

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Chapter 95 Open House

Morris Airport

Saturday, Sept 3

9am - 3pm

Our Chapter 95 Open House is coming up next Saturday, Sept 3rd. We are looking for all chapter members, families, and friends to come out to the Morris Airport for this fun event! If you have an airplane, helicopter, ultralight, etc, please bring it out on the ramp to display and/or fly.

Mark your calendars and make time to come out and support the chapter and have FUN! We will be selling food, as we have in the past. The open house starts at 9am, but we will be meeting at the airport around 8am to start setting up. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Molle (815-378-1680).

Please spread the word among your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

Hope to see EVERYONE there!

Young Eagles Rally

Morris Airport

Saturday, Sept 10

9am - 2pm

It's time for our September Young Eagles Day! This is a great day to hang out at the airport and share your love and interest in aviation with the general public and your fellow chapter members.

As always, we NEED KIDS (age 8-17) to fly, so please find new ways to advertise our event. If you have kids or grandkids in school, maybe you can talk to their teachers and advertise that way. We'd love to have a huge turnout!

We also need a lot of volunteers to make this day successful. The more the merrier!! Everyone that volunteers always has a great time, so please come out and support this wonderful event. It's also a great excuse to spend the day at the airport with friends and support aviation!

Questions? Call Mark Molle @ 815-378-1680

Bruce & Cindy Limbach 13th Annual Pig Roast Drive In/Fly In

Saturday, Sept 17

2pm - ??

Bouncy castles, fireworks, airplanes, and much more :)

Bring a **dish to pass ... chairs and a friend or two**. Plan to stay till dark for fireworks!

Go to www.love2fly.org for **driving/flying directions**

ID: pigroast password: curanda

If flying in, CALL FIRST for a briefing!

Cindy 815-252-1031 or Bruce 815-258-2235

Hope to see you... *The more the merrier!!*

From The President ...



Hi all, time is just flying by as we are almost through August and Labor Day weekend will be here very soon. We have been enjoying a lot of great flying weather and many of you are getting out to "Tail Dragger Tuesday" and spending time at the airport. September is a busy month for Chapter activities as we have our Open House at the airport on 9-3, Young Eagles on 9-10 and Bruce and Cindy Limbach host their annual Pig Roast on 9-17. Mark the dates on the

calendar and make it a point to come out and support Chapter 95 at all three events please.

Linda Franowsky is leading the Holiday party committee which includes Tom, Rita and Trisha as they are working on finding the perfect venue for this year's event. We are looking for suggestions if any members have an idea to propose please contact Linda A.S.A.P.

I would like to offer a special THANK YOU to Sid Nelson for his gracious donation of \$1,000 to the Chapter 95 Young Eagles Memorial Fund as this will cover a major portion of the cost to send a kid to camp next summer. Next time you see Sid at the airport make it a point to give him a personal thank you!

Mike has accomplished the first engine start up on his RV-7 which is a huge milestone as I can see the first flight coming soon. Congratulations to him on reaching this point in the build as I am confident the excitement is growing to complete the build and call for a DAR inspection.

Oh and with fall upon us we will have some great flying weather and can you believe it football is going on so "GO BEARS" and all of you know someone with kids, so get out and enjoy a high school football game under the lights on Friday night.

Signing off now until next month;

Be Safe, Healthy & Happy,
Mark

THANK
YOU!



We'd like to extend a special thank you to Sid Nelson for his generous donation to our Chapter 95 Young Eagles Memorial Fund to send kids to the EAA Air Academy camp!

THIS FRIDAY's MEETING (Aug 26)

GUEST SPEAKER: Sark Boyajian

Please note we have a guest speaker for our Aug 26th meeting at the Morris Airport. Here is a little information on our speaker, Sark. I have also included a newspaper article on him on Pages 4-5. He has been through a lot in his lifetime and is anxious to share his stories with us. Please come out to the airport this Friday night for what's sure to be a fun meeting!

Sark Boyajian grew up on the Southside of Chicago.

He has been married to his wife Alice for 60 years, they have 3 daughters and many grandchildren.

He served in the Army during the Korean War.

He learned to fly in his thirties and bought a banner towing service where he had a handful of airplanes.

He displayed banners for everything from marriage proposals to political finger-pointing and aimed at such people like Mike McCaskey, Hillary Clinton, and Jerry Reinsdorf, just to name a few.

He flew out of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana.

After losing 2 pilots in separate accidents, he decided to call it quits and sell the company.

CONGRATULATIONS

Gary Lowery

On your Tailwheel Endorsement



Oshkosh 2016

Fun fact from Oshkosh 2016. According to Jacque and Jana's information (and to the best of our knowledge), there were at least 56 chapter members that spent at least one day up at Oshkosh this year, out of our membership roster of 100. Of the 56 in attendance, 34 members camped with us at the Chapter 95 campsite! Great to see so many chapter members attend Oshkosh.



Our scholarship winner, RJ Toth, getting ready to go to EAA Air Academy camp during Oshkosh.



Our new chapter 95 friends from Germany. They camped with us at the Chapter 95 campsite.



Flight of the Aggravator

“Sky critic” Sark Boyajian lets his banners wave

(Article appeared in The Reader Newspaper)

By Ben Joravsky

It was the first inning of a meaningless game in a miserable season that really ended weeks ago, when from out of the skies over Comiskey came a plane bearing a banner, like a cavalry rescuing the faithful with comedic relief.

"Hey, Jerry," it read, "the next stadium's on you."

A few innings later the plane returned with another taunting message: "Wake up, Reinsdorf: You're the problem."

Though pleasing to fans rankled at owner Jerry Reinsdorf, who gave up at midseason by trading starters for bush leaguers, the banners couldn't have pleased team officials. To their credit, the Sox made no attempt to stop the pilot, who circled Comiskey for 30 minutes, not that it would matter had they tried. Sark Boyajian has become something of a legend among local fliers: a death-defying banner tower who's not afraid to stick it to the mighty.

"I'll fly just about any message so long as it's not vulgar or risqué," says Boyajian. "They can't stop me, though some try. The First Amendment applies to the sky too."

By his own account, Boyajian is an unlikely pilot or constitutional crusader. A 66-year-old chemist, with eight grandchildren, a house in the south suburbs, and a dry-cleaning business on the far south side, he served in the army, not the air force, and didn't learn to fly until he was well into his 30s. It was only about ten years ago that he took up banner towing.

"I can't put my finger on exactly why I do what I do," he says. "I suppose it's because I like to do things different--I don't follow the norm. I guess there's a bit of the showman in me. I love it up there, all alone over a ballpark or whatever, with all eyes on me because everybody wants to read the message. People always ask me, 'Are you scared?' Believe it or not, the answer is no. I've had brushes with death outside the airplane--TB, cancer, a triple bypass. I guess my time's not up yet. I just keep on going."

Nonetheless, Boyajian doesn't minimize the dangers he faces in his two-seater (he knew two pilots who died in crashes while trying to hook banners to their planes). The moment of maximum vulnerability, he says, is during pick-up, when "you come in as though you're landing. Behind you are the grappling hooks on 30-foot steel cables. You precision fly across two goal posts about 15 feet apart and you hook your banner. The tow rope's about 250 feet long and the banner's 125 feet, so you're carrying a big load.

"The real dangerous thing is that you have to fly so slow. Normal air speed's anywhere from 120 to 140 miles per hour, but banner towing requires a very slow flight, maybe 50, 40 miles per hour--you're on the edge of being still."

For his efforts, he charges \$325 for 15 minutes of flying, \$425 for 30, and \$545 for an hour. He does 300 or so banners a year, including promos for TV stations, radio personalities, and car dealerships. A favorite message is the wedding proposal. "I do about 50 wedding proposals a year--it's big business. I've flown them by the Sears Tower, Wrigley Field, and the beach. I give a guarantee--if she says no, don't pay me. I've always gotten paid, so it must work.

"One fellow, a state trooper, had a girlfriend who wouldn't accept his proposal no matter how hard he tried. He had wined her and dined her and taken her on a trip to New York City and still the answer was no. Now, as an aside, personally, I wouldn't have married this woman. I mean, you'd have to be an absolute fool to marry a woman so indifferent to your pleas. But, anyway, he calls me up and says, 'I want it to be special.' So he's got it all set up. He arranges for me to be flying over this stretch of I-65, the interstate in Indiana, as he's tooling along in his red convertible with the top down. It's a gorgeous, blue-sky, sunny day, and I'm flying over him, on the passenger side, towing a banner that says, 'Will you marry me?' He doesn't say a word--he just tells his girlfriend to look out the window. She sees the message and says, 'Yes, I will marry you.' Man, that was a testy job. I sure hope that guy's having a happy marriage."

The political banners are a relatively recent phenomenon. The most controversial was for the eyes of President George Bush back in the early 90s. "It said, 'Iran contra haunts you,'" recalls Boyajian. "I hired someone to fly that plane and the Secret Service forced him down. They approached him by helicopter and said, 'You're in restricted space.' Well, the fact is they hadn't issued a restricted space warning so he had every right to be there. He said so, and they said, 'Land now.' They forced him down and held him for about five to six hours--they gave him a psychological test and a medical exam. It turned out to be the best thing that ever happened for my client--we got coast-to-coast coverage. The party that hired us was elated."

He's also managed to offend Democratic politicians. "I was flying a banner that said, 'Hilary, you have the right to remain silent,'" says Boyajian. "Hilary Clinton was at the lakefront to watch the air show. As I was heading back to Gary [the airport] I got a call from the tower at Meigs. They said, 'You can't come back, we're restricting all air travel.' Someone must have gotten to them because it hadn't been

restricted when I went up. They couldn't just keep me out--that would be discrimination. So they had to keep everyone out."

He got into more trouble with the Democrats last summer, when the convention came to town. "Someone hired me to fly a lighted sign over Navy Pier saying, 'Don't take dirty money from the tobacco industry.' Somehow Rush Limbaugh got wind of it and he mentioned it on the air--that night the FAA put a restriction on night flights one mile over Navy Pier. They took away my First Amendment rights. They took control of the sky and there was nothing I could do about it.

"Actually, the FAA's usually pretty good about this sort of thing. The guys at the airports are all on my side--they love this stuff. One time I was flying an anti-Ameritech banner over their pro golf tournament out at Kemper. The union paid for it--it said something like, 'Ameritech is unfair to its employees.' Well, someone called the FAA and said, 'Make that guy land,' and the FAA said, 'No way, he's not doing anything illegal.' I stayed up there for an hour. And do you know that the camera couldn't pan the ball 'cause they were afraid of capturing the message up in the sky."

Another popular target is Bears owner Mike McCaskey, adopted by fans as the most convenient scapegoat for the team's ineptitude. "I was once flying an anti-McCaskey banner over Soldier Field and I heard that McCaskey himself called Meigs and asked them to make me land," says Boyajian.

The anti-Sox banners were paid for by an anonymous group of fans whose antipathy for Reinsdorf goes back to the time he muscled the state into paying for a new park by threatening to move the team.

Unfortunately for those Sox fans, last week's signs didn't draw much media attention. They weren't mentioned in the

Tribune, the friendliest media outlet to Reinsdorf (basketball writer Sam Smith recently touted Reinsdorf as the NBA's best owner). And the only play they got in the Sun-Times was a gentle chiding by columnist Phil Rosenthal, who wrote: "If Sky Critic is so smart, how come he's paying to fly a sign around a half-empty stadium?"

The FAA says it does not restrict the messages banner pilots carry. "I don't think the FAA is interested in what they tow, although they have to obey the standard rules of operation," says Donald Zochert, an FAA spokesman. "The issue has come up. I remember people were yelling about condom ads being flown over football stadiums. But I don't think any action was taken."

Team spokesmen have little to say about Boyajian or his banners. Bears spokesman Bryan Harlan says he knows nothing about McCaskey, or any team official, asking Meigs to ground Boyajian. Asked if he had any comment at all about Boyajian, Harlan said, "I don't know. No, no comment." (White Sox spokesman Rob Gallas was out of town and unavailable for comment.)

Sox fans will get another chance to view the anti-Reinsdorf message come September 13. That's when Boyajian's due to fly another banner over Comiskey, this one unfavorably contrasting Reinsdorf with Bill Veeck, his much-beloved predecessor.

"I feel for those Sox fans who love their team so much, but I really have nothing against Reinsdorf. He's doing a lot better job than the Cubs, though personally as a Chicagoan I object to the fact that the state subsidized the stadium. No one subsidized me. The Sox shouldn't take it personally. It's all in good fun. I'd even fly their banners--so long as it wasn't vulgar or included profanity."

Project Updates and Random Pictures

Congratulations to Mike Ruffatto on getting his airworthiness certificate for his RV-7! We look forward to another RV flying around the skies of Morris soon.

A trip to Curanda and take the "courtesy" car(s) to EJ Karz for lunch



Gotta love flying in to pick sweet corn!



We found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.....and it's an RV!!!

EAA Chapter 95 Open House

September 3, 2016



9am - 3pm

FREE ADMISSION



Lunch served with donation
Hamburgers, Brats, Roast Beef Sandwiches

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Blue Sky
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Antique, Vintage, Warbirds and Experimental Aircraft Displays



Get up close and personal with the aircraft
Talk with the pilots
Young Eagles registration
Pedal Plane, Helicopter joystick simulator

Fly-in, Drive-in, or Ride-in

Please print and fill out: Over the last 8-9 years, we have periodically done a segment in the newsletter for Chapter Member Profiles. We have not had any for awhile and there are a lot of members (both new and old) that have never filled out a profile. Please take a minute and fill out the following questionnaire and bring it to the next chapter meeting or type it up and e-mail it to me. You do not need to answer every question and feel free to add any additional information you think would be fun or interesting. If you have a picture you'd like to include, that would be great too, otherwise I will try to find one I have in my archives. :) Thanks for your help!

Chapter Member Profile

Name:

Family Members:

Occupation:

Where did you grow up?

What did you aspire to be as a child?

What is your current dream or bucket list item?

What is your greatest fear?

Airplanes I fly or have built/am building:

I became interested in aviation because:

Favorite/fun flying story:

Memories of first airplane ride:

Non-aviation hobbies:

Favorite food/restaurant:

Favorite movie:

Favorite sport/team:

Favorite book:

2016 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

Here is the current calendar of events. Some things may change, so continue to keep checking the calendar, but this should be a good start to put in your calendar and plan for. If you have any other ideas, please contact Mark Molle.

August

26 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Ron & Kathy Needham

September

03 - Open House

10 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 8am-3pm

11 - Young Eagles Rain date

17 - Bruce & Cindy Limbach Annual Pig Roast

23 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Linda Franowsky treats

October

01/02 - Red Bull Air Races - Indianapolis, IN

15 - Joliet Young Eagles

28 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Bill & Mary Jo Shain treats

November

18 - Potluck and Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm

December

10 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Party - Pizza party/Movie night



Weekend lunch crew...giving their opinion to Carl Giudici on his choice of airplane to buy.



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NEXT MEETING: Friday, August 26, 2015 at 7:30pm

Location: Morris Airport

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.