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**Special points of interest:**

- Our next meeting will Monday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- IMC 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
- Remember that Charles Gosselin is always looking for good ideas for programs!



**The gavel has been past and things couldn't be better for Chapter 91. First, Mike Dooley, our new president, is eminently qualified to lead us into the future, and Larry Young makes a somewhat lateral move to president emeritus status. So we have two of the best leaders any organization could ask for. The chapter is in a wonderful position financially, has a very strong membership base and a history of success. Like I say, it couldn't be better!**

President: **Mike Dooley**  
 President Emeritus: **Larry Young**  
 Vice President and Young Eagles Coordinator: **Chris St. Germain**  
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**EAA Chapter 91, Lee's Summit Municipal Airport (KLXT)  
 Lee's Summit, Missouri**

# Winging It . . .

EAA Chapter 91 president, Mike Dooley

Happy 2017! I'm pleased to report that EAA Chapter 91 will be 57 years old this year! We have a rich history, marked by many milestones which have included:

- Hosting airshows and volunteering at the Kansas City airshow,
- Volunteering at EAA's annual convention (AirVenture),
- Hosting EAA's Ford Trimotor and B-17 "Aluminum Overcast,"
- Building four hangars at the KLXT since 1994,
- Setting a Cessna 152 on a post,
- Flying 10,838 Young Eagles®.

We are justifiably proud of our past, but I challenge each member to make the future of our chapter just as great. As part of this challenge I encourage each of you to participate by attending chapter meetings, recruiting new members, supporting chapter activities, sharing your expertise with fellow members, and helping educate the public about our passion for aviation. As your president, you can expect me to lead by example.

Our annual banquet will be held at the newly dedicated Larry Young Eagle Hangar at KLXT next month. I hope everyone can attend. The food should be great and our guest speakers will describe what it was like to be Rosie the Riveter as our nation geared up for WW II. Please make reservations (\$20 per person) with Pam Ratliff by calling 816 350-2289 no later than 5 February.

On a sadder note, Chuck Gosselin made an emergency off-airport landing the morning of December 31. He injured his back and is currently in a rehabilitation hospital. I've been very proud of our members during this past week as you offered to assist the Gosselin family -- another example of what makes our chapter such a strong group. Many see each other as an extended family. We have other chapter members in nursing homes, hospitals and private nursing facilities so I urge you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

I wish everyone peace, happiness and good health for the new year. See you at the next meeting!

**Mike**

P.S. Our winter project, the conversion of Larry Young's pickup into a Welcome Wagon for the Homebuilt area at Oshkosh, is taking shape in the Eagle Hangar. Come take a look!

**EAA CHAPTER 91**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**December 19, 2016**

The meeting of EAA Chapter 91 was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President, Larry Young in the chapter hangar at Lee's Summit Airport. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a prayer were led by member Rick Beckman. Larry explained the evening procedure for the chili dinner and program.

The minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting were approved as printed in the December newsletter. The annual banquet was scheduled for Saturday, February 11 in the chapter hangar. The scheduled program would be one or two ladies who had worked as "Rosie the Riveters" along with their video.

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 Monday, January 16, 2017 and the program would be presented by Crina Slobodnic on the differences between flying in the U.S. and Europe. The next board meeting would be January 2, 2017.

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 coming along well. EAA was interested in Larry documenting the project. Tab Sunderland, Keith Schult, Mike Dooley and others had been assisting.

Larry officially turned over the gavel to President-elect Mike Dooley. Mike would take his position beginning January 2017. Larry expressed his thanks and honor for having the hangar named for him and also thanked the members for the past 25 years of working with him. He will remain active as president emeritus.

Young Eagles coordinator Chris St. Germain introduced Steele Russell. Steele had been the Chapter 91 sponsored delegate to Air Academy in 2016. He spoke briefly about his experience. His sister Cassie Russell, a previous Air Academy attendee, spoke of her progress in her aviation pursuits.

As an additional tribute to Larry Young, Pam Ratliff read the application submitted for Larry as a winner of Volunteer-of-the-Year award at 2016 AirVenture. She also read the aviation version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Mike Dooley asked those who had helped set up for the evening to stand and be recognized. The meeting adjourned 8:45 P.M. with attendees helping clear the room.



Photos courtesy Mike Dooley

It's not often a legend retires. But Larry Young did just that. So how do you retain his story so you can tell posterity? One way is to name something significant after him. And that's exactly what happened. The Chapter 91 Board of Directors authorized an official name change for our Eagle Hangar to the Larry Young Eagle Hangar and even commissioned a carved sign to commemorate the conversion. Then the board did one more thing – it declared Larry Young to be our president emeritus. You can read that declaration below. We hope all chapter members will join the board in thanking Larry for his boundless efforts on behalf of Chapter 91 and welcome him to his new title.

## ***RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, Larry Young has served EAA Chapter 91 for more than 30 years as a member, treasurer and president, and

WHEREAS, He possesses intimate knowledge of the mechanics and politics of operating the chapter, and

WHEREAS, He wishes to step down as actively serving as president, and

WHEREAS, It is beneficial to retain his expertise and experience in the operation of EAA Chapter 91,

As of this day, January 2, 2017,

BE IT RESLOVED, Larry Young shall be granted the title of president emeritus; and

RESOLVED, He shall serve at his pleasure on the board of directors; and

RESOLVED, He is invited to offer advice and assistance in the routine and critical management of chapter activities.

# DECEMBER'S PROGRAM



December's program featured a presentation by Steele Russell, our 2016 Air Academy attendee, who described his thoughts on participating in the program. Everyone mentions how great the food is and Steele underscored that point but went on to describe the ground school, the museum tour and his flight in the Skycatcher. He also talked about the lab sessions where he built airfoils from foam and metal. Steele thanked the chapter for its participation sponsoring him to the Air Academy. We're glad we could be of help, Steele!

The program wrapped up with a brief update from Steele's sister and 2010 Air Academy attendee, Cassie who is currently in the aviation program at the University of Central Missouri. Like her brother, Cassie is a former Young Eagle who is now working on a degree in airport management. Word on the street is she will intern next summer at LXT, so we'll get to see a bit more of her. Frankly, with kids like these, we have to feel more confident that general aviation's future is in good hands.

## OUR NEXT PROGRAM

Since aviation is overseen and regulated by the government, it stands to reason that it is also political. Often a vote for or against an aviation-related bill has more to do with getting reelected or earning points than with how it impacts the participants. Licensing requirements, training protocols, and even user fees are just a few areas where political influence casts its wide net. If it's political, we can lose our freedoms to fly.

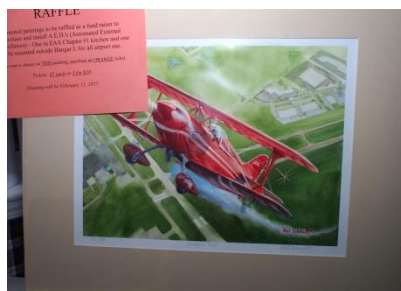
In recent years we've heard increasing calls to assess costs only against those who use our national airspace. And while there is some logic to shifting the burden, we know the results will be not only more costly, but could destroy a system that works.

But to understand and appreciate how flying works elsewhere, we have to experience it. Ugh! Well, we know who have done so; one is our friend Crina Slobodnic. You might recall she took her private check ride with a stowaway onboard who was born shortly after she received her license. Crina grew up in Romania and dreamed of flying. But it wasn't until she moved to the United States that she was able to fulfill her lifelong dream. So Crina is well qualified to contrast the differences in systems.

If you've ever wondered what flying could become, you'll want to hear Crina. Please join her and your Chapter 91 friends on Monday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. We promise you'll be glad you did.



# OUR 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHILI DINNER



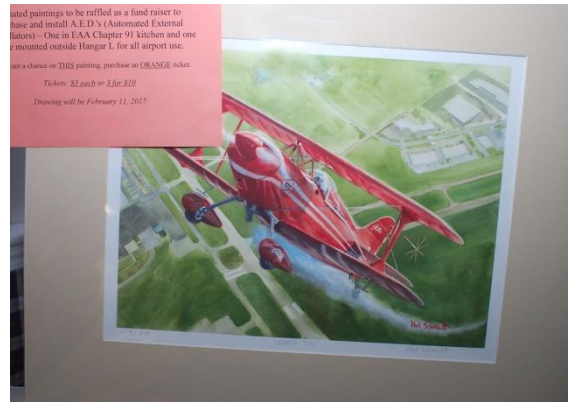
## THE ANNUAL BANQUET COMING IN FEBRUARY

February marks when our annual banquet is held, and this year will be very special. Our program will be presented by a couple of ladies who actually built airplanes for the war effort. Affectionately known as Rosie the Riveter these ladies were part of the continuing push to strum the patriotic strings in the citizenry. They served just as admirably as the military, helping fuel the supply chain with machines that helped us dominate the conflict. Please plan to attend. It will be in the Larry Young Eagle Hangar with a social hour starting at 5:00 p.m. (BYOB) and dinner at 6:00. Tickets are just \$20 each. Contact Pam Ratliff, 816 350-2289 no later than February 5 to RSVP.

## CHUCK GOSSELIN UPDATE

By now most everyone knows about Chuck Gosselin's off-airport landing on Saturday, December 31st. It was not Chuck's ideal way to close the old year but in spite of his serious injuries, he's doing extremely well and is even being allowed visitors. Chuck was recently moved to the Rehabilitation Hospital of Overland Park, 5100 Indian Trail Parkway, room 2001. Please continue to keep Chuck and his family in your thoughts and prayers, and thank you to all Chapter 91 members who have stepped in to help where they can.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE



Anyone can still enter the raffle for one or both of the gorgeous watercolor prints painted by our own Phil Schmidt. One is of a P-51 Mustang and the other, a Pitts Special. Phil graciously donation is allowing us to buy an additional AED (Automated Electric Defibrillator) for our hangar area. Your contribution may save some's life! Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. You may mix and match any way you want. The drawing will be at our annual banquet in February so time's running out. Tickets will be available at our meeting, Monday, January 16.



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