



AGAIN!

There you see it. This beautiful new banner, heralding Chapter 91's achievement of its fourth Gold Chapter award, hangs in the back of the clubhouse. Very few chapter even come close to earning this accomplishment, yet we continue to do so. No, it's not something in the water; it's the nature and character of our membership. That membership produces top quality leaders and impressive rank-and-file members who refuse to settle for mediocrity. For the proof, see Page 7. Good job!

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Special points of interest:

Our next gathering will be in Monday, April 170 at 7:00 p.m. IMC/VMC Clubs meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Young Eagles Rally and pancake breakfast Saturday, April 18. 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 Rob Schmitt

March sure was windy. I did not get in the flying I wanted. Maybe April will have calmer winds to allow my small experimental to go flying without getting tossed around too badly. Regardless, April is going to be great because we get to start up our Young Eagles Program and pot luck socials! April 14th will be our traditional hangar setup for the Young Eagles event along with Friday evening Social at 6 pm. We'll be having our basic burgers and hotdogs for chapter food. Please bring along a side dish or dessert to round out the meal for us. I enjoy these greatly and believe many of our chapter members do so as well based on the number of people who attend.

Saturday will be our first Young Eagles event of the year. Chris St. Germain reported that the event registration filled up very fast, in less than a week. So, we already have 70 youth registered to fly on Saturday. Of course, we will be serving our pancake breakfast that morning as well. We will be very busy and need all the help we can get. So, if you haven't volunteered to support these events in the past, please consider doing so this year. As a reminder, if you work on the serving line or in the Kitchen you must have a Jackson County Food Handler card on you while working. If you need the training, please contact me or Mike Dooley and we will get you setup.

Also coming up in May will be our Flying Start Program on Sunday 21st of May which is being organized by Matt Williams. This program will be tailored to adults who are interested in learning how to fly. Please give him your support.

Both the Ray Scholarship and the Hedrick Scholarships are open for applications! The Ray Scholarship is worth \$11,000 this year and the chapter plans to award two \$1,500 Hedrick scholarships. Contact me or Jim Brady if you need additional information or an application.

Upcoming Chapter 91 highlights include:

- The IMC/VMC Club meeting is on April 10th at 7pm.
- Hangar setup and potluck social Friday April 14th.
- Young Eagles flights & pancake breakfast. April 15th 7:30-12 noon.
- April gathering. Monday April 17th at 7pm. Presenter Jeff Penfield, Assistant to the Airport Manager, Lee's Summit Airport updates.

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EAA CHAPTER 91 GATHERING <u>MINUTES</u> March 20, 2023

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Robb Schmitt at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was led by Phil Ishmael.
- II. Announcements: February's gathering minutes were approved as published in the newsletter with a motion by Paul Rodriguez and a second by Charlie Wayne Moore. Motion passed. It was reported that usage of PayPal has been going well. The Young Eagles event on April 15 had51 signups after being open for only a day and a half with many new flyers. The chapter will be looking for help to help with Young Eagles events and a sign-up sheet was shared. If you are interested in helping with food handling, please be sure to contact Rob Schmitt for more details on the Food Handler Permits. The chapter will also be hosting a spring hanger cleaning on April 1st at 10 am and a signup sheet was made available fort that as well. April 14th will be the chapter's first potluck dinner of the year at 6 pm! Make sure to bring a side dish or dessert to go with the burgers and hot dogs.
- III. Old Business: The chapter is receiving new security cameras from Phil Ishmael to help deter any thieves. Hanger repairs are also going to be finished up this week. EAA Chapter 91 has been selected yet again for the Ray Scholarship which has increased to an award amount of \$11,000. Veronica took and passed her written test and will do her solo XC this month. For more information regarding the Ray or Hedrick Scholarships, please reach out to Jim Brady or Rob Schmitt. A refurbished AED has been purchased and isnow in Eagle Hangar kitchen.
- IV. New Business: Our chapter was given 6 slots for chapter camping at Oshkosh. 6 slots were available with a cost of \$306 per person. Contact Rob Schmitt for more information regarding remaining spots. We will be hosting aFlying Start program on May 21, a day after Young Eagles Contact Matt Williams for more information.
- Upcoming Calendar Events: Hangar Spring Cleaning: 1 April start at 10:00 am. Board meeting: Monday, April 3, 7 pm. IMC/VMC Club: Monday, April 10 at 7 pm. In-person only. April 14th, Potluck dinner social. 6 pm. April 15th, Young Eagles pancake breakfast. Chapter gathering Monday April 17, 7 pm. Guest speaker presentation Jeff Penfield Lee's Summit Airport update.
- VI. Presentation Daniel Cobb. SR 71.
- VII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.



Our next meeting of the VMC Club will be <u>Monday, April 10 at</u> <u>7:00 p.m. Central Time</u>

What a Beautiful Spring Day! Air is Crisp. Sky is mostly clear with just a light haze Visibility is unlimited!! One of those rare spring days to fly! PERFECTO Here I go!! I will just take to the sky and enjoy Nature's bounty from above... I take off, Climb, Cruise, BEAUTIFUL!! SPLAT!! CRAP BIRD STRIKE!! WHAT NOW?!!!

Let's get together and have a discussion about what to do..

We meet at the Chapter 91 EAA hangar at the Lee's Summit Airport. Driving directions - take I-470 to Exit 9, Douglas Drive / Lee's Summit Drive, and turn north. At the bottom of the hill, turn right and follow the road to the end. The Larry Young Eagle hangar is on the west side of the parking lot next to the Cessna on a Post.

There is no cost to sit in on our monthly meetings. IMC/VMC membership is free to EAA members and guests. Not an EAA member? Ask me about a free six-month EAA membership.

Matthew A Williams – KCFSDO FAAST Team member Facilitator

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM



I have a confession. When we first heard our speaker was going to tell us about flying the SR-71, I was excited. Until we learned it was his grandfather who did it. C'mon! Grandpa flies the SR-71? That's going to be hazy. Frankly, it really didn't sound all that compelling. Boy, was I wrong!

Daniel Cobb went well beyond telling warm-and-fuzzies about his grandfather, Darrell W. Cobb, he knew his subject well and presented it enthusiastically. He was well prepared and completely aware of his audience. After a brief personal and family history, Daniel described some basics about the SR-71 and his grandfather's background.

Darrell was born in 1922 and died in 2018. He attended Fort Hays College but didn't graduate. In 1954, he entered the U. S. Air Force. After flight training, he flew T6s, T-28s, B-25s and -26s, C-45s, T-33s, C-119s, the B-36, and ultimately the B-52. In 1968 he volunteered for the SR-71 program and was accepted. He went to California and began flying the simulator for the SR-71B.

We learned a number of interesting things about the SR-71 and the program it represented. For example, the original models were not black but that changed as a solution to reducing temperatures. They never entered Soviet airspace thanks to Gary Powers' US being shot down in 1960. The twin J-58 engines required two Buick V-8s 700 horsepower) in order to spool them up to starting speed. The gross weight was 160,000 pounds. It would fly Mach 3+ at 80,000 feet (think 1 mile every 2 seconds which is faster than a 30-06 round), VR was 180 knots, and liftoff occurred at 210. Daniel also described how a specially-built refueling airplane, the Boeing KC-135Q, dispensed JP-7 to the Blackbird. Oh! And originally, the air force didn't want it. (Go figure!)

Daniel revealed several of his grandfather's exploits, but there's way too much to tell here. If you were unable to attend, you really missed a fascinating and well-presented talk about a most intriguing subject. As for Daniel himself, he is planning to complete his private pilot license requirements soon and join those of us who have to be content with our lower, slower magic carpets.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

If you're familiar with KLXT, you know there's a new management team in place. Joel Arrington, the recently retired John Ohrazda's second in command, now leads the lineup, and Jeff Penfield has taken Joel's former position as assistant to the airport manager. Mr. Penfield, or rather, Rear Admiral Jeff Penfield, USN Retired, brings a wealth of aviation experience to the job. He flew FA-18s and from carriers, no less – what else do we need to know? Seems qualified to me!

Jeff will be our featured speaker for next chapter gathering on Monday, April 17. As always, the event will start promptly at 7 p.m. with a short business meeting followed by a coffee break, then Jeff's presentation which will serve to introduce him to the membership and allow him to explain the current state of the airport. Since KLXT is attracting more corporate traffic than ever, there's a great deal of expansion going on. That means planning, construction, and lots of changes. All this affects us, so we certainly look forward to hearing what Jeff has to say.

We hope you can join us in person, but if you need to access us via the Internet, our GoToMeeting program will be active starting around 6:30. Whichever way you choose, please come learn what's going on at the airport and welcome Jeff Penfield.

HANGAR CLEANUP SUCCESSFUL

A big word of thanks goes out to all who turned out to help with our spring cleanup at the Larry Young Eagle Hangar on Saturday, April 1. Someone (though we will keep that information to ourselves) failed to take any pictures of the goings on, so you will just have to accept the facts as they are stated. We always marvel at the tremendous volunteer spirit of this chapter, and appreciate all the extra things our members do. Thanks again for a great turnout and a much improved hangar area.

FLY WITH THE THUNDERBIRDS

If you're a normal pilot, you would have to admit you've fantasized about what it would be like to fly as a member of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds team. Seeing those gorgeous F-16s performing with such incredible precision makes the heart thump faster. If you have a spare 3 1/2 minutes, go take a look at this fantastic video of the team practicing earlier this year. But ba caution -- it's guaranteed to raise your excitement levels, so if you have a heart condition, well, you've been warned. Otherwise, go take a look. https://youtu.be/F2bhXufAf8M

GOLD AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Robert,

Congratulations to your chapter in successfully reaching the **GOLD** level status recognition level for the 2022 year. EAA is happy to present you with a chapter recognition banner to proudly display where your chapter meets. Your level also will be displayed online at EAA.org/FindAChapter with a specially designed emblem. You are encouraged to use your emblem on your website, newsletter, and other promotional materials; your chapter emblem is attached in this email.

This program was developed and measured in partnership with EAA's Chapter Advisory Council and is based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and highly engaged chapters. An additional 11th criteria point was included to enable chapters to bring forward a chapter event or program which enhances their chapter by bringing more people to engage with their chapter. Each is worth a point, and there are three levels of recognition: bronze (7 out of 11), silver (8 out of 11), and gold (at least 9 out of 11).

Below are the qualifying Chapter Recognition criteria, along with your chapter's points. A one (1) indicates that your chapter earned credit for the associated criteria.

- 1. Attends a chapter leadership training session: 1
- 2. Growing or steady membership: 1
- 3. Offers IMC or VMC Club programs: 1
- 4. Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs: 1
- 5. Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor: 1
- 6. Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey: 0
- 7. Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, Ray Aviation Scholarship program, or sends a youth to EAA's Air Academy: 1
- 8. Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email: 0
- 9. Hosts at least two public events each year: 1
- 10.Owns/leases a facility: 1
- 11.Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship, a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc.: 1

EAA Chapter 91, Inc.'s 2022 Chapter Recognition total is 9 out of 11.

FLYING START SCHEDULED

On Sunday, May 21, Chapter 91 will sponsor a Flying Start program. This event, which will be held in the chapter clubhouse at Lee's Summit Municipal Airport, is our way of connecting with non-pilots who are interested in learning to fly. Please note that, unlike Young Eagles which takes youngsters for free flights, Flying Start attendees will be over age 18 and therefore not eligible for the Young Eagles flights.

The program will include a presentation from chapter members who are licensed pilots. They will explain how they learned to fly. Several vendors, including flight schools and those who supply other related resources, will be on-site to address specific areas of interest. To a small degree, this will resemble a trade show for the attendees. After the presentations, and weather permitting, individual flights will be provided by Chapter 91 pilots. These are known as Eagle Flights and are designed to help answer the participants' questions about becoming licensed. Clearly this program addresses people who are more able to invest in flight instruction since they are older and hopefully in a better position to undertake such a course of study.

Our own Matt Williams is heading up this year's event and he's looking for volunteers to help put together and conduct the program. Obviously, he will need several pilots willing to make the Eagle Flights, but he may also need some speakers eager to tell their personal stories. In addition, if you have contacts within the support community, Matt may well appreciate your assistance in contacting and coordinating with them for the trade show portion. Still others will be needed for those behind-the-scenes logistical duties that make these kinds of programs work. Matt will explain more at our monthly gathering, Monday, April 17, or you may want to contact Matt at his business, Integrity Transportation Companies, LLC; that number is 816 623-9387.

Be sure to mark off the date if you can attend. Again this will take place on Sunday, May 21. Having a group of interested and supportive chapter members present will go a long way toward helping educate and encourage our attendees. Our past efforts with the Flying Start program have been worthwhile, and we fully expect this one to continue that success. Please give serious consideration to how you can help with this very important program.

LEARN-TO-FLY- WEEK WEBINARS





EAA Announces Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20

Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, prepari ng for the FAA written exam, to passing the checkride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA member s to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapter across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

"Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their j ourney. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process," said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. "Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is." Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders We ek and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the e ducational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at EAA.org/LTFWeek.

SCHOLARSHIP UDATES

Chapter 91 takes its commitment to helping support, promote, and educate those in the aviation community very seriously. We do this through several programs, but are highly invested in a couple of scholarships that provide needed funds to those pursuing flight credentials. We frequently publish basic information in hopes that members will feel comfortable passing along the basics to people who would seek to join us in our love of flight. Here are the basics of what is available.

Ray Scholarship

The Ray Scholarship is a major program funded by the Ray Family Foundation for the specific purpose of helping young people earn a pilot's license. This scholarship is administered by both AOPA and EAA, and was instrumental in creating a significant number of licensed pilots. EAA's program works through by sponsoring qualified chapters who, in turn, nominate worthy students to receive up to \$11,000 in funds for that specific purpose. Chapter 91 has held one of those coveted slots for four years and is currently soliciting well qualified applicants to compete for a single scholarship. Coordinator Jim Brady along with Griff Pickett report there have some five applications in hand with at least one more on the way. Once the application period is closed, finalists and their parents will be invited to interview with the selection committee, who will choose one to be submitted to EAA headquarters. EAA then approves or disapproves that selection, and notifies the chapter of the results. If you know anyone you believe should be included in this program, please contact Jim, Griff, or any chapter officer or board member.

Hedrick Scholarship

The Hedrick Scholarship is Chapter 91's internal program. Thanks to the generous contribution of the Phil Hedrick family and additional private donations from chapter members and others, we are pleased to offer two \$1,500 scholarships twice a year. The spring scholarship is now open for applicants. While not as generous as the Ray Scholarship, the Hedrick Scholarship does not limit participation by age. Anyone, pilot or hopeful pilot, is encouraged to participate. We understand currently three applications have either been received or are being in the process of being completed, so anyone wanting to compete for the spring slot needs to move now. Applications are available from the chapter. Contact Rob Schmitt at 816 309-0099 or robert7721@aol.com for a copy of the rules and an application. The next opportunity will occur in the fall, so hopeful candidates have two opportunities to apply.

YOUNG EAGLES SEASON OPENER

April always signals the opening of a new flying season, and that means a new gaggle of Young Eagles will come flocking in to begin taking our free airplane introduction flights. As with past years, our Young Eagles season will start on the third Saturday of the month, April 15. Now, if you're concerned about that being "tax day," relax --- the feds moved it to the 18th, so you'll still have time to pull your hair out later.

This initial event will feature our world famous pancake breakfast, and our brand new kitchen is ready to go and up to the challenge. Remember that thanks to our current food-serving certificate, only those holding valid Jackson County food handler permits may actually touch or serve the food. Of course, you don't need a permit to consume it, so come hungry and dive in there.

Young Eagles Coordinator Chris St. Germain has announced that the list of available flying slots is full, so we expect a significant turnout of kids and parents. If you can help, we'd love to have you. If you'd like to volunteer a plane and your services as a pilot, please check with Chris. This, also, has certain restrictions to which you'll need to comply.

Chris has mentioned a need for help at the check-in desk and could use several willing to explain how to fill in the Y-E logbooks. You don't have to be a pilot to do that, so if you enjoy explaining things to kids, here's your chance to hone that skill. We always have parents who look for additional information about aviation, EAA and the chapter itself, learning to fly, or any number of other areas like our scholarship programs. Answering these questions can be done by nearly any chapter member, and we'd very much appreciate your stepping in to handle some of this.

Escorting and retrieving Young Eagles from the flight line is an area we'd like to see a little more participation. People unfamiliar with the goings on at an airport appreciate having someone with them as they walk out to the airplanes and come back after the flights. Again, this is something most anyone could help with, and Chris would welcome your assistance. So if you can, please plan to join us for our 2023 inaugural season opener.

CHAPTER CAMPING GOING FAST

As of this writing, our chapter camping slots at AirVenture are only one short of being full. That means we have five already committed to join Chapter 91 on the group camping ground in Oshkosh. In the past, most of the camping area was for tents, but the trend lately has been toward camper parking, though both are still allowed. Electricity outlets have been increasing over the years, and are well provided for this year.

If you would like to take that final slot and join fellow Chapter-91ers, please contact Rob Schmitt at 816 309-0096 or <u>robert7721@aol.com</u>. This is the last slot, so time is definitely of the essence. First come will be first served.

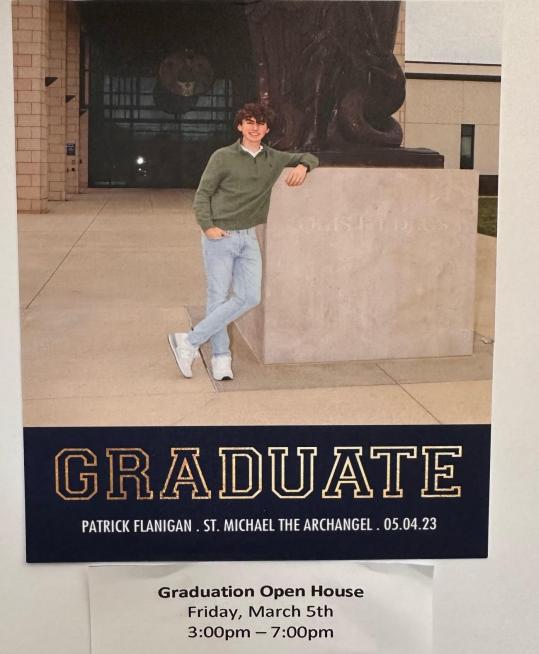
POTLUCK COOKOUTS RETURN

It's April and that means the return of our popular potluck cookouts. Typically held the evening prior to our monthly Young Eagles rallies and pancake breakfasts, these cookouts attract a decent number of members and their families. The date and time tend to represent a social gathering following efforts to get the airplanes out of the Eagle Hangar, making it ready for the next day's function. Our April event will be Friday evening, April 14. The chapter springs for the main course – this month, hamburgers and hotdogs including the buns and garnishments – and the attendees chip in with side dishes to share with others. Cooking fires light off at 5:30 p.m. and the serving line forms at 6:00. We hope you will join us for this fun event.

NEW AED PURCHASED

The chapter recently purchased a refurbished AED for the kitchen. We have a couple of these life-saving devices on the airport property, but the batteries needed to be replaced. Unfortunately, thanks to supply chain issues, they have remained on back order for a year. So, rather than taking a chance, the board decided to make this purchase. As shown, this one is just inside the door of the kitchen. We hope we never need it, but if we do, this one is up-to-date and ready for use. If you have any secret capabilities to help speed up our battery order, please jump in there and do so. The life you save may be your own.

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