



COMMITMENT

When events like last month's annual chili dinner seem to run smoothly, don't be fooled – somebody has to make that happen. For this event, that someone is Pam Ratliff, or long-standing chapter secretary and outstanding chili cook. Others were involved, of course, but she handles the important part by herself. All-volunteer groups must have dedicated people like this, and Pam has always stepped up to tackle the job. Once again, she did it well. Thanks again, Pam, for another superb dinner.

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Special points of interest:

- Our next gathering will be Monday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- IMC / VMC Clubs meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Tell Chris St. Germain of any interested groups for Young Eagles. You can fly individuals also.
- We're always looking for good ideas for programs. Please contact Larry Young with your information.

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Lee's Summit, Missouri

President's Corner

EAA Chapter 91 president, Mike Dooley

Our annual Chili Dinner on Monday, December 18th was a great success-thanks again to Pam Ratliff for preparing the chili! Madi Taranto spoke about her experience at the EAA Air Academy and Dorinda Nicholson gave an excellent presentation about the impact of war on civilians, beginning with her experience as the "Pearl Harbor Child." Thanks to all for a great night!

January always catches us with a dose of weather and this month has been no exception so far-near record cold on several days, a dose or two of snow, and even a little rain. I managed to squeeze in a couple of flights this month and hope you were able to do the same. I urge you to take a little extra gear with you in this kind of weather, including as a minimum, a pocket survival kit. I have a "Dakota Checklist" for my car (blankets, shovel, first-aid kit, etc.) and different sizes and types of kits for other situations, including flying. The start of the new year serves as a reminder to replace items with expiration dates in my kits (car, aircraft, first aid kits, etc.) as well as check the batteries in smoke alarms, fire extinguisher cards, etc. Hope you do the same! As always, if you need help or advice on kits, just ask and I'll be happy to pass on some hard-earned lessons on gear selection!

Our January 15 program promises to be interesting; Ron Penrose will highlight the Yak 52 aerobatic seminar hosted at KLXT in 2017. I'm also planning to host an aircraft wiring workshop on Saturday, January 20th from 1-3pm. This will be a continuation of the class I started last fall and will be a hands-on, small group session intended to introduce beginners to multi-meter continuity checks, avionics pin-and-socket terminal crimping, etc. Signup on the clipboard at our January 15 gathering if you're interested.

We also plan to offer a free CPR class in February (date to be determined) and as always, our annual banquet promises to be a great event. Please make your reservations early!

2018 promises to be an event-filled year for the chapter. See you at the Eagle Hangar!

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

**YOU AND YOUR GUEST(S) ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL BANQUET
(Come alone, bring your sweetheart or friends/family!)**

**Saturday, February 17, 2018
At EAA Chapter 91 Blue Hangar
Lee's Summit Airport, (LXT)**

**Social time: 5:00 P.M. (BYOB)
Dinner: 6:00 P.M.
\$20 per person for the evening**

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ms. Michelle Bogowith is a meteorologist with WDAF-TV. She will speak to all of us regarding weather phenonomon and explain useful information to pilots as well as anyone interested in the weather. This is your chance to learn everything you ever wanted to know about meteorology!

Don't miss this fun evening! Bring fellow pilots and friends!

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**P.S. Any reservation, unless canceled by February 10, is considered a
GUARANTEED reservation and a commitment to payment.**

FREE ELECTRICAL CLASS OFFERED

Mike Dooley will present another basic electrical workshop on Saturday, January 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop will help attendees better understand the basics of aircraft electrical circuits and systems – valuable knowledge for those building, rehabbing, or planning to. There is no charge for this workshop but please let Mike know if you'd like to come. Call or text 816 956-1887 or email jump88@aol.com. But hurry – it's almost time!

DECEMBER'S PROGRAM – PEARL HARBOR CHILD



On a Sunday in 1941 that would live in infamy, Dorinda Nicholson was just six years old. At that age, she really couldn't grasp the essence of the dreadful bombs, smoke, fires, havoc, and confusion that suddenly engulfed her normally idyllic life. Her father, who did understand, sneaked Dorinda and her family to a sugar cane field to hide. Since the air attack was focused primarily on military targets, the hiding place served its purpose.

That attack, marking the United States' entry into World War II, occurred at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and that's where Dorinda and her family lived. Being so young, Dorinda naturally could not grasp the totality of the situation, but does remember much of it. Over the years, Dorinda sought clarification from others who were there – some Americans, like Richard Fisk, a navy man on board one of the ships, and one of the Japanese pilots, Zenji Abe.

She recalled the aftermath, like drills at school and how such items as rice and toilet paper were rationed. She also reminisced about the role canned Spam played in everyday life. Dorinda authored books about the subject, and even made significant contributions to the American Girl doll depicting a young Hawaiian child of that era. She speaks in many schools and at various events, trying to keep the story alive for so many to whom the attack is now just a bedtime story. She also reminds that because the men were off doing the fighting, the women took up the slack with manufacturing for the war effort. When she mentioned Rosy the Riveter, an audience member mentioned there was one in attendance, and Dorinda left the stage to go meet the lady.

Dorinda Nichols has the right idea – don't forget history lest we fail to learn from it. With so many of our attendees either alive at that time or born shortly thereafter and hearing about it from family members, her presentation carried a familiar tone. Dorinda, now in her 80s, is among the last of the generation who can speak accurately about the Pearl Harbor incident. We hope her presentation will continue to remind us all that we cannot abandon our defense. Freedom, as we well know, isn't free. We thank Dorinda for her timely and moving presentation.

MADI'S MOST EXCELLENT ADVENTURE



Each year, Chapter 91 tries to send promising and deserving young people to EAA's Air Academy in Oshkosh. The event loosely corresponds with the annual AirVenture event, and if possible, the academician may get to participate in that as well. This year was no exception, and a young lady whose family consistently volunteers to help with Chapter 91's Young Eagles rallies was selected. Madison "Madi" Taranto was thrilled to be chosen and joined us at our annual chili dinner meeting to tell us all about it, and to thank the chapter for its support.

When Madi took the stage, accompanied by that trademark million-dollar smile, the whole room lit up. She just has that affect, and everyone who meets her notices it. She recalled the numerous events she enjoyed at the Air Academy, and they were fun hear about, as was viewing the various projects, like the wooden wing rib and other items constructed at the EAA program's curriculum. She joyfully recalled the friends she made, many of whom she remains in contact with, and described the various fun and educational aspects of the Air Academy's outstanding program. But then, she went beyond typical presentations, by not only thanking individual Chapter 91 members for their help along the way, but also bringing them up on stage, and presenting each with a gift. That, my friends, is classy. And it's just one more reason we are so glad to have Madi and her family actively involved with our group. When young people like Madi openly demonstrate their sincere appreciation to others, that selflessness speaks volumes about their character and upbringing. We are delighted to have been able to send Madi Taranto to Air Academy, and continue to be impressed with her helpfulness and enthusiasm for what we do. Thanks, Madi!

CPR / AED CLASS IS FORMING NOW

Since Chapter 91 has installed an AED defibrillator and plans to add another, it just makes sense for members to know how to use it, which could well save a life. Recently, a CPR/AED class had to be cancelled on short notice, but our own Nancy Inderwiesen, RN, BSN, has stepped up once again to help facilitate another session. She's working on the schedule now, but please let Nancy know if you'd like to attend. You can call or text her at 816 682-1555, or email sunshinegirl212@aol.com. After all, the life you save could be mine, so sign up now!

JANUARY'S PROGRAM

Last September, Chapter 91 member Ron Penrose brought a group of students and master instructor Gennady “Gena” Elfimov together for a week-long training program involving spins and upset training in the Yak-52. We adjusted our monthly potluck cookout to coincide with that event, but thanks to unforeseen circumstances, many attendees could not stay for what became a delayed program. That wasn’t Ron’s fault, but he wants to make up for it anyway and has graciously agreed to show us what that event was all about. He will explain the program, and show videos that will help make us a part of the action. You don’t have to fly a Yak to find valuable insights in Ron’s presentation, so please join us on Monday, January 15 to learn more. The meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. and there’s a chair with your name on it. Don’t miss it!

CHRIS HOPE, 2018's CFI OF THE YEAR



Photos courtesy of Mike Dooley

Talent and ability run deep at Chapter 91, and we have once again added another member to our list of accomplished individuals. Or maybe we should say, have added one once again. On Monday, January 8, Chris Hope was hosting the bi-monthly VMC club meeting when the FAA’s Don Halbert presented him with the coveted Kansas City District 2018 CFI of the Year award. Chris’s impressive resume attests to his bona fides including his past experience as an air force pilot, CFI in multiple disciplines for some 50 years, and his pro bono involvement in various flying activities. Well known and respected as our VMC & IMC Club moderator, Chris is also a Certified Beechcraft Instructor, a five-time master CFI, member of the FAASTeam, NAFI, SAFE, AOPA, and EAA. He has authored articles for various special interest aviation publications. A pilot since 1969, Chris has been the chief CFI for the Kansas City Flying Club for some twenty years, and former chair of Angel Flight Central Safety Committee. There’s more, but suffice it to say Chris Hope has earned this distinguished recognition on his own merits, and we’re very proud of him. Chapter 91 is honored to have Chris Hope as an active member, and we hope you will join us by congratulating him for another incredible job well done!



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If you do not currently own an iPad, but are thinking of purchasing one so that you can use ForeFlight, contact me. I have some thoughts on which iPads will work best for you.

If you currently use a different Electronic Flight Bag, you are still welcome. Many of the features found in ForeFlight are also available in other applications - they are just accessed differently. (If you intend to bring a different app, please let me know so that I can load it onto my own tablet.)

We will meet at the Chapter 91 EAA Larry Young 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 hangar is on the west side of the parking lot next to the Cessna on a Post. Lost? call me - [816-868-7655](tel:816-868-7655).

Chris Hope, Master CFI-I

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