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**Special points of interest:**

Our next gathering will be in Monday, January 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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**MOMENT OF TRUTH**

We know that competition brings out the best in all of us, but when it comes to having your top chili recipe judged, nerves can get edgy. Such was the case at our annual chili contest and dinner held at last month's gathering. Here, chief judge Theresa Schmitt prepares the contestants for the final word. The dinner guests did the actual voting, but Theresa had to announce the results. Knowing that not everyone can win made for some tense moments, but glance at Page 7 to see the results.

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# President's Corner

EAA Chapter 91 president Rob Schmitt

Happy New Year to all! I am looking forward to another awesome year both in our EAA chapter and in the greater Kansas City aviation community. During the winter, our flying hours seem to go down due to weather, temperatures and lack of sun. But it is certainly a good time to enjoy some social events like our pizza dinner this month and our awards banquet coming up in the next couple months.

We have applied for another Ray Scholarship in 2024. Applications can be submitted to Jim Brady at this time and are due by the end of February.

If you are looking for additional knowledge on flying in either VFR or IFR conditions, please seriously consider attending our IMC/VMC meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. I always seem to learn something new each time. Our team of Chris Hope and Matt Williams puts on exceptional programs each month and the meetings are well worth your time to sit in.

Upcoming Chapter 91 highlights include:

- The IMC/VMC Club (VMC) meeting on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- January gathering and Tim's Pizza night on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. If you haven't already signed up, please RSVP so we have a good idea how much pizza to buy. Please let us know what type you prefer. Cost will be \$10 per person. RSVP to either to me at [robert7721@aol.com](mailto:robert7721@aol.com) (816 309-0099) or Sandy Rice at [aaa91treasurer@outlook.com](mailto:aaa91treasurer@outlook.com)
- Our annual banquet will be held on Saturday, February 10, at 6 pm. The meal will be catered by Nadler's Catering. Cost will be \$20 per person. If you have not already signed up, please RSVP to either me at [robert7721@aol.com](mailto:robert7721@aol.com) (816 309-0099) or Sandy Rice at [aaa91treasurer@outlook.com](mailto:aaa91treasurer@outlook.com).



# EAA CHAPTER 91 GATHERING

## MINUTES

December 18, 2023

NOTE: Meeting conducted face-to-face.

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Griff Pickett. The Pilot's Prayer was conducted. The Chili Contest and Dinner was announced and conducted. Members were asked to pick up your ticket for voting from Sandy at the entry table and also sign up for Tim's Pizza night in January and Annual Banquet in February.
- II. Announcements (After Dinner). Ray Scholarship Update: Jim Brady introduced recent recipients of the Scholarship who were present and provided updates on the program for 2024. Hedrick Scholarship Update: Rob Schmitt introduced the two current recipients of the Hedrick Scholarships Charlie Licata and Layla Craston. Two more will be awarded in the Spring.
- III. Calendar: Date for next board meeting: Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm. IMC/VMC Club: Monday, January 8th, at 7 pm. January Gathering will also be Tim's Pizza night. 6 pm. January 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be \$10/person. Please RSVP at the entry table. February Gathering will be our annual Banquet on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Please RSVP cost will be \$20/person.
- IV. Chili Contest Winners. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place tie Charlie Wayne More and Larry Rhoads. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Brian Tepper, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Bill Dooley
- V. Presentations. Stephen Owen presented photos and information from his attendance at Oshkosh Air Academy summer of 2023.
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. Approximately 80 members were present.



Our next meeting of the VMC Club will be **Monday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m.**

Clear Day.. Cool Temps around 45 degrees.. Ahh the Zen.. very stable air!! Flying is Awesome!!!! Few clouds ahead.. no big.. I will just “pop on top” CRAP!!! Now no ground reference and clouds have built.. It is turbulent now.. Cant see Nothing... WHAT IS THAT!! .. you hear wind rushing around the fuselage.. Then... Silence...

VFR into IMC is real.. Please join us for a discussion on the topic!

**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. 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- Facilitator

# LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM



December's gathering was a very nice closeout for the year with our annual chili dinner and contest, accompanied by reports from some of our active younger members. MC Chris St. Germaine introduced our past Ray Scholar, home from college at the University of North Dakota's aviation program, Veronica Amburn. Also in attendance were Layla Cranston and Charlie Licata, Hedrick Scholarship winners.

Chris then introduced Logan Johansen (left photo above), our current Ray Scholarship winner, who explained he is ready to take his practical exam for his private pilot's license. Of course, the lack of examiners (DPE's) is the only thing preventing him from holding that ticket today. Logan briefly recapped his journey using the scholarship funds including his solo flight on August 10 and passing the written in October. He is crossing his fingers that his appointment to take the final exam in January will pan out. We are too, Logan.

Stephen Owens (middle and right photos) completed the program by telling us about his attendance at last summer's Air Academy in Oshkosh where he bunked in a room with three other guys. He agreed that the food was outstanding, but there was more that he liked as well. He described his ride in a Cessna 162 Skycatcher and how much he enjoyed seeing the AirVenture grounds from a helicopter. He also described some of the educational activities including making a wing rib, and how much fun he had sitting in a number of different aircraft, including a P-51D Mustang, a Fokker DR-1, and a DH 98 Mosquito. Using our technological magic, Stephen displayed accompanying photos to help us grasp the experience.

Stephen is a bit of an entrepreneur, making and selling various products to help finance his aviation-related dreams. You may recall that he was given an ultralight project, on which he is currently working, and has big dreams of becoming an A&P in the near future. Pretty good for a guy who's still in high school.

As always, the dinner meeting went well and everyone, including our honored guests, seemed to enjoy themselves. We are looking forward to hearing more success stories from these outstanding young people in the near future.

## **THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM**

We should probably have retitled this article, but habits are hard to change. The truth is, we will not be having a traditional program at this month's gathering because it is hard to top the taste of the delightful food from Tim's Pizza! Since we started holding Tim's Pizza night over the past few years, the turnout and positive comments have just kept coming, so we hope you will be able to join us for this fun event.

We will begin January's festivities an hour earlier than usual, 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15. There is a charge since we are paying Tim's Pizza for the grub, but it's only \$10 each. You may pay at the door, but please realize that we must pre-order based on anticipated attendance. That means we would really appreciate your contacting either Rob Schmitt [robert7721@aol.com](mailto:robert7721@aol.com) (816 309-0099) or Sandy Rice at [eea91treasurer@outlook.com](mailto:eea91treasurer@outlook.com). You are welcome to invite guests, so please let us know the total you plan to bring. Again, the price is a very reasonable \$10 each. Please do not wait until the last minute; we need to know the numbers as soon as possible. In exchange, you may also let us know of your pizza preferences. We will do our best to accommodate as many requests as we can. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to seeing you January 15.

## **CHAPTER TENANT MEETING PLANNED**

Rob Schmitt has announced a chapter tenant meeting to be held Saturday, January 13, at the Larry Young Eagle Hangar. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and is for those who currently rent chapter hangar space. You should receive a notice from Rob, but if you rent one of our hangars and have not heard anything within a reasonable time prior to that date, please contact him for clarification. You may reach Rob at [robert7721@aol.com](mailto:robert7721@aol.com) or by text or voice at 816 309-0099.

## **SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES**

Jim Brady is currently taking applications for the upcoming 2024 Ray Scholarship. While we have not yet been confirmed by headquarters, we are proceeding on a positive assumption. Please contact Jim ([brady13381@aol.com](mailto:brady13381@aol.com)) if you know of someone wanting to apply.

Rob Schmitt announced Hedrick scholar Patrick Flannigan earned his instrument rating, and Charlie Licata received his tailwheel endorsement. Great work, guys!

We plan to offer two more Hedrick scholarships for \$1,500 each in the spring, so be thinking of qualified candidates who should participate. This is a great opportunity to help supplement with some needed funds.

# HOT COMPETITION WARMS UP CHILI CONTEST



Chapter 91's annual chili contest drew a broad spectrum of entries again this year. As dictated by tradition, members brave enough to sample the dishes voted their preferences. The result was Bill Dooley (right), first place; Brian Tepper (center), second place; and a third-place tie between Larry Rhoads (far left) and Charley Wayne Moore (center left). Congratulations to all who participated, and especially to our winners.

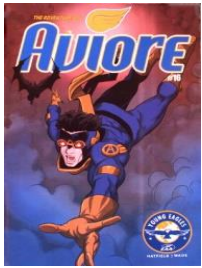
## VIEWS FROM THE CHILLI DINNER



# HOW TO VIEW THE UPCOMING ECLIPSE

Did you know another eclipse of the sun is on the calendar? If not, don't feel like the Lone Ranger; I didn't either. Griff Pickett explained that Monday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m., the eclipse can be seen best from the St. Louis area. He said that Mount Vernon Outland airport in Mount Vernon, Illinois, the venue for the Midwest LSA Expo, is offering free admission, parking, and camping, and even free shuttle service from local hotels for any aviators who would like to view the nearly four minutes of Mother Nature's best. There will even be food and fuel discounts courtesy of the Bonnie Café and SRT Aviation. You can google "solar eclipse April 8" to see the path curving from Maine through central Texas. You may also check out <https://www.mtvernonairport.com/> for airport details.

## CAN YOU SPARE AN AVIORE?



A recent edition of *Sport Aviation* magazine contained another issue of *Aviore*. If you would please bring it with you to an upcoming chapter event. As you probably know, we offer them to our Young Eagles kids who seem to enjoy them. With your help, we will continue this tradition when we start back up in April. We promise to tell Santa you helped.

## PHIL SCHMIDT DONATES ANOTHER MASTERPIECE



Chapter 91 is truly blessed with some highly talented people. One of those is accomplished aviation artist Phil Schmidt. Phil makes a living and hones his craft by accepting commissions for custom paintings of aircraft and sailboats. Not only is he inordinately talented, he's also generous. Last year, Phil contributed a painting to the chapter which we raffled off to help raise funds. And he's continued his generosity again this year by giving VP Chris St. Germain another one to be used for a similar purpose. The presentation was made at our November gathering, and the response was enthusiastic. This contribution is a gorgeous P-51 Mustang, already framed, and ready to hang in some lucky bidder's choice spot. We expect the painting to be raffled at our annual banquet in February. We are sincerely grateful to Phil for this most gracious donation.



# ANNUAL BANQUET SCHEDULED

February 10 will be here before you know it. That is the Saturday of our annual banquet and awards program. It is easy to remember because that's just one day prior to Super Bowl LVIII. Yes, we worked very hard to make sure the NFL scheduled that game right after our banquet. It just goes to show the kind of oomph we have.

But back to the banquet. We will be talking more about the details at our upcoming chapter gathering on Monday, January 15, so please plan to attend. This event will once again be catered by our friends at Nadler's Catering. They have earned our support and affection for the past three or four years because their food is quite good, the service is excellent, and the price is more than reasonable at just \$20 each. Please bring your favorite other, and remember to BYOB.

Since catering requires a headcount, please contact Rob Schmitt by email at [robert7721@aol.com](mailto:robert7721@aol.com) (816 309-0099) or Sandy Rice at [aaa91treasurer@outlook.com](mailto:aaa91treasurer@outlook.com)

We would really appreciate your information as soon as possible so we can pass along the information to the caterers. Payment can be done via check or credit card and you can even pay at the door if you'd like. But we would encourage you to make your reservations now if you have not done so already. Please come join us on February 10.

## NO POTLUCK THIS MONTH

It almost seems like the chapter grazes from November through February. Well, so be it. But because our next two gatherings are centered on food, we want to remind you we will not be holding our monthly potluck dinners again this month or next. But once our Tim's Pizza night on January 15 and the annual banquet on February 10 are over, we plan to return to these popular events. Stay tuned.

## TIME TO RENEW

It's time to renew our membership in Chapter 91 for 2024. Remember that our dues increased to \$36 so please remember that when you reapply. You'll find the application on Page 12 of this newsletter. You may pay your dues online through our website ([eaachapter91.org](http://eaachapter91.org)) using PayPal if you'd like, or the usual methods, whichever you prefer. If you could get your renewal back to us this month, we would really appreciate it. By the way, remember that prorated dues are only applicable for the first year of membership. Thanks for your help.

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# Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 22

## *An online opportunity to learn about building your own aircraft*

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26<sup>th</sup>, to talk about EAA’s Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to sign up.

 <b>Homebuilders Week Schedule</b> <b>January 22 - 26, 2024</b>					
To sign up: <a href="http://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek">EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek</a>					
Time CST	Monday 1/22/24	Tuesday 1/23/24	Wednesday 1/24/24	Thursday 1/25/24	Friday 1/26/24
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know Charlie Becker	Composite Construction Basics Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Certification Process Joe Norris	Lies, Darned Lies, and Homebuilt Accident Statistics Ron Wanttaja	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman
1:00-2:15	Wiring Basics Dick Koehler	The Nuts and Bolts of Nuts and Bolts Kerry Forss	Building on the Cheap Ron Wanttaja	Lycoming Engine Installation Dave Prizio	Working With Wood 101 John Egan
2:30-3:45	Welding Basics: Gas & TIG Charlie Becker & Tracy Buttle	Fabric Covering Basics Nate Hammond	Buying a Used RV Aircraft Vic Syracuse	Sonex Aircraft and AeroConversions Products Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	Sheet Metal Basics Jim Scott	Factory-Built to Homebuilt: What's the Difference? Tom Carpenter	Advanced Flight Systems Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions Brad Brensing	Scratchbuilding From Plans: 90% Done and 90% to Go! Marty Feehan
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics Michael Schofield	Flight Testing 101 Paul Dye	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts Steve Boser	Latex Paint: A Low-Cost Alternative Malcolm Morrison
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation Phil Lockwood	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Engine Break-In Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors Vic Syracuse

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# 2024 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## EAA CHAPTER 91 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2024

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### **How to Apply**

To apply for any of our AOPA Foundation scholarships, please visit [aopa.org/scholarships](https://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**

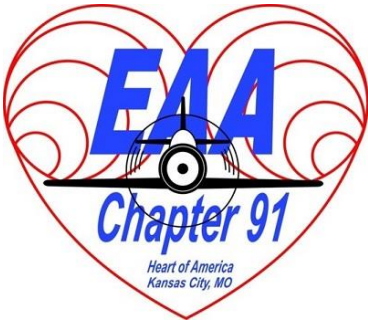
Submit your applications before the deadline to be considered for these exciting scholarship opportunities. It's not too early to begin the application process!

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

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**EAA CHAPTER 91**  
**December 10, 2023**



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