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EAA Chapter 961 *Flyer*

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INTRODUCING YOUR 2020 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Joe Baker
President



Joe is a Western born guy who spent his early years teaching Horsemanship merit badge at a scout camp. His Mom took a university teaching job in Hawaii so off they went. Graduated high school there and one year of college then did his two year church mission work in England. Returning did a degree program in English and History and met and married his wife Kris. About that time his Dad, living in New Mexico, bought the Luscombe that now lives in his hanger. Shorty after their son was born he took a teaching position in Samoa. Returning from Somoa he did his graduate degree, (ask him about his thesis). After graduating he entered academe and took a position teaching History and English Comp in the Four Corners area of New Mexico which was near Mesa Airlines flight training facility, eventually hired by Mesa. They moved to Charlotte and seven years ago was hired on at US Airways, now flying the Airbus 320, but the real enjoyment is flying the Luscombe he soloed in. Kris and Joe live in Matthews and have four kids, Trevor, 28, Katie, 25, Emma, 21 and Collin, 17. k7cci@yahoo.com

Louis Kantor
Vice President



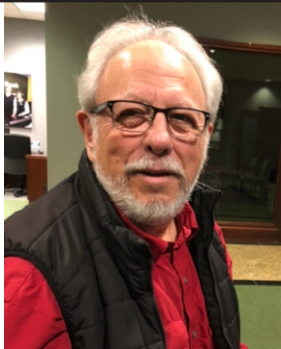
Louis is a Lifetime EAA member and was born in Canonsburg PA, just South of Pittsburgh chasing \$100 hamburgers out of Finlay (G05) with his private pilot dad.

He earned his private ticket in 1995 at 18 and in 1998 graduated from Eastern Kentucky Univ with a bachelor's degree in "Aviation Professional Pilot".

During and after college he flight instructed out of Mt. Sterling KY (IOB). In 2001 he started flying for Trans State Airlines out of STL. In 2008 he moved on to USAirways out of PHL and CLT. Currently flying as First Officer for American Airlines on the Airbus 330 and starts Captain training on the 320 in February and will be based in CLT.

He has multiple type ratings and keeps his ASEL and AMEL CFII current and when not working, enjoys flying a RV-7a, a Citabria and a Cessna 182 and while also riding his motorcycles. louiscfi@aol.com

Paul Fischer
Treasurer



Taking over the Treasurer duties for the calendar years 2020 and 2021 from John Long is Paul Fischer. Paul is originally from the Northeast but didn't start flying in earnest until he moved to Charlotte in 1996. Paul is married to Lorraine and they have a son, Bryan, who is in high school at Ardrey Kell and are active in their church.

Actually, Paul credits Chapter Secretary Dick Kruse as his aviation mentor, and co-owned a Piper Arrow with Dick for 5 years. Paul currently flies a PiperSport Light Sport Aircraft that he keeps at the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport.

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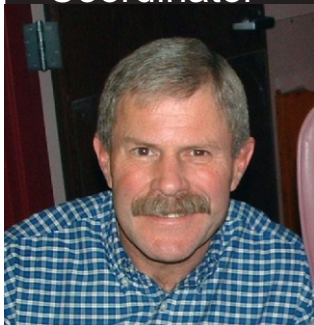
Dick Kruse
Secretary



Serving another two year term as Secretary (which currently also includes developing the chapter Programs and the News Letter) is Dick, though he would like to see another member take over the programs aspect. Originally from Minnesota and moved here in 1994 with wife Marge who he married in 1965 and sing in their church choir and Dick sings Bass in a Barbershop quartet Their married son and daughter soon followed and raised their four grandchildren here. While still a current CFI, Dick enjoys flying his 1946 Champ out of Unity Aerodrome krussr05@gmail.com

Current Chapter Committee Chairs

Bob Kudwa
Young Eagles
Coordinator



Bob is a retired Marine Fighter and Airline pilot, Airline Exec and active member of his church. He and wife Nancy, live at "The Ark on the Lake" on Lake Wylie where he keeps his Husky on amphibious floats tucked away in his attached hanger. Nancy and Bob have two daughters and two granddaughters.

Bob enthusiastically directs our active and growing YOUNG EAGLES program and is working at expanding it to include aviation scholarship opportunities for the high school youths in our area. kude@aol.com

Chris Kelly
Web Guru



Chris is our Website / Facebook / Forum wizzard. He and wife Kris and 4 youngsters live in Indian Land SC and he keeps his Grumman at Unity Aerodrome in Les Kanna's hanger along with Mike Brown and his Highlander. During the day, Chris owns and operates his satellite transmission business from his amazing vans. Sporting and other events tend to eat up his weekends. Chris will also be doing the switch over of our chapter to the new website provided by EAA as part of our membership. Watch for the changes.

chris@control1comm.com

Chapter President's Message

Greetings Fellow EAA'ers!

It is my distinct honor to join you as President of the best chapter in EAA. Well, at least I think so. I've only been associated with a few, but this is by far the best one I've seen! It is very difficult to step into some very large shoes left vacant by Rick, but I hope that with your help, we can be even better.

As the new year dawns, we have new challenges and new opportunities. Just recently we had a "meeting" of our chapter officers. Well, really a lunch at Nishie G's in Rock Hill, but there were several questions I wanted to know about. First was a two-part question. What are we doing wrong and what are we doing right. We easily identified a fair number of things we are doing right. I think we have one of the smoothest and safest Young Eagles programs out there. A sincere thanks to all of you who make this happen--not only our current folks, but the former folks who built our solid foundation. And our membership is growing significantly. I chose the words carefully, because the growth has not stopped. We are still growing, and that is a great thing! We seem to be outgrowing our meeting location --a byproduct of our growth. And that is an encouraging problem to have!

Nobody could really think of anything we are doing "wrong". We did, however, come up with a number of things we could improve on, and that was what I was hoping to hear. We have tools and a maintenance library with no place for them to live. We have a charitable organization status that over many, many years has become, in a word, murky. But the most important thing to me is this: we have a ton of talent with tenuous access to it. The most important thing in any organization is its members. And ours are great. There have been precious few events where we did not have large numbers of you showing up and helping out.

About ten years ago, Dad and I brought our Luscombe to Rock Hill. This is the airplane that I soloed in, and got my private in, thirty something years ago. It was an epic journey. We left Glendale Municipal Airport as early in the morning as we could stand, and headed South around El Paso (and that complex airspace nastiness), and finally overnighted in Fredricksburg. Texas.

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That night I discovered that someone had mis-wired the wind-driven generator between the gear legs on good old four three bravo. No generator means no battery in a real hurry. A couple of turns of a wrench and we had power back (well, after an hour of so in the air to recharge the battery). Second night found us in False River, LA. The AFD said there was fuel (there was) and an open pilot shop (and there was not). There was a shop with stuff in it, but it was locked up with not a soul around. All we could do was press our noses against the window, coveting the stuff inside. A local police officer helped us to the hotel. The next morning we returned, hoping to find a shopkeeper. No such luck. But we DID find a guy from Florida heading to California in his Cessna 180. He was hoping for a shopkeeper, too. See, we were both out of charts! We had enough to get to False River, and so did he. But neither of us had charts to get beyond. It took about 90 seconds of negotiation for us reasonably intelligent folks to simply swap charts. For some reason he had clipped the Southern section of the Charlotte sectional, and we were both confident that he could find suitable California charts somewhere in Arizona, where ours ended for him.

Much more relieved, we cranked up and blasted off, with a much noisier Cessna clawing its way into the sky behind us, heading the other way.

As Rick and I swap charts this month, I ask a few things of you. First, please let me know of any ideas you may have for any improvements we might make to this great chapter. I can't promise that we will always run with the ideas we are given, but I will promise that we will carefully consider all of them. Second, step up! We are stepping up this chapter, if for no other reason that that we are growing quickly, and have to. We would like much more access to the talent latent in this group. Even if you have a small idea you would like to run with, send it our way! As the high school and college admissions guys say, many jobs twenty years from now don't even exist today! Your role might not have a current title. Maybe nobody is doing it. That doesn't mean we all can't benefit from it.

I truly look forward to getting to know you all, and discovering how great we can all be together.

Blue Skies !

Joe



The 2020-2021 EAA 961

Chapter Officers held their first board meeting of the year and the following addendums were added to the EAA 961 By-Laws, recently adopted at the May 13th, 2019 membership meeting. Please take a moment to read. Thank You

Dick Kruse, EAA 961 Secretary.

2019.12.30-1

It is resolved that "New or Non-current members of EAA Chapter 961 wishing to join or re-join may do so at any time during the calendar year and if the dues to join or re-join are collected on or after the 2nd Monday of September, the dues will be considered paid through the end of the next calender year."

2019.12.30-2

It is resolved that "Youth under the age of 18 (the maximum ago for YOUNG EAGLES) that wish to become members of EAA Chapter 961, will be accepted and their requirement to pay dues will be waived and they will be accepted as full members of the chapter until the end of the calender year in which they attain the age of 18, when they may remain members but regular dues will be required"

**A copy of your chapter by-laws are available to any member, just email Dick Kruse, Secretary EAA 961
krussr05@gmail.com**



961 TREASURER'S "TWO-CENTS"

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

First order of business is to thank John Long not only for his 9 years of distinguished service as our Treasurer, but also for his impeccable record keeping. It made the transfer of duties extremely smooth and gave me a running start at some of the goals we have set for 2020.

WOW ! 2020. It should have something to due with vision, right? Well, hopefully it does.

As the chapter membership has grown over the past few years, we have both created challenges and opened up opportunities to better serve our members. One of the opportunities that we now have a focus on is making it more attractive to contribute materially or financially to the Chapter. To that point, we are pursuing the conversion of our current non-profit status to that of a 501c(3) corporation, whereby financial and material donations, such as aircraft, parts, manuals, etc., can be claimed by the donor as tax write-offs as charitable contributions. Other EAA Chapters have benefitted significantly from this type of structure. We will keep you up to date on our progress.!

Now for the business side of this month's "Treasurer's Two- Cents": It's a new year and time to replenish the Chapters coffers, so for those of you who have not yet paid their dues for 2020, please see me at our next meeting on January 13th, or mail your \$25 (checks made out to EAA 961) to me at 11500 Glenn Abbey Way, Charlotte NC 28277.

Thanks, Paul Fischer, 961 Tresurer
plfischer31@gmail.com



At our well attended, Annual December Chapter Holiday party, we recognized Rick Maury and John Long as they retired from the position of President and Treasurer after many years of faithful service as President and Treasure.

They were presented these beautiful hand made momentos, skillfully executed by member Mike Brown. Gardy Wilson did the honors.



John is shown here with his hardwood plaque fabricated around an “Abacas”, appropriate for the retiring treasurer, (Batteries not required). He is shown with the incoming treasurer, Paul Fischer

Rick was presented with a gavel fabricated with exotic hardwoods formed around an aircraft piston that was donated by Joe Baker



**Experience is the knowledge that
enables you to recognize a
mistake
WHEN YOU MAKE IT AGAIN !**

**Your 2020 EAA 961 Chapter Dues
are now due.**

**Please mail your check, made out to
EAA 961, for \$25 to Treasurer**

Paul Fischer

**11500 Glenn Abbey Way
Charlotte NC 28277**

**He will also be glad to accept membership
applications, Name tag and or chapter shirt
orders**

**If you've previously ordered a name tag or shirt,
they will be available for you at the meeting.**

Please bring check or cash

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS and Programs



I made the foolish mistake of having lunch with the chapter 961 officers last week. I thought the kind of support I was used to receiving would end when I hung up my Marine Corps uniforms.

That has not been the case with 961. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your support and good natured help. I was going to start mentioning names but that would take up the whole darn newsletter! OK, here is the skinny - I am starting to find scholarship opportunities to get youths flying. The EAA chaptergram has mention of it in there
<https://www.eaa.org> › eaa › eaa-chaptergram-chapter-newsletter

I am convinced this is the next phase we need to attack for our young aviators. I do my own landscaping at the "Ark on the Lake" but have been dreadfully unsuccessful in getting a money tree to take root. Realizing high school youths think such trees exist, we can help them and their parents by opening doors for scholarships. The airlines have them, EAA has them, and I'm sure several other 501C3 organizations have them ripe for the asking.

*(editors note: EAA 961 is currently working to get their 501C3 classification)
I served on the board for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation for many years. While I was there we were giving out around eight million dollars a year and every year we had scholarships that were not applied for.*

*I am convinced such is the case throughout the country.
I ask you to search, scour, sneak around and find out what you can about available scholarships.
Send the intel to me*

Bob Kudwa kude@aol.com

Young Eagles Coordinator

*Interested in becoming a regular member of
this active and growing chapter?*

*Just fill out the form shown below and send it
along with a check for \$ 25 to Paul Fischer,
Treasurer, made out to EAA CHAPTER 961*

*(Dues paid after September 1st, of any year
will cover the following year)*

EAA CHAPTER 961 MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Please fill in the information below.

Mail the completed form with a check for \$25.00 (payable to EAA Chapter 961)

To:

Paul Fischer / Treasurer EAA 961

11500 Glenn Abbey Way

Charlotte NC 28277



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____

Zip Code: _____ Preferred Phone No. _____ h,w,c.

E-mail address: _____

EAA Member Number: _____ *

Pilot Ratings: _____

Aircraft Owned or interested in: _____

Are you an Young Eagles EAA Member YES ___ NO ___

Do you want to order a chapter name tag YES ___ NO ___

Do you want to order a chapter shirt YES ___ NO ___

If YES, then what SIZE _____ COLOR _____

(Grey is the standard but other colors are available)

*EAA is for both pilots and non -pilots who are interested in aviation. Founded in 1953 it offers
activities for the entire family in local, regional and national events. EAA supports and
encourages those who are building or restoring aircraft and those flying or renting any type of
aircraft or interested in learning to fly or those who would like to be associated with those that do.*

***You must either be, or become, an EAA National member to be a member of local Chapters. To join EAA call 800 -
JOIN EAA or go online at www.eaa.org.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JANUARY 13th

A presentation by Ed Lee on those
mysterious and sometime troubling
CARBURETORS

FEBRUARY 10th

An update and presentation on the Charlotte
Aviation Museum

MARCH 9th

Angela Sell, Aviation Photographer and
writer will give us an insight on how
professionals do it.

MAY 11th

A presentation on **AVIATION TIRES**
their manufacture and upkeep
by **MICHELIN AVIATION TIRES**

Do you have an idea of a program you would like to
see presented at our monthly meetings? Contact

Dick Kruse krussr05@gmail.com or
Mike Ridnour dridnour@mindspring.com



Looking For or For Sale by 961 Members

WANTED Electric Tow Bar for Cessna 182
Brian Dominick
704-589-0444

briandominick@carolina.rr.com

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FOR SALE-Partially Completed Zenith Zodiac

Zenith Zodiac 601XL air frame is nearly completed. Fuselage is finished, control cables routed through the fuselage, empennage is completed and parts for wing are included as shown. Zodiac 601XL drawings & manuals 2nd edition, construction manual edition 2, photo assembly guides, construction log book and many other manuals and tools included used in addition to the ones shown.

The original owner completed this with build logs and did a quality job with the construction, it is very well documented and confirmed by an A&P pre-buy inspection. I took over the project but I don't have time to finish it as I'm completing my commercial license and building my hours to fly for the airlines.

Contact Tyler Gura, Owner: located for inspection near Statesville Regional Airport-KSVH THGaviator@gmail.com Cell-(980)-225-2251

Feel free to reach out for additional information.

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FOR SALE \$20
CISA, Hardened Prop Lock
contact Dick Kruse
krussr05@gmail.com

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Ever dream of having or living on your
own private airstrip ?

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Contact Ed Lee at edclee@comporium.net or
Les Kanna at leskanna6@gmail.com

Lee Wenninger thanks everyone for helping him find the materials he needs to start his aircraft build.

Now he would like to have the opportunity to visit anyone in the build process.

Contact Lee at leewenninger@msn.com

2 Transponders for sale. Both were removed for upgrades. One is a King 76, face is worn but was working when removed. Other is a Bendix/King 76A, also working when



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Terry Griffin
trg216@aol.com
803-415-2317



FOR SALE

**46" YUKON ROLLING STORAGE CABINET
WITH SOLID WOOD TOP AND BEARING
SUPPORTED DRAWERS**



ASKING \$ 200

**Also have a Machinist
Work bench asking \$ 150**

Wayne Thomas

waynes1world@gmail.com

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ELECTRIC BIKE FOR SALE

This electric bicycle (ebike) is designed to look like a board track motorcycle from the early 1900's. It is a bicycle, not a moped. Requires no license or insurance. Beautiful vintage look. Virtually silent. Can be pedaled like a bicycle or let the electric motor do the work. Range is approximately 30 miles. Battery recharges from a standard outlet. Ready to ride. Needs nothing. 300 miles on the odometer.

Purchased new from Amazon in July of this year. Details and specs can be found here...

<https://www.amazon.com/T4B-Michael-Greaser-Electric-Bicycle/dp/B07J1XWZ1Z>

Selling because I purchased an upgraded model to pull a baby trailer. Can meet at local elementary school for test ride. Thanks for looking.

Call or text Jim Snider 704 -517-7767

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If you have an AVIATION RELATED item or items to donate or sell, please submit the information to me at this email address krussr05@gmail.com

Going forward, I will keep your item in the newsletter for only two issues unless I hear back from you that it is still available.

Thank You

**Dick Kruse
Secretary EAA 961**

Chapter 961 now has an internet forum.

We hope this will be useful both for members who don't currently have an airplane and would like to take a ride with another member who does, and also for those willing to give another chapter member a ride in their aircraft.

Go to www.961.eaachapter.org

At the bottom left of our Chapter 961 home page, there's a link to our “***Chapter 961 Forum***”. Click it and register if you'd like to join. ***YOU MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER TO BE APPROVED TO POST***

It's set up as a private forum and once I approve your registration you'll be able to see the topics and make posts to the forum.

We've decided to keep it a private forum so you may exchange phone numbers and email addresses with each other and not have those visible to the public.

Give it a shot, we hope it will be helpful for getting more chapter members up in the air together!

Chris Kelley... CHRIS@CONTROL1COMM.COM

Chapter 961 FACEBOOK and WEBSITE Manager

FLIGHT REVIEWS

*Here is the contact info of a few of
your Chapter 961 member "CFI"s
who are available to do FR's.
Tail Wheel, Check out's, Aerobatic, etc.*

FLIGHT REVIEWS



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