



THE TAILDRAGGER

DERCEMBER 2022

Presidents Message:

By Grif Leary

Now that 2022 is coming to the end, it is a good time to highlight the Chapters accomplishments.

Chapter Membership grew by 6!

972 was awarded Silver Recognition from headquarters!

The chapter was also awarded a Ray Scholarship for one of our student members!!!

You sent 2 young people to YE camp at Oshkosh, (First Camp since 2019) due to covid.

We had several successful fund raisers. (Poker Run and Gumbo)

At our last meeting several members stepped up to fill chapter rolls. My thanks to John, Les, Leisa and Lucas for helping with these important roles.

I also want to thank Pat and John for all the help with Gumbo and the other fund raisers. They have been a huge help and is very appreciated.

We also had several YE rallies, Thank you Gayla, additionally I just want to point out that our YE rally at Athens was excellent. Thanks to the pilots that made it happen but also all the ground help. It was one of the smoothest YE rallies that I have participated in. From the check in to getting the kids to the ramp and to the plane was amazing! We could have flown many more that day, but we ran out of kids. Thanks to everyone that made it happen!

I'll wrap it up for now with a reminder that our annual Christmas is Saturday the 10th and hope see y'all then.

Bo

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Eagle's Nest



YE report given by Gayla Leary:

Hi Chapter

Well, I said that the November flight looked like a wash. I was wrong. It was one of the best and well-organized Rally's I seen. Kevin was there waiting to greet everyone before we flew in. We had lots of volunteers and no accidents. Isabel, one of Jill's students was great help and had a great suggestion to send the paperwork out to the Pilots when they come in. This kept all pilots from having to go back and forth and right there by the plane ready for pictures. I had everything in an envelope and it made things much simpler. Doug and Leisa checked everyone while Diane made sure to get all signatures. There were a few of the WHOA student to help while Marcy, Lucas and Tom made sure the kiddos were buckled in and safe. They also made sure everyone stayed away from moving aircrafts. We flew 39 all together that day and as smooth as it went, we could have flown more.

Thanks Everyone.

Amie brought 5 college students out and a Professor on November the 18th. I flew 3 and well, Walt had to show me up and he flew them all including Amie. Two of the young men that got to fly was just plane giddy. I got so tickled at them. Smiling bigger than the 10-year old's that we fly. Anyway, this is a club that Amie is trying to form a TJC and will be asking from time to time for help. These students will be more of an Eagle flight, and we do have release forms for them to sign. We will not receive any kind of credit, but we will receive lots of thank you's and maybe even some new members if we sale our chapter right.



Gayla



Amie is scheduled for her written toward the end of the month and will let everyone know how she did. I know Farmer has sat with her a few times and hopefully this will help her,

I signed us up for one air camper for 2023 and Scott has confirmed the slot.

I also have applied for the Ray Scholarship for 2023. We won't likely hear till February if we awarded or not. Thanks, Bo for helping me.

Secretary's report from November meeting and meeting minutes:

EAA 972 November 2022 minutes

Present:

Walt Eastland	Sue Eastland
John Kearney	Jean Kearney
Les Homan	Garnet McClure
Jeff Hancock	David Mason
Kevin Halbert	Amanda Halbert
Lucas Wagenaar	Diane Wagenaar
Jeff Bowen	Joe Farmer
Marcy Boothe	Tom Boothe
Doug Robertson	Leisa Robertson
Jim Jepson	Dana Jepson
Amielia Beam	

Guests:

Jordan Montalvo

Peyton Schicht

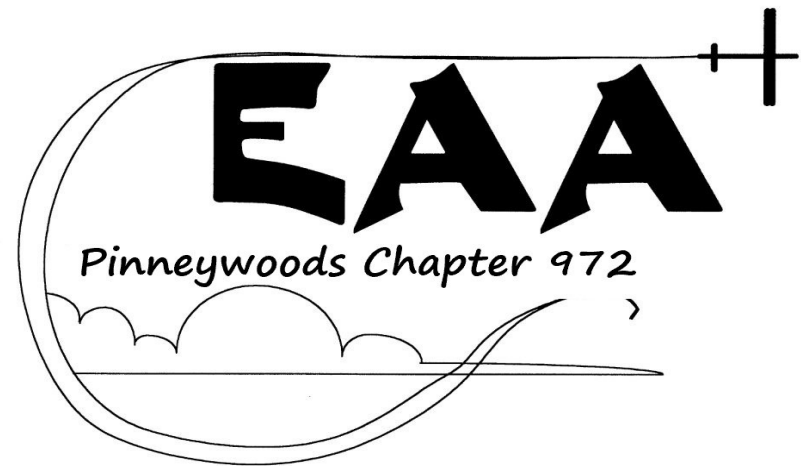
Karen Williams

Amy Daniel

Anderson Adams – Palestine

Scott Kohlert – Jeff Bowens guest

Apache Aeros TJC



Grif called the meeting to order at 1830 at Grif & Gayla's Hangar

Thanks to all for coming.

Griff asked for the September minutes to be approved.

Jeff Hancock approved, and John Kearney second

Jean Kearney gave the treasurer's report

Spent 175.00 for Scholar's written. Balance of the fund is now \$1440.00

John Kearney – Spoke about building for the EAA Chapter at Aero Estates. Set a planning committee – Bo, Marcy, Walt. All agreed.

Christmas party will be held on December 10th at 0500 at the Leary's

White Elephant gift game

YE report given by Gayla Leary:

Amy for the month of July flew 7.5 hours, the charge at Johnson for the rental of the plane was 1200.00 and the charge for Jill Shockley was 210.00 for a total of 1410.00

June was 975.00

July was 1410.00

October 28 was Written 175.00

Scholar fund total is \$1440.00

Will send 1 Student to Oshkosh for 2023

Will apply for 2023 Ray Scholarship

Runway Gumbo was discussed We voted to change the date. (Can't remember is it was the 1st of the month or the 4th of the month.) Please voice what you remember.

Discussed Cedar Mills Chapter would really enjoy it. It's always in October and they have a grass strip and Cabins or you can camp under your wing.

Meeting adjourned

I'm sure I'm missing something so just let me know.

2022 UP COMING EVENTS

Here is a Calendar so far.

December 2022- Party at the Leary's 12/10/22 **5:30**

January - 2023 – Meeting

Feb – 2023 Meeting Tentative YE Rally

March – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo - Tentative Day Camp

April – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo

May – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo

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

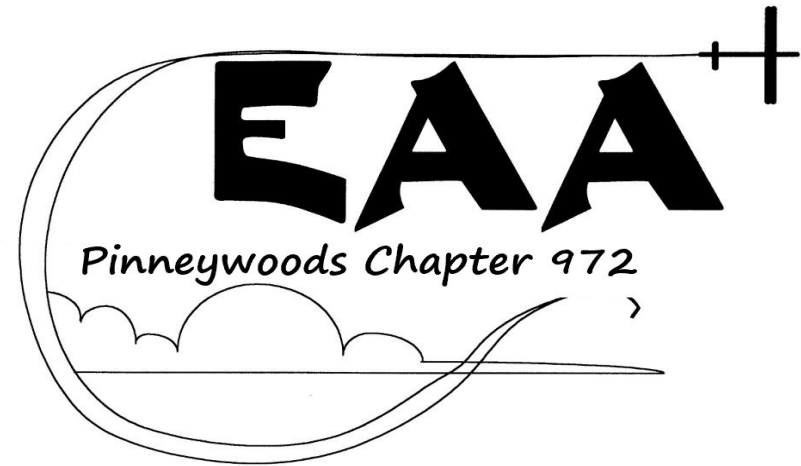
August – 2023 – Meeting

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

October 2023 – Reklaw

November - 2023 – Meeting – Tentative YE Rally

December – 2023 – Christmas again



There will be opportunity Eagle Flights

MEAL FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY IS MEXICAN ON

DECEMBER 10TH AT 5:30

Enchiladas (From Little Mexico)

Beans – Sue Eastland

Rice – Leisa Robertson

Sopapilla dessert – Becky Hancock

Please contact Gayla for your contribution