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**Special points of interest:**

•Our next gathering will be Monday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. Young Eagles pancake breakfast, Saturday May 20.

•IMC / VMC Clubs meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## HOW SAFE ARE WE?

Flying, while fun and exciting, still has its dangerous side. LXT is one of the busiest GA airports in Missouri and that means more traffic. And that has resulted in too many accidents. So why are we shooting ourselves in the foot? That's yet to be determined, but the FAA's Don Halbert didn't sugar coat it at last month's meeting. Nor should he. Safe operations are always the direct responsibility of the pilots, and that's us. Let's see how we can do better. A lot is depending on it.

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# President's Corner

EAA Chapter 91 president, Mike Dooley

Chapter 91 will be recognized in a special Young Eagles 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibit at AirVenture! We are one of the top 25 most active chapters supporting the Young Eagles program and are currently ranked number eight in terms of Young Eagles flown.

We expect a big Young Eagles turnout on May 20 and need your help to make our first Young Eagle Rally of the season a success. Even if you can't fly, come join us as part of the kitchen crew, or as a customer and enjoy some of the best pancakes in KC!

BasicMed, the new FAA medical program, went into effect this month and our May 15 chapter gathering features Dr. Daniel K. Berry, D.O. who will present information regarding the program. I know the new medical procedures will be of interest to many members so plan to join us for an informative session.

AirVenture is rapidly approaching and we are accepting reservations for a Chapter 91 camping area in Camp Scholler. Our chapter site will be reserved from July 13 through the end of AirVenture and is limited to six camping spaces. Sign up on the clipboard we will pass around on May 15, or contact me directly. More information is available at [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org) or on the information sheet available at the Larry Young Eagle Hangar.

Work continues on the intersection with runway 11/29 and the extension of runway 18/36. As of this writing we can expect runway 11/29 to reopen next week after a 21-day construction period. I know I'm looking forward to getting back in the air! As always, standby for news and stay alert for Notices to Airmen (NOTAM).



P.S. Conversion of Larry Young's pickup into a Welcome Wagon for the Homebuilt area at Oshkosh continues. The truck's rear window has been removed, a non-skid liner has been added to the truck's bed, and Mark Burrow finished painting the metal support frame in white Dupont Imron™ (donated by Mike Nault). Next steps include painting and installing the windscreen and roof, followed by a trip to an upholstery shop.

**EAA CHAPTER 91**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**April 17, 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 member Ed Gabriel. Mike introduced guests including new member Bob Godsy. Don Halbert with FAA Flight Standards announced 4 accidents involving aircraft had occurred at Lee's Summit Airport during 2016 reflecting the worst record in the region. He urged pilots to be aware at all times and hopefully the rate would improve in the future.

The minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting were approved as printed in the April newsletter. The next chapter meeting was scheduled for May 15, 2017 with the program to be presented by Dr. Daniel K. Berry, Regional Flight Surgeon, on medical reform. The next board meeting was scheduled May 1, 2017.

Phil Ishmael, treasurer, provided a financial report reflecting the April 15 pancake breakfast proceeds. Chris St. Germain, Young Eagles Coordinator, reminded members the next pancake breakfast/Young Eagles rally was scheduled May 20. Hopefully, runway 11/29 would be open and winds calm enough to provide flights.

Larry Young said work on the chapter-sponsored Welcome Wagon was ongoing. Currently work was being done on the front windshield. Preparation of the bed, et al, was being done for painting and final surfaces.

Mike Dooley passed a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in a campsite during AirVenture. Six spaces were available and he needed commitments soon.

For Wants & Needs Larry Young said he was looking for ideas for programs. At that time he had planned programs through August. Dennis Brooks was looking for an adapter for a hand-held radio-to- headset. Dave Jobe said he had a dual-wheeled gooseneck trailer for sale.

Following a break, the program was presented by chapter members Mark Burrow technical counselor; and Dave Jobe technical counselor and DAR, on how they could assist builders. The meeting adjourned 8:50 P.M.

# STEVE BRITT HANGS UP HIS APRON



Chapter 91 has a lot of unsung heroes; people who show up to help but in those unglamorous, behind-the-scenes positions. They volunteer their time, but never ask for anything in return:



no accolades, not applause, nothing. For several years, Steve Britt has been one of them, but you may not even know him.

What's impressive about Steve's involvement is that Mondays through Fridays, he works nights at Aviation Institute of Maintenance, teaching our future A&P candidates. But on the third Saturday of each month – April through October – he'll skip sleep and come directly from work to our Young Eagles' events to help in the kitchen – breaking eggs, slicing sausage, cooking, and otherwise doing just whatever is necessary to get the food to our guests.

Now, Steve and his wife Cindy are moving to Chandler, Arizona, so we will be losing his dedicated service. Since many members probably never knew Steve, we wanted to give him a little-unrequested but well deserved recognition for his unselfish service. We will miss Steve and wish him and Cindy the very best in their new home. We trust some EAA chapter in Arizona will benefit from Steve's dedication. Good luck, Steve – and thanks.

## CHAPTER 91 WINS BIG WITH YOUNG EAGLES

EAA CEO Jack Pelton recently sent Chapter 91 a personal note. The note stated that EAA has set up a display honoring the top twenty-five chapters, ranked by total numbers of Young Eagles flights. The display is at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh and coincides with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Young Eagles Program.

Chapter 91 was eighth on the list. Officially, we had 10,763 sorties, and the number seven slot edged us out by just twenty-one. Top honors went to Chapter 579 in Illinois with 17,333, and the entry level was for Chapter 864, also in Illinois. As you can see, we have a very strong presence in the Young Eagles program, and we should be proud of our contribution.

We earn these kinds of awards through a combination of top leadership, including Larry Young, Mike Dooley, and Chris St. Germain. But the real grunt work is done by the very readers of this article – you. Thanks to you, everyone in the EAA system knows who we are and what we can do. Congrats! Let's keep it up.

## APRIL'S PROGRAM



Many members probably knew we had a tech counselor and even a DAR. But thanks to our last program, more now understand the tremendous benefits these positions bring. Mark Burrow, our tech counselor, is available at no charge to assist with problems during the building phase, and that assistance can also pay major dividends when preparing for the final run to FAA airworthiness approval. Then, when it's time for the actual authorization, we now know how Dave Jobe is, what he has to look for, and where to find him. Since these guys both deal with highly technical stuff, there was some concern the program would be a bit on the dry side. And it could have been, had it not been for the enthusiasm and desire to help their fellow chapter members; that became quite obvious. In fact, this dry program was actually a lot of fun.

Dave handled much of the presentation and proved he's not only extremely knowledgeable on the subject, but also passionate for you to understand how to get your project into the air legally and safely. Safety is the constant theme, and Dave left no doubt that he will help us move mountains to continue improving our safety record.

The number of building projects in various stages of completion in this chapter is impressive, which indicates the job these two guys have ahead of them. So we need to contact them for help – before we get into a bind. Having them makes us very lucky; not many chapters have this level of expertise available, and we hope our members will take full advantage of these services.

## MAY'S PROGRAM

Recent changes to our flight physical requirements have stirred lots of interest. On the surface, the process seems simple, but there are always questions that are best answered by an expert. If you are curious about the parameters with the new Basic Med program, Dr. Daniel Berry, FAA Regional Flight Surgeon, can answer them. Dr. Berry will speak to us Monday, May 20 starting at 7:00 p.m. We hope you can make it.



# A YOUNG EAGLE WITH A FUTURE



Have you ever met Madi Taranto? If not, you're missing one very impressive young lady. Madi (that's short for Madison) is a senior at Home School High (okay, it's at her home) and upon graduation, plans to attend college where she wants to become a medical illustrator. But what's the Chapter 91 connection?

Well, we're sending Madi to Air Academy at Oshkosh this summer, and she's excited!

Madi's sister Riley gets the credit for introducing Madi to aviation, and we're glad she did. Riley, a sophomore, was always interested in aviation and joined the CAP. In that capacity she attended a Young Eagles event and got to fly. Her excitement and enthusiasm began to rub off on Madi, who likewise became a Young Eagle. It was love at first flight, and now Madi is a frequent helper at our Young Eagles events. For her first flight, she had a huge cast on one leg. But Gus Schlegel lifter her and shoehorned her into his little Sonex, and away they went.

Madi has taken Sporty's ground school course and ultimately wants get her license so she can share her love of flying with others. (Hmmm. Does that sound kinda familiar?) Don't hesitate to introduce yourself to Madi when you see her. I guarantee her enthusiasm is contagious.

## AIR SAFETY INSTITUTE PROGRAM



When the Air Safety Institute brings its twice-yearly seminars to the Kansas City area, Jeanné Willerth does a nice job presenting. April topic focused on activities at non-towered airports. The scenarios were pertinent and significant. Those present took home some serious food for thought. We encourage all local pilots to come out for these events; your time will be very well spent.

## AIRPORT STATUS UPDATE



If you have been to the airport recently you can't help but notice all the construction equipment. Much of it is sitting where Runways 18 and 36 are being rebuilt. In case you were not aware, the plan was to rip out 18/36, then remove and replace the intersection with Runways 11/29. That effectively closed the airport to anything but helicopter traffic. But once the intersection is completed, the east-west runways would become available for fixed wing traffic.

In spite of the recent heavy rains, the contractor has made excellent progress. John Ohrazda, airport manager, sent the picture above to document the progress. Since these were taken, it appears the intersection is about completed. Barring anything unforeseen, we should expect the airport to be back in business for our next Young Eagles rally scheduled for May 20. Now, that's not set in stone, so be on the lookout for an announcement from chapter leadership.

## BASIC MED IS NOW IN FORCE

When Congress finally passed what's generally referred to as Basic Med, it was a shock to the system. Under that program, a pilot could fly using only a state motor vehicle operator's license as proof of physical eligibility. Certain restrictions still apply, of course (Hey, this is the Gum'ent. Nothing's simple!) but basically that's how it's supposed to work.

The aviation press has flooded readers with information about how to participate in the online knowledge course requirement, and more than 4,000 pilots had completed it as of last week. If you'd like to see more about the ins and outs of Basic Med, here's a great place to learn more as reported by the *AvWeb Flash*. Go take a look for yourself.

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