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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy New Year everyone! I hope your Christmas and Holidays were a joyous and happy time. I see 2024 as another great year for our Chapter with our continuing support of our Ray and Sunbird scholars and Young Eagle rallies. By March will be announcing our 2024 Ray and Sunbird scholars. Our 2024 Ray Scholarship will be our sixth scholarship. Our Chapter continues to be one of the leaders in all of EAA for scholarships awarded. Our Sunbird scholarship continues to give local youth an outstanding opportunity to have a full year aviation of experiences in preparation to being awarded a Ray Scholarship. Our next Young Eagle Rally will be in the April-May time frame.

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I need to mention what our Chapter members are building and flying. Doug Wright has a strong program to assemble his Dakota Cub kit. Rich and Brenda Gay are well along their way in constructing their builder-assist Sling in California.

Rich earned his private pilot rating and he is already working on his instrument rating. Congratulations to Brenda too in earning her private pilot rating. Both are looking forward to bringing their Sling home to Arizona in early 2024.

Spring comes early to the Southwest and so do the airshows and flying events. At Buckeye on February 16-18 is AOPA's Fly-in and Air Fair. That same weekend is the Arizona Flying Circus at 5AZ6, MoTown which is just West of Casa Grande.

All and all 2024 looks to be another great year for Chapter 952.





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President

Larry Battin

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Ed Kettler

Treasurer

Bob O'Connell

Secretary

James Hauke

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 bi-monthly)

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 Coordinators

Doug Wright

Lori Parker

Building Coordinator

Don Miller

Technical Advisor

Jim Redmond

Newsletter/Web Editor

James Hauke



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!

December Debrief

Chapter 952 Christmas Social & Pot Luck - Thank you to everyone who attended our Chapter's Annual Christmas Social & Pot Luck! We hope you had an opportunity to enjoy great food, great conversation, and get to know your fellow members a bit more! There was no shortage of incredible dishes and we raised \$81 in donations! We hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful Holiday and wish you a prosperous and healthy New Year!



Calendar of Events

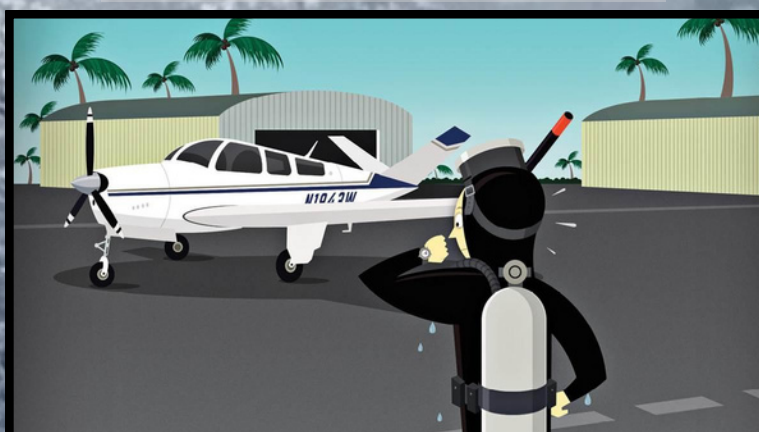
Date	Program
Jan. 9th	VMC Club - 5:30pm - 6:00pm <u>Topic Hint Below!</u> Chapter 952 Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm (Guest Speaker - AirMethods) Reminder: <u>Chapter Dues are Due!</u>
Feb. 6th	Chapter 952 Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm (Guest Speaker - Ed Kettler)
Feb. 15-18	Arizona Flying Circus @ Motown - <u>Click Here for More Details</u>
Feb. 16-18	AOPA Fly-In at Buckeye Air Fair KBXK - <u>Register Here</u>
Mar. 5th	VMC Club - 5:30pm - 6:00pm Chapter 952 Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Mar-Apr.	Young Eagles Rally - TBD
Apr. 9-14	Sun 'N Fun - <u>Click Here for Info & Tickets</u>
July. 22-28	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh - <u>Click Here for Info</u>



Join the members of Chapter 952 for bi-monthly 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.

January VMC Club Topic

(Reference AIM 8-1-2 (d): [Click Here](#))



Member Spotlight

Chuck Losinski - EAA Member since 2009



Q: *How did you get into aviation? What gave you the flying bug?*

Chuck: I grew up in Max Conrad's hometown so GA was well known and popular. I was always fascinated with the ability to jump into a little airplane to go somewhere. High school aviation class stoked my passion. Several of us took a Private Pilot ground school at the local university while we were still in high school (1979). Final exam was the FAA knowledge test (scored a 98%). Family commitments, money (lack thereof), a career in computer science and other passions got in the way of me taking flight lessons until 2005.

Q: *Where/When did you start training? What did you fly?*

Chuck: My commute took me past the St. Paul downtown airport on a daily basis. Sometimes I would stop just to watch all the corporate jet activity (3M had 6-G5s) . On a whim I stopped by for an introductory flight in 2005 when life was a bit more settled and having some disposable income available. Learned in a 172 like the rest of the world. Joined a local Piper club at another airport (Arrows, Archer, Warrior, and a Cirrus) and proceeded through my Instrument, Commercial and CFI. Was president of the Prescott Flying Club (South St. Paul, MN).

Q: *What ratings have you achieved?*

Chuck: Commercial Pilot-SEL, CFI.

Q: *How do you/have you use(d) aviation in your career/daily life?*

Chuck: Just for fun mostly. I find it helps me decompress. I enjoy doing flight reviews and checkouts in the aircraft that I am familiar with (Pipers, Mooneys, Cessnas). My wife tolerates my aviation passion. I don't ask her how much she spends on her hobby and she doesn't ask me!

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Q: Tell us about your experience as EAA President, how long were you with that Chapter?

Chuck: I joined the EAA Chapter 1537 “Northwoods Fliers”, Siren, Wisconsin, when we purchased a northwoods cabin in 2007. Small group of passionate aviators who’s primary goal was Young Eagles and supporting the annual airshow/pancake breakfast at KRZN in northwest Wisconsin. We also flew local students up to the Cirrus plant in Duluth MN for tours. Served as chapter president for the past 4 years. One of our young eagles is a now a pilot for the Navy flying the P-3 Orion doing maritime patrol.

Rapid Fire Q&A

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

Chuck: Probably a new Cirrus Jet. Otherwise something classic like a Spartan Executive.

Q. Long XCs or Short Flights?

Chuck: Short flights. Airplanes are cramped!

Q. Props or Jets?

Chuck: Any and all!

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

Chuck: Go talk to a pilot. They like to talk about themselves :-) and would be happy to give lots of advice.

Q. Why should everyone join EAA?

Chuck: This is a big one for me. I am incredibly thankful to have community of aviators here in Cottonwood, us being new to the area, to be social with and just have some fun. Maybe share some air time. Being an EAA member is “portable”. You can find a chapter almost anywhere in the US and many international chapters as well.

Special Announcements



Congratulations to Chapter Member - Brenda Gay!!

Brenda passed her Checkride on December 19th!

Scholarships

AOPA Flight Training Scholarships - Made possible through donations to the AOPA Foundation, the more than \$1 million in scholarships are a major benefit of AOPA membership, helping members reach their aviation goals.

Scholarship applications open Sept. 5, 2023, with awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$14,000 for primary flight training, advanced ratings/certificates, aviation maintenance, and more.

Open to AOPA members that are U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent legal residents
Some scholarships also require applicants to meet additional criteria (see listings below)

Scholarship applications will close February 9, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

You need only submit one application that will be automatically considered for all scholarships for which you are eligible.

The number and amount of all scholarships will be determined by donor funding, which may not be finalized until immediately before awards are announced. Scholarship applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they qualify. **[Click Here to Learn More and Apply!](#)**



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Scholarships cont.

EAA Aviation Scholarships - Are you interested in pursuing flight or a career in aviation or an aviation-related field? We encourage well-rounded individuals who are involved in their school or community and interested in the world of aviation to apply for an EAA scholarship.

Here are the key dates for this year's scholarship cycles:

Next Cycle: Opens November 1, 2023 and closes March 1, 2024.

[Click Here for more Information!](#)

Questions should be directed to Scholarships@EAA.org

Aviation Careers Podcast Scholarship Guide - The scholarships guide includes over 200 Aerospace scholarships with a combined value of over \$120 Million. Entries are updated regularly to assure accuracy.

Welcome to your resource for Aviation and Aerospace Scholarships. The information concerning each scholarship is presented in a compete and simplified format. Our scholarship team constantly updates and verifies each listing giving you the most up to date information.

It can be a daunting task researching scholarships for your specific needs. Many of the online directories have inaccurate or outdated information. Some only containing links to the scholarship website.

This directory will help you achieve your career goals by obtaining money to fund your training and education. By applying to one or more scholarships you could earn thousands towards your education and training.

[Click Here for more Information and to purchase the Scholarship Guide!](#)

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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>