustang II experimental airplane
Spouse(s)	Sharon Bushby
Children	Wesley, Paula, Sandra

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N1117M Bushby Mustang II prototype



Mustang II C-GAIF



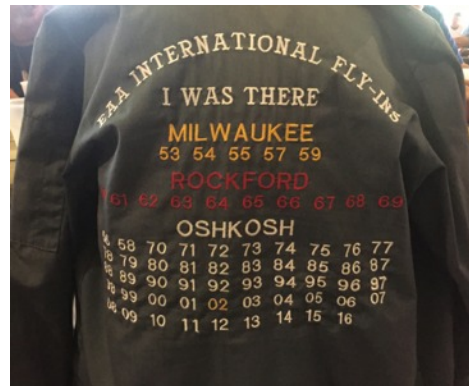
Midget Mustang N15J



Robert Bushby award at OSH



Robert Bushby plaque



Bob's shirt showing years of EAA conventions attended

2018 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

October

26 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Glenn & Alicia Vokac treats

November

16 - Potluck and Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm

December

07 - Pizza Party, Movie Night and Ugly Sweater Party

Family Dinner Night at White Fence Farm

On Saturday, Oct 20, 18 members and family enjoyed a family dinner night at White Fence Farm.



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NEXT MEETING: Friday, Oct 26, 2018 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.