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Special points of interest:

- Our next gathering will be Monday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. Young Eagles pancake breakfast, Saturday July 15.
- IMC / VMC Clubs meet the 2nd Monday of each moth 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.



A JOYOUS REUNION

After his debilitating accident in late December last year, Chuck Gosselin finally returned for a chapter meeting. Emotions were high as the entire audience gave sincere, heart-felt applause when he entered the room. Here, Marty Young offers her special welcoming technique. Because he lost his favorite flight jacket in the accident, the chapter also presented him with a duplicate as a gift. Everyone was delighted to see him. Welcome back, Chuck. Come again as soon as you can.

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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

June was another busy month for Chapter 91. Activities started with an IMC Club meeting on the 12th with several new attendees, followed by a hamburger-and-brat social on the 16th. We had good weather on the 17th for our pancake breakfast and flew forty-seven Young Eagles.

We also supported the Lee's Summit Municipal Airport Open House on June 24 by showcasing several aircraft (both flying and under construction), and by selling water, soft drinks, ice cream, and candy as a fundraiser. Weather was cool and the crowd was very interested in our displays. We also used the opportunity to give Welcome Wagon #4 a trial run.

I taught a basic sheet metal/riveting class to eight members of Chapter 1254 during a visit to the Lake of Ozarks area on June 27. The hands-on training was well received and I really enjoyed meeting members of another Missouri chapter. A special thanks to Jack Billington for hosting the event (many of you met Jack in March when he showed us his RV-14 project in the FBO hangar).

July will be another great month. The VMC Club meeting on July 10 will focus on flying to AirVenture, followed by a hamburger social on July 14, a pancake breakfast and Young Eagle Rally on July 15, and our chapter gathering on July 17. Not to mention AirVenture. We will have a dedicated Chapter 91 camping area in Camp Scholler for the first time this year ~ a special thanks to Bob and Joan Gurski for volunteering to be our camp hosts.

Work continues on the extension of runway 18/36. Concrete work is finished and the latest projection calls for an August 15 opening. Stand by for news and stay alert for Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) regarding temporary closures needed to connect the new pavement to taxiways, install lighting, and other finishing tasks.



P.S. Work on Welcome Wagon #4 is almost complete and Larry Young and his son Craig are looking forward to driving it to Oshkosh.

EAA CHAPTER 91

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

June 19, 2017

The meeting of EAA Chapter 91 was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by President Mike Dooley in the meeting room of the EAA #91 Hangar #1. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chuck Gosselin had attended the meeting. He was welcomed back with a cake and given a B-17 jacket as his had been destroyed in his accident.

Approval of the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting as printed in the June newsletter was granted. As secretary, Pam Ratliff, was out of town, Larry Young had agreed to take notes for the meeting minutes. He passed attendance sheets as well as a sheet for anyone attending AirVenture on July 24 interested in a chapter get-together for dinner at the Roxy in Oshkosh. Treasurer Phil Ishmael said he planned a treasury update at the July meeting. He also said \$1,200 had been spent to date on the Welcome Wagon.

The next membership meeting would be July 17 with the program to be provided by Tri-Star. Next board of directors meeting was scheduled July 1 at 7 P.M. Mike reminded the members of the Lee's Summit Airport Open House on Saturday, June 24. Volunteers were needed. The Welcome Wagon would be used to move the public from the east side of the airport to the west side activities. Instead of the chapter trailer, canopies would be used. Chapter aircraft and projects would be on display.

Chris St. Germain, Young Eagles coordinator, said 47 Young Eagles had participated at the rally and pancake breakfast on June 17. A sign-up sheet for volunteers for the July 15 event was passed.

Mike Dooley said the runway at LXT was expected to be completed by the end of August. Tom Owens said member Les Moore had been unwell and Young Eagle pilot, David Toliver had been hit by an airplane wing and he had several broken ribs. The Welcome Wagon was expected to be complete by mid-July.

Nancy Inderwiesen said the 99's would hold a barbeque dinner June 24 with BYOB beginning at 5 P.M. and dinner 6 P.M. Chris St. Germain said the Missouri Pilots Association would host two FAA speakers, controllers from Kansas City Center.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Glen Tebo who returned his winnings to the chapter.

Following a break, Bruce Luedeman provided the program on aircraft partnerships. The meeting adjourned 8:30 P.M.

Winging It

*President Emeritus
Larry Young*

When someone I've just met learns that I'm a pilot, he or she often asks where I fly and what places I fly to. Most of the time the usual questions are asked: Is flying something you always wanted to do? Do you remember your first flight? Do you remember your first solo? I like these questions; they make me think back and remember.

When I was a kid I built model airplanes, hung them from the ceiling and dreamed of flying. When I heard an airplane I would rush out to look at it and try to identify it. Years later my first flight was when a friend took me to a small airport. When I asked him where we were flying to, he answered, "We are not going anywhere. You are flying with an instructor." I was dumbfounded, overwhelmed, and hooked!

After some months of flying with an instructor, he got out and said "Take it around by yourself and you'll see how much I weigh." Then he said "Quit shaking. You will do fine."

The difference between being flown by someone and flying yourself is the difference between reading a book and writing one; or studying a painting and painting one; or listening to a song and singing one. I was reborn. I saw and felt things differently. I was tasting freedom beyond compare. I will never forget the magic of that first solo.

Another question I am asked is, "What is it like to fly a plane?" I try to compare it to driving a car. In a car you control its direction by use of a steering wheel. You pull out of your driveway and turn right. You feel the pavement under your tires. You see trees and houses and other cars and traffic lights.

In an airplane, I steer on the ground with the rudder pedals. I taxi out to the runway, face into the wind and open the throttle. I feel the runway under me until I reach flying speed and suddenly it's smooth. I am flying. Now I steer by the rush of air over the control surfaces. On this Saturday morning, I gently push the stick to the right and the plane turns right toward Miami County Airport and breakfast. The houses, cars, and trees I saw while driving my car I now see from up above, and it is beautiful. I am now free from the traffic and the traffic lights. The sun shining on the ponds and lakes makes them look like mirrors. The brown and green squares of the farms below look like a big quilt sewn by giant hands. The cars and trucks on the ribbons of highways look like toys inching along. I am free in an ocean of air and I am at peace with the world.

I absolutely love it and I have:

Blue skies and tailwinds!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry".

SOME JUNE YOUNG EAGLES



OPEN HOUSE AT LXT

Images courtesy of Jolene Taranto



JUNE'S PROGRAM



When Bruce Luedeman found himself sandwiched in an uncomfortable partnership with other pilot-owners, he reverse engineered the situation and developed some solutions. Ultimately, he put those points in a book, *Keeping the Peace in Partnerships: a Guide to Aircraft Co-Ownership*. That book, by the way, is still available.

Bruce's presentation covered several co-ownership models, indicating which ones worked and which did not. People form these alliances for a number of reasons, so understanding the various implications helps ensure the parts mesh smoothly. He offered sage suggestions, such as making sure the partners had more in common than just flying. Or, do the spouses get along? If one potential member is too fussy, will that become a problem? Little things can be critical.

Some partnerships don't work: business and recreation usage for example. Recreation flyers may subsidize the business flyer and conflicts will ensue. Bruce also addressed common areas of conflict, like scheduling, finances and even keeping the aircraft clean. A clear, written plan should determine the aircraft's market value as well as provisions for handling death, unforeseen financial difficulties, moves, and the like. The bylaws should unmistakably address all these areas beforehand and be stated upfront. Dealing with accidents, insurance deductibles, and other financial aspects must be transparent. He rightly stressed the importance of tact, diplomacy, and face saving as mandatory ingredients for success.

Okay, so should an EAA chapter build a plane? No! If multiple members want to do so, fine; but the chapter itself must not be involved. If building is the objective, Bruce stressed the need to handle loss-of-interest issues, how to create a work schedule, and a duties checklist.

As aircraft costs increase, co-ownership is a viable alternative. But before entering into an arrangement, be sure everything has been addressed. Judging from last month's attendance, I'd guess this subject was on the top of several lists! Well done, Bruce. Thank you for an enjoyable, thought-provoking evening.

JULY'S PROGRAM – THE TRISTAR EXPERIENCE

EAA's Young Eagles is just one program trying to entice young people to the thrills of aviation; the TriStar Experience is another. This group rescued an L-1011, now based at KCI, from being scrapped and is developing it into a training platform to draw STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) students into crucial aerospace-related careers. Phil Liming, TriStar's Director of STEM Education Delivery, will speak to the chapter Monday July 17 to expound further on this worthwhile endeavor. Phil's extensive aviation education and background qualify him to perform admirably in this capacity, so hope you'll join us to learn about the scope and mission of the organization. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and we know you'll enjoy it.

DINNER AT THE ROXY

Chapter 91 members plan to gather for dinner during AirVenture, and again this year, the Roxy Supper Club will host that event. The time is approaching quickly and Pam needs an accurate head count to submit to the restaurant. So if you plan to join the group, please make your wishes known to her as soon as possible.

LXT OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS



The open house for Lee's Summit Municipal Airport was a resounding success, even with the closed runway and all. Here, Jack Gress mans the cotton candy machine, making giggles and sugar highs for the youngest attendees. Great mild temperatures stimulated attendance and provided our new Welcome Wagon its very first shakedown cruise. Several Chapter 91 volunteers contributed to the event's success. It was a lot of fun. (Photo courtesy Larry Rhoads)

CHAPTER COOKOUT SCHEDULE

The board of directors recently approved a motion to make the Friday night cookouts a regular chapter event. These cookouts, which precede our Saturday Young Eagles events, have become popular so we will hold one on the eve of each Young Eagles' rally through October. The fires flare around 5:00 with the hungry hoards lining up at 5:30. The chapter provides the meat and attendees share their favorite dishes. There is one exception to the dates: in August, we'll move the cookout to Friday, August 25, when we'll host a Russian instructor here to conduct a special training session for Ron Penrose and his Yak aerobatics group. We hope you can come to help impress this gentleman with Chapter 91's hospitality. Stay tuned for more details.

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