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Special points of interest:

Our next gathering will be in Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. IMC/VMC Clubs meet the 2nd 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.



Courtesy of Jim Brady

THE FUTURE

Not only did Logan Johansson receive a highly prized LightSpeed headset in recognition for his receiving the Ray Scholarship, but we just learned he passed his private pilot checkride on February 5. Logan joins an elite list of winners we have sponsored through this coveted program. Logan fell victim to a situation when he, like others, struggled to set an appointment with a DPE to take this critical exam. But he persevered, and is now a proud part of aviation's future. Congrats, Logan!

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President's Corner

EAA Chapter 91 president Rob Schmitt

How about those Chiefs! I am happy to see our hometown team in another Super Bowl this year. I am writing this before the game, so afraid I don't know the outcome yet, but I am sure hoping for another trophy!

Spring is just around the corner, so if you haven't flown much lately, please be extra careful on your next flight to check the aircraft and yourself for any lingering issues from a very cold winter.

Good news for the chapter! We may have another opportunity to host the EAA Ford Tri-Motor! It is not a done deal yet, but with luck we may be able to see and support it on the weekend of June 22 at Lee's Summit Airport. We will defiantly need as much support as possible from our members to make this a success.

We are also open for applications for both the Ray Scholarship and Hedrick Scholarships at this time. So please contact me or Jim Brady if you need an application form.

Upcoming Chapter 91 highlights include:

- The IMC/VMC Club (VMC) meeting on Monday, March 11 at 7pm.
- March potluck social. Friday, March 15 at 6 pm.
- March gathering, Monday, March 18 at 7 pm.



EAA CHAPTER 91 GATHERING

MINUTES

January 15, 2024

NOTE: Meeting conducted face-to-face.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm. The Pilot's Prayer was conducted. Tim's Pizza dinner was announced, and food served. Those attending were reminded to pay for the pizza dinner and also sign up for the annual banquet in February. Please pay membership dues as well.
- II. Announcements: Ray Scholarship update: Logan Johanson is ready for his private pilot checkride and is waiting on a DPE to schedule. Hedrick Scholarship update: Charlie Licata has completed his tailwheel endorsement and Layla Cranston is progressing towards her solo. Two more scholarship will be available in the spring. We will be raffling off a Phil Schmidt print at the February banquet along with several other items.
- III. Calendar: Chris Hope will be conducting a CFI seminar on January 20 at the Eagle Hangar. Date for next board meeting: Monday February 5, 7 pm. IMC/VMC Club: Monday, February 12, at 7 pm. February gathering will be our annual banquet on Saturday, February 10, at 6 pm. Please RSVP. Cost will be \$20/person.
- IV. Wants and Needs? Member Announcements? Jenné Willerth has a KPA 140 autopilot for sale due to upgrades on her current aircraft. Mike Dooley has miscellaneous tools for sale.
- V. Formal meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. Social event continued.



The next meeting of the IMC Club will be **Monday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.**

The perfect instrument approach to your destination involves the perfect pilot, the perfect airplane, and the perfect radar controller. But can we get a good approach if one of those is missing? How about if we are missing two? Come join us and see what your peers have to say.

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.

This seminar will qualify for credit by the FAA Wings Program.

*Chris Hope, CFI-I, IMC Club Facilitator
2015 FAA National Safety Advisor of the Year
2018 FAA Flight Instructor of the Year, Central Region*

LAST MONTH'S GATHERING



January's gathering kicked off the new year with what has become a much anticipated annual event – our Tim's Pizza night at the clubhouse. I had to be in balmy, sunny southern California for a week or so, far away from the Midwestern deepfreeze (but I won't rub it in) which caused me to miss this event, but I'm told it was very well attended, and positive comments ensued. Based on that, I have to assume everyone really did have a great time and nobody overate (of course not). My thanks to Larry Rhoads and Chris St. Germain who snapped some pictures of the attendees. I am most grateful to them both for helping out. There was not actually a program to report on, so we'll just leave you with a few images.



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

This month's program is still being negotiated. Chris St. Germain thought the FAA had committed to bring us some very interesting data, but apparently, they didn't see it the same way as we did. While this is no knock on the agency, it is a bit frustrating since it appears neither they nor we are on the same page. Things happen and misunderstandings are a part of that, but as it stands, we are unable to announce the topic of March's program. Yet. However, Chris, the magician that he is, has backups in his bag of tricks, and is working to solve the problem. As soon as we have solid information for you, we will let you know. Thanks to Chris for the extra effort he puts forth to get quality programs for us each month.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

Ray Scholarship Coordinator Jim Brady reported that he has one application submitted so far for the new year, but knows of a few more being prepared. While we have not yet received official notice that we will even be awarded another slot, Jim is moving forward in order to expedite the successful candidate's training schedule in the more than likely event that we will receive it. Assuming we do get the nod again this year, our successful scholar will be able to dive into his or her training much more quickly than in the past. This will be a big plus which will essentially provide more time to earn that license. Any hopeful candidates wishing to compete for the \$11,000 scholarship should contact Jim immediately asking to receive a current Ray Scholarship application. Jim may be reached by email at brady13381@aol.com.

In addition, we learned at last night's banquet that our current Ray Scholar, Logan Johansson, was awarded his private pilot certificate on Monday, February 5. Congratulations, Logan!

Rob Schmitt stated the chapter is still planning to offer two Hedrick scholarships this spring. This is the chapter's own program to provide a couple of \$1,500 scholarships toward any rating or license regardless of age. In the past, we have had strong interest in receiving these awards, and Rob expects nothing less this year. For further details on the Hedrick Scholarship, call or text Rob at 816 309-0099, or email him at robert7721@aol.com.

Remember, also, that we will offer a second pair of Hedrick Scholarships in the fall, so everyone has additional chances to win this coveted money. Rob will be glad to provide additional information about both the spring and fall applications processes. Good luck!

FLYING START PLANNED

Chapter 91 is planning another Flying Start program for sometime in May or June. This is the event roughly modeled on our Young Eagles platform but targets adults how 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 up in the air. Interested parties must make specific reservations so we can implement all the details properly.

If you know of someone whose age has exceeded the Young Eagles requirement, please pass along an invitation. We will be providing more details as we move closer to when Matt wants to hold the program. 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

AEDs

Chapter 91 owns a couple of life-saving AED machines designed to stimulate a patient's heart in the event it stops beating. For some time, however, we've had to endure not being able to rely on these critical technologies thanks to a world-wide shortage of batteries. As you might imagine, the batteries are very specific to each machine, and governmental regulations determine when they must be replaced. Thanks to the seriously interrupted supply chain brought on by the Covid fiasco, we have had to take our AEDs offline. We did arrange for one battery, but one for the second unit was not available. So it was with a sigh of relief that we recently discovered the appropriate batteries have come back onto the market, and we were able to finalized our order. The only disappointment was that the already exorbitant price had doubled. But at least we will be back up to full strength very soon, just in time for our Young Eagles season.

POTLUCK COOKOUTS TO RESUME

As you probably know, Chapter 91 has suspended our popular potluck cookouts for the duration of the cold weather months, but plans are being made to start them up again very soon. These fun events typically occur on the Friday evening immediately prior to our Young Eagles' rallies and pancake breakfasts which start again in April. Many members are looking forward to joining these much anticipated social dinners, and the season cannot come too quickly. The chapter contributes the meat and condiments based on a monthly theme, and participants are asked to bring complementary dishes to share with everyone.

The plan right now is to hold our first potluck cookout of the year next month, on Friday, March 15. Starting time will be 6:00 p.m. and the cuisine will be hot dogs and hamburgers. No, there will not be a Young Eagles event the following day; we're just anxious to get started. However, since April kicks off our new Young Eagles season, plan on adding the next one to your calendar on Friday, April 19. Stay tuned for further details.

TRI-MOTOR MIGHT COME TO KLXT

Recently, we were contacted by EAA headquarters inquiring about our willingness to have the Tri-Motor make a stop at the Lee's Summit Municipal Airport in late June. While we are not guaranteed to get it, we are taking measures to accommodate it should that actually happen. One issue of concern is the necessity to use Hangar 1's facilities for overnight storage of the airplane. Hangar 1, formerly privately owned, is now controlled by the city. A call to Joel Arrington, airport manager, indicated the city's willingness to work with us. But it won't be a slam dunk. The city has to coordinate with current Hangar 1 occupants in order to make that happen, and it will require significant logistical adjustments. However, management is willing to work with us since the Tri-Motor always attracts a lot of positive attention for the airport – something it really wants.

Again, we are not guaranteed to get the Tri-Motor even if the city can make the necessary arrangements, but it would be another feather in the chapter's cap if it all worked out. We will keep you posted as the detailed process continues.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NEEDED NOW

It's past time to renew our chapter membership. Remember also that our dues increased to \$36. You'll find the application on Page 11 of this newsletter. You may pay your dues online through our website (eaachapter91.org) or in person with cash or check. If you have not yet done so, please take care of this now. Remember, prorated dues only apply for the first year of membership. Thanks for your help.

DRONE EXPERTS NEEDED

Chris Hope is looking for some drone experts to help a fellow CFI friend of his. A copy of his note is posted below for your review.

Hi Chris,

I'm still teaching at high school over in Lees Summit. I'm get-ting my freshman kids together to form a team to build and fly a drone. The program is UAS4STEM and is partially sponsored by EAA. I was wondering if you know of anyone who knows quite a bit about building and flying drones. We need to order parts, build a drone, and program it to autonomously fly. Yes, I'm on a steep learning curve, but the kids are pretty excited about it. The national competition, if we would make it there, is actually at Air Venture.

Appreciate your help,
Debbie Wadhams

If you believe you could help Debbie with this project, please email her at cfiimom@aol.com and advise her you are with Chapter 91. Or, I'm sure Chris would be more than happy to pass along your show of interest. You can reach him at thehopeschris@gmail.com, or call or text at 816 868-7655.

ED GABRIEL'S GRANDDAUGHTER

I received a note from long-time Chapter 91 member, Ed Gabriel. As you will see, Ed is very involved in helping to build a new generation of pilots. It seems his granddaughter, Madeline Jones, (EAA 1507707) recently got her private pilot's license. She has been flying on a scholarship provided by Grandpa Ed, who recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday. Madeline was student commander of the Air Force JROTC unit at Blue Springs South High School during her senior year for the fall semester of 2023. She will be attending the University of Central Missouri studying flight operations management. Madeline's instructor is EAA member Joe Rucinski, CFI, CFII, at Grain Valley Airport.

As a side note, Joe owns a Cessna 172 which is well equipped for instrument instruction. His rates are competitive. Joe is 50 years old so he plans to be around for a long time. He is not just building time. His day job is as a police captain at UMKC.

Thanks for your generous help, Ed, and heartfelt congratulations to your granddaughter.



4-8-2024

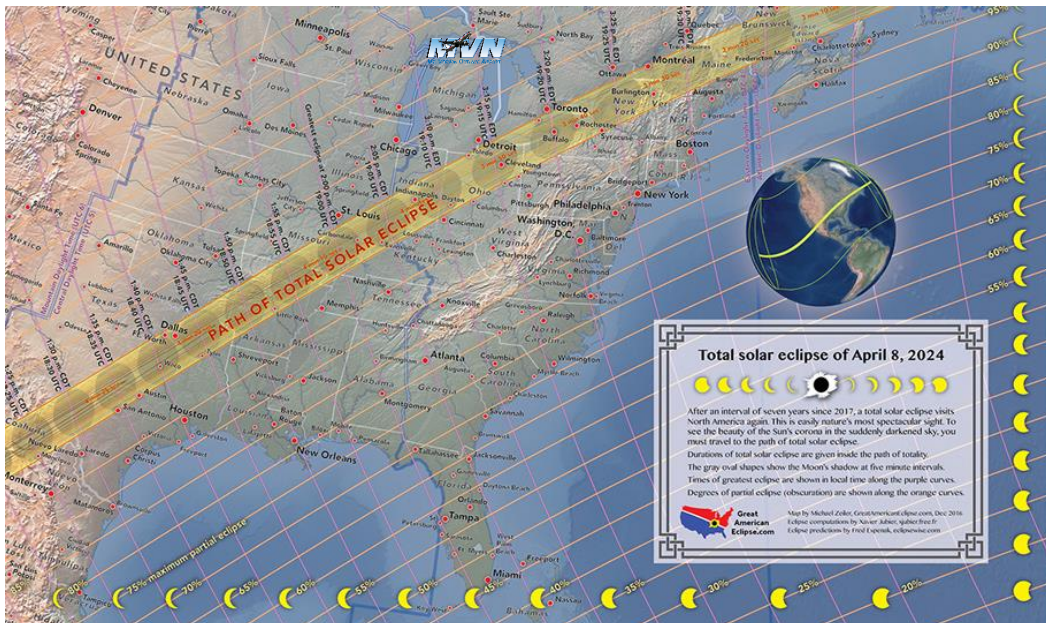
Calling all Midwest LSA Expo attendees, Airventure Cup/Air Race Classic Racers, KR/Ercoupe/Fly-Baby Builders/Flyers, Bonnie Aviator Club Members, CAA Members, and all area aviators!

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

Food and fuel discounts will be extended by Bonnie Café and SRT Aviation. Come be part of the fun!



2024 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

EAA CHAPTER 91 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2024

Please print and complete this form. Return it with your check to the Chapter mailbox in the blue hangar or to the address below. Applications will also be available at Chapter meetings.

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RENEWALS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Dues may be prorated the first year of membership only, at the rate of \$3 per month remaining in the year. Payments may also be made using PayPal at the Chapter's website located at <https://eaachapter91.org/>



We are excited to announce a wide range of [aviation scholarship](#) opportunities brought to you by the AOPA Foundation. Whether you're a high school student or teacher with a passion for aviation or a seasoned pilot aiming to advance your career or ratings, our scholarship program is designed to support your aspirations and fuel your journey in the world of aviation.

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AOPA Foundation Aviation Scholarships: Elevate Your Aviation Goals

Our aviation scholarships offer a range of opportunities for those looking to earn their pilot certificate to enhance their skills, qualifications, and career prospects. Whether aiming for primary certification, advanced ratings, transitioning to a different aircraft type, or seeking specialized training, our aviation scholarships can provide the financial assistance you need to advance your aviation goals.

How to Apply

To apply for any of our AOPA Foundation scholarships, please visit aopa.org/scholarships and explore the available opportunities. Each scholarship has specific eligibility criteria and application requirements. The number and amount of all scholarships will be determined by donor funding, which may not be finalized until immediately before awards are announced in May. Scholarship applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they qualify.

Application Deadline: February 9, 2024

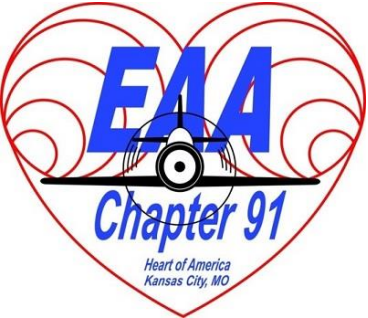
Submit your applications before the deadline to be considered for these exciting scholarship opportunities. It's not too early to begin the application process!

NOTE: *Our thanks to Jeanné Willerth for providing this information.*

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