



## April 2023

### From the Prez:

Upcoming meeting, April 22, 9:00 am til ?? in the terminal at Sierra Vista Municipal Airport; hot coffee and donuts provided. With fire season upon us, we will be sharing the terminal with the Fire Fighters but by holding our meeting where we have been doing so these past few months, we are assured we will not be interfering one with the other. Please plan to attend.

The featured speaker for this meeting is Jon Nelson. His topic will discuss flight planning to several airports in Arizona with their individual local regulations and information. I am looking forward to Jon's presentation. I admit my knowledge of airport information as posted on the charts is becoming dated and needs refresher training.

In the spring of 2020, just before the pandemic fell on the world, we were negotiating to fly some German students on Young Eagle flights as part of the Sierra Vista/Radebeul, Germany Sister City program. That effort has been resurrected this spring and we successfully flew nine German students on Saturday, April 15 (Income Tax Day and the day 56 years ago Carole and I exchanged marital vows!) Interesting note: of the nine students, eight were gals, only one fellow. I don't know the demographics of school kids in Germany to understand if girls like to travel and boys don't, but the ratio of this group was interesting. We did some scrambling to get pilot and volunteers recruited and then



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### Upcoming Events

EAA Ch 776 meeting April 22<sup>d</sup>, 9am at the Terminal Building

May 6<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles is postponed. Date TBD.

Grapevine is open full time, but the group dinner and camping weekends have ceased for the summer months. Check the APA calendar.

[Arizona Pilot's Association \(APA\) Calendar](#)

[APA April Newsletter](#)

[New Mexico Pilot's Association Calendar](#)

rescheduling the date due to adverse winds from our preferred Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> date, but we succeeded. Thanks to all of ya'll who helped us out, especially the pilots and most especially Joe Spurgeon who is recuperating from a recent trip and fall that injured his back. He bumped his head, too, but apparently his head bone is pretty sturdy because apart from the typical post-concussion symptoms of dizziness from head motion, etc. he mustered the wherewithal to come and assist George in the Flight Director/Safety Department. Good Job Everyone. Much Appreciated.

Plans are still afoot to conduct another Saturday rally in Mid-May at the airport of the same magnitude of these we have just done as Rick Tutor and Larry continue to work with the Veritas school and the City and EAA to nail down the details. Of course, you are familiar with our request for pilots to fly the kiddoes and volunteers to do the administrative up front and back side work. We need you to succeed.

*Legacy: Aviation seeds must be transplanted to future generations if we are to see our rich heritage passed on for others to see, to feel, to touch, to fly.*  
*Paul Poberezny*

Fly, Fly, Fly,  
 Cliff



## Young Eagles

We held a great rally on April 15<sup>th</sup> flying high school kids from the Sierra Vista Sister City of Radebeul, GE (Near Dresden) and from Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church. It was a great day for flying, a day later than the original date of the 14<sup>th</sup>. We had one hiccup where we didn't fly one of our volunteer

pilots. Egregious. We still badly need a volunteer to "trailboss" the inside the building ground ops. Hat tip to Carole who once again stepped up to carry the water for this event. I can't stress enough that failure of someone to come forward will kill our ability to conduct rallies.

The tally for the day:

Dick Decker	2
Bud Frazee	2
Scott Harvey	3
Marvin Hurd	1
Dennis McMahon	2
Larry Portow	5
Cliff Van Vleet	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

Thank you to all that came out to help and make this a great event and special for our German student visitors.

The *SV Herald* published an article today on the rally. The highlight is a picture of Bud,



his passenger, and his plane. Unfortunately, the article resorts to inaccuracy and hyperbole like so many news outlets these days. Read the article [HERE](#). (Paywalled)

Our tentatively planned event for 6 May has been postponed. More to follow on when a date is set. A target is [International Young Eagles day](#), Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Education Corner

- 1) An airplane and a glider are on a head-on collision course. What should each pilot do?
  - a. Both pilots should give way to the right.
  - b. The airplane pilot should give way to the left.
  - c. The glider pilot should give way to the right.
- 2) What values are used for Winds Aloft Forecasts?
  - a. True direction and knots.
  - b. Magnetic direction and knots.
  - c. Magnetic direction and miles per hour.
- 3) What are the processes by which moisture is added to unsaturated air?
  - a. Evaporation and sublimation.
  - b. Heating and condensation.
  - c. Supersaturation and evaporation.
- 4) You can expect dangerous turbulence in mountain waves and:
  - a. Below lenticular clouds.
  - b. Below rotor clouds.
  - c. Above rotor clouds.
- 5) When requesting weather information for the following morning, a pilot should request
  - a. an outlook briefing.
  - b. a standard briefing.
  - c. an abbreviated briefing.
- 6) What is one procedure to aid in cooling an engine that is overheating?
  - a. Reduce the airspeed.
  - b. Increase the RPM.

- c. Enrichen the fuel mixture.

Answers: 1) a, 2) a, 3) a, 4) b, 5) a, and 6) c.

*These questions and answers come from FAA Private Pilot exam study material as compiled by a Sportys study guide.*

Do you pre-flight your landing gear? We have way too many pilots making abrupt modifications to their planes with direct runway contact. [Aviation Consumer](#).

Have you considered what happens after an accident? A great "[In the Hangar](#)" episode on this topic.

Flight risks from Over the Counter (OTC) medications. [FAA](#)



## EAA CHAPTER 776 THE SKY ISLAND EAGLES 25 March Minutes

Those in attendance were George Clarke, Marvin Hurd, Dave Dicky, Joe Spurgeon, Cliff and Carole Van Vleet, Jon Nelson, Bud Frazee, Angelo Petropolis, Dennis and Diane McMahon, and guest Jeff Willard. Coffee and Donuts/cookies provided by Carole Van Vleet.

Cliff started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance and then we got right to introductions and a big welcome to guest Jeff Willard. Jeff has lived in the area for several years and is now able and ready to rekindle his interest in aviation and the EAA. He has served as an EAA chapter president and vice president (among other positions), before moving here, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our chapter.

Secretary George Clarke asked that the minutes from the Feb meeting be accepted as published in the Mar Newsletter, the

request was seconded, and the measure passed with all attendees voting to approve.

Next item was the Treasurer's report by Jon Nelson. Jon reported that we had \$1,750.00+ in our checking account and \$24,780.00 in our Young Eagle savings account. Jon also reported that we had 18 dues' paid members so far for 2023.

Young Eagle Program: With Young Eagle Coordinator Larry Portouw not able to attend, Cliff presented the two pending operations on the current horizon.

The first is a group of German Exchange students visiting the area and as part of their Program their organizers would like to provide them with Young Eagle rides on either 14 or 15 Apr 2023 if our chapter can do so. So far Larry Portouw, Dan LaChance, Marvin Hurd, Dennis McMahon, Bud Frazee, Cliff Van Vleet (if his aircraft's annual can be finished in time), and Angelo Petropolis (if his annual has not started) have volunteered. The Exchange Program, in appreciation, has offered to donate \$400.00 to our chapter's general fund.

The second group is another batch of Veritas students provided by Rick Tutor. A tentative date of 6 May 2023 has been suggested but awaits final school approval. (Postponed -ed.) Rick anticipates around 25 children. We need pilot volunteers for this event.

Joe Spurgeon, our Airport Commission representative, reports that under the new guidelines from our new mayor, our airport will now be represented by one individual (to be determined) at City Council meetings as part of the Transportation Committee's input.

Cliff reminded us that today and tomorrow is the Great Davis Monthan Airshow, and that this coming week is the Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-in in Florida.

After a brief discussion it was decided to hold the next chapter meeting at 0900 22 Apr 2023 at the City terminal, and the meeting was adjourned.



## News and Links

Roy Jones organized a powered parachute fly in at Tombstone (P29). A very professional video was filmed and produced by Dan Toborowski. You can view it [HERE](#). It's worth a watch. Word is that Roy Jones' monthly fly-in pancake breakfasts will resume at P29 in the near future.

You should have received an email from ADOT about changes to aircraft registration. You now must do it on the [AZ MVD NOW](#) portal.

Some good news from the [FAA](#) on sourcing parts for vintage aircraft.



## For SALE

Nothing this month....



Editor's notes: Please submit input, to include articles, pictures, and upcoming events before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to Larry Portouw, [aviator@portouw.com](mailto:aviator@portouw.com). *We would also like to identify an author for a Safety Corner submission each month.*

Something you don't see every day: A flight/flock/gaggle/...? of Vargus. 2017 at the Benson Airport.

