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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Where did this year go? The year quickly passed by for us all in Chapter 952. The Chapter has lots to be proud of – our Young Eagles (YE) program, Ray and Sunbird scholarships, and adding new members. Our Spring and Fall YE Rallies were a great success showing our local youth what aviation is all about along with parents and area adults wanting to be involved in our Chapter.

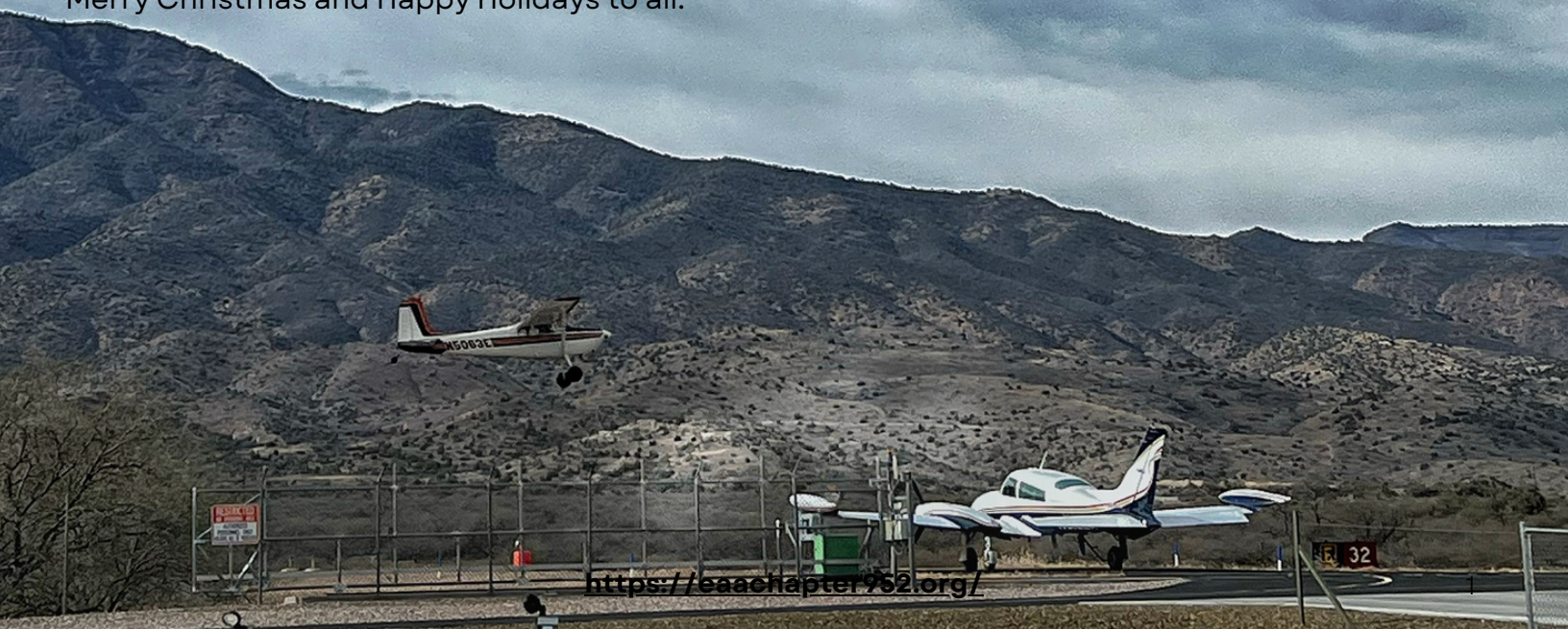
Our new 2024 Young Eagle Coordinator, Doug Wright, also had several one-on-one Young Eagles Flights for those youngsters who didn't make our Rallies.

Our former and in-training Ray Scholars continue to work their way towards earning their pilot ratings. Aleana Cricks completed her PPL in June and is in her second year in ASU's professional pilot program. Lucas Shook and Jared Deibel should have their PPL checkride completed by December's end. Alek Herman is well on his way to a be professional pilot with earning his instrument, commercial, and multi ratings.

All members will be getting an email from the Chapter's Gmail asking you complete a short online survey from Headquarters (HQ) EAA. Please take this short survey before the end of December. This is a key activity which HQ EAA uses to score all Chapters in the recognition program. Completing the survey will be your part in Chapter 952 earning a "Gold" rating for 2023.

The sprinkler construction project in the Chapter building is nearing completion. I was expecting things to be done by Thanksgiving, but as with most construction projects involving many elements, it has taken extra time. We should be done by the end of January. Finally, our valuable tenant and partner, AirMethods, has settled into our building as on of their key Northern Arizona helicopter EMS bases. They flew over 80 lifesaving missions in 2023. Your Chapter Board thanks you all for your part in making 2023 a valuable and prosperous year for Chapter 952.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.





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## Chapter Officers

### President

Larry Battin

### Vice President

Doug Wright

### Treasurer

Bob O'Connell

### Secretary

Lori Parker

### Facilities Operations

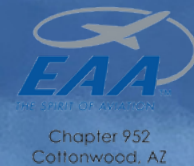
Don Miller

## Chapter Meeting Location and Time

**Chapter 952 meets:** First Tuesday of each month, Social time begins at 6:00pm with our program starting at 6:30pm (VMC Club begins at 5:30pm, held quarterly)

**Location:** Chapter 952 Meeting Center, Cottonwood Airport (P52)

West side of airport behind hangars. Additional information can be found on our website at <https://eaachapter952.org>



## Chapter Coordinators

### Young Eagles Coordinator

Lori Parker

### Building Coordinator

Don Miller

### Technical Advisor

Jim Redmond

## NOTAMS

(Notice To All Members)

## Chapter Dues Are Due!

It's time to renew Chapter Membership!

Please submit your dues to

James Hauke at the next meeting.

**Single Membership - \$20**

**Family Membership - \$30**

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## New Members

We're working with a few prospects!

Check back next month to see who's joined our Chapter!

## NOVEMBER DEBRIEF

**Hudson River Corridor** - Our November meeting featured Lucas Shook presenting a recent flight he took with his Dad (Jason) and a family friend through the Hudson River corridor. Thank you Lucas for sharing your adventure and story!

Got a story, adventure, or build you want to share with our members?  
Tell us about it and send photos to [EAAchapter952@gmail.com](mailto:EAAchapter952@gmail.com)



## NOVEMBER DEBRIEF cont.

**Election of 2024 Officers** - We would first like to thank our current Officers (*Larry Battin, Doug Wright, Lori Parker, and Bob O'Connell*) for their hard work and leadership, making 2023 the year our Chapter achieved GOLD in the HQ EAA Chapter Recognition Award!

**Please join us in congratulating our 2024 Officers!**



Our fearless leader **Larry Battin** will remain as Chapter President



**Ed Kettler** will be backing up Larry as our new Chapter Vice President



**Lori Parker** will be moving from Secretary to Treasurer



**James Hauke** will be taking on the role of Secretary

## NOVEMBER DEBRIEF cont.

**2024 Coordinators & Volunteers** - Coordinators and volunteers are an essential component in the operations and growth of our Chapter.

**Please join us in congratulating our 2024 Coordinators/Volunteers!**



**Don Miller**  
continues as our  
Chapter's Building  
Coordinator



**Doug Wright**  
is taking on the role  
of Young Eagles &  
Ray Scholars  
Coordinator



**Lori Parker**  
continues her role  
as Young Eagles  
Coordinator



**Jim Redmon**  
continues as our  
Chapter's Technical  
Advisor



**James Hauke**  
has taken on the role  
of Newsletter/Web  
Editor

## Calendar of Events

Date	Program
Dec. 5th	Chapter 952 Christmas Social & Pot Luck - Tues. 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Jan. 9th	Chapter 952 Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm ( <i>Dues are Due!</i> )
Feb. 15-18	Arizona Flying Circus @ Motown - <a href="#"><i>Click Here for More Details</i></a>
Feb. 16-18	AOPA Fly-In at Buckeye Air Fair KBXK - <a href="#"><i>Register Here</i></a>
Mar-Apr.	Young Eagles Rally - TBD
Apr. 9-14	Sun 'N Fun - <a href="#"><i>Click Here for Info &amp; Tickets</i></a>
July. 22-28	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh - <a href="#"><i>Click Here for Info</i></a>



Join the members of Chapter 952 for quarterly VMC (visual flight rules) Club meetings in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experience using real-world scenarios. The intent is to foster communications, promote safety, build proficiency, and have a great time doing it! Meetings will be held at 5:30 pm in the EAA Building in Cottonwood, 1001 W Mingus, Building O.

## Other EAA Events & Resources

**EAA News:** <http://www.eaa.org/news>

**EAA Aviation Calendar of Events & Experiences:** <http://www.eaa.org/calendar>

**AirVenture Information:** <http://www.airventure.org/index.html>

**EAA SportAir Workshops:** <http://www.eaa.org/sportair>

## Scholar-ly News



**Aleana Cricks**

Aleana is in her second year in ASU's professional pilot program.



**Alek Herman**

Alek is Instrument/Commercial rated and is now Multi-Engine Commercial rated!



Cap'n Sunbird



**Jared Deibel**

Jared Deibel has finished all his training requirements and is waiting for his checkride.



**Lucas Shook**

Luke recently completed his Solo XC flight and is waiting for his checkride!

## Member Spotlight

### Josh Gressly - EAA Member since 2021



Josh got the flying bug at a young age through commercial air travel. After graduating high school he enrolled in the Yavapai/North Aire associates program in 2016. Within 2 1/2 years he completed his CFII and went on to complete his bachelors in Aeronautics with a Minor in Meteorology at Embry-Riddle.

In 2020, Josh began working as a flight instructor at Leighnor Aircraft in Prescott. In late 2021, Josh acquired N3436R, a Piper PA-28-180 that would be based out of Cottonwood (now based in Prescott). Josh has been an integral part in getting our Ray Scholars through their training, as well as providing Young Eagles flights to a new generation of future pilots! Josh's ideal career is to fly cargo for UPS or Fed-Ex and is currently scouting carriers to apply with. Thank You Josh for your instruction and commitment to Chapter 952!

### Rapid Fire Q&A

**Q.** If you could fly ANY airplane, what would it be?

**Josh:** C-130

**Q.** Long XCs or Short Flights?

**Josh:** Short Flights

**Q.** Props or Jets?

**Josh:** Props

**Q.** Best advice for anyone wanting to get into Aviation/Homebuilt

**Josh:** Play with a Flight Sim, Hang out with pilots & other aviation enthusiasts

**Q.** Why should everyone join EAA?

**Josh:** Community networking, Learn from experienced pilots and Builders, Great way to gain knowledge, Help expand the aviation community.

## Who's in the Pattern

