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AIRSHOW

The weekend of August 6 and 7 found thousands of Kansas City area citizens at the Charles Wheeler Downtown Airport. The event was the latest airshow and aviation spectacular. A new team of eager promoters stepped in to fill the void of a retiring group, and the results were beyond impressive. Local acts and internationally famous ones alike joined hands to entertain the eager crowd. Both days brought massive participants, and it's clear that aviation has not lost its luster for locals. It was spectacular!

Special points of interest:

- Our next gathering will be Monday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m.
IMC/VMC Clubs meet the 2nd Monday of each moth at 7:00 p.m.
- Our next Young Eagles rally and pancake breakfast will be Saturday, August 17.
Please join us.
- We're always looking for good ideas for programs. Please contact Larry Young with your information.

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EAA Chapter 91, Lee's Summit Municipal Airport (KLXT)
 Lee's Summit, Missouri

President's Corner

EAA Chapter 91 president, Mike Dooley

I started the engine on my RV-8 project last Sunday (August 4). As I said earlier that morning, "With a little luck this will be about as exciting as starting a lawnmower!" The engine fired right up (two blades?) and ran a bit rich, but smoothed out after leaning...and it was way better than starting a lawnmower! Some adjustments needed to get the mixture set, but it felt great to have another milestone accomplished. With a little luck it will be an airplane soon!

Where did July go? Chapter 91 members had a great time volunteering at the KC Airshow July 6 and 7, raising approximately \$4,000. Unfortunately, Dennis Davis passed away on July 9. We'll miss Dennis' humor and skill at the grill for years to come. AirVenture 2019 quickly followed, with over 30 chapter members in attendance. AirVenture chapter activities included:

- A Chapter 91 camping area in Camp Scholler with the maximum allowed six camping spaces, with eight other chapter members camping with the Homebuilt Volunteers across the "road." A total of nine chapter members volunteered at Homebuilt this year (including four first-time volunteers), continuing a long tradition of service to AirVenture.
- Two social events, including:
 - A lunchtime cookout at the Chapter Pavilion in Camp Scholler on Tuesday, July 23.
 - A dinner gathering at the Homebuilt Headquarters on Wednesday, July 24, followed by the night airshow.

Even though the summer is rushing by, we have some great events coming up in August including:

- The Instrument Meteorological Club (IMC) meeting at 7pm on August 12, featuring a discussion about the loss of gauges.
- Our monthly social gathering/pot-luck dinner at 6 pm August 16 with burgers and brats provided by the chapter.
- A pancake breakfast and Young Eagle Rally on August 17. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-11 am and we'll fly youth ages 8-17 from 8:30-noon.
- Our monthly gathering at 7 pm on August 19. John Ohrazda, Manager for the Lee's Summit Municipal Airport, will provide an update regarding airport projects and programs.

We have also ordered a second Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and by the time you read this we should have it installed in an outdoor cabinet between hangars K and L. A special thanks to everyone who contributed to our AED fundraising efforts to make this possible!

Speaking of fundraising, Phil Schmidt has donated an F16 print depicting an aircraft from the USAF Thunderbird demonstration team; it's a beautiful print and will help us achieve our fundraising goals for 2019.

Fall flying weather is almost here! Let me know if you have ideas for fly-outs (or fly-ins!) that you'd like to share!

See you at the Eagle Hangar



EAA CHAPTER 91

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

July 15, 2019

The meeting of EAA Chapter 91 was called to order at 7 P.M. by Vice President Chris St. Germain in the meeting room of the chapter building at Lee's Summit Airport. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mitch Stafford. Chris introduced guests. Chris gave a summary of Dennis Davis's illness and memorial service which was held July 15 at 6:00 p.m. Some members went the visitation before the service and then were able to attend the chapter meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting was made by Susan Calvin and seconded by Larry Rhoads. Approval of the minutes were unanimous. Jim Brady, our chapter's Ray Aviation Scholarship coordinator presented Hayden White with the orientation package from Oshkosh. A shirt and cap were given to him starting him off for his journey to complete his scholarship. He will be given an additional shirt when he is finished. We wished him good luck.

The next chapter meeting was scheduled for August 19, 2019. Larry Young said John Ohrazda, manager of Lee's Summit Municipal Airport, will be the speaker. The next board meeting was scheduled August 5, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Phil Ishmael, treasurer, presented the quarterly budget and current standing of the chapter regarding finances. Phil's report included the donations of \$1,200.00 to the chapter from the KC Airshow at the downtown airport on July 6th and 7th, 2019. The amount of money earned by Chapter 91 volunteers at the airshow is yet to be determined. He also said our Ford Trimotor wing fundraiser update was \$3,000.00 so far. Pam Ratliff thanked all those who volunteered at the 3 beer tent at the K.C. Airshow.

Chris announced the next potluck will be August 16, 6 p.m. and the Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle's Rally will be August 17. Breakfast at 7:30 - 11:00 am and Young Eagle flights 8:30 - Noon.

Mitch Stafford gave an update on Eagle Flight information.

Following a break, a very interesting program was presented by Jeanné Willerth. She participated in the 2019 Air Race Classic. She thanked Chapter 91 for being the best stop of the race.

Bob Gurski, Chris St. Germain, and Wayne Moore volunteered to clean the meeting room and set up for the August 19th meeting. The 50/50 drawing was won by Mitch Putnam. He donated it back to the chapter. There was a second prize won by David Heiman. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Our next meeting of the IMC Club will be **Monday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m.**

All IFR pilots practiced loss of various flight instruments on their check ride. How did you actually handle the situation when it happened to you? What would you do differently now? Come and share your experiences with pilots who have not yet seen a tumbling gyro, a frozen airspeed indicator, or a blank GPS screen.

We meet at the Chapter 91 EAA hangar at the Lee's Summit Airport. Driving directions - take I-470 to Exit 9, Douglas Drive / Lee's Summit Drive, and turn north. At the bottom of the hill, turn right and follow the road to the end. The Larry Young Eagle hangar is on the west side of the parking lot next to the Cessna on a Post.

There is no cost to sit in on our monthly meetings. And there is no cost to check out the IMC website www.eaa.org/imcclub. IMC membership is free to EAA members. Not an EAA member? Ask me about a free six-month EAA membership.

Bring a flying friend.

Chris Hope, CFI-I, IMC Club Facilitator
2018 FAA Flight Instructor of the Year, Central Region

More info about IMC Clubs at: www.eaa.org/imcclub

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM



When this year's Women's Air Race Classic stopped in Lee's Summit, it contained a local pilot, Jeanné Willerth. But Jeanné was a veteran of the race having flown it as a young girl in 1973 with her mother. But this year, she was asked to be the partner for a young pilot whom she had never met. Jeanné accepted the challenge, and she and Jenna Rouillard from Maine dived in with both feet.

What most of us assumed was a rather straightforward program turns out to be one whopping laboratory for all kinds of strategies and tactics! Some rules allow significant flexibility; others absolutely none. It was a gigantic chess game in the sky to me.

The race contained any number of twists and turns, including rain, rain, and more rain. The weather was such a subduing factor that the initial legs of the race had to be scrubbed and changes made on the fly. Other complications included flying into Canada which, of course, has totally different laws concerning flight and customs entry requirements. In fact, one entrant from Indonesia was forced to drop out thanks to intricacies in immigration laws between her being in the United States and attempting to enter Canada. The required 200 foot high-speed pass at the timing line, totally acceptable here, was considered aerobatics in Canada.

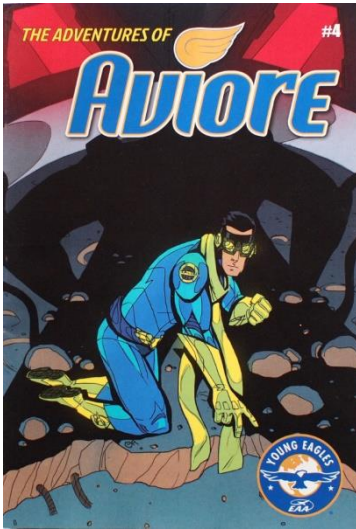
Jeanné explained that the race entailed fifty-three airplanes and 110 participants. Seventeen colleges hosted teams. Several international pilots attended from such countries as Britain, Canada, Fiji, France, Norway, and South Korea. The race was handicapped and had to be flown at full throttle. That, of course, created all kinds of difficulties in determining such critical issues as fuel consumption and cylinder head temperatures.

With Jeanné's background and experience, coupled her ability to tell a thrilling story, the attendees at that meeting were more than impressed. Not only with the race itself, but also the constant thinking and strategy issues these ladies had to endure. It was one very interesting and thought provoking presentation, not to mention a whole lot of fun. Thanks, Jeanné. We really enjoyed it.

UPCOMING PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

Since Chapter 91 is a totally committed fixture at KLXT, it's only appropriate that we hear what's going on with the airport. The status of various projects and plans for the future have a significant impact on us and our operations. Luckily, the chapter and the airport have a very comfortable relationship, and the airport likes to keep us informed. On that note, our next program will be presented by airport manager, John Ohrazda. John will give us a "State of the Airport" report, and I'll bet we're going to learn a thing or two. John has held his position for several years, and the airport has thrived. Remember, many airports are closing all across the country, but KLXT keeps receiving major upgrades and improvements, so we're in with something very special. John has asked that we allow him to give his presentation in the first half of the meeting, so be sure you're in your seat by 7:00 p.m. sharp on Monday, August 19. We look forward to seeing you then.

CAN YOU SPARE YOUR COPY?



As readers of EAA's outstanding magazine, *Sport Aviation*, you received the latest copy of *Aviore* neatly snuggled inside. The comic book style communications device is targeted directly at youngsters and is designed to help present aviation in a positive light. The anticipated result is for more kids becoming interested in flying and aviation-related careers and hobbies. What that is really trying to say is that if you don't have kids to whom you can give your copy, Chapter 91 does. We have had strong responses to providing copies of *Aviore* to attendees of our Young Eagles rallies. So if you're coming to our next Young Eagles event on Saturday,

August 17, we'd appreciate having you contribute your copy so we can make it available to that target audience. If you are not going to be there, however, you can still contribute. Just bring it with you to any Chapter 91 event, including IMC or VMC Club meetings, or regular chapter gatherings. These are both coming up quickly, so please take a minute to remove the *Aviore* comic from your magazine and bring it with you. You may have a significant impact on the future of some young boy or girl.

KANSAS CITY AIRSHOW



KC Airshow was a huge success! When the driving force behind past airshows retired, everyone assumed the event was a thing of the past. But a new group grabbed the reins and put together a real winner. Were there hiccups along the way? Yes, but surprisingly nimble steering group adjusted quickly and fixed most of the problems. That helped make this momentous event run smoothly and provide exceptional enjoyment for thousands of Kansas Citians.

Chapter 91 members were there in force, as you'd expect. Several volunteered to help at the venue. This included a smoke-oil crew and a fund-raising effort that made a substantial contribution to the chapter's bank account. This effort was not in the name of the chapter, but the volunteers all agreed to participate and donate the proceeds.

The airshow covered the entire weekend and included such well known acts as Patty Wagstaff, the Shell Aero Team, KC Flight, the air force's A-10 Demonstration Team, the army's Golden Knights, and, of course, the navy Blue Angels. The show was truly outstanding and made a powerful impression on the non-flying visitors who came out to watch. Several of us engaged in conversations with various attendees, and they were clearly impressed. So airshows aren't just for airplane nuts. They also expose the public in a positive way.

On Sunday, a special act took to the skies. Known as the Shetterly Squadron, local award-winning flight instructor Micki Shetterly MC'd an aerobatic demo performed by her husband, Greg, and her son Jeff. Micki and Greg's other son Joe was one of the pilots on the A-10 Demonstration Team. It was a family affair. While most attendees didn't catch the local connection, we did. It was an impressive presentation, indeed.

If you missed the airshow this year, please take our word for it – you missed a great one. Should past scheduling remains intact, we can expect to see the next one in two years. That means you have plenty of time to arrange your priorities so you can attend that one. If it's anything like this one, you won't be sorry. And I'm willing to bet that's exactly the case.

REMEMBERING THE KANSAS CITY AIRSHOW



DENNIS DAVIS PASSES AWAY

The entirety of Chapter 91 was in shock to hear of the untimely passing of longtime member Dennis Davis. Dennis was preparing to attend AirVenture as usual when he became ill and was taken to the hospital. Dennis was active in the chapter and was a dedicated supporter of the Boy Scouts. Dennis owned a Starduster Too project and had been making very good progress at the time of his death.

There was an unforeseen scheduling conflict with Dennis' funeral and our regular chapter gathering so some members were unable to pay their respects. But the family understood and has asked the chapter to assist in helping sort out various details of the Starduster project. Chapter members will work with the family to help inventory parts, tools, and various sundry items. We will also provide what assistance we can to help the family try to dispose of the project. The family was mostly unaware of the details surrounding the Starduster Too.

An engraved brick has been ordered and will be placed in our "Gone West" walk of honor. Dennis was a strong supporter of Chapter 91 where he often helped with cooking duties and assisted our Young Eagles program. He will be missed.

HAYDEN WHITE PROGRESSES



Our Ray Aviation Scholarship winner, Hayden White, is racking up some impressive results with his flight training. In fact, the finish line is getting closer all the time. At our last chapter gathering, Ray Scholarship Coordinator Jim Brady presented Hayden with some mementos from EAA. While he's way ahead of the curve, Hayden received an orientation package which included a shirt and cap. There's more to come, and we look forward to announcing Hayden's official acceptance into the pilot community. Good luck, Hayden.

OSHKOSH



Thanks to Chapter 91 president Mike Dooley, we can offer a few pictures from this year's AirVenture at Oshkosh. If you were there, you'll probably recognize these settings, some of which were pertinent to the chapter. One image of a giant Wisconsin mosquito didn't make it thanks to sizing problems, but I hear those varmints were the size of Thanksgiving turkeys this year. It must be something in the rain water. Thanks, Mike, for the images.

YOUNG EAGLES & POTLUCK FRIDAYS RETURN

After a short hiatus to permit Chapter 91 members to attend AirVenture, our signature Young Eagles breakfast and rally will resume this month on Saturday, August 17. There's always something for you to do which is why we could sure use your help! If you're new to the chapter, or are looking to become more involved, just show up. We'll make sure you won't be bored.

And since Young Eagles is returning, so will our potluck cookout. This is held the Friday night just prior to Young Eagles, so make plans for Friday evening, August 16 starting at 6:00 p.m. This month marks the return of hamburgers and brats which are supplied by the chapter. Your contribution of a favorite dish you're willing to share with your cohorts earns you entry to this popular event. So mark your calendars for both these happenings, and come on out.

CHAPTER SECRETARY NEEDED

Recently, our chapter secretary, Dave Thoeni, found it necessary to resign his position. Dave had taken over from longtime secretary Pam Ratliff, and we now find ourselves in need of this important position yet again. If you would like to jump into this important role, or know someone qualified who would, please notify an officer or board member. Participation in various events, attending the chapter gatherings and board meetings are some of the duties in which you will need to participate. Coordinating with other officers, keeping records of meetings, and assisting in various chapter-related functions are some of the duties you will be involved with. The chapter thrives on the efforts of volunteer members, and welcomes qualified participants in these positions. Filling this slot is crucial, and we will need to schedule a special election as soon as we can. So please let us know if you can help.

THIS COULD BE YOURS



Renowned aviation artist and Chapter 91 member Phil Schmidt has once again graciously donated a print from one of his painting to the chapter. Phil's work is becoming highly recognized in the aviation world, and one day, he's liable to stop giving these away. But for now, you have a very good chance to own this beautiful watercolor of an air force Thunderbird F-16 basking in the setting sun. Raffle tickets are available from chapter officers, so make sure you get some for yourself. Once Phil becomes really famous, we can only hope he will remember all of us little people he met along the way. So be a part of history in the making. Get your raffle tickets now. This print may be a valuable asset someday.

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