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THE CURE FOR CURIOSITY



Not long ago, it was we who wanted to know how things worked. We wouldn't dare admit it then, but it was a thrill to find someone – even an adult – who could explain what, why and how. But, gosh -- someone who actually built airplanes? Now, wouldn't that have been heaven! We only hope the same feeling is shared by today's younger generation. In truth, we never know when something we say or do will positively impact someone. And isn't that what it's all about? Yeah. It is.

**EAA Chapter 91, Lee's Summit Municipal Airport (KLXT)
Lee's Summit, Missouri**

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Special points of interest:

- Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. Final Young Eagles breakfast and flights for the year on Saturday, October 17th.

- 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!

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Winging It. . . .

EAA Chapter 91 President,
Larry Young

It only happens once in a lifetime that a person becomes eighty-five years old, and then only if the person lives that long! October 2nd, 2015 was the 85th anniversary of the day I was born. The celebration started on Thursday, October 1st when I was treated to lunch and given a Royal's T-shirt. On Friday I went to the airport to do some mowing the airport manager wanted done. When I got there, John Ohrazda, Hayley Guth, and Joel Arrington sang "Happy Birthday" to me and gave me a hug. Around noon I had just finished the area John wanted done when he came and got me and escorted me back to the terminal building. There I found the airport employees waiting for me with pizza and brownies for my birthday lunch! When I finished thanking them, Hayley said "We wanted to help you celebrate." I asked her how a person can celebrate being 85 years old. She said, "You celebrate because you were born and have a wonderful family and hundreds of friends you would not have if you hadn't had a birthday." Such wisdom from a young woman. And she is right.

Then on Saturday morning I flew down to Miami County Airport for breakfast. I ordered a waffle and when Shannon, the waitress, brought it, there was a lit candle on it. She said to the 20 or so people at our table, (and everyone else in the restaurant!) "Repeat after me." Then she said, with the cadence of a marching platoon: "I don't know but I've been told." Then everyone repeated it. Next she said "Larry's eighty-five years old." Again, repeat. Then it was: "The bad news is we sing off key." (Repeat) Then: "The good news is we sing for free." To top it off, when she brought me my bill it was X'd out and "Happy Birthday" was printed on it. Wow! I gave her a hug and thanked her.

Then on Sunday it was dinner with that "wonderful" family and more gifts. I can hardly wait until next year!

On October 17th we will have our last pancake breakfast of the season. I plan on seeing at least 100 of my friends there and if you are reading this, you are one of them. Also, our regular chapter meeting is on the 19th and I hope to see you at both!

Blue skies and tailwinds,

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

SEPTEMBER 19TH YOUNG EAGLES EVENT



EAA CHAPTER 91
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
September 21, 2015

The meeting of EAA Chapter 91 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Larry Young in the chapter meeting room at Lee's Summit Airport. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Pete Connors. Larry welcomed visitors and guests including Dr. Ralph Ruckman and Richard Koope.

The minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting were approved as printed in the September newsletter. Pam provided the balance on hand in the checking account and reported the new Hangar M was nearly paid in full. She passed a sign-up sheet for the October 17 pancake breakfast and Young Eagles day. Pam said chapter name badges could be ordered as well as chapter caps and patches were available along with polo shirts could be ordered to size. Program Chairman Chuck Gosselin said the program for October 19 would be presented by Mike McGraw on international flying. The next board meeting was scheduled October 5, 7:00 P.M.

Larry said chapter member Jack Gress' son Kurt had recently passed away as had chapter member Frank Foglesong on September 17. Flowers from the chapter were sent to both visitations. Gary Fox had recently participated in a light-sport aircraft event in Mt. Vernon, IL. Larry read a list of people who had helped at the Aviation Expo. The chapter had benefitted financially well at that activity and he thanked all involved.

Young Eagles Coordinator, Chris St. Germain, said 89 Young Eagles were flown at the September 19 event. He expected at least 2 groups at the next one. He also said Chapter 91 Young Eagle, Isaiah Patton, who had been partially sponsored by the chapter to EAA Air Academy, planned to tell the chapter of his experience at a chapter meeting during the winter. He was currently busy applying to attend the Air Force Academy.

Larry said Hangar M should be ready for occupancy by the first of October. He also said, in reexamining the by-laws, elections should occur in even-numbered years. Therefore, it was incorrectly reported that elections would be held next month. However, as Mike McKinzey planned to move and vacate his board position, the board would appoint someone to fill that spot.

Regarding "wants and needs," Mike Dooley had a Garmin 696 for sale and was asking \$1,000. He also has a folding bicycle for \$190; and an Aerox Oxygen system for \$310. Nancy Inderwiesen had an adult tricycle-bike and was asking \$400. John Miller had an EA-81 Subaru engine priced at \$800. Larry Young was selling his Honda motor scooter and was asking \$3,000, or best offer.

Nancy Inderwiesen volunteered to clean and set-up the meeting room before the October 19 meeting as well as she and Mike Dooley would take care of mowing and trimming.

After the break, the program on Howard Hughes was presented by Mark Musick. The meeting adjourned 9:15 P.M.

OSHKOSH FROM THE TOWER

By Dennis Davis



It all started a couple of years ago. I had a doctor's appointment in June. As I was checking out, the office manager, Donna, asked what I was doing. My response was I was getting ready for vacation. "Where are you going?" she asked. Oshkosh for an airshow was my answer. She told me her son was an air traffic controller and would be working Oshkosh. My response was he must be a good one because they only take the best to Oshkosh. Donna told me his name was Randy Clark, gave me his cell phone number and said she would warn Randy I would call. That year our schedules did not mesh but Randy told me to be sure to call next year. He also told me that tours of the tower were allowed for families and friends during the airshow when the Air Boss takes control.

This year on Monday I called Randy and was told he had to check his schedule and get back to me. I told him I was working until noon and at 12:15 my phone rang. Randy good to his word told me we were scheduled to tour the tower at 3:15 Thursday afternoon. At the appointed day and time I was at the tower entrance and good to his word so was Randy. Wow! What a treat to go up in the busiest tower in the world! The panoramic view was the best I have ever seen of Airventure! The one thing that impressed me most was in addition to all the usual things you see in a control tower there on the tower glass there were painted some colored dots. I am sure they corresponded to the dots painted on the runway! I got some pictures from the tower that I think really show the size and scope of Airventure. Just like flying it was, all too soon, time to return back to earth and normal activities -- if you can call Airventure normal activities.

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM



Retired Major General Mark Musick jarred some well established thinking when he proposed that the feeble, sickly Howard Hughes we thought we knew wasn't the real Howard Hughes after all. Did Howard Hughes die in 1976 or was that a stand-in? Did Hughes continue to run his vast business empire until his anonymous death in the late 90s? According to General Musick's seemingly well-documented evidence, both those questions are answered with a yes. Is it really true? Well, who knows? Maybe it is. He certainly believes so and has co-written and published a book that explains all the sneaky angles and data points that he says exonerate his views. Whether you buy it or not, you'd have to agree the presentation was most interesting. And we thank General Musick for sharing this fascinating information.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

One of the great things about flying is its versatility. As pilots, we can choose to stay close to home or to venture out over several states. But some fly internationally which opens up a whole new conversation! The program at our next meeting will be about the latter including flying in Africa. Our presenter, Mike McGraw, has earned the right to speak extensively on this topic and we look forward to sharing in some of his adventures. We hope you can be there to learn more about this fascinating subject.

CHAPTER ELECTION CORRECTION

Last month we announced the biannual election of officers and board members would take place at our October meeting. But after a re-reading of the bylaws, it appears our announcement may have been just a tad premature. The bylaws stipulate elections will occur in even-numbered years and since 2015 is not one of those, we will comply and hold elections next year in October of 2016.

All offices' positions and the four elected board member slots are up for grabs. Most board members have expressed a willingness to stay in office, but that doesn't mean you can't seek any one of those positions. The officer titles are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer: The secretary and treasurer can be the same person. There are four elected board members in addition to some appointed positions. Those who are appointed serve at the pleasure of the officers, so those names can change based on the will of whomever is in office. All that to say there's plenty of opportunity for involvement and leadership if you're willing to step up to serve.

But both Larry and Pam have expressed interest in stepping aside, allowing someone else to take their spots but would remain available to assist their replacements. Both have provided some pretty big shoes, but the chapter has a number of well qualified members who can step up to fill them.

If you would be interested in talking about what's involved in holding a chapter office, the current officers and board members are willing to answer your questions. So if you're interested at all, please feel free to contact one of them.

REMEMBER TO DETOUR TO LXT

Don't forget that the usual highway approach to LXT is under construction so the usual method of arrival is temporarily unavailable. Instead, leave the highway north of the airport at the Woods Chapel Road and take that route west to Lee's Summit Road. Then go south on what appears to be a road you're not supposed to be on (but you are), and follow it around to the chapter's clubhouse. Yes, you'll want to add about ten minutes more to your usual schedule but we're confident you'll make it just fine.

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