



WOW!

This is Collin "CJ" Davis. A 2017 graduate of Lee's Summit High school, CJ knows what he wants to do. He holds a private license, has logged more than 150 hours, and is closing in on his instrument rating. Next he'll start on his CFI. All this while attending college and participating in the National Guard. His plans seem staggering, but he's completely comfortable with where he's going and when he'll be there. We plan to tell you more about CJ, hopefully next month. He is amazing!

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Special points of interest:

- Our next gathering will be Monday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- Young Eagles Rally & breakfast Saturday, June 16. KLXT Open House Saturday, June 23.
- 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.

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Lee's Summit, Missouri**

President's Corner

EAA Chapter 91 president, Mike Dooley

EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor spent a week with us and as always it was a great experience. Several chapter members greeted her when she arrived the evening of May 27 and many stayed to clean her that evening, with others working May 28 and 29 to give her an even deeper cleaning. Our efforts were greatly appreciated by the Tri-Motor team when they arrived on May 31. We hosted numerous guests for both ground and air tours during May 31 through June 3 and everyone I spoke with had a great time experiencing an exceptional historic aircraft.

Our next few weeks will also feature some great events:

- The IMC Club will tour Kansas City Approach Control on June 9. Approach is located in the KMCI control tower and space is limited, so reservations are required-contact Chris Hope 816 868-7655.
- Our next cookout will be 5:30 pm, June 15 at the Eagle Hangar. The chapter will provide burgers and brats. This is a potluck event so please contact Nancy Inderwiesen, 816 682-1555 or me 816 956-1887, to let us know what you can bring. Our needs include lettuce, tomatoes, onions, sour cream, grated cheese, picante sauces (mild, medium, and hot), black olives, refried beans, Spanish rice other Mexican dishes, desserts, etc.! Come join us for fun and fellowship.
- The morning of June 16 will feature our monthly pancake breakfast and Young Eagle Rally at the Eagle Hangar. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 11am and we will fly Young Eagles from 8:30 til noon, weather permitting.
- Our regular monthly gathering will be Monday, June 18 at 7pm at Eagle Hangar. Our program will feature Ms. Sheen Xiao, Director of Operations for the Ainstein company. Sheen will speak about radar technology.
- We will also participate in the Lee's Summit Municipal Airport Open House on Saturday, June 23 from 9am to 2pm. The chapter will sell soft drinks, water, and ice cream and will provide free popcorn and cotton candy. Many of our members will also have their aircraft on static display for the public to enjoy. All open house activities will be on the east ramp, with access from the Strother Road exit on I-470 to NE Hagan Rd.

AirVenture 2018 is just around the corner! Chapter 91 will have a full group camping area. We have also reserved the Chapters Pavilion in Camp Scholler on Tuesday, July 24 from noon til 4pm for a cookout social. Our AirVenture banquet will be on the grounds this year, Wednesday, July 25. We'll announce the venue in early July.

See you at the Eagle Hangar or at AirVenture!



EAA CHAPTER 91
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
May 21, 2018

The meeting of EAA Chapter 91 was called to order by President Mike Dooley at 7:00 P.M. in the chapter meeting room at Lee's Summit Airport. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Rhodes. Greetings were extended to members and guests. Guests were asked to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting as printed in the May newsletter were approved.

Treasurer Phil Ishmael presented a brief financial report. He also said the 2017 taxes had been filed. Larry Young announced a generous donation to the chapter had been received from Phil Hedrick.

The EAA's Ford Tri-Motor would be hosted by the chapter May 31 to June 4. The tour-stop coordinator was Wayne Moore, with Phil Ishmael, marketing coordinator. Volunteers were needed and a sign-up sheet was available.

Young Eagle Coordinator Chris St. Germain said the next pancake breakfast and Young Eagles event was scheduled for June 16. Hangar setup would be Friday, June 15 with a pot-luck that evening. He encouraged members to sign-up to help either with the breakfast or Young Eagles.

Lee's Summit Airport would host an open house June 23 at Hangar One. Volunteers were asked to sign up to help. Mike Dooley passed a signup sheet for the one spot still available for camping in the Chapter 91 area during AirVenture. Payment was due June 18 and should be sent to Phil Ishmael. The chapter building on the campground had been reserved for a cookout lunch on Tuesday during AirVenture. A chapter dinner would also be on EAA grounds.

A signup sheet was passed to determine if there was interest in some members forming an independent flying club. A Tiny Library had been put together and had been available at the recent Young Eagles event. Depending on interest it may be installed permanently outside of the building.

An IMC Club meeting was scheduled June 11 and would be held at K.C. Center. Contact Chris Hope for further information.

The next chapter meeting was scheduled June 18. David Heiman had displayed some items for sale. John Ziefle still had his MIG welder for sale and Larry Young said his RV-9A was likely sold. Wayne Moore volunteered to get the meeting room ready before the June 18 meeting. Marvin Moore donated a gas grill to the chapter to replace an old one.

Larry Young, as program chairman, introduced the evening speaker, Tony Monetti.

The meeting adjourned, 8:55 P.M.

MAY'S PROGRAM – Tony Monetti



Let's say someone graduated from the Air Force Academy and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in the service. Let's also say he spent a significant part of his life flying exotic airplanes like the F-16, B-1, and B-2, and lead teams into aerial combat, completed myriad effective bombing sorties. Then he returns to civilian life to start a successful Italian restaurant, writes a couple of books, returns to the service at the personal request of a high-ranking general, then retires again and takes over an airport and the aviation department at an institution of higher learning; then quits that dream job to run for political office. That, my friends, may well define what it means to have a zest for life.

Tony Monetti started life in New York City as the American-born son of legal Italian immigrants. He attended the local Aviation High School where he spent half-days on airframe- and engine-related subjects, and the other half with normal high school liberal arts subjects. He was voted student body president, graduated with his diploma and an A&P rating, and was determined to attend the Air Force Academy. But then discovered he needed supplemental education to win that appointment which took place out of state and required \$7,000 in tuition. His father sacrificed his coveted \$7,000 "Cadillac fund" to permit Tony to acquire the special classes he needed.

What happened after is noted in the narrative above. Needless to say, our evening with Tony Monetti was an enthusiastic thirty-five walk through some of the most inspiring and motivational verbal scenery we've seen in a long time. He made clear his personal convictions without proselytizing, and expound on the magic of today's opportunities for young people wanting to enter aviation. Anyone's doubts were clearly swept away in the gushing sincere encouragement.

While Tony clearly has rock solid political and personal views, he presented himself as someone who attained extremely high personal achievements by adhering to standards many of us should emulate. Whether he succeeds in his political aspirations or not, no one would doubt that Tony Monetti is one substantial guy. If he succeeds, Congress and the people of Missouri will likely benefit. If not, we would love to have him come back to talk with us again. What a fun evening it was!

SOME OF MAY'S WATERLOGGED YOUNG EAGLES



Once again our Young Eagles candidates started off genuflecting to the weather gods. Wet and cloudy conditions initially dominated the day's efforts, but ultimately gave way to more reasonable conditions with just enough time to get in a few flights. Some Young Eagles hopefuls left without being able to fly, but all in all they took the situation in stride – kids can do that. Regardless of the meteorological events with which we are required to contend, we did have some happy customers. Our chapter leadership is currently negotiating with the celestial authorities to secure better accommodations for our next upcoming event scheduled for June 16. Anyone having influence with the powers-that-be is asked to step up and help if possible. Let's hope our weather stabilizes by then.

JUNE'S PROGRAM

Last month we had a visitor, Sheen Xiao, who works for Ainstein Electronics in Lawrence. She brought a compact radar altimeter her company is developing and wanted to get impressions from active homebuilders. Well, it looks like there's enough interest that Larry invited her to speak at our June meeting. So be sure you come, Monday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. Sheen will have some interesting things to tell us, and some of it just might be right up your alley.

LEARNING ABOUT THE TRI-MOTOR



On Saturday evening, June 2, the pilot of EAA's Ford Tri-Motor stopped by the clubhouse to visit with a number of members and guests. John Hartke, a captain for Alaska Airlines, was a real airplane kid: he soloed at 16, received his private ticket at 17, and went on to earn a CFI before entering the military. There, he spent twenty years flying really nifty, speedy hardware with names that started with F, like F-16, F-18 . . . that kind. John explained the history of the Tri-Motor, detailing some of its finer points. This airplane, NC8407 is a 1929 5-AT model that was completely rebuilt over twelve years by EAA volunteers and returned to flight status in 1975 following devastating damage in a wind storm. Its three Pratt & Whitney R-985 radial engines with always-on superchargers, produced 450 horsepower each, enough to scoot this bird along at a heart stopping 90 MPH and maintain takeoff power up to 10,000 feet.

The design was a breakthrough change from the original wood-and-fabric airplanes preceding it. The signature corrugated skin provided incredible strength and significant weight savings. The design evolved from a line of airplanes created by A. M. Stoudt. Henry Ford became interested in the project and thus, the name. The Tri-Motor became the first practical passenger airliner and 199 were built. But thanks to rapidly advancing technology, served that role for only five years. After that, the Tri-Motors found themselves hauling freight and a few passengers in the outback areas of the world, including the wilds of Alaska.

John's talk was quite interesting with some topics coming from a training program used to inoculate new pilots and crewmembers, so we learned a lot. After taking several questions, John reformed the group out at the airplane where he provided an inspection-like view of many of its more mysterious parts.

This Tri-Motor and another one used by EAA have flown more than 20,000 passengers over the years, and have helped reintroduce the golden age of flying to many who could only read about it. Chapter 91 is pleased we could participate in this event, and want to thank everyone who participated.



Our next meeting of the VMC Club will be Monday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m.

This month only - new time, new place. Kansas City Approach Control has agreed to open their doors (and radar room) for us to allow to see how a RapCon really works. We will meet at the control tower at Kansas City International Airport. For this event, we are limited to 20 participants, and whether you have an instrument rating or not, you will benefit from chatting with these folks.

I need to submit names to KC Approach Control no later than June 4, so i will need to know your interest by that time. Also, if I have more than 20 people express interest, I will allow those of you who have been strong supporters of this program in the past six months or so first priority.

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

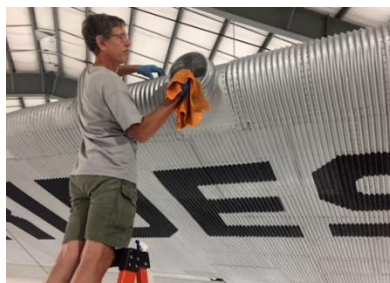
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More info about VMC Clubs at: www.eaa.org/vmcclub

(This invitation is extended to all pilots who are serious about flying.)

CARE AND FEEDING OF A VISITING TRI-MOTOR



Most pictures courtesy of Mike Dooley, Nancy Inderwiesen, and other talented photographers.



NEXT YOUNG EAGLES EVENT

This summer's Young Eagles rallies are in full swing. The traditional pancake Breakfast will be served and kids flown on Saturday, June 16 if the weather doesn't cause too much trouble. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 'til 11:00, and the flying will begin at 8:00 and continue until noon. As always, the assistance of all chapter members is greatly appreciated and can ensure your enshrinement in the coveted Royal Order of the Pancake. We hope you can make it June 16.

NEXT CHAPTER COOKOUT

During each year's warmer months, the Friday evening before our Young Eagles Saturdays has become a popular gathering hour for Chapter 91 members, their families and friends. Typically the chapter furnishes some succulent part of the meal while participants volunteer to bring other goodies. Both Mike Dooley and Nancy Inderwiesen are serving as RSVP contact points to ensure the right amount of meat is provided and to help coordinate the other contributions. Our next potluck cookout will be Friday evening, July 15 starting at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter. Please see *The President's Corner* on page 2 of this newsletter for phone/text numbers. We hope you can make it.

KLXT OPEN HOUSE

With summer and great flying weather, also comes the annual open house at Lee's Summit Airport. Again this year the event will not interfere with a Young Eagles day, so we can relax and enjoy the event. Well, sort of. As you might imagine, Chapter 91 members have been asked to participate, and Mike will explain the how's, whys, when's, where's and how-comes at our next chapter gathering, Monday, June 18 starting at 7:00 p.m. These open houses are fun and have proven successful introducing several interested prospects to EAA and our chapter. To learn more, plan to join us on June 18.

AIRVENTURE CAMPING FEES DUE

Last year, Chapter 91 secured special arrangements for our AirVenture attendees who wanted to camp together. This year those arrangements have been made again, and it's time to get your fees in so we can finalize our camping spaces. Please contact Phil Ishmael, our treasurer, or President Mike Dooley if you need to finalize your preparations. Plans are being finalized to hold our chapter AirVenture dinner at the camping location so stay tuned for more details as they unfold.

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