

#### EAA Chapter 95 Newsletter

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#### Mark & Shelly Molle's

#### Annual BBQ Fly-in/Drive-in

Aero Acres (IL51) 31521 E 2800 N Rd, Dwight, IL

Saturday, June 29th

## Arrive around 10am Eat at 12:00pm Noon

It's time for the Annual Mark & Shelly Molle BBQ lunch at their airstrip. This is a fun, social gathering and a great time for Food, Friends, Flying, and Fun! **EVERYONE** is welcome and you can either fly in or drive in.

Please plan to come out and join us for a fun afternoon at the awesome Aero Acres Airstrip!

- > Arrive around 10:00am, Eat at 12:00 noon
- > Bring a dish to pass
- ➤ Bring lawn chairs, if you want

ALL are welcome and we encourage you to bring family and friends!

Questions? Call Mark Molle @ 815-378-1680 or email: mrkmolle@gmail.com

**PLEASE NOTE:** If flying in, the airport frequency is 122.75. Right hand traffic if using 09, Left hand traffic if using 27.

#### HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

# EAA Chapter 95 Meeting THIS FRIDAY, Jun 28th Morris Airport, Hangar 77 7:30pm

Since it's been a couple months since our last chapter meeting, it was decided that it was time to have one again. Please put it on your calendar and plan to come out and enjoy some time together at our EAA Chapter 95 meeting THIS FRIDAY at the Morris Airport at Matt & Jana's Hangar 77.

#### Matt & Jana Trofimchuck's

#### **Annual Ice-Cream Social**

Morris Airport
Hangar 77

#### Friday, July 12th @ 6:30pm

On Friday, July 12th, please join us at the Morris Airport Hangar 77 (Matt & Jana's hangar) around 6:30pm for our annual Ice-Cream Social. If the weather is good, I'm sure people will be out early flying around, so you are more than welcome to come out earlier.

EVERYONE is invited out to the airport for ice-cream, cookies, and all the fixin's!! Please bring your family, friends - kids, grandkids to this fun, social event.

This is also a great kickoff for Oshkosh!

Note, just as with Taildragger Tuesday, if you are a drivein guest, please park in the south parking lot and walk through the gate to our hangar.

#### From The President ...





Society has always had its gatekeepers. Those people who pick when it's your turn to perform, when it's your turn to step up to a new challenge. Today with the speed of information flow the pickers are reeling, losing power, and fading away.

It's our instinct to wait until we get picked. To seek out permission and authority from someone who says, "I pick you." Once you reject that impulse and realize no one is going to select you, because the flow of information contains so many ideas the pickers are swept away. You can create your island where you are free to express new ideas!

If you are hoping the people you sent your idea to are about to pick you, it's going to be a long wait. Once you understand that your ideas are worthy and you realize that you

have all the tools and permission you need, opportunities to contribute abound!

Chapter 95 needs your talent, your new idea, your story, your adventure, so pick yourself and excite us with a Chapter 95 Event!

Doug

### CONGRATULATIONS JOEY!! FIRST SOLO

On June 23, Joey Saltzman successfully did his first solo!



#### Taildragger Tuesday

Finally some decent weather for Taildragger Tuesday and some formation practice.





#### **RC Event Summary**

By Lucas Crater

I just got finished with the first EAA Chapter 95 RC Event. I was sitting around looking back on it and decided to write an article about it.

Earlier in the week, I thought it was not going to happen. Scattered thunderstorms, windy, cloudy, rainy. I was almost about to call it off, but Doug Hartford encouraged me to stay optimistic. I'm glad he did, because it turned out awesome.

Doug had asked me back in the wintertime if I would be willing to host an RC flying event for the chapter. I said that, if given a location, I would love too. He was nice enough to volunteer his field out in Mazon. I was happy, because I would not want to try to have it at Morris Airport. But also, as I stated several times during the event, the dream of any RC pilot is to hijack a full-scale runway for flying radio-controlled aircraft.

I think all of us started with models of some sort, rubber band planes, radio controlled, control-line, or wood kit building. The hobby has obviously come a long way in the last few decades, but the basic reason people do it is the same. It allows you to enjoy aviation affordably and easily. I take a lot of crap from the guys who had to build their planes from scratch parts and plans, had to learn by crashing and rebuilding over and over, and had chainsaw and weed eater engines on the front. My planes are foam, electric powered, can be built in less time than it takes to charge a battery, and have an "oh crap" button to prevent a crash. Drones have also gained lots of popularity in the last decade, both for recreation and profession. I get my share of picking on drone fliers who just push a button to takeoff and land, have GPS stabilization, and obstacle avoidance. But in the end, we all enjoy the same hobby.

Anyway, I showed up Saturday afternoon at Hartford field. Partly cloudy skies, winds 15-20 mph, and temperatures in the 80's. Beautiful relaxation weather, not so perfect RC flying weather. I expected a few people to show, but man was I surprised. About twenty to thirty members showed, some of them with their own models to fly. Doug was nice again and mowed a runway in the direction of the wind. A good array of aircraft was brought out, from drones and micros, to jets and nitro planes. I also brought a little drone to raffle off and raise a little money for the chapter. But the surprises don't stop there.











Nick Scholtes couldn't help but fly in with his RV8, even though the Facebook page stated it as an RC event. He also was going to have one of his aerobatic play days at Curanda that day, but weather forecast convinced him to cancel his event. But he also invited some guests with him I didn't know about. David Payne and Dustin Buescher work for Horizon Hobby in Champaign. This is one of the largest distributors of radio-controlled products in the world. They also had just finished off the largest RC event in the country, Joe Nall in South Carolina. All my aircraft and gear are made and sold by Horizon, and a large percentage of the aircraft present at our event were Horizon branded products. So, they are kind of an unofficial sponsor. Nick worked at Horizon for a short period, so he has contacts there. But these guys didn't just show up. Dustin had a buddy box on a trainer plane and was getting several non-RC fliers on the sticks, including the Ruffato and Kwiatkowski children. And David brought out his newest release, the Eflite Havoc EDF Jet. It's not even in stock yet, but he was kind enough to answer all my questions and even demo fly it for everyone. 150 mph passes and long vertical climbs, it was quite the show.



I'm definitely going to get one when its available.



But Nick had another surprise. He told me to stop the flying for a minute because he had a friend flying in. That friend, Bob Richards, buzzed by in a little yellow single place Pitts. He then proceeded to perform a little routine for those still attending. Low and slow knife-edge, very reminiscent of Skip Stewart's routine. After he landed, he remarked he was sorry for crashing the party, to which I responded that he made it. Very cool show.



Doug grilled burgers and brats for everyone, and several people brought out snacks. After dinner, Nick took David and Dustin up in the RV and Doug's Kitfox. It was awesome to see the trademark "RV Grin" on their faces. It just goes to show how we are all connected by one singular passion, flight.

In writing this, I still can't believe how well the event turned out. Doug had stated quietly to me that I need to take all the credit. While I will take credit for coming up with the idea, but I did very little in the way of getting it done. Thanks to Doug for food and a location. Thanks to Bob for the cool show. Thanks to David and Dustin for going out of their way to come up here. Thanks to Nick for inviting them. Thanks to all who attended and made it happen. And, thanks to Chapter 95 for giving me a second family willing to put up with me.

As I was putting my planes away, Brian DePung asked when the next one is happening. He suggested making this a monthly thing. While I think that's a little much, for sure this will be an annual event, or even two or three times a year. This first one was a play day for chapter members. But I could see this becoming a bigger event, engaging local kids like we do for Young Eagles. While we do give them access to the Sporty's ground school, most of them can't afford or are too young to get their license. Nowadays, RC has become more affordable and easier to get into than ever. And there are no limits; giant scale, helicopters, race drones, turbines, balsa, gas/nitro. The sky is truly the limit. Let me know what you think about the future of this event and what you want it to become.

Thanks, everyone! Have a good day.

Check out the following video of the event -

https://www.dropbox.com/s/b0vugcekfu7iqsm/RC%20Fest%202019.mp4?dl=0

(Videos taken by Jacque Nawojski and presentation put together by Larry Nawojski - Thanks to you both!!)

## TOUNG EAGINGS

#### A YOUNG EAGLES RALLY THANKS

Thank you all who came out for another successful Young Eagles Rally on Saturday, June 8th. We want to thank all the members who came out to help and to those who came to support the event. We especially want to thank the members who helped spread the word about our Young Eagles Rally to

their friends, their neighbors and their schools.

The day turned out initially to be a sunny and not too windy but the winds did pick up and got stronger so the rides were getting pretty bump. We stopped flying the kids at 11:30 .m. We did manage to fly 41 Young Eagles of which 34 were first-time flyers. We couldn't fly 6 Young Eagles waiting, but we hope they come to our September 14<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles Rally at Morris Airport. Jana and Matt Trofimchuck were able to fly 3 of these Young Eagles at our Taildragger Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The lucky 41 Young Eagles were flown by our seven chapter pilots: Dave Miller, John Musgrave, Ron Needham, Doug Panko, Warren Roddy, Ryan Stephens and Jana Trofimchuck. All the Young Eagles had a great time, especially the 34 first-time flyers.

The Ground Crew, the support team for our pilots, did a fantastic job handling the flow of our waiting Young Eagles, despite the windy conditions. They helped make the flow between the office staff and the pilots seem effortless. Thank you: John Ricchio, Nathan Kwiatkowski, Bill Morrison, Linda Roddy, Sy Salinas, Joe Saltzman, and Gary Wilkins. Also, we had Brian DePung and John Limbach waiting in reserve to help the ground crew if needed or helping in any way they could to make our operations go smoothly. Thanks to Lucas Crater for being our Ramp Marshall and Matt Kwiatkowski for handling the Ground School. They both did an excellent job.

Thanks to our two photographers who kept the process running smoothly: Tim Adams and Tony Madonia.

We appreciate all the efforts of the Food Concession Staff: Norma Limbach, assisted by Kelly Miller.

Special thanks to Matt Trofimchuck for being our Briefing, Safety and Field Flight Operations Coordinator: which included the pilot/ground crew briefing, pairing the pilots with ground crew, and keeping all of this running safely and smoothly.

Especially wanted to thank the Office Staff for all their hard work: Jenna Limbach for handling the printing of the Young Eagle photos on our new photo printer and training Jami Salinas, Cathy Needham for handling the Young Eagles' registration, Jenny Madonia for handling the logbooks and helping Cathy out, and Kristine Kwiatkowski for printing the Young Eagles Certificates, so that I was free to assign the Young Eagles to the pilots and various other issues which arose.

They all made the process easier and fun. It was wonderful to see everyone pull together to make this event a very memorable one for 41 Young Eagles.

Submitted by Jacque Nawojski















#### **Lombard Memorial Day Flyover**

Tom Ellis and Jana Trofimchuck kicked off the Memorial Day Celebration for the Village of Lombard with their annual flyover. The city also made a donation to our Young Eagles Scholarship Fund.



#### Family Dinner Night @ The Patio

EAA Chapter 95 had a great outing at The Patio on Saturday, June 1st. They even had to kick us out when they were closing!



#### **Fun Flying**

Adam Ruffatto enjoyed his flight with dad to the Cavalcade of Planes at Clow airport. He is even learning the duties of a good copilot is to help clean



the plane when you get home.







#### 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.

Please take note, the items in red have been added since the last newsletter.

#### June

28 - Chapter Meeting @ Morris Airport, 7:30pm

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

#### July

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

13 - Aerobatic "Play Day" @ LL39 (Curanda Airport), 10am -

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

22-28 - Airventure 2015 @ Oshkosh

#### August

17 - Aerobatic "Play Day" @ LL39 (Curanda Airport), 10am -

24 - Dave & Kelly Miller Riley Field Fly-in

#### September

7 - 2nd Chapter RC Event, 2pm, 650 S Baker Rd, Mazon, IL

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

21 - Bruce & Cindy Limbach Annual Pig Roast

28 - Chapter 95 "Day at the Range", Braidwood, IL, 10am-4pm

#### November

15 - Potluck and Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm

#### EAA Chapter 95 "Day at the Range"

#### With Sights on Solutions 1121 North Division St, Braidwood, IL

#### Saturday, September 28th, 10am - 4pm

Please note Mark Molle has scheduled another "Day on the Range" event for September 28th. The first one was held in April and was very well attended and everyone has been asking for another one.

Cost is \$25 for the day and includes rental for any of Dave's many firearms, you just purchase any ammo.

The rain date is Sunday, September 29th.

Please RSVP with Mark Molle (or on our group Facebook event page), as he needs a headcount for the event.

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NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 28, 2019 at 7:30pm

**Location:** Morris Airport

Hangar 77

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.