



THE TAILDRAGGER

MARCH 2023

Presidents Message:

By Grif Leary

I really don't know where to start about how good February has been to our Chapter. We started off with a great monthly meeting with a strong turnout. With the amount of support the chapter is getting from our members I think we are in for a good year. The YE Rally at Cherokee Co. was simply great. We flew nearly 40 kids with 5 planes and pilots, but a lot of the success was the result of all our ground volunteers, from registration to check in to ramp control was smooth. If there were any hiccups they were modest and did not interfere with the rally. All this was done in less than 2 hours! Thank you, to everyone involved with this YE Rally!!

Oshkosh HQ hosted a Chapter Leadership Bootcamp at McGregor Field in Waco this past weekend, ten of our members attended. It was a long day but I think everyone got something out of it that made it worthwhile. I know I did.

I know I'm getting long winded so I'll wrap it up with a reminder that March brings us into Gumbo season. We will have March Gumbo (last Saturday of March). The next meeting is on the 9th, we have some good news to share and hope that everyone can make it.

One last thing,,,, we will have a officers meeting this coming Sunday at 3PM Leary's hangar.

Thank you all!

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Eagle's Nest

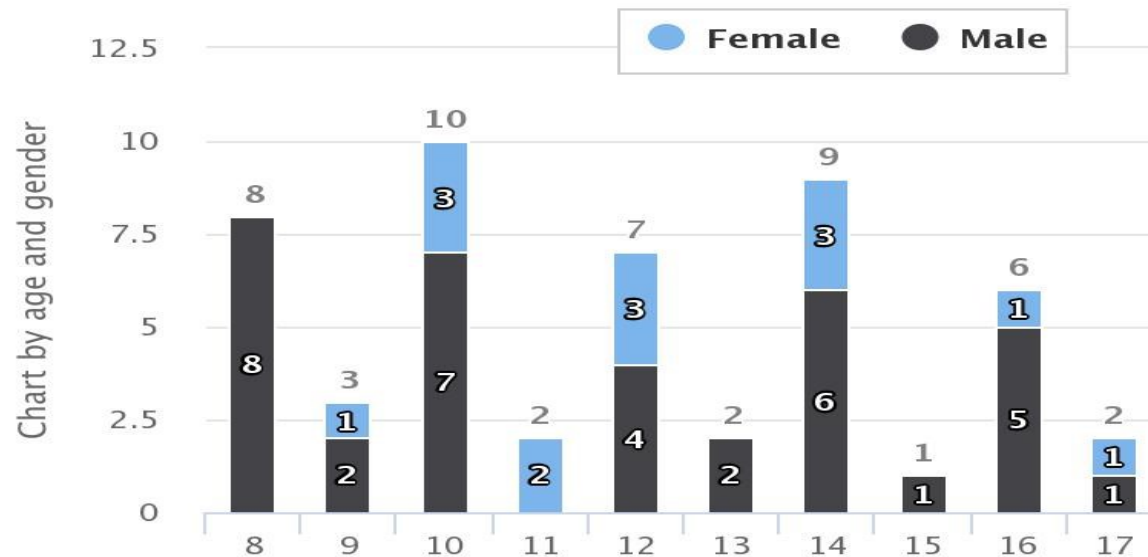


YE report given by Gayla Leary:

We have the most amazing TEAM. Great job on the last YE Rally. We even had a couple from AE that are not members to come out and help. We flew 38 in total:

Pilot Name	Flights	Total	Girls	Boys	First Yes	Flight No	Age 8	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17
John Kearney	4	8	0	8	4	4	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Gayla Leary	5	5	2	3	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Griffey Leary	7	14	5	9	12	2	3	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	3	0
Lucas Wage- naar	4	4	0	4	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brent Willits	7	7	1	6	5	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
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Registered by age and gender



We did get awarded another Ray Scholarship. I was really surprised that we were handed another one. Headquarters is allowing 11,000.00 instead of 10,000.00 due to the rising increase in fuel, plane rental and rising costs with the skilled CFI's. As you know we have taken a vote on Caden Boucher and then we had a member of the chapter to bring us one more candidate Isabel Edney from Murchison. We saw this young lady at the YE Rally we had in February at Athens.

Amie and Jill are trying their best to get some flying in but the weather has just played havoc with them. This time of year it is a little hard. She went up for a refresher and did well.

Several of us went to Waco last weekend for the Chapter Leaders Bootcamp and this was my 3rd time for going. I learn something new every time I go.

I would like to plan another flight in April. I thinking 1st, 8th, 22nd or 29. We can nail down the date next week at our next meeting. The International Young Eagles Day is June 10 this year. I think we can plan on having that one at Rusk County again.

I have had only one young man to send in an essay for the camp at Oshkosh this year. It will be an easy pick. I gave time till mid-March.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

Gayla

Total Young Eagles Flown: 2,300,641 — Stats as of March 1, 2023



Meeting Minutes:

Bo Leary called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

Old Business:

****Reminder about Chapter Leadership Bootcamp in Waco, (McGregor Field) on 25th February – all day conference. Several members of our chapter rsvp'd to attend, as well as a few more are planning to go. (All in all, we had *10* from our chapter!)**

**** Runway Gumbo Season is set to Begin in March! They will be the 4th Saturday of each month, except July and August.... The HOT months.**

****Lufkin EAA chapter planning to host their First Young Eagles event. Bo & Gayla Planning to attend.**

Our First Young Eagles event of the year is Saturday the 18th of February. Thus far, we have 34 kids signed up, and 6 pilots.

Treasurers report was presented by Jean Kearney, Treasurer.

January Minutes were approved by Diane Wagenaar, seconded by John Kearney

NEW BUSINESS:

John Kearney, Vice-President, addressed the group about a permanent location/facility for our chapter. A group of volunteers was formed to look into possibilities of such a venture. Volunteers are Walt Eastland, Les Homan and Marcy Boothe.

** We will know by the end of February as to whether or not our chapter will be chosen to give another Ray Scholarship. The Scholarship was increased from \$ 10,000 to \$11,000.

** Reminder that our first Young Eagles Rally will begin about 9:00 am at JSO – Weather Permitting.

** Ami (Amelia Beam) passed her written exam in December!! She is scheduled to fly with Jill, soon for a couple of cross-country flight, and an in-depth refresher, before her check ride. She has thus far accrued 41 hours. We are so proud of her! Additionally, the flying club she started at TJC, Apache Aeros, is going great.

**Speaking of Check Rides....

CONGRATULATIONS Diane Wagenaar!! Diane is our chapter's newest certificated private pilot. We are so happy for you, Diane! Great Job.

**Gayla Leary, Young Eagles Coordinator, presented a video for “Drag On a Power-off -180” for discussion, and understanding. Great discussion from our group.

Next Chapter Meeting will be on the 9th of March, at the Leary's hangar. Lindy Willets will be making the meat filling for Sloppy Joes! Please sign up to bring additional meal items – such as buns, assorted salads, beans, deserts, tea and ice, ETC.

Meeting was adjourned by Bo Leary at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Leisa K Robertson, Secretary

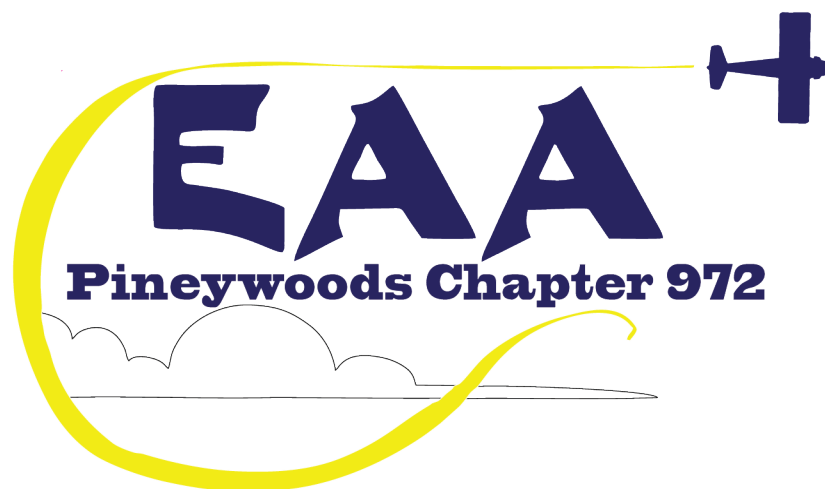
ATTENDANCE:	Feb-9th
Bo Leary	Gayla Leary
John Kearney	Jean Kearney
Walt Eastland	Amelia beam
Kevin Halbert	Amanda Halbert
Jim Jepson	Jordan Montalvo
Doug Robertson	Leisa Robertson
Tom Boothe	Marcy Boothe
Lucas Wagenaar	Diane Wagenaar
Joe Farmer	Les Homan
Ada Chai	Eugene Kuan
Sandra Boucher	Caden Boucher
Brent Willets	Lindy Willets
Patrick Moseley	Frances Mosley
David Mosley	Mark Carpenter



Present: for February 2023 Meeting:



Waco Leadership Boot camp



2023 UP COMING EVENTS

Here is a Calendar so far.

March 5th 3:00 to 4:00 leadership team meet

March 9th Meeting

March 25th Runway Gumbo

April 13th, Meeting

April 22nd Runway Gumbo

April 9th 3:00 to 4:00 leadership team meeting.

May – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo

June – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo & Aircamp YE Flight

July—2023— Oshkosh EAA fly-inn

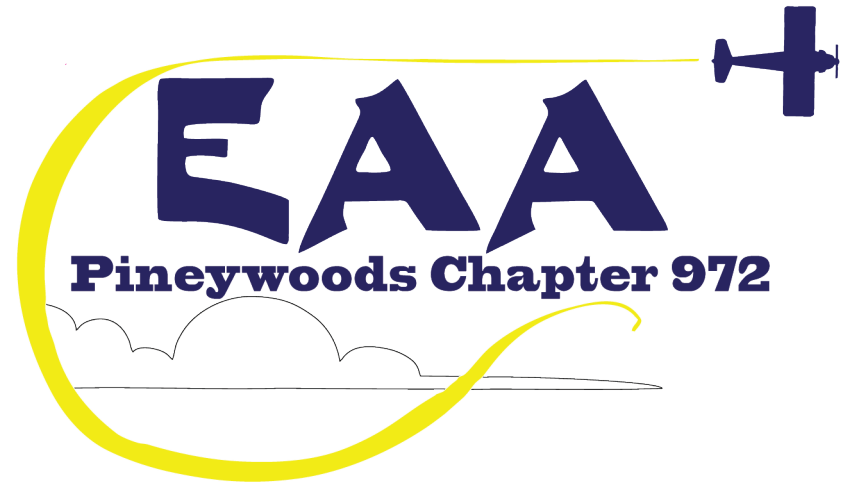
August – 2023 – Meeting

Sept – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo – Tentative YE Rally

October 2023 – Reklaw

November - 2023 – Meeting – Tentative YE Rally

December – 2023 – Christmas again



We have a Chapter Website: The URL is:

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea972>

We are working on updating and modifying the website to meet our chapter needs and persona. We need to add pictures of members projects, and projects they are working on, building and or flying as well as the aircraft we fly. The EAA makes this available to all EAA chapters and each chapter can then modify to make it what they need. We can use this to help announce YE flights, runway Gumbo, Poker run, Events and past news letters. By the way, if you have any old information, newsletters, ETC involving the chapter please get it to me and I can add to website so all can see out past chapter happenings.

MEAL will be Sloppy Joes

Please bring something that will fit in with Sloppy Joes like hot dog buns (less messy), Shredded cheese, pickles, deviled eggs, potato chips, salads like potato salad, pea salad, green salad, pasta salad and some kind of beans. Deserts, Tea.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9th AT 5:30