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**Special points of interest:**

- Our next gathering will be Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- IMC / VMC Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each moth at 7:00 p.m.
- It's the perfect time to tell Chris St. Germain of any interested groups for Young Eagles, and remember that you can fly individuals also.
- We're always looking for good ideas for programs. For now, contact Mike Dooley.



**There's a new look at the front table. For years, Larry Young lead, but now Mike Dooley steps in to keep the chapter moving forward. There's no way we could ever compensate Larry and Marty for their unbelievable leadership. But Larry set a new standard and a high bar for Phil Ishmael, Mike Dooley, and Chris St. Germain. Pam Ratliff was probably tying up those never ending loose ends. Thanks to all of you for serving.**

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# Winging It . . .

EAA Chapter 91 president, Mike Dooley

I just returned from a two-day chapter leadership training session at Oshkosh, where the EAA staff provided excellent training sessions for about fifty chapter leaders from around the country. We also had some great discussions about chapter activities so expect me to be sharing ideas with you during the next few weeks. It wasn't all work - we had group tours of the EAA Museum and the Sonex Flight Center, R&D, and warehouse facilities.

Our annual banquet was a major hit again this year with attendance exceeding 100. The program harkened back to the days of World War II when everyone pitched in to support the war effort. Ladies were not allowed to fight so many helped build airplanes. These women became known as "Rosie the Riveter," and we were honored to have two of them, Emma Newland and Freda Renick, join us. A video describing their lives and work played before they took the stage to answer questions. They made the evening most impressive, one of our best programs ever.

Please note that Phase I of the runway extension contract has begun; this phase includes brush/tree removal, relocation of water lines, and realignment of wildlife fencing on the north/northwest portions of the airport. This phase should not interfere with operations. However, the serious construction will begin in the March/April timeframe, so standby for news and stay alert for NOTAMs.

On a sad note, Ed Baucom-a longtime member of Chapter 91 (and the KCRC radio-control community)-passed away last month. We will add a brick with his name to our memorial walk.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike". The signature is stylized with a cursive, flowing script.

P.S. Conversion of Larry Young's pickup into a Welcome Wagon for the Homebuilt area at Oshkosh is happening in the Eagle Hangar. Stop by and take a look!

**EAA CHAPTER 91**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**January 16, 2017**

The meeting of EAA Chapter 91 was called to order at 7 P.M. by President Mike Dooley in the meeting room of the chapter building at Lee's Summit Airport. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by President Emeritus Larry Young. Mike introduced guests and then announced the passing of long-time chapter member Ed Baucom and the death of the mother of member Nancy Inderwiesen. Sympathy cards were passed around. Also, Charles Gosselin was at Research Rehabilitation Center recovering from his December 31 crash in his Glastar. He had received 265 birthday cards in recognition of his 80th birthday as a result of chapter members' efforts.

The minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting were approved as printed in the January newsletter. The annual banquet was scheduled for Saturday, February 11 in the chapter hangar. The scheduled speaker would be one or two ladies who had worked as "Rosie the Riveters" along with their video. A sign-up sheet was passed around and members were encouraged to participate. Anyone interested was invited to help get the hangar ready beginning Friday, February 10 at 1 P.M. A raffle of 2 paintings was being held to help finance the purchase of a second AED. Raffle tickets would be available until the drawing, February 11, 2017.

The next chapter meeting would be the annual banquet, Saturday, February 11 2017. The next board of directors meeting was scheduled February 6, 2017. Treasurer, Phil Ishmael said he was working on a budget for 2017 which would be published when complete. He said name badges, shirts, caps and patches were still available and he encouraged financial donations to the chapter which would be tax deductible as a donation to a 501(c)(3) organization.

Larry Young had donated his S-10 pickup truck to the chapter for conversion into a Welcome Wagon, to in turn, be donated to EAA for use at AirVenture. He said work was in progress and was ahead of schedule. Tab Sunderland had completed most of the welding and he and Mike Dooley were preparing to work on benches, etc.

Mike Dooley had been working on offering and setting up classes for various skills needed by those interested in building their own airplane. He suggested anyone interested in specific skills should make their interest known.

Young Eagles Coordinator Chris St. Germain said Chapter 91 had now been responsible for flying about 10,800 Young Eagles and the schedule for 2017 would remain holding Young Eagle rallies along with a pancake breakfast the third Saturday each month April through October. Depending on weather, the main intersection of the 2 runways at LXT would be closed for 3 or more weeks beginning in March. After that the north/south runway would be closed until it was re-paved and the extension completed.

Chris Hope discussed the IMC Club and invited members to participate the second Monday of the month. Beginning in February, a group would discuss topics of interest for flying VFR. The new program, VMC Club, would alternate months with the IMC club. John Ziefle had a welder for sale (recently used on the Welcome Wagon) and was asking \$1,000.

Following a break, the program was presented by Crina Slobodnic on being a native of Romania, earning her private pilot license in the United States, and differences in aviation between Europe and in the USA. The meeting adjourned 8:50 P.M.

# A TRIBUTE TO ED BAUCOM

By Susan Calvin

In life it is a blessing to come across a person who is so special that their absence leaves an indescribable void in a great multitude of others' lives. Ed Baucom was such a person.

As many of you know, Ed passed from this life on 16 January 2017 and now resides with God. In the few months prior to his passing, Ed was beset with numerous occurrences of melanoma. For the longest time we expected the treatment he received would cure him and allow his continued presence in our midst. This was not to be the case, however, and the melanoma worked its way into Ed's brain where it proved fatal.

During his final weeks Ed was in and out of the hospital and a nursing facility. While there he greatly enjoyed the visits from his friends in the aviation community. Given the common understanding about the nature of institutional food it became a pleasure for me to visit Ed almost every evening to take him a sandwich and a chocolate milk shake. Others of you did likewise and Ed certainly enjoyed your visits, and the non-institutional food. Ed especially liked the chocolate shakes.

Ed was born in Miami Beach, Florida on 12 January 1944 and grew up in an Air Force family. This no doubt explains his lifelong love of flying. One of his favorite activities was attending the annual Air Venture at Oshkosh for several decades where he received awards for his volunteer duties. He especially loved warbirds. Closer to home in the Kansas City area, Ed was a very active member of EAA Chapter 91 and KCRC, the largest radio control flying club in the area. He was always at the center of activities in both these organizations. It will be difficult to fill his shoes.

Ed was married to his wife Joyce for 46 years. This is a remarkable accomplishment in this day, and a great testament to Ed's character and devotion to his family. In addition to his wonderful wife Joyce, Ed is survived by two daughters, Andrea and Carin. He is also survived by six granddaughters; Ellie, Karleigh, Rylee, Abby, Josie, and Livie.

Ed, we miss you and we're envious of your new position. It's pleasing to know you're where the weather is always as predicted, fuel is cheap, there are no mechanical or radio failures, aircraft are always available, and there's plenty of room in the pattern for one more plane. Save us a place and we'll see you when we get there.

## CAN YOU HELP?

KCRC needs your help. Ed Baucom was our go-to guy for name tags and getting VHS tapes converted to DVD. With his passing we don't know whom to contact regarding these matters. If you can help, please contact Susan Calvin at [scalvin47@earthlink.net](mailto:scalvin47@earthlink.net)

# JANUARY'S PROGRAM



When learning to fly is an unachievable dream, you tend to lose hope. All that's left is a miracle, and how often does that happen?

Learning to fly in many former Soviet countries is still highly political, and the candidates' options remain severely limited. In Crina Slobodnic's native Romania, the military and the airlines were about it; landing flying jobs depended more on whom you knew than what you could do.

But miracles do happen, and when Crina and her husband Ciprian arrived in the United States in 2001, the miracle machine was running in high gear. A business associate of Ciprian's took them for a flight in his own airplane and explained to a stunned and excited Crina how people became pilots in America. The possibility was astounding but convincing, so Ciprian offered to help his wife achieve her lifelong dream. The rest, as they say, is history. Flight training started in 2014 with the private check ride completed successfully in May 2015.

Their children share their mother's interest, and two of them seriously want to pursue becoming pilots. Just weeks after achieving her impossible dream, Crina and Ciprian became parents for the fourth time; the new baby girl - the micro pilot – having flown aboard most of Mom's flights as a stowaway.

Crina's story is always inspiring, as is she. Toward the end of her talk, she hinted at the evils of the system in place where she grew up, but someday that may be another story. We look forward to having Crina, Ciprian and their family with us for many years to come. Thanks, Crina. You can come talk with us any time.

## MARCH'S PROGRAM

Phil Schmidt is not only a Chapter 91 member, but also an artist of some renown. Phil paints about his interests which include sailing and flying, and the chapter has been the grateful recipient of more than one of Phil's outstanding watercolors. Phil will give our March program, so be sure you're with us Monday, March 20.



# HAVE YOU SEEN THESE?



*Back in August, Dave Thoeni sent some pictures of corn mazes located between LXT and Miami County airport. He kindly provided a brief story about them which we have reproduced in slightly abbreviated form here. We thank Dave for the pics, the story, and his patience. - Editor*

Dan York, a CFI and retired air force veteran, is the creator of these designs. He does not use a GPS, but draws them on graph paper. Dan's brother Darrell, and Darrell's son Logan, are responsible for planting the fields. The current design of the Liberty Bell was done in honor of Dan's father Leland, who is also an air force retiree and recently celebrated his 90th Birthday. The Yorks have been making these mazes for 20 years; the most complicated one was of the United States with each state capital shown.

If you have flown over these mazes and wondered who made them, well now you know.

## HERE'S SOMETHING NEW

When Mike Dooley went to Oshkosh for leadership training recently, the EAA staff was touting a few changes and recommendations for the chapters. Most referenced how we should treat our meetings. For example, one strong suggestion was for all members to wear chapter name badges. That makes it much easier for newer members to learn who their fellow members are. That makes all kinds of sense and is certainly easy to achieve. It also seems that people now prefer to gather together, rather than to attend meetings. So in a nod to that idea, Chapter 91 will be holding monthly gatherings at the Larry Young Eagle Hangar. Now, don't laugh – there's some substance behind this. While our membership's average age is . . . well, the point is we need to attract younger people and they see things a little differently than we do. Hey! Progress requires change, and that's what we need - progress. So you'll want to start getting used to gathering with your fellow Chapter 91 friends. So on Monday, March 20, put on your name badge then flock to the hangar to join the assembled multitude for our next gathering.

## A COUPLE OF WELL-EARNED ATTA-BOYS

Chapter 91 is full of classy people. You probably know that already but it's nice to remind everyone once in a while. Chapter 91 members are frequent volunteer at all kinds of events, and they think nothing of stepping in to help when it is needed.

A case in point was Saturday, February 5. The event was the Merit Badge Academy for Boy Scouts of the High Trails District, which represents several troops. It was an all-day event where sixty to eighty scouts planned to work on their merit badge projects. Then they would be awarded those badges upon successful completion at the end of the day.

Chapter 91 vice president Chris St. Germain and member Dennis Davis were scheduled to instruct for the aviation merit badge that day, but at the very last minute, both fell ill and were unable to attend. Now, you know they had to be really sick if these guys don't show up, so it was serious – serious enough that the event was going to be cancelled.

But two other Chapter 91 guys jumped in to save the day. Kyle White and Tom Licota basically said, "Hey! No problem. We'll handle it." And handle it they did. The event went on as planned, the appropriate scouts won their badges, and everyone went home happy. In other words, the scouts didn't lose their much anticipated day because of something beyond their control.

But that kind of thing is just typical of the members of our chapter. Selfless, confident, and willing to take charge when it's needed. Our hats are off to Kyle and Tom for what they did. The next time you see these guys, pat them on the back, won't ya? Chris and Dennis have already done so.

## CHAPTER 91'S WELCOME WAGON PROGRESSES



Our Welcome Wagon continues to make progress and should be delivered in time to start work at this summer's AirVenture. Thanks to all who are making this happen, including Larry Young, Mike Dooley, and the incredible welding skills of Tab Sunderland. You're making us very, very proud!

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