



THE TAILDRAGGER

EAA Chapter 972

"Serving East Texas"

PREZ SEZ...

Now that September is here, don't forget the next chapter meeting is on the 9th of September. The meeting will be at the Leary's hangar and maybe, with a little luck, not too uncomfortable. Thanks again to Doug & Leisa for providing a very comfortable location for the last two meetings.

Randy Lewellyn from Chapter 1656 (Gladewater) will be here to share his very personal story about the D-Day Invasion as well as his visits and connection to Normandy, France. A few of you may have heard his story in a previous meeting a few years ago.

The other only news I want to share is that our chapter continues to grow. Over the last couple of months, we have had four (4) new members join 972:

Kevin and Amanda Halbert—Kevin flies a Cherokee out of F44/Athens; Les Homan—Les and Rachel are full-time here at AE and Les is the local Ultralight expert)

Glen Matejcek—Glen is a founding member of Chapter 1311. He lives in Indiana and owns a lot here at AE.

Bo Leary

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meal and meeting will be Thursday, September 9, 2021, hosted by the Leary's ~

MEAL at 5:30 p.m.: Menu is Stouffer's lasagna. Salads, sides & desserts needed ~

MEETING at 6:30 p.m. ~ Chapter 1656 member Randy Lewellyn will speak on his D-Day Invasion experience and ties to Normandy, France

EAGLE'S NEST

The Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund is a scholarship program that is supported by the Ray Foundation, managed by EAA, and administered through the EAA chapter network. Through the generous support of the Ray Foundation, EAA will provide up to \$10,000 to deserving youths for their flight training expenses, totaling nearly \$1.2 million in scholarships annually.

Key components of the program will be the awarding of flight training scholarships for glider pilot, sport pilot, or private pilot training; full engagement of the EAA chapter network to identify and mentor scholars; and, the continued engagement and tracking of schools throughout the Flight training process.



Awards will be available in the following amounts:

Private pilot training—\$10,000

Sport pilot training—\$7,500

Glider pilot training—\$5,000

Program Mission Through the Ray Aviation Scholarship program, EAA and the Ray Foundation strike to make a positive impact on youths and young adults alike who have a strong passion for aviation. This impact will include financial and moral support throughout flight training, creating a welcoming environment for young aviators through the local EAA chapter, as well as creating a lifelong participant within the EAA chapter community.

Goals for the Program

- Maintain a flight training success rate of 90 percent for those taking part in the program
- Create a supportive and mentoring community through EAA chapters to increase flight training success. Flight training is too often a solitary pursuit, but getting scholars immersed in a local aviation community will dramatically increase success.
- Celebrate milestones and success stories of Ray Aviation Scholars.
- Create lifelong participants in general aviation and EAA chapters.

EAGLE'S NEST (CONT.)

Scholar Applicant Minimum Criteria:

- Age 15-19 for glider training
 - Age 16-19 for powered flight training
 - Possession of FAA medical certificate* (private pilot students only)
 - Possession of student pilot certificate
 - Begin flight training within 60 days of accepting the award.
 - Please note the prescription of ADD/ADHD medication will impact a scholar's ability to get their FAA medical certificate.
- For more information, visit eaa.org/RayScholars.

Scholar Responsibilities:

- Partake in two hours of chapter volunteer service per month (such as Young Eagles rally volunteering; pancake breakfast/fly-in volunteering; chapter build project support; chapter gathering participation; chapter administrative support)-
- Reach flight training milestones as outlined in EAA's training timeline. Continued funding will be dependent upon meeting these responsibilities, completion of progress reports, and meeting training milestones in a timely manner.

If this is something we wish to pursue, I am pretty sure we qualify.

Gayla

EAA Young Eagles flown

(as of June 7, 2021)

2,211,151

CALENDAR

September 9	Chapter Meal & Meeting (hosted by Leary's)
September 25	Airport Gumbo
October 14	Chapter Meal & Meeting
October 16-17	Cedar Mills Fly-In/Splash In (3T0)
October 22-24	Reklaw (7TA7)
November 11	Chapter Meal & Meeting
December 12	Chapter Christmas Party

* Bold denotes chapter event

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07F/Gladewater	\$4.15
3F9/Mineola-Wisener	\$4.50
4F2/Panola County	\$3.70
F44/Athens	\$4.46
F51/Winnsboro	\$4.10
KASL/Harrison County	\$3.95
KGGG/KRS FBO	\$5.55
KJDD/Wood County	\$4.58
KJSO/Cherokee County	\$4.34
KRFI/Rusk Couty	\$4.06
KTYR/Johnson FBO	\$5.53