

## Chapter 95 Project Review

### Tom Ellis's Titan T-51

Thanks to Tom and Robin for a great Project Review, with something for everyone!

Quite a few people showed up to see the progress of Tom's Titan T-51 project. Tom is making great progress and we can't wait for the T-51 to join the rest of his flying fleet (RV-8 and Rotorway Exec helicopter).

Nathan entertained the kids in their bouncy castle and Robin entertained the women with a wonderful wine tasting.



### Update on Al

Please continue to keep Al Franowsky and Linda in your thoughts and prayers. Although it is a very slow process, Al continues to improve every day. His doctors have a plan for his recovery and everyone's prayers are working.

Al has been transferred to Joliet and is now at:

Salem Village Nursing & Rehab  
1314 Rowell Ave  
Joliet, IL 60433

## Family Dinner Night

### Aurelio's Pizza



## From The President ...



Hi all, Spring has arrived so Spring Break for Pilots/Sun-N-Fun is the Aviation event for April. Thanks to Joe and Robin Smothers, who rented a four bedroom house for the week near the show, Shelly and I were invited down to play for the week. The weather was awesome with middle 80's for highs and 60's at night, made for a perfect week to get away from Illinois. The show doesn't start until Tuesday, so we took advantage and went to Universal Studios on Monday for a little Disney entertainment. Tuesday we attended the air show and enjoyed some quality performers I had not seen before, specifically Jason Newberg in a Pitts and Chuck Ward

(74 year old) in an MX-4. Outstanding acro from both. Wednesday we visited relatives in the area and Thursday took a Fan Boat tour on the Everglades, which is a really good time with amazing scenery and wildlife that can only be viewed in Florida. Back to the air show on Friday and they presented a whole new venue, including F-18, F-22, F-35, and Breitling Jet Team. We were also entertained by a Red Bull Air Racing demonstration from Kirby Chambliss and Michael Goulian, which is fast paced and exciting racing at its finest. To sum it up, we had a GREAT time and would recommend this venue to all aviators, but must qualify that it is much smaller than AirVenture.

In the morning before Tom Ellis's project review and our chapter family dinner night, I flew over to Illinois Valley Airport in Peru, IL for Brad Deckert's birthday celebration/1st Annual TBM Avenger Reunion and was amazed at the turnout of spectators. It was a beautiful day in the mid 80s with a light breeze, which made for a perfect day at the airport. They had 10 Avengers on display/flying, at least that many T-6s, a couple P-51 Mustangs, a Corsair, L-39, T33...too many to mention all. Anyway, the point is there were lots of Warbirds and I would estimate in the range of 250 aircraft fly-in as spectators, not to mention the drive-in crowd. Good time was had by all at a local airport and the good news is Brad is planning an annual event.

Our 1st Young Eagles event for this year is scheduled for May 21, 2016 at the Kankakee Airport. We have been helping out for several years over there. The FBO does all the upfront work, all we do is show up and run the event, fly kids, and log the credits. Please come and help if you are available as we have had a great time in past years.

Signing off now until next month;

Be Safe, Healthy & Happy,  
Mark



## Chapter 95 Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2016

Meeting called to order @ 7:30pm by Mark Molle with 30 in attendance

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Secretary's report by Warren Roddy - Accepted as reported in March newsletter.

Treasurer's Report by Jacque Nawojski:

Income: \$139.00

Expenses: \$0.00

Young Eagles Fund: \$2,196.81

Available Funds: \$5,455.73

### Old Business

Hops & Props at the EAA Museum - Good time had by all Details in March newsletter - in the museum there were bands in different hangars; plenty of food stations, wine, soda, and beer tastings - no limits; and places to plug planes in too. Cost was \$65 per member.

### New Business

Al Franowsky - Mark provided an update on his condition and reported that he was at Kindred Hospital in Sycamore. Linda will welcome company.

Tanner Foss - In lieu of flowers, a donation to a music scholarship fund is preferred. Motion made and seconded to send donation of \$100 and a sympathy card. Motion carried by voice vote.

2nd Young Eagles coordinator - Motion made and seconded to appoint Larry Nawojski as a second coordinator. Motion carried by voice vote.

Kankakee (KIKK) Airport - Request by manager for our help at their Young Eagles event on May 21, 2016. There is no EAA chapter there. They will provide office workers, but the workers need our guidance to do the paper work. They also will need our chapter to provide planes and pilots.

There is a raffle being held by the EAA for Young Eagle pilots who have flown 10 or more Young Eagles between

now and the end of June. The prize is a seat with the current and past Young Eagles chairmen at the Wednesday Young Eagle dinner during AirVenture, along with a weekly AirVenture wristband and a flight in the Bell 47 over AirVenture 2016.

Oshkosh will be the 50th Anniversary of the Mustang II design and Bob Bushby will be featured.

Possible EAA Chapter 95 clubhouse/pole building (30'x40') @ Morris Airport on Tom Ellis' property (old farm). Manager of Morris airport - OK; need city of Morris approval; needs fixes; speculation that in 10-15 years there may be hangars built or east-west runway in this location. Project Review/Family Dinner Night - Tom Ellis' Titan T-51 on April 16, 2016. A place to have the dinner has not yet been determined: stay tuned.

A TBM Avenger Reunion will be at Illinois Valley airport in Peru, IL on April 16.

Matt will start Taildragger Tuesdays when the weather improves.

Charlie Gibbs, AOPA airport representative reported the US Senate passed 3rd class medical; House sat on it; died; Senate passed again; AOPA will be soliciting letters to house reps to get 3rd class medical reform passed through Congress. Please respond - don't ignore a chance to let your reps know how pilots feel on this issue.

### Guest Speaker

Jim Cryer - Aircraft Photography

Also viewed March Chapter Video

### Treats

Provided by John & Rita Saribekian—Thank You!



## Flying Season Kicked Off This Weekend!

Last weekend we were wearing winter coats, we had snow and wet, cold, dreary days. This weekend, we pulled out our short sleeve shirts and shorts and enjoyed an entire weekend of 80+ degree, sunny days! Gotta love it!

The timing couldn't have been more perfect to ring in a great flying season than the 1st Annual TBM Avenger Reunion at Illinois Valley Airport in Peru, IL. None of us ever expected it to be so big. There was a ramp full of warbirds and the rest of the airport (grass, parking lots, in-between hangars) filled with GA airplanes that flew in for the event. Flying in felt like flying into AirVenture. All day there seemed to be at least 7-10 planes in the pattern at all times. It was crazy! The best part was that everyone was safe and there didn't seem to be any issues. Thousands of people showed up, it really was amazing and a great way to start the spring.

Pretty much everyone we know seemed to be there and most pilots we know flew in. We ran into so many people, including some we hadn't seen in a long time. It was great to see so many friends!



## Kankakee Young Eagles

Saturday, May 21, 2016

8am - Noon

We will be running the Young Eagles event at the Kankakee airport Fly-in. This is a fun event and a new environment, so we hope a lot of members can make it down to Kankakee to help. Their fly-in is a good time too and they are having a special event - Pause for Patriotism. Please contact Mark Molle if you plan to help or have any questions.



## 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.

### April

22 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, Dave & Kelly Miller

### May

14- Chapter Board Meeting

20 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, Mark & Judy Kenney treats

21 - Kankakee Young Eagles 8am - noon

### June

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

12 - Young Eagles Rain date

24 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, Mark & Shelly Molle treats

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

### July

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

24 - Oshkosh Family Dinner Night @ Wendt's on the Lake

25 - 31 - Airventure 2015 @ Oshkosh

### August

20 - Board Meeting

20 - Riley Field Fly-in (Hosted by Dave Miller and Mark Perle)

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, Al & Linda Franowsky treats

### October

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

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

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## Reminder: EAT AT CHILI'S

Please make sure you keep using your Chili's vouchers! It is such an easy way for the chapter to make money, so please help us out and eat at Chili's a few times and get your friends/family to eat there too.

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**NEXT MEETING: Friday, Apr 22, 2016 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.