



## **FAME**

When local PBS affiliate, KCPT, called to ask about our Young Eagles flights, program coordinator Chris St. Germain was ready. He invited the crew to our August event, then patiently explained how our program impacts young people and encourages their interest in general aviation. The TV folks were clearly impressed and jumped into action. This was another opportunity to tell our story, and the PBS viewpoint may provide better credibility than other formats. Read more inside on Page 10.

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#### Special points of interest:

- •Our next gathering will be Monday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- •Young Eagles Rally & breakfast Saturday, September 15. Potluck September 14. IMC / VMC Clubs meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each moth at 7:00 p.m. <u>BUT NOT IN SEPTEMBER.</u>
- •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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EAA Chapter 91, Lee's Summit Municipal Airport (KLXT) Lee's Summit, Missouri

# President's Corner

EAA Chapter 91 president, Mike Dooley

September just jumped onto my calendar this year-where did summer go? But I'm looking forward to cooler temperatures and some great flying weather!

A special shout out to our volunteers at the St. Joe "Speed of Sound" airshow last weekend! Some great performances and good times!

Chapter 91 has some great events coming up this month, including:

- o A burger and brat potluck dinner on September 14 (6:30 pm).
- o Pancake breakfast with Young Eagle Rally on September 15 (Breakfast 7:30-11am and Young Eagles from 8:30-noon).
- o Our monthly gathering on September 17 at 7 pm. COL (Ret.) Sam White will talk about his experiences as a USAF pilot.

#### Note: All events are at the Larry Young Eagle Hangar.

# <u>PLEASE NOTE: We will not host the IMC Club in September since Chris Hope will be away.</u>

We'll be renovating one of the restrooms in the Eagle Hangar beginning Saturday, October 27 at 9am. The plan is to remove linoleum tiles and old sink, repaint the walls, lay down ceramic tiles, and install a new sink. I'll pass a signup sheet around on September 17 so please let me know if you're available. We'll need a tile saw, so let me know if we can borrow yours!

We're also looking for a T-shirt design for the chapter so if you have some artistic talent, draw up some sketches and bring them on September 17, or pass them to any board member!

Interest in forming a flying club continues to be very strong and Tom Licata plans to host an organizational meeting after our September 17 gathering. Still lots of planning to do, so please make time to attend if you are interested in helping form a new club.

As previously announced, 2018 is an election year for our chapter. The initial slate of nominees will be announced on September 17, with elections in October. Please contact a member of the nominating committee (Jack Gress, Bruce Hood, Nancy Inderwiesen, Griff Pickett, and Mitch Putnam) and let them know you'd like to run for office!

See you at the Eagle Hangar!

Mike.

#### EAA CHAPTER 91 MINUTES OF THE MEETING August 20, 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 Phil Schmidt. Greetings were extended to members and guests.

The minutes of the July 16, 2018 meeting as printed in the August newsletter were approved. Mike Dooley presented Pam Ratliff with an EAA Service Award for volunteering at AirVenture over the past. Treasurer Phil Ishmael presented a brief treasurer's report.

Young Eagles Coordinator Chris St. Germain said there were 84 Young Eagles introduced to aviation and 13 pilots at the August 18 event. The next scheduled rally with pancake breakfast would be September 15 with a potluck on Friday, September 14 to begin at 6:30 P.M.

A signup sheet was available for anyone interested in forming an independent flying club. Anyone interested could contact Tom Licata. A Tiny Library had been put together and had been available at the recent Young Eagles events. For more information contact Chris Hope.

An IMC Club meeting was scheduled September 10. Membership elections would be held in October. A nominating committee had been formed. Although all positions were open for nominations, 2 positions were specifically needing to be filled. One board member and the secretary plan to step down. Members were asked to contact the committee if interested or with suggestions. August 25 and 26, St. Joseph Airport would host an airshow. Chapter 91 member had been asked to staff a beer tent both days and volunteers were needed.

KLXT would have its annual Open House June 22, 2019. The chapter had been asked to manage the food concessions. Mike asked how many would be willing to volunteer and many helpers would be required. It should result in good profits for the chapter. There was enough positive response that Mike would confirm interest with airport management.

The next chapter meeting was scheduled for September 17. Griff Pickett volunteered to get the meeting room ready before the September meeting. Nancy Inderwiesen volunteered to take care of mowing and Chris St. Germain will handle the trimming over the next month. The next board meeting was scheduled for September 3.

Wants & Needs: Fred Hulen's plane was for sale: a Zenith CH601 HDS, asking \$47,000.

As scheduled speaker Chuck Gosselin was dealing with a personal emergency, Larry Young, as program chairman, introduced the evening speaker, Jim Brady, who discussed "Firsts in Aviation."

The meeting adjourned, 8:40 P.M.

#### **EAA'S NEW FLYING START PROGRAM**



As aviation enthusiasts, we naturally want to share our love of flying with everyone. Our Young Eagles program accomplishes that with kids, and Eagle Flight do the same for those too old to be Young Eagle. But being approached to learn more by a Young Eagles' parent is so common, that EAA has developed a specific program to address them.

This new approach is called Flying Start, and is being rolled out to the chapters now. Basically, it allows chapters to address curious

adults who may have reached a point in life where it may now be feasible to learn to fly. Flying Start provides us with a professionally prepared PowerPoint presentation and a video to help introduce the subject. Chapter members can then share personal experiences to help encourage and justify how flying can fit into the candidates' lifestyles.

This is an exciting breakthrough that will help us address how best to draw new blood into flying. Once the program is presented, interested parties can then schedule an Eagle Flight with a chapter member so that nature can take its course.

EAA has a webinar planned to cover the details, but it falls on the same date and time as our next chapter gathering. So Mike will discuss this program in a bit more detail when we meet. But you can learn more at the EAA website, <a href="https://www.eaa.org/en/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/flying-start">https://www.eaa.org/en/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-chapter-programs-and-activities/flying-start</a>. Log in and take a closer look. Then come to our next gathering to hear more. This new program could be the start of something really big, so be sure to get involved.

#### FLYING CLUB MEETINGS ANNOUNCED

Flying club, anyone? This could be a great opportunity for many Chapter 91 members or their friends. I received the following announcement from Tom Licota, so make a note and plan to attend if you're at all curious. Please be aware that he mentions two meetings, so be sure to note the dates and times. Here's Tom's announcement:

Anyone interested in forming a new flying club at Lee's Summit airport should attend a meeting this Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 PM in the chapter room. Topics to be discussed include

- Name of the club
- Officers/directors
- Operating rules
- Bylaws

Both EAA and AOPA have lots of information available on forming flying clubs. If you haven't already, please study the information they offer; it is very helpful. Obviously, there is a lot to cover, and I'm sure it won't be completed in just one meeting, so a follow-up meeting will be held after the regular chapter gathering on September 17. We hope to see you there.

#### NO IMC CLUB THIS MONTH



I realize that many of you just wait at your email in-box to see what the IMC topic of he month will be. However, in September I will be out of town, so no meeting.

Look for more IMC in November, and in the meantime take a look at that many great videos and aviation courses available through AOPA.

And if you have a topic you would like to see on the agenda, let me know.

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

Bring a flying friend.

Chris Hope, CFI-I, IMC Club Facilitator 2018 FAA Flight Instructor of the Year, Central Region

More info about IMC Clubs at www.eaa.org/imcclub

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

If you haven't seen this before, Chris apologizes that this month's IMC Club has to be cancelled since he will be away. Next month will proceed as usual with the VMC Club.

#### WANT TO BUILD AND FLY A JET?



Jeff Shultz has returned to Chapter 91 and wants to create a special club. Jeff dubs the proposed group, KC Jet Club, and wants the members to build and fly a SubSonex Personal Jet.

If you're even curious, Jeff is holding a meeting at the North Kansas City Public Library, 2251 Howell St., on

Wednesday, September 12 starting at 7:00 pm. If you can't make that one, try Tuesday, September 25 at the same location and time. So you have options.

The intent of these meetings is to explain what's involved in buying and building the jet, consider costs, and discuss the flying characteristics and training processes. Apparently, the piloting qualifications are simple, so don't dismiss it until you learn more. Jeff emphasizes this will not be a sales pitch but a legitimate opportunity to explore what's involved in getting the club off the ground. For more information, contact Jeff at 573 337-1903, or <a href="mailto:sonex1374@gmail.com">sonex1374@gmail.com</a>.

## **SOME OF AUGUST'S YOUNG EAGLES**





































#### **AUGUST'S PROGRAM – JIM BRADY**







Our August program was to have been presented by Chuck Gosselin who was going to reveal exactly what happened with his recent accident. But at the last minute, Chuck had to cancel for a family emergency and Larry Young was forced to earn that big paycheck. Larry contacted Jim Brady, who graciously accepted the challenge and developed a fascinating program on the shortest of short notices.

Always cool and collected, Jim began a presentation that covered many "firsts" in aviation. That, of course, was a topic we all knew very well. Or so we thought. Turns out most of us got it wrong. For example, the first plane to go supersonic was not the Bell X-1: It was a P-40 in 1947. Supersonic speed developed in a deep dive, but it went supersonic nonetheless. Chuck Yeager's X-1 did accomplish that feat in level flight and was the first actually built for that purpose. But it was not the first to go supersonic. Who'd a thunk?

Then we went into trans-Atlantic flights. The U.S. Navy did the first in 1904 with four NC-4 seaplanes; that crossing took 23 days. The first non-stop trans-Atlantic flight was in 1919 in a Vickers Vimy flown by Alcott and Brown. That flight took sixteen hours. And on it went. First around-the-world flight, first around-the-world flight in a hot-air balloon, first around-the-world helium balloon flight, first non-stop around-the-world flight, first non-stop and non-refueled around-the-world flight, and so on. And we got most of them wrong. So we aviation "experts" walked away with slightly bruised egos, but Jim made it fun. It also brought home the need to clarify exactly what a particular flight was. It just proves that adjectives are important.

It was a very nice program for someone who had very little time to prepare. But that would be incorrect: it was a very nice program even for someone who had a *lot* of time to prepare! Great job, Jim. Let's do it again.

#### SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAM

September's program will be presented by USAF Lt. Col. (Ret) Sam White who will talk to us about his experience flying some of the Air Force's best bombers. I do not have details of Col. White's talk, but I have heard that he is highly entertaining and very interesting. Our military pilots represent the best of the best in aviation, and Chapter 91's members always enjoy rubbing elbows with that caliber of pilot. Join us, and Col. White, for our next chapter gathering, Monday, September 17 at 7:00 pm in the Larry Young Eagle Hangar. We'll see you then!

#### A QUICK NOTE ON OUR NEXT COOKOUT

Our next potluck cookout will return to the basic brats-and-hamburgers theme of the past. But please note that the time has changed. Since several members cannot get to the airport by 5:30, we have slipped the start time one hour to 6:30. That takes effect Friday, September 14. Bring your complementary dishes to share, and join us for the second to the last potluck cookout of 2018. You'll find us at the Larry Young Eagle Hangar. Just follow the grill smoke.

#### JOHN FAULKENBERRY PASSES CHECKRIDE

In late June, Chapter 91 member and principal of Lee's Summit High School Dr. John Faulkenberry became a private pilot. When Air Charter closed, John transferred to MKC to work with Jim Dockins, CFI. John said flying a 172 from an tower-controlled airport was an unexpected stroke of luck. John currently has 175 hours under his belt and is looking to join a club before ultimately owning his own plane. Congratulations, John! That's an accomplishment right up there with earning a doctorate. We wish you many happy flying hours.

#### FRED HULEN'S ZENITH 601 FOR SALE



Fred Hulen hates to sell his gorgeous Zenith 601-HDS but physical limitations are forcing the issue. The plane has fewer than 400 hours TT, and the Jabiru engine, replaced last year, has fewer than 60 hours. Basically, this is a brand new airplane. DAR Dave Jobe inspected the plane and says it is one of the top two he's ever seen. That's high praise. With its special

high-speed airfoil, cruise is around 135 mph yet the climb rate is very strong. Fred is asking \$47,000 and I'll bet this beauty sells very quickly. I just hope someone local buys it because we'll miss this great-looking sweetheart in our hangar.

#### PAM RATLIFF WINS EAA AWARD



Chapter 91 President Mike Dooley presents Secretary Pam Ratliff with a special award recognizing her many years of selfless service volunteering at AirVenture. Thanks, Pam. We appreciate all you do.

#### CHAPTER'S PEDAL PLANE SOLD



This iconic pedal plane was presented to the chapter several years ago and there is quite a story behind it. I have to admit, I don't know all the details of that story so I hesitate to expound on it, but if you've been around Chapter 91 very long, you've seen it. At our last chapter meeting, the pedal plane was auctioned off, so it has

finally found a forever home where it will be loved and cared for, rather than scooted around to get it out of the way. This pedal plane is not perfect, but it's not far from being a real collector's piece. In ideal condition, pedal planes like this can sell for \$400 and up. So its new owner has an appreciating asset. We're glad it has finally found a home.

#### CHAPTER ELECTIONS REMINDER

Just a final reminder that chapter elections will be held at the October meeting. Our nomination committee has found some candidates, but we could always use more. All positions are fair game, but one board member and the secretary's position need to be filled. To nominate yourself or someone else for office, please contact one of the committee members mentioned in the **President's Corner**; just be sure your nominee has agreed to accept the office.

#### **ART CONTEST**

If you have an artistic bent, or know someone who does, your chapter needs you! Mike Dooley has talked about developing a chapter T-shirt that we could sell for around \$10 (give or take). Our current logo, which is very nice, doesn't necessarily reproduce well depending on the texture or color it sits on. So we're open to something else that would work. If you have ideas for a chapter T-shirt design, we'd love to hear from you. If your design is picked, you might even win a prize! Please contact Mike Dooley with your thoughts: 816 956-1887 or <a href="mailto:jump88@aol.com">jump88@aol.com</a>. Your fame will spread far and wide throughout the kingdom.

### **KCPT TV VIDEOS YOUNG EALGES**









Recently, KCPT, the local public television channel, heard about our Young Eagles program and wanted to learn more. KCPT produces programs aimed at kids ten and under, and sometimes focuses on potential careers for high school students. A format known as an interstitial, or a short clips that play between scheduled programs, was what they had in mind.

A cameraman, producer, and interviewer came to our August rally. They wanted information and video from inside a typical flight. Dave, the cameraman, showed one of the kids how to use his GoPro and the eager Young Eagles piled into Griff Pickett's 172 for a multi-purpose flight. The young videographer took lots of air-to-ground shots until Griff told him to film his brother who was flying the plane.

While the kids were breaking new photojournalistic ground, the KCPT crew began an on-camera interview with Chris who, Hollywood charmer that he is, responded with intelligent, knowledgeable answers. Chris doubts his portion will be included in the final cut, but hopes his comments will help the editors create a good story.

We don't know if or when the final production will be aired, but we will certainly notify everyone as soon as possible. Regardless, it was a pleasure hosting a local station's efforts to learn more. It was also our honor to have Chris St. Germain represent our chapter to TV-viewing Kansas City. He did a great job explaining aviation, Young Eagles, and Chapter 91. Way to go, Hollywood!

#### **BOARD APPROVES PURCHASE OF SECOND AED**

The board of directors has approved the purchase of a second AED (heart defibrillator) to be hung on the outside of one of our hangars. This will give backup coverage to our events and hangar users. Our first AED was donated with the understanding that we add another one, and this fulfills that obligation. We plan to install new unit soon. We hope we never have to use either of them.

# **2018 AIRVENTURE FROM DENNIS DAVIS**



























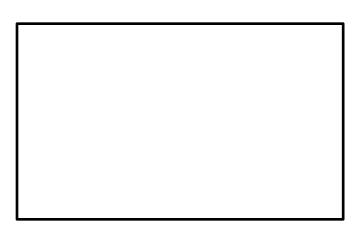




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