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*May Program:
Planes and Helicopters- What's the
Difference in Training?*

On The Cover:

Kat Richardson on her solo and becoming the first EAA Ray Scholarship Helicopter pilot back in December 2023. Kat, along with her mother and sister, will be presenting at this month's program!

A Sneak Peek at the Next "On The Cover"

One year ago we celebrated our biggest Spring Pancake breakfast with 1,016 attendees! Can we do it again?

Do you have an aviation-related photo that you would like to share and perhaps be on the cover of an upcoming issue of *The Observer*? If so, please email your picture and a summary of the picture to our newsletter editor, Dianna Moy, at dianna.nicole.moy@comcast.net. Please note that *The Observer* is mailed/ emailed to EAA 1041 members, posted on the Chapter website (www.1041.eaachapter.org), and is available to the general public.



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This organization is for everyone that has an interest in aviation. Whether you're an experienced pilot, or just someone who loves aircraft, EAA Chapter 1041 welcomes you!

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Henry's Hangar

"We are a family – a family brought together by aviation." - Paul Poberezny, EAA Founder, 1921-2013

Hello Barnstormers! May is here and we are busy outdoors – cutting the grass, planting the gardens, doing all of the spring-time tasks that have waited all winter. Let's try to include some flying to relieve the stress and clear our minds!

This is the month we will submit our Chapter Camping request to EAA for AirVenture in July. If you are planning to attend the EAA Convention, consider camping with your fellow Chapter 1041 members.

We have a really great time and we always get a choice location in Camp Scholler. Please contact me with the date of your arrival at Oshkosh, the type and size of your camping rig, and your departure date. I'll also need your EAA member number to include with the list. You can make a check payable to "EAA Chapter 1041" in the amount of \$324.00 and give it to our Treasurer, Karen Radzai.

The Chapter then will submit one check for the group. We'll discuss this during our Monday, May 6th monthly meeting, if you have questions please get in touch with me.

June 1 & 2 (Saturday & Sunday) are

the dates of our first Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast event of the year. WE NEED YOU! When everyone contributes by volunteering to help that weekend, we all enjoy a fun time together and meet lots of nice folks who like a great breakfast and the special atmosphere we have to share at the airport. Please attend our May meeting and make plans to lend a hand Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We will be so happy to have your help with making this fundraiser another rousing success.

During our April meeting, we decided to plan a Field Trip to the Flying Circus in Virginia on Saturday, August 17th. That day is a normal air show plus a balloon festival. We will travel by private vehicles, which will be considerably more affordable than chartering a bus. A group of us attended this event two years ago and had a spectacular day. Let's have an equally great time this year and have larger contingent of Barnstormers.

Programs for most of the rest of this year are confirmed, we have a very fine variety of speakers and topics. Please stay tuned for more about upcoming programs and the subjects. Be sure to attend our meetings and learn more about aviation from amazing people who enjoy the same passion we do.

Henry



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS FOR MAY 2024

- May 6th - Chapter Monthly meeting, 7PM at the airport
- May 11th - IMC/ VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport
 - May 18th - Chapter Fly-Out (Destination: Cape May)
 - May 20th - Board meeting- Breakfast Planning session

A LOOK AHEAD TO JUNE 2024

- June 1st and 2nd- Spring 2024 Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast
 - June 3rd - Chapter Monthly meeting, 7PM at the airport
- June 8th - IMC/ VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport
 - June 9th - Young Eagles Rally for Breakfast Attendees
 - June 15th - Chapter Fly-Out

Last Month's Program Review



Scheduled speaker Jamie Sides with SARAA had sickness in his family and rescheduled for June 3rd. We went with "plan B" and watched the January, February, and March Chapter videos from EAA, and a Helicopter DVD courtesy of Homer Stambaugh.



May Program Preview

Our May 6th program will be presented by the Richardson gals.

The first of their kind, both living their dreams from a scholarship. With Kat being a helicopter pilot and Maddie being an airplane pilot only at the age of 17, it came with hardships and challenges. On May 6th, join us at the monthly EAA Chapter 1041 meeting to hear their stories in accomplishing their certificates. In addition to the twins, Mom Tina Richardson will share the story of her journey to her Private Pilot Certificate. We'll get a comparison of their different training regimens and the requirements of a fixed wing vs. rotary wing license.



High Winds Cancelled April, Planned May Fly-Out Destination

Due to the high winds, the fly-out planned April got cancelled. This month, the planned destination will be Cape May, NJ. Lunch is planned to be at the Flight Deck Diner. There is a possibility of a visit to the NAS Wildwood Aviation Museum after lunch. Admission to the Museum is \$16, \$14 for veterans.

Formation of EAA Vintage Chapter for the Mid-Atlantic

Greetings to our fellow EAA members,

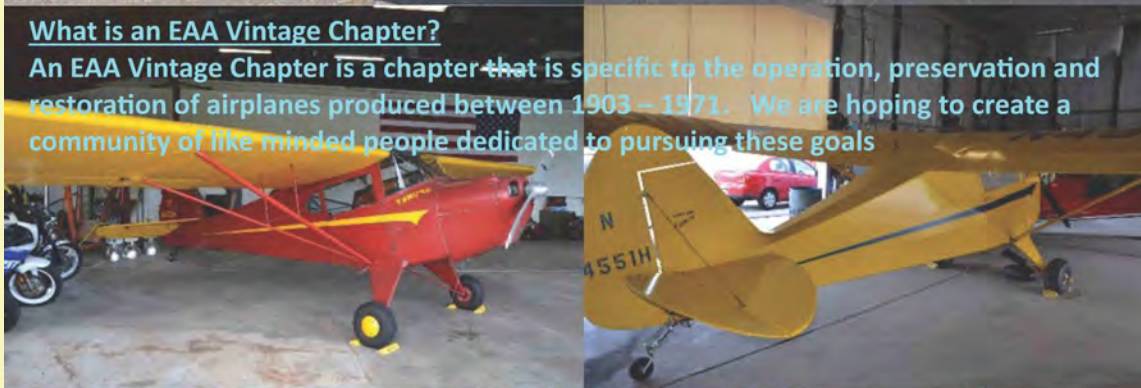
We are looking to form an EAA Vintage Chapter for the Mid-Atlantic Region. Currently, the nearest EAA Vintage Chapters are located in Ohio and on the North Carolina / Virginia bor-

der. From our travels in the region, we've seen quite a number of vintage aircraft located at almost every airport we've been to. We believe this area would be the ideal place for fellow vintage aircraft owners and enthusiasts to pool our resources together.



In addition, we have acquired a 1945 Ercoupe 415-C as a chapter project, if you will. The aircraft is located and being worked on in a garage space in downtown Frederick, Maryland.

While it may not be practical for members of some of the EAA Chapters to come to Frederick on a regular basis, our plan is to hold events and meetings on a rotating basis throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region.



I have attached a flyer for our Open House / Recruitment Meeting on Sunday, May 5th, 2024 from 1 PM - 4 PM. Please feel free to disseminate this flyer to your membership. I strongly encourage that any attendees RSVP so we can give specific directions where to park and how to find the garage workshop.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rob Rohr at b25j@comcast.net or me, David Cohen, at yxsax@aol.com Thank you for your help!

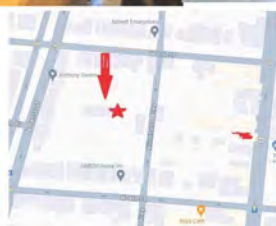
David Cohen and Rob Rohr

Open House: Sunday, May 5th, 2024

1:00 PM—4:00 PM

116 1/2 West 5th Street, Frederick, MD 21701

RSVP to Rob Rohr at b25j@comcast.net



Hope to see you there!

It Takes A Chapter! *By Michael Cooper-White CFI, March 27, 2024*

While I typically would not run a story a second time, considering this month's program, I thought it fitting to reprint this again this month (with corrections- sorry, Maddie!)

This article was written by our in-house correspondent, Michael Cooper-White, and currently appears on the *EAA HangarFlying Blog* at: <https://inspire.eaa.org>.

We have been told that it will also appear in several other EAA publications including the *eHotline* newsletter, and then in a future issue of *Sport Aviation* in the Members/Chapters in Action section.

Many thanks to Michael for writing this article, and congratulations to our Ray Scholars. You've made Chapter 1041 proud!

Aware of the nationwide pilot shortage, and eager to support young people interested in aviation, EAA Chapter 1041 has redoubled educational and training efforts in recent years.

Known as the "Gettysburg Barnstormers," the chapter's investment in aspiring young aviators is supported primarily by hosting fly- and drive-in breakfasts at its home airport in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (W05.) Prior to and following the pandemic, more than 1,000 attendees have enjoyed hearty Barnstormer breakfasts at each two-day event held every spring and fall.

Over the past two decades, the chapter has sent three dozen youths to Oshkosh for the annual Air Academy camp held in conjunction with AirVenture. A number of those attendees have gone on to receive their pilot certificates.

Inspired by his Air Academy attendance in 2014, Evan Kerr trained for his private pilot certificate with a Barnstormer member CFI (the author), earning it while still in high school. Today, Evan flies the right seat in Boeing 767s for Delta Air Lines on domestic and international flights. Evan said that since his first instructional flight, "I've known that this was going to be a lifelong adventure." Crediting the Barnstormers for their support, he said, "It all began there."



Above: Evan Kerr's first solo in 2017.
Below: Today Evan flies right seat in widebody jets for Delta
Photos Courtesy of Michael Cooper-White



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When the chapter learned of the Ray Aviation Scholarship program, members were eager to support pilot trainees selected from multiple applicants. First to receive his private certificate was Nathan Hawkins, who has gone on to earn commercial, instrument, instructor, and multi-engine ratings as he prepares for a professional flying career.



Above: Ray Aviation scholars Nathan Hawkins (left) and Ross Clements (center) with Liam Dwyer (right) whose PPC training was supported by Chapter 1041 funds. All three are pursuing additional ratings in preparation for professional flying careers. Courtesy of Michael Cooper-White

Following Nathan's success, the chapter has been gratified to be awarded additional Ray scholarships for pilot training for Domenic DeRienzo, Adrian Garcia, Katarina Richardson, and Ross Clements. Already having soloed in gliders when he began his "power" training, Ross received both private certificates within months of each other.



Ray scholar Ross Clements awaits the scissors wielded by his instructor (the author) upon completion of his first solo in a powered aircraft. Courtesy of Michael Cooper-White

Chapter Support Critical

Not content to rely solely on funds from the Ray Aviation program, the Barnstormers provided partial flight training costs from the chapter's own resources for Liam Dwyer, who also passed his flight test while still in high school. In a note to his Barnstormer instructor after his first solo, Liam described flying as, "a lifelong dream of mine and you've made it a reality." Like Nathan, Ross, and Katarina, Liam is currently pursuing additional ratings and hopes to fly professionally.

Chairing the chapter's Ray awards committee during its early years, Carolyn Van Newkirk spearheaded efforts to support 1041's student pilots. Carolyn is widely known as a competitor and record-holder in the women's Air Race Classic, descended from the cross-country Powder Puff Derby made famous by Amelia Earhart in 1929. Frequently at monthly Barnstormer meetings, Carolyn offered updates on each student's progress. "The whole chapter was interested," she said, "and really supported our efforts."

Active in the International Organization of Women Pilot (or 99's as they are often called), Carolyn found it especially gratifying to watch Katarina and her sister proceed through their Ray-supported training.

Madison Richardson, supported by Chapter 36 at nearby Hagerstown, Maryland, earned her single-engine private pilot certificate on her 17th birthday. The following year, sponsored by 1041,



Above: Madison Richardson (left) and her sister Katarina flank their mother, Tina, at the 2021 Air Academy. Within two years, both joined their mother in holding private pilot certificates, each receiving Ray Aviation Scholarships. Courtesy of Michael Cooper-White

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Katarina became the first Ray scholar nationwide to complete helicopter training, earning the private certificate in December 2023. “Kat” received permission from her high school to leave early, drive 90 miles one way, and train in Smoketown, Pennsylvania. “I’m proud to be the first and only female helicopter pilot through the EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship program,” Katarina said. “My goal is to break barriers and show that women belong in aviation, especially helicopters.”



Above: Katarina Richardson, the first Ray scholar nationwide to complete helicopter training. Courtesy of Michael Cooper-White

Both young women aspire to aviation careers, Madison with the airlines and Katarina as a designated pilot examiner (DPE). Their aspirations receive strong support from their mother, Tina Richardson, who realized a long-deferred dream by earning her own private pilot certificate at age 50. Tina said that, given the high cost of flight training, the Ray scholarships were “a real blessing” that “helped me make their dreams happen.”



Madison Richardson, supported by EAA Chapter 36 in Hagerstown, Maryland, received her private pilot certificate on her 17th birthday. “Maddy” aspires to have an airline pilot career. Courtesy of Michael Cooper-White.

While Carolyn continues serving on the RAS committee, she recently passed the left seat to current chair, Jason Pape. Jason, a CFI, is offering additional ground instruction as Domenic and Adrian prepare for their flight tests.

Another champion for young aviators is chapter president Henry Hartman, who has led the Barnstormers for more than two decades. Henry, who is among the 1041 members offering Young Eagles flights, invites Ray scholars to speak of their training experiences at Barnstormer meetings. “It gives the whole chapter such ‘lift’ to see these young folks coming up in aviation. We’ll keep supporting as many as we can,” Henry said.

In the EAA world, the adage “It takes a village to raise a child” might be rendered, “It takes a chapter to train a pilot.” The enthusiastic 100 or so members of a chapter based in a town known best for its role in a 19th-century pivotal Civil War battle are doing their part to meet the needs of aviation in the 21st century.

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About The Author:

Michael, a Chapter 1041 member since 2001, has been a freelance CFI for more than 30 years. After retiring as a Lutheran minister and Gettysburg Seminary president, he earned his glider rating and has also been a tow pilot at the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association. Author of five books, including *On A Wing and A Prayer: Faithful Leadership for the 21st Century*, he writes frequently for *The Gettysburg Times* daily newspaper and other publications.

Photo Right: Author Michael Cooper-White

Again, many thanks to Michael for this beautiful article. As EAA beat us to the punch in publishing this article (they posted it literally the next day after receiving it), it shows the importance and impact the support of a chapter has in sponsoring youth. –Dianna



CAP Gettysburg Composite Squadron 308 Has A New C/2dlt!

On Wednesday, April 17, 2024 Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Gettysburg Composite Squadron 308 held a ceremony for Liam C. Kirkpatrick where he was presented the Billy Mitchell Award and promoted to Cadet Second Lieutenant.

Major Porter, CAP Group 2 Commander and Lt. Col. Rubright, CAP Wing Vice Commander presented the award. Commander Apgar USN, Senior Naval Science Instructor for the ROTC program at Chambersburg Senior High School was also in attendance.

Kirkpatrick exemplifies Civil Air Patrol core values and sets a high standard for the other cadets with his accomplishment. He is the first cadet to obtain officer rank since the Gettysburg Composite Squadron was chartered in 2016.

Congratulations C/2dLt Kirkpatrick!



The Spring 2024 FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN “WINGS, WHEELS, & PANCAKES”

BREAKFAST * 8 AM – Noon * RAIN OR SHINE!

Saturday and Sunday * JUNE 1st AND 2nd, 2024

*Sponsored by Chapter 1041 of the Experimental Aircraft Association
(the Gettysburg Barnstormers) at: GETTYSBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT (W05)
Route 30 West, 1130 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg PA 17325*

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, Coffee, Tea, and Juice!

***Cash: \$10 Adult/ \$4 Youth (12 & under), *Credit: \$10.50 Adult, \$4.50 Youth**

*Prices may be subject to change due to fluctuating food costs.

A portion of the proceeds benefit Aviation Programs for Youth

Join us for Planes of all types, Antique and Classic Cars, and even flying model planes!

Also, come see “Floyd’s Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine”!



Above pictures from our last breakfast! On left, Floyd’s Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine was constructed by Floyd Armstrong (1944–2014)

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Letter From the Editor

The Spring 2024 Fly-In/Drive-In “Wings, Wheels, & Pancakes” is only 31 days away!

Distribution of the flyers is lacking. I’ve only printed 200 thus far, and no one has requested additional. There’s a real good chance we can beat our record of 1,016 breakfasts set last year.

Please start planning—we always need help—cooking, cleaning, crowd control, parking cars, planes... you get the idea. Even if it’s for just a couple of hours, it is greatly appreciated!

As in prior years, we will be accepting cash, check, and credit cards. The flyer appears on the opposite page, and cop-

ies for distribution are available by contacting me by phone or email. My email address is:

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and my phone number is 301-717-7412. If I don’t answer, please leave me a message. Make sure to let me know how many copies you need and we can make arrangements to get them to you.

I will also have 500 available at the May meeting for anyone who would like to grab a handful then.

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Zoom Broadcast of Monthly Program Meeting Segment

The broadcast of our monthly program meeting segment via Zoom will begin at 7PM. Typed messages will be responded to. Audio will be turned off on the presentation side to prevent feedback, so we won’t be able to hear you.

The meeting ID and password is the same as last month, and will remain the same for each meeting (unless we get a “meeting crasher”). Below is the link to Join the

Zoom meeting along with the password:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86271166916?pwd=NVNKUIRQKy9RUXcrdGY0UVNiTjBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 862 7116 6916
 Passcode: EAA1041

NOTE: *If no one joins the Zoom call by 7:05PM, the Zoom feed will be turned off.*