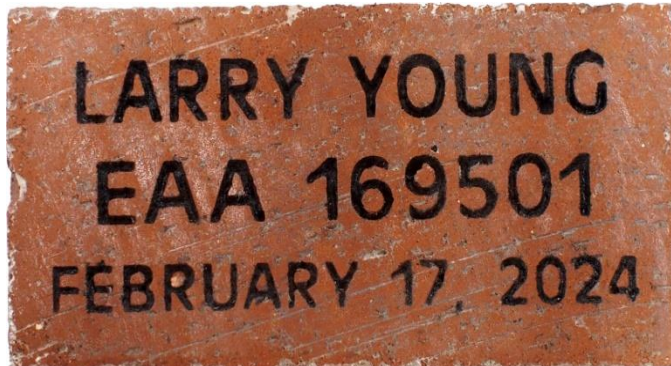


April 7, 2024



## REMEMBERING

With the recent passing of Chapter 91 stalwart Larry Young, we still mourn. Many thoughts continue to go out to Marty and her family. While Larry will not be forgotten thanks to his many contributions such as our hangars and clubhouse, we still want to provide evidence of his legacy in the form of monuments to his memory. The brick above will be installed in our "Gone West" walkway in front of the Blue Hangar, and we are arranging for additional ones at Oshkosh. See more on Page 10.

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### **Special points of interest:**

Our next gathering will be in Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. IMC/VMC Clubs meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Next Young Eagles Rally & pancake breakfast is Saturday, April 20, 2024. We're always looking for good ideas for programs. Please contact Chris St. Germain with your information.

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# President's Corner

EAA Chapter 91 president Rob Schmitt

The flying season is upon us! We'll, if the March winds dies down in April, I sure plan to start flying more.

It is going to be busy this spring and summer for the chapter. Coming up quickly is our first Young Eagles flights and pancake breakfast day on 20 April. In order to be prepared for this event, we are doing our yearly Spring cleanup on Saturday, 13 April starting at 10 am at the Blue Hangar. Please sign up to help with these events if possible. And don't worry if you didn't get a chance to sign up beforehand: you can show up and I'm sure we can get you involved. The chapter's Ray Scholarship nomination is with EAA at Oshkosh and hopefully we can announce that soon. We have received several applications for the Hedrick Scholarship for which we plan to announce the winners at our next chapter gathering on 15 April.

May 4 will be our Flying Start program. If you are interested in participating in that contact me or Matt Williams. The Flying Start program is the adult version of the Young Eagles program. This is a chance for adults who are looking for more information about learning to fly to find out more and get a ride in an airplane.

Upcoming Chapter 91 highlights include:

- The IMC/VMC Club (VMC) meeting on Monday, April 8 at 7pm.
- Hangar spring cleaning. Saturday, 13 April starting at 10 am.
- April gathering Monday, April 15 at 7 pm.
- April hangar setup/potluck social. Friday April 19 at 6 pm.
- Young Eagles and pancake breakfast. 7:30 am – noon. Flights start at 8:00 am.
- Flying Start program, Saturday May 4.
- Trimotor is coming to Lee's Summit! Weekend of June 22.



# EAA CHAPTER 91 GATHERING

## MINUTES

March 18, 2024

NOTE: Meeting conducted in hybrid format.

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Rob Schmitt at 7:00 p.m. Following an introduction from all our guests, Mitch Putnam led the chapter through the Pledge of Allegiance. Rob recapped all the happen-ings from this winter and informed the chapter of the busy, yet fun, spring we have ahead! There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved including Young Eagles, the hangar cleanup, Flying Start, and many others so please sign up! We need your help. February's gathering minutes were approved as published in the newsletter with a motion by Bruce Hood and a second by Chris Hope. If you need a name badge, please reach out to Becca. The bricks for Gary Fox and Larry Young were picked up and will be installed outside the Eagle Hangar. Chris reported that the chapter already has 3 groups signed up for this year's first Young Eagles event. If you are interested in flying for Young Eagles, an EAA national membership is required plus completion of the Youth Protection Training. If you are interested in helping with the pancake breakfast, you will need to obtain a Jackson County food-handling permit. The chapter will reimburse you. Contact Mike Dooley or Rob Schmitt. If there is enough interest, the chapter can coordinate another in-person training.
- II. Old Business: Tom Licata has been hard at work taking care of hangar maintenance. Currently an Eagle Hangar sink requires repair along with some other light and electrical repairs. Tom was recognized for all his help in keeping everything up and running for the chapter. To prepare for the year's festivities, a Hangar Cleanup Day will take place on Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m. Jim Brady informed the chapter that we were rewarded a slot this year for the Ray Scholarship. So far, our chapter has had 6 successful scholars. This year's scholar will be decided soon. Hedrick Scholarship applications are still open which will be awarded in April. If you are interested, please submit your application by April 1 to Rob Schmitt. Our previous scholars have been working hard and provided updates. If you are interested in a workshop, please reach out to Mike Dooley or Rob Schmitt. The chapter is providing items for a shadow box glass box table that will go into Hangar 2 and we'll graciously accept any item donations to fill it. Mike Dooley sadly cannot coordinate food handling for the rest of eternity, so he is searching for an understudy if you are interested. A huge thank you goes out to all that participated in the chapter survey. Please reach out to board members if you have any other suggestions you would like to discuss. As a result of the survey, the chapter will be improving its safety briefing for Young Eagles pilots. NORDO will no longer be allowed for Young Eagles flights.
- III. New Business: The chapter will be purchasing a memorial plaque and brick at Oshkosh for the late Larry Young. Donations will be collected to help offset the cost. Chapter camping for Oshkosh is now open. We have 6 slots available and if you would like to be one of those campers, contact Rob. Lee's Summit will be hosting the Trimotor from June 20 to 24. The chapter will be needing several volunteers. More information will be shared as it is available. Flying Start will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 8-12 a.m. Signups are needed and Matt Williams is the point of contact for any questions.
- IV. Announcements/Wants and Needs: Bruce Luedeman is forming an ultralight chapter. UMKC will be hosting a Flight Test Symposium on April 11 and has also partnered with ATD for some exciting upcoming programs. Mitch Putnam has a Sensorcon CO<sub>2</sub> device that is free but does need to be sent in for its bi-annual calibration. He also has a collapsible towbar for sale: \$75. Jeanné Willerth has an old autopilot and 182 turn coordinator for sale. She is also doing a WINGS seminar on April 26 about air racing for the 99s. Alex from Kansas City Center presented regarding flying during the eclipse.
- V. Calendar: Board meeting: Monday, April 1, 7 p.m. IMC/VMC Club: Monday, April 8, 7 p.m. In-person only. Chapter Spring Cleanup: Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. April chapter gathering: Monday, April 15, 7 p.m. Potluck social/hangar setup: Friday, April 19, 6 p.m. Young Eagles and pancake breakfast: Saturday, April 20.
- VI. Presentation: Aviation writer and CFI LeRoy Cook.



Our next meeting of the IMC Club will be **Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time.**

The Pilot's Operating Handbook gives us good guidance when dealing with abnormal situations. But sometimes several abnormal situations combine to make a pilot really stop to consider how to handle the combination.

Come join us and share your suggestions on how to handle this situation.

Not an experienced instrumented-rated pilot? Come join us and hear how some more-experienced pilots might handle some unexpected situations.

**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 membership is free to EAA members and guests. Not an EAA member? Ask me about a free six-month EAA membership.

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

## LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM



Growing up, all my guy friends spent hours reading car magazines. I liked cars, too, but found more fulfillment immersing myself in aviation books and publications. *Flying*, *Air Trails*, *Plane & Pilot*, *Private Pilot*, *AOPA Pilot*, and *Air Progress* were just a few of the places where I spent endless hours. You, too, may recall authors like Frank Kingston Smith, Richard Collins, Gordon Baxter, Don Dwiggins, Martin Caiden, and Richard Bach. Back then, these guys were my heroes; they actually flew and shared their adventures.

So, when we learned LeRoy Cook was going to speak at our March gathering, a whole bank of memory cells fired and rang a very big bell. Here was another name from those precious memories. While I can't recall all his articles, I certainly remember that name probably thanks to the non-standard spelling of LeRoy.

It was that spelling – LeRoy – just a little different. That alone made it hard to forget. Turns out he wrote more than 1,700 magazine articles. LeRoy earned his private ticket in 1961, his commercial in '64, became a CFI in '65, qualified to fly through the clouds in '67, and begin earning ATPs in 1980 and '81. As for writing, he supplied articles to many, but *Private Pilot* was his mainstay for thirty-four years.

As a CFI in Butler, Missouri, LeRoy shared several experiences and historical moments. In doing so, LeRoy accompanied us on a walk through this area's past, recalling various local airports like Fairfax, Hillside, State Line, Lake Winnebago, Heart of America, and others. He also reminisced about formerly well-known aviators like Charlie Craig and Eddie Fisher, to whom he paid \$20 and hitched a ride in Eddie's P-51.

In response to multiple questions, he shared opinions, like the BD-5 and a stretched KR-2 being most interesting planes. He also exposed the Prescott Pusher as his least favorite. He also opined on what the future might look like for navigational technology and aviation propulsion including electric and hydrogen power. It was a very enjoyable visit with who turned out to be an old friend.



## THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

Our chapter has a large number of members who have built or are building their own aircraft. Once those projects reach completion, they have to be inspected and certified as airworthy. If asked to guess who was responsible for issuing those critically important documents, the FAA would quickly come to mind. But which division? Who actually does this? Around these parts, it's the Wichita Certification Management Section. These are the folks who inspect and certify everything from 747s to 172s, but they also work with the homebuilt community, which makes our upcoming speaker, Janice Hawley, a Senior Aviation Safety Inspector, an intriguing choice.

Janice began her aviation career working for Cessna then moved to Beechcraft. From there, she took a job with the FAA where she has been for seventeen years. She and her husband, John, a former Beech aeronautical engineer, currently own a 1946 J3 Cub and live at a residential airport complex near Wichita. John has owned several airplanes including a Cassutt Racer, and the couple recently sold a much revered Beech Debonair. Both are pilots and Janice holds a private ticket, so clearly she can relate to us.

On Monday evening, April 15, Janice will join us at our next chapter gathering to introduce her working group to us. She will provide a basic overview of what the inspectors actually do, and is excited to cover what she finds the most fun and interesting, working with homebuilts. Since this is an aspect of aviation so many of us hold dear, it's appropriate that we learn more from Janice and her organization since many of us will interface with all of them at some point in the future.

If you are building or even are debating taking the plunge, you will definitely want to hear what she has to say. With this as a backdrop, we hope you will be intrigued enough to join us on the fifteenth to meet Janice and learn more about her compliance group. As usual, we will meet promptly at 7 p.m. at the Larry Young Eagle Hangar at the Lee's Summit Municipal Airport. We hope you will take the time to join us for this significant program and learn firsthand how inspections and certifications actually work.

# YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS RESTART

Once each year the Larry Young Eagle Hangar starts to buzz with the excitement that says a new Young Eagles season is about to begin. Well, 'tis that season. After a five month hiatus, Chapter 91 starts 2024's next iteration of this popular and effective program. Our most capable Young Eagles Coordinator, Chris St. Germain, kicks it all off starting Saturday, April 20 with the traditional pancake-plus (it's way more than just pancakes anymore) breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m., and the actual flights beginning at 8:00. The food will be served until 11:30, and the rides will continue until every Young Eagle is accommodated – which typically happens by or before noon.

Chris has announced we will have a couple of Scout troops joining us for this one as well as a 4-H group. He indicated our initial event was filled in under an hour after being posted. Following the normal order of things, a few confirmed folks will not show up and their places will be filled with others who missed the registration but are hoping to join in on the fun. All of that to say it looks like another sold-out event for this wonderful program.

EAA initiated Young Eagles in 1992 with the hope of flying one million kids by December 2003, the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first historic powered flight. The program has succeeded beyond all expectations with well over two million having experienced the thrill, and Chapter 91 having contributed close to 15,000 of them. But it wasn't just a commemoration the organization was after; it was also an attempt to bring younger people into what had become an older-person's hobby or career. And it worked, because the number of kids who transitioned to earning a pilot's license is impressive. According to a recent FAA/AOPA study, two out of 100 (2%) of Young Eagles earn a pilot's license; 7.3% of all pilots under the age of thirty-five were Young Eagles. And those numbers continue to grow.

Clearly, Chapter 91 members are all in on this outstanding program. But we don't stop there. We have also succeeded in providing funding, in the form of the national Ray Scholarship and our own Hedrick Scholarship programs to help these well-deserving kids make their dreams come true. If you would like to become involved with introducing the joys of flight to this pool of future aviators, we would love to have you show up on April 20. If nothing else, just come see what it's all about and how excited these kids are. You'll enjoy it too.

# **SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES**

## **RAY SCHOLARSHIP**

As you know by now, Chapter 91 has once again received the honor of supporting a deserving young person in the costly efforts to earn a private pilot's license. In 1968, I earned mine with only \$1,000, which, while well under the average cost for that time, was still quite expensive. Today, even the \$11,000 provided by the scholarship's funds just barely meets the needs of most people. But that makes it easy to understand why this has become such a highly sought after award. So much so, that the selection committee continues to struggle with the final award recommendation thanks to the outstandingly qualified candidates.

This year, we had four highly impressive and motivated applicants for the committee to choose from. One member pointed out that when considering scholastic achievement, the lowest GPA of the group was still at the upper limits! That can't be without a high stress level. But select one they did, and the candidate's name has been forwarded to the final selection committee at EAA headquarters in Oshkosh. As Ray Scholarship Coordinator Jim Brady has discussed before, the final nod must be given by that group; we just make the initial suggestion.

Currently, we are waiting to hear back from Oshkosh. That may take a while or we may hear something soon. But either way, we know our selection will be successful achieving the ultimate goal. Jim promises that just as soon as we know, he will reveal the lucky winner. Stay tuned.

## **HEDRICK SCHOLARSHIP**

The Hedrick Scholarship is Chapter 91's own program to assist pilots and pilot candidates with extra funds to help reach their goals. Unlike the national Ray program, ours is less restrictive in its qualification requirements while offering fewer dollars to help. The purposes of the Hedrick Scholarship are targeted more at helping someone get started or advancing with further ratings by providing \$1,500 for the winner's purpose. It is also awarded twice each year. Applications have been received for this scholarship and we hope to learn very soon who has won spring's award. Again, we may find out at the next gathering, Monday, April 15. We hope you will join us starting at 7 p.m.



# TRI-MOTOR UPDATE

In March, Rob announced that we wanted to host EAA's historic Tri-Motor the week of June 22. Since that time, he has submitted the paperwork acknowledging our intent and has hurried around to gather the necessary signatures from the city. Understandably, there is more to this than meets the eye, and we are currently negotiating with EAA and Lee's Summit to help break the standoff as to which must sign the documents first. (What else is new!?) We are hoping to provide a positive update at our next monthly gathering, Monday, April 15, so be sure to attend.

We have hosted the Tri-Motor and B-17 several times in the past, with the most recent being in 2018. These events help attract very positive attention from the surrounding public and provide a significant amount of good PR. Since many airports, like ours, have seen a massive growth of housing very close to the airport, trying to keep everyone happy has become a major effort. So, bringing our neighbors in to see and ride in the Tri-Motor can be a very positive thing.

The airport management has been highly cooperative in helping secure overnight storage for the Tri-Motor. This used to be very simple when Hangar 1 was privately run, but now that the city manages it, more coordination is required. Consequently, we are most grateful to Joel Arrington and his staff for their steadfast cooperation and enthusiastic support of our mission.

Assuming the final bumps will be worked out amicably, we will be looking for considerable assistance from chapter members to help pull off another successful operation. Rob will be discussing this more fully at our gathering April 15, so please plan to join us and help us with our efforts. When a volunteer organization takes on these kinds of commitments, it is only thanks to the selfless assistance of its members that success can be had. Interestingly, EAA works with hundreds of chapters every year for events such as these, and thanks to the outstanding efforts of our volunteer corps, has come to understanding that Chapter 91 is one of stronger chapters to help them achieve their goals. That's why your efforts are so appreciated. We truly look forward to having you join us for this momentous project.

# **LARRY YOUNG MEMORIALS**

With the recent passing of Chapter 91's President Emeritus Larry Young, the board of directors has submitted the appropriate information to Oshkosh to begin the process to get Larry a plaque at the Memorial Wall and for a brick at the Brown Arch. Both commemorate Larry's contributions to EAA and Chapter 91 and will be available for all AirVenture visitors to see. With the help and guidance from Marty and son Craig, this process has moved forward quickly. While we are saddened by Larry's passing, we believe it's important to remember him with permanent memorials. While the chapter has committed to funding these projects, we would appreciate any financial assistance members would be willing to provide. Look for the appropriately marked canisters in our clubhouse, or ask an officer or board member if you would like some help. Larry's brick on our "Gone West" walkway in front of the Eagle Hangar will be installed on Saturday, April 13. Marty has graciously agreed to be present for that commemoration.

## **APRIL'S POTLUCK COOKOUT SCHEDULED**

Now that our Young Eagles season is ready to begin for the new year, our popular potluck cookouts will also resume. While we have held modified versions of this over the winter, we are pleased to return to the actual outdoor grilling configuration everyone seems to enjoy most. Our first-of-the-season potluck cookout will be held Friday afternoon, April 19 at the Larry Young Eagle Hangar. The cooking fires will light off at 5:30 with the serving lines forming at 6:00.

Our cuisine will be just plain 'ol hotdogs and hamburgers. The chapter will provide the meat, buns, typical condiments, and you are asked to bring something to share with the other diners. After all, this is a potluck, so plan accordingly.

You may recall these dinners follow hangar prep for the next day's Young Eagles rally and pancake breakfast, though you are not required to participate in that function in order to attend. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday, April 19.

# JEANNÉ'S TALK GIVES WINGS CREDIT

In response to a request for additional information, listed below are the pertinent details concerning Jeanné Willerth's upcoming aviation-related presentation. Originally, I had understood it to be an AOPA event, but she corrected my thinking. Knowing Jeanné's presentation skills, plus the fact that WINGS credit is available, you may want to put this one on your calendar. Here's what she said:

*I am presenting a seminar on air racing history for the North Central 99s Sectional meeting here in KC on Friday, April 26. It will permit attendees to receive WINGS credit. The program is open to the public for any pilots to attend and get credit. The FAA will send the SPANS notice out soon as my information was sent to them several weeks ago. This is basically what I presented at Garmin as their keynote speaker for Women in Aviation Week. I will also be presenting this for WINGS credit to the VAA Chapter in Gardner, KS, on April 10 at their monthly meeting in their hangar.*

**Title: "SHEnanigans" Adventures in Women's Air Racing**

**Topic: History of the last 50 years of Women's Air Racing**

**Date and Time: Friday, April 26, 2024, 4-5 PM Central Time**

**Speaker: Jeanné Willerth: FAASTeam Lead Rep, CFI, CFII, MEI, ATP**

Here is a summary:

**How cross country air racing has changed over the last fifty years. What has changed in planning a 2,500-mile cross country flight? Changes in planning, technology, survival equipment, weather, tracking, and even attire will be discussed.**

**Location of Seminar: Hampton Inn & Suites Kansas City Downtown Cross-roads, 1571 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64108**

**This seminar is being held in conjunction with the North Central 99s Spring Section meeting. All pilots are welcome.**

**Fly-in Seminar?: NO**

**Seating: 35 seats at the facility.**

**Registration Information:**

**Sponsoring Division: Kansas City FSDO FAASTeam**

**Contact Information:**

**Marvin Moore, FAASTeam Manager**

**Phone: 816 516-7300**

## **TOM LICATA WINS AWARD**



Chapter 91 member Tom Licata was unable to attend our annual banquet in February, so Rob caught up with him at March's gathering. Tom has been our go-to maintenance guy for a couple of years and has tackled several projects aggressively. This has included leaks in our hangars' roofs, correcting various electrical anomalies, and other similar situations. Tom has distinguished himself in this capacity, and the chapter wanted to let him know he is appreciated. Here, Tom receives an award certificate testifying to his outstanding assistance. Thanks, Tom. Great job!

## **FLYING START CONFIRMED**

Chapter 91 is planning another Flying Start program for May 4. The Saturday morning program will run from 8 a.m. until noon. This is the event that is roughly modeled on our Young Eagles platform but targets adults who want to get involved with aviation and specifically learning to fly. Again this year, the very capable Matt Williams has agreed to head it up so we know it will be successful.

The Flying Start program has two components – a classroom-type presentation that addresses the basic subject matter, and a flight module where the participants actually preflight, fly, and debrief a flight. Because of this part, attendance must be somewhat limited in order to get everyone into the air. Interested parties must make specific reservations so we can implement all the details properly.

If you know of someone over seventeen who really wants to learn more about getting a license, please pass along an invitation. We will be offering more details as we move closer to March 4. But an early notification can put them on notice, and you can help update the details as they come out.

Our past experiences with Flying Start have been extremely positive, and we expect much the same this year. If you would like to participate, either as a pilot or a presenter, please notify Matt. You can reach him via email at his office, [mawilliams@integritytrans.com](mailto:mawilliams@integritytrans.com)

## CHAPTER 91 WINS GOLD AGAIN



Chapter 91 has once again earned the coveted Gold Chapter status from EAA headquarters in Oshkosh. Rob recently received that letter officially granting us that honor. This one was earned for the year 2023 and was based on a number of an extensive list of qualifiers. Some of those criteria are “Growing or steady membership,” “Offers IMC or VMC programs,” “Participates in Young Eagles or Flying Start programs,” “Owns or leases a

facility,” and the oft-overlooked one, “Participates in EAA’s annual Chapter Member survey.” All in all, there are eleven specific bullet points but closer to twenty details. To qualify for gold status, we need to have at least nine of the eleven. But we go way beyond that. For example, we offer both IMC and VMC classes, own multiple facilities (hangars), and offer both Young Eagles and Flying Start. So we really do way more than the basic minimum required. It is also exciting to realize that there are silver and bronze categories, but gold is the top. Very few chapters achieve this level, but we have earned the recognition for several years.

We were acknowledged for ten of the eleven objectives, but we actually should have received credit for all eleven of them. Unfortunately, the member responsible for filing our application forgot to check *all* of the boxes which showed us one short of a full list. While it did not change our status, we did issue him a severe reprimand and sent him home with a note to his mother. The discipline, we understand, was effective.

We want to thank every member who has helped us achieve this outstanding level of achievement, but would like to make specific thanks to all who took the time to respond to that special survey. We know many don’t like to participate in such activities, but you did, and that was how headquarters was able to justify our performance in this program. I have said before that numerous chapters have closed or are no longer active. But Chapter 91 continues to grow. That speaks volumes for the quality of our membership. You’re the best! Thank you for helping us be recognized among the very few chapters worldwide as shining examples of what can be done. Let’s do it again next year.



## **SPRING CLEANUP SET FOR APRIL 13**

With our Young Eagles flying season quickly approaching, it's time to perform our annual hangar and grounds cleanup. This year, we'll gather at the Larry Young Eagle Hangar on Saturday, April 13, which is one week prior to our Young Eagles season opener. If you have special skills or just a passing interest that could help us spruce the place up, we'd certainly love to have you join us for this important and necessary program.

Make note, also, that we will install the "Gone West" brick commemorating Larry Young at this event. Marty Young will attend for this so we hope you can join her for this significant event.

Rob will discuss details further at our upcoming chapter gathering which will be Monday, March 18, starting at 7 p.m. We welcome you to the gathering and the spring cleanup.

## **CHAPTER 91 ASKED TO HELP WITH DISPLAY**

The Lee's Summit Airport is growing. As you know, it plans to extending many of the facilities and services over to the east side of the field. This will change the appearance and configuration we have grown accustomed to over the years, but progress must not be stopped. One of the notable additions to the new buildup will be construction of Hangar 2, which will be similar to the already existing Hangar 1 just down the road from us. Both these facilities will be owned and run by the airport.

As long-term tenants, the city has asked Chapter 91 to help design and prepare a special conference table for Hangar 2. It seems they would like feature us and our efforts on behalf of the airport by placing various aviation-related exhibits in a shadow box to be visible in that specially made conference table. Rob has all the details on this and will discuss it further at our April 15 gathering, but you may have some items you'd like to have placed in that display area. Be sure to attend the gathering, then give some thought to what you might like to donate. This will help feature Chapter 91 to many visitors over the upcoming years.

# AIR RACE HELP WANTED

By Chris Hope

The 47<sup>th</sup> annual Air Race Classic will be off and running again this year, beginning in Carbondale., IL, and coming through Moberly, MO. Some of our members worked the race when it came through Lee's Summit a few years ago and recently through Lawrence. This is an air race for fifty women-pilot teams encompassing flying nine legs over a four-day period. The race begins in Carbondale, IL, on June 18 and will come through Moberly later that day or over the next two days.

Each airport needs volunteers – volunteers to confirm starting and ending times of the racers; volunteers to marshal aircraft in and out; volunteers to greet the pilot teams and get cold drinks, etc.; volunteers to help give spectators an enjoyable and safe experience.

If you want a part of the volunteer excitement, contact Chris Hope, 816 868-7655, or [thehopeschris@gmail.com](mailto:thehopeschris@gmail.com)

## FAA Issues Domestic Notice On Eclipse's Impact On Operations

By **Mark Phelps** Published: March 21, 2024

The FAA has posted a comprehensive [Domestic Notice](#) on its website concerning the total solar eclipse on April 8. The notice is to inform pilots and aircraft operators of possible impacts to traffic and safety along the path within 50 nautical miles of the center of the eclipse between the hours of 10:00 UTC April 7 to 04:00 UTC April 10.

The notice includes a general section advising of possible delays issued in the form of ground holds such as Expect Departure Clearance Time (EDCT) for IFR departures and arrivals, airborne holds and reroutes. The FAA also warns that VFR flight following services, practice approaches, and touch-and-go operations involving airspace in the path of the eclipse may be "extremely limited and possibly prohibited" for the duration of the time period.

The Domestic Notice also includes a list—with contact information—of 458 airports in the pathway. The airports are listed by the eight Air Route Traffic Control Centers (ARTCCs) they fall into. There are also NASA-generated maps showing the eclipse pathway and the times when the eclipse will be in totality along the route and a link to the [NASA website page](#) that contains full information on the event.

# FAA Prepares Pilots for the Solar Eclipse

By General Aviation News Staff · March 27, 2024



The FAA has released a **Domestic Notice** providing pertinent information on the 2024 total solar eclipse for pilots flying during the April 8, 2024, event. “On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse, known as the Great North American Eclipse, will transit a narrow path of totality from southwest to northeast across 13 U.S. states,” the notice begins. “The eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. The eclipse path will impact the United States from approximately 1830-1940 UTC.”

Pilots should be prepared for potential airborne holding, reroutes, and/or Expect Departure Clearance Times (EDCTs) that may be issued for all domestic IFR arrivals and departures, the notice states. Traffic Management Initiatives (TMIs) are possible.

“To assist FBOs with staging aircraft and to ease ramp congestion, aircraft departing airports along the eclipse path are strongly encouraged to coordinate their departure times as early as possible,” it continues. “There may be a higher traffic volume than normal anticipated at airports along the path of the eclipse. Traffic should anticipate delays during peak traffic periods. Parking may be limited, particularly at the smaller, uncontrolled airports.”

There could be a delay with issuance of IFR departure clearances. VFR departures may also expect delays for airborne pickup of IFR clearance within 50 nm either side of the path of the eclipse, according to FAA officials. Practice approaches, touch-and-goes, flight following services, and pilot training operations at airports in the path of the eclipse may be extremely limited and possibly prohibited during this time period,” it adds.

Pilots should check NOTAMs for special procedures or restrictions that may be in place at airports along the eclipse’s path. “Specific NOTAM procedures may be revised, and arrivals to some airports possibly restricted, so please review NOTAMs frequently to verify you have the current information,” the notice says. The online notice also includes a list of every airport impacted by the eclipse.



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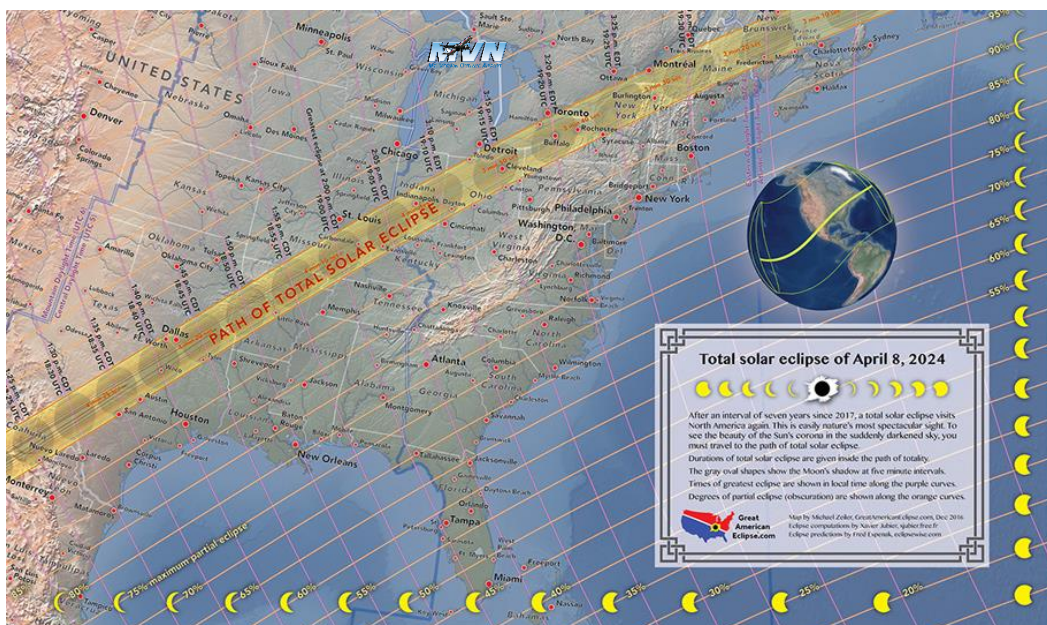
***Calling all Midwest LSA Expo attendees, Airventure Cup/Air Race Classic Racers, KR/Ercoupe/Fly-Baby Builders/Flyers, Bonnie Aviator Club Members, CAA Members, and all area aviators!***

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, Mother Nature will provide an airshow at KMVN not to be seen again until 2044.

You are invited to return to Mt. Vernon Outland Airport (KMVN), Mt. Vernon, Illinois to experience nearly four minutes of totality with other aviators.

All of the amenities of your previous visit(s) will remain: Free Admission, Free Camping, Free Parking, and Free shuttles (to/from local hotels). Showers are available on site

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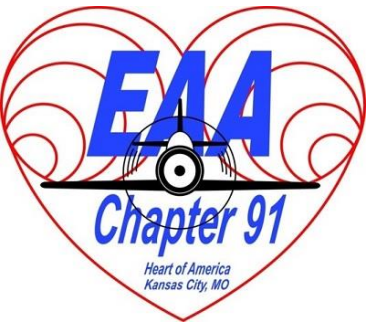




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