



## Young Eagles Rally Morris Airport Saturday, Sept 8

9am - 2pm

This spring everyone did a GREAT job of advertising for our June Young Eagles. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate as much as we would like and we weren't able to fly as many as we hoped. (Although we still had a great turnout and flew 63 kids) PLEASE get the word out and continue the great advertising for our September event so we can have a record breaking day!

As always, we need a lot of volunteers to make this event successful. We need pilots, ground crew (at least 1 person per pilot), office help, photographers, people to cook and serve food and popcorn, and most importantly EVERYONE hanging out and talking to the kids and families while they wait for their ride.

Please spread the word to all your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc. Without kids to fly, we have no Young Eagles Day. We'd love to have a really huge turnout!

Questions? Call Larry & Jacque (Jackie) Nawojski @ 815-741-3982

## 15th Annual on the 15th Bruce & Cindy Limbach 15th Annual Pig Roast Drive In/Fly In

Saturday, Sept 15

Starting at 2pm

**We will have flying, food, bouncy castles and games; see old friends and make some new! There is a *show after dark* so please plan to stay after the sun sets!**

**Please bring - A dish to pass, and a friend or three, and a chair and we will do the rest!**

**Please call first if flying in!**

**Flying In - Curanda LL39**

**Driving In - 3220 W Waupecan Rd,  
Verona, IL 60479**

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

## 4th Annual Riley Field

### Fly-in/Drive-in

Saturday, August 25

4pm - 9pm

8342 Old Ridge Rd,  
Plainfield, IL

### RAIN OR SHINE

Hosted by Dave and Kelly Miller

They will provide pulled pork sandwiches and drinks.

Please bring a dish to share.

Kids need swimsuits for waterslide.

Riley Field LL51 - Frequency 122.7 - Pattern is to the west

Questions: Contact Kelly Miller @ 779-225-8442

## From The President ...



**H**i all,

Summer is flying by as we are into August and moving quickly toward Labor Day. This time of year offers some great weather to go flying as our fly out group has been taking advantage of.

Nathan Kwiatkowski will be our guest speaker on Friday to provide a presentation on his Air Academy

Experience this summer. It is always enjoyable to see the excitement our Young Eagle kids get for Aviation when they have the opportunity to go to summer camp.

August 25<sup>th</sup> Dave & Kelly Miller are hosting their annual Riley Field Fly in Picnic. Be sure to mark this on your calendar as it is always much fun and good food to be enjoyed.

September 8<sup>th</sup> is our fall Young Eagles @ Morris with Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> scheduled as a rain date. Be sure to notify Jacque and confirm you will be available to help out Pilots; Ground Crew & Office Staff are all needed. We always have a great time introducing Kids to Aviation.

September 15<sup>th</sup> is Bruce & Cindy's Annual Pig Roast; this is a favorite event with our Chapter 95 members. Be sure to plan to stay for evening fireworks!

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](mailto:mrkmolle@gmail.com))

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## Chapter 95 Meeting Minutes - June 22, 2018

Meeting called to order @ Matt and Jana's hangar @ 7:30 pm by President Mark Molle with 28 in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Secretary's Report ~ Warren Roddy: Correction noted by Warren that Vice President Brian DePung conducted the May meeting. Minutes otherwise accepted as reported in our June Chapter Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report ~ Jacque Nawojski

Income: \$419

Expenses: \$152.97

Young Eagles Fund: \$3,463.73

Available Funds: \$4,293.59

### Old Business

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> we held our Young Eagles event at the Morris Airport from 9 AM to 2 PM. Even though we had to delay the start of flying till 11 AM due to poor visibility, we had an awesome turnout and flew 63 kids. Our staff and pilots did an outstanding job!

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> we held the Young Eagles program at the KIKK (Kankakee). We were only able to fly 4 kids due to poor weather.

This past week our Chapter sponsored Nathan Kwiatkowski and Nathan Ellis to the EAA Air Academy. Also, Sy Salinas (who we sponsored last year) worked odd jobs and earned the funds to send himself again this year. Congratulations to all three of these young men!

### New Business

Tom Ellis proposed using some of our Young Eagles Fund for Scholarships. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote to develop a scholarship from our Young Eagles Fund. Matt Trofimchuck will chair this committee and the members are: Charlie Gibbs, Lee Brinley, Pete DeCraene, and Tom Ellis.

Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> (tomorrow) is the annual Fly In / Drive In Lunch at IL51 (Mark and Shelly Molle). Mark and Shelly supply the entree and attendees are requested to bring a dish to pass. If you are flying in, please use 122.75 and fly the downwind on the south side of the 9-27 runway. Mark reports that even though we've had a lot of rain, the runway drains well and is in excellent shape.

July 12<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>—Ford Tri-Motor Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet: Tom Ellis is working on volunteers. It's going pretty well as he's only a little light for Friday morning and Saturday morning and afternoon. Five is the minimum for each shift but more is good.

July 13<sup>th</sup> is the Matt and Jana Trofimchuck Ice Cream Social at the Morris Airport. Their Annual Social starts at 6:30 PM. Please bring your neighbors and friends as this is always a great event!

July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup> is the dates for EAA AirVenture. A lot of us will be attending again this year!

Congratulations to Scott Campbell for the first flight on his Rotorway Executive jet-powered helicopter!

**Open Discussion:**

Charlie Gibbs and Matt Kwiatkowski recommend Joe Saltzman’s airplane washing service! All the money he earns is going toward getting his Private Pilot’s License.

Jacque Nawojski noted that October 7<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> is the choice of dates that Joliet wants for Young Eagles at their airport. Jacque raised the question as to whether we wanted to do this event. We determined it’s a go for the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Ellis noted that July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> is the Rotors n Ribs event at Goshen, Indiana. This is the nations “Largest Rotorcraft Airshow”

**Treats**

Norma and John Limbach provided treats. Thank you!

**Air Academy Scholarship Winners Go To Camp**

Both winners, Nathan Ellis and Nathan Kwiatkowski, went to EAA Air Academy Camp at the same time in the middle of June. Nathan Kwiatkowski will be our guest speaker at the August meeting to tell us about his experience.



**Morris Liberty 5K July 3rd Flyover**

It has been our tradition to do a flyover to kick off the start of the Liberty 5K in downtown Morris. We’ve done it almost every year, weather permitting, but we never know who will be around during the holiday for the flyover. This year we were able to get 7 pilots together for one of our largest formation flights to date. Thanks to Matt Trofimchuck, Jana Trofimchuck, Nick Scholtes, Mike Ruffatto, Mark Kenney, Ron Needham, and Joe Neal for a great formation!



**Annual Oshkosh Wendt’s On the Lake Family Dinner Night**

Once again, we kicked off our week of Oshkosh AirVenture by having our EAA Chapter 95 Family Dinner Night. I didn’t count the exact number of people that attended, but we were between 50-60 people.



## CONGRATULATIONS

### On your SEAPLANE RATING!

Doug Harford, Mike Ruffatto, and Mark Kenney just got back from a trip to Tower, Minnesota where they all got their Seaplane rating! Congratulations on adding this rating to your flying resume! Mike and Doug bought a Kitfox on floats, so they are anxious to put their new rating to good use.



### Mark & Shelly Molle Annual BBQ Fly-in/Drive-in on June 23



It was 5 years ago, when I wrote the following article and thought it would be a great time to recycle it and publish it again. A really neat thing happened a couple weeks ago - The Taylor Family, highlighted in this article, had moved down to Texas not long after we met them, so we exchanged e-mails, but never saw them again. A couple weeks ago, Ted and Pam showed up at our Taildragger Tuesday. They have moved back to Yorkville, IL and Ted now owns a beautiful RV-7 and is hangered at Morris. How great is that!?!?!



## New Friends - A BEAUTIFUL month of flying!

By: Jana Trofimchuck (September 2013)

As you all know, Matt and I spend A LOT of time hanging out at the airport. We have a great time hanging out with all of our friends and making new friends. In the last couple weeks we have had the pleasure of meeting at least 10 new people and sharing our love of aviation!

One Sunday a few weeks ago, we got to the airport and it was dead except for Nick and Curtis. We look over and see they have a paraglider wing out and are doing some “kiting”. (More on paragliding adventures for another newsletter article) We walk over to where they are and find they are showing a couple people how to kite. We get introduced to Larry and his son, Mike. They flew over from Lansing airport in Larry’s Glasair. As we stood around talking, one thing led to another, and we decided we all needed to fly over to Cushing airport to check out a powered paraglider for sale. For those of you who don’t know where Cushing airport is, it is a beautiful grass strip airport 10nm northwest of the Morris airport. Such a close, simple flight requires a group fly out, so Nick and Mike take the Citabria, Curtis hops in the Kitfox, and of course Matt and I take both the Decathlon and the RV-7. Larry wasn’t sure if his Glasair would make it into the grass strip, so he decided to take advantage of the opportunity to get to fly a couple airplanes he had never been in before. He flew with Matt in the Decathlon over there and me in the RV-7 on the way home.



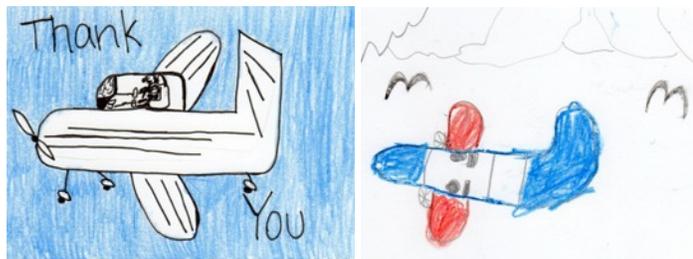
(Yes, you read that right, I was in the RV and Matt was in the Decathlon.) We told Larry about our “Taildragger Tuesdays” and invited him to come over from Lansing anytime. Sure enough, the following Tuesday he showed up and brought his friend Terry. Terry just finished building an RV-7A. He is working on getting the inspection scheduled. It was great to meet and talk to another fellow RV builder. Apparently they had a good time at our Taildragger Tuesday because they came back again the following Tuesday. Great to have them join us!

On Labor Day weekend, we were hanging out at the airport late afternoon on Sunday. We were resting on the couches, kicked back, taking it easy. I was trying to decide if I was going to take the RV up for a quick flight around the area when a car pulls up next to the hanger. The guy rolls down his window and asks if our plane is an RV. We say “yes” and he asked if he and his family could take a look. Of course we tell them to come on in and take a look. His wife and three daughters get out and start walking around the airplane. The girls take turns getting up on the wing to look in the cockpit, while Matt answers their questions and tells them all about the airplane. We introduce ourselves and meet the Taylor’s - Ted (dad), Pam (wife), Laura (10), Elizabeth (9), and Sarah (8). I could tell the girls were really excited and thought the airplane was cool, so I looked at them and asked if they wanted a ride. The look on their faces was priceless. They got wide-eyed and looked at their mom and dad and asked “Can we?”. They had been in big planes before but not in a small plane. Their parents were happy to let them go for a ride, but did not want to impose. We had to explain that we LOVE giving people rides, especially kids. They agreed, as long as we didn’t mind, that they would let the girls go for a ride. Next was deciding which girl got to go first, as all 3 were overly excited to go. Before they knew what hit them, Laura (the oldest) hopped in the RV with me and off we went. We flew over Morris and she was able to see the swimming pool where they had just spent the afternoon. Next up was Sarah and then Elizabeth’s turn. All 3 girls loved it and even took the stick for a few seconds. When we got back to the airport, I asked Pam if she wanted to go for a ride. Her dad is a pilot out in Oregon and flies a Maule, so she was familiar with small planes, but hadn’t been up in one for many years. She enjoyed the RV experience. Next up was Ted. Ted is a United Airlines pilot, but hadn’t been in a single engine piston plane in a very long time. We decided Matt should give him a ride, so we switched out pilots and off they went. While the boys were up flying, the girls were still so excited from their airplane rides, they were taking a bunch of pictures and having a great time.

What a great time! I was so thrilled they stopped and were so excited. It is so fun to share our passion with people and kids like this. They were so appreciative and kept thanking

us, but I kept thanking them! We love doing stuff like that and it makes our hobby even that much more fun when we can share it with people like that. As they drove off, the girls were trying to decide what their favorite part was and they all agreed it was “everything!”. Up until they stopped at the airport, their favorite part of the day were the diving boards at the Morris swimming pool. :)

They each drew us a picture and sent a Thank You card, which was so sweet, although I think I should have been the one sending a Thank You. They made my day!!



After the Taylor's left, there were some storms that were beginning to move in and the rest of the airport bums decided to hang out at our hanger and order pizza. The weather started looking pretty dark to the west-northwest. There were a few sprinkles, but nothing major at the airport, just getting dark and closer with lightening. As we were finishing our pizza, we see an RV-9A enter the pattern and make a tight turn to get on the ground as quickly as possible.

Shortly after landing, it started to rain. Curtis braved the rain and went out to meet them and directed them down to our open hanger. Matt got on the radio and told them to come down by us. They shut down and we find out they are from Clow Airport (Bolingbrook, less than a 15 minute flight from Morris). They were on their way home from St. Louis and the storms moved through and in their path. It was getting dark and they saw lightening around and realized they wanted to be on the ground. They looked for the nearest airport. At first they thought of Joliet, but they saw the Morris beacon and made a beeline for Morris. Once on the ground, we pulled up the radar for them and confirmed a line of storms between Morris and Bolingbrook. They definitely made a great decision to land and not push it (only 10-15 minutes left and they would be home). They were hoping the storms would move through and they could finish their trip, but they just kept coming and the best decision was to not fly home. Luckily Matt and I had two cars at the airport that day, so we gave them the keys to our Impala and told them to take it to drive the rest of the way home and we would meet up with them the next day.

We exchanged phone numbers and headed home and they waited out the weather a little longer and then gave up and drove home. The next morning the weather was beautiful and they were able to drive back down and pick up their airplane and fly back home. We met them at the airport and talked for awhile and they were on their way. We told them we fly up to Clow quite often to eat, so we found out where their hanger is located on the field and we look forward to seeing them when we fly up there. They were a very nice couple and thanks to their good decision to get on the ground instead of stay in the air, we got to meet them and call them “friend”.

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## Fly-Out Text Group

In the beginning of June, Matt Trofimchuck set up a text group for anyone that flies and has access to an airplane and wants to fly out to destinations with others (ie. Pancake breakfasts, lunch, dinner, airshows, short trips, etc). This has been a great success and has gotten more people out flying and having people to fly with. So far, I know there were a bunch of planes that flew to Marshall County for a Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, Lake In the Hills pancake breakfast, Rochelle for dinner, Mt Morris pancake breakfast, Union Hill, etc. If you are not on the list, but would like to be, please contact Matt.

The best, impromptu event so far has to be the Harford cookout on Sunday, July 8. On Saturday night, July 7, Doug was at the Morris airport hanging out late into the evening, when he mentioned to a couple people standing around, “Tomorrow would be a great day for a cookout at my airstrip.” The next thing you know, at 9:30pm, Doug sends out a text to the group that he's cooking burgers for lunch tomorrow. By noon on Sunday, 13 airplanes and 2 helicopters showed up at Harford field! As an added bonus, sweet corn was ready too, so we all got to pick fresh sweet corn to take home. Gotta love it - thanks Doug and Deb!!



## 2018 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

### August

- 24 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Mike & Eryn Ruffatto treats
- 25 - Dave & Kelly Miller Riley Field Fly-in

### September

- 8 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 9am-2pm
- 9 - Young Eagles Rain date
- 15 - Bruce & Cindy Limbach Annual Pig Roast
- 28 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Matt & Jana Trofimchuck treats

### October

- 13 - Joliet Young Eagles, hosted by Chapter 95
- 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

More pictures from the Harford cookout fly-in



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**NEXT MEETING: Friday, Aug 24, 2018 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.