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**DREAMS**

**Do you remember before you were a pilot and how often you gazed up when an airplane buzzed over? Then you know how it feels to dream. We have found many people would like to know how to get started in flying but don't understand how to proceed. That's why EAA's Flying Start program exists, and it's coming to Chapter 91 in a very few weeks. Flying Start helps answer many of those questions, and introduces deserving people to their dreams. Find out more on Pages 10 & 11 in this issue.**

**Special points of interest:**

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

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# President's Corner

EAA Chapter 91 president Rob Schmitt

It was awesome to see our Young Eagles Program get off to a successful re-start in April! It was uncertain if the weather would cooperate, but in the end, we managed to fly over 40 kids and enjoyed some great pancakes.

The April potluck social was fun as well, many thanks to all who attended. For the next potluck on May 19th, we plan to have an Italian night theme. This means the chapter will be providing spaghetti with optional meatball sauce. Chapter members are asked to bring salad, bread, desert, or their own favorite Italian dish.

The May Young Eagles event will be on 20 May. Chris St. Germain has re-reported that the event once again filled quickly with 76 youth registered to fly on Saturday.

Also coming up in May will be our Flying Start program on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Matt your support.

The Ray Scholarship program will be conducting interviews of its applicants soon. The Hedrick Scholarship programs awarded scholarships to Grace Reber and Patrick Flanigan this past month. Congratulations to both Grace and Patrick! We plan to award two more Hedrick Scholarships in the Fall. 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 May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- May Gathering Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Presenter Kyle White on Missouri aviation insurance information.
- Hangar setup and potluck social Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Young Eagles flight and pancake breakfast. May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30-12 noon.
- Flying Start program May 21<sup>st</sup>. 7:00 – 12 noon.



# EAA CHAPTER 91 GATHERING

## MINUTES

April 17, 2023

NOTE: Meeting conducted as a “hybrid meeting” - both online using GoToMeeting and face-to-face.

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Robb Schmitt at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was led by Dennis Bordner.
- II. Announcements: President Rob Schmitt thanked all of those who worked on the hanger cleanup and informed the chapter of our Gold Status award for 2022. March’s gathering minutes were approved as published in the newsletter with a motion by Wayne Moore and a second by Griff Pickett. The motion passed. It was reported that the Young Eagles breakfast was profitable! Chris St. Germain reported that for the Young Eagles event 70 kids had registered quickly with 20 cancellations, but they were quickly replaced. May 19<sup>th</sup>, the evening before the Young Eagles event, there will be a chapter potluck so please bring a side dish or dessert!
- III. Old Business: Phil Ishmael has brought all the security cameras in and is looking for one more person to help him install them. Tom Licata reported that he and another individual were working on fixes to stop the leaks in Hanger L. Jim Brady informed the chapter that he has received 1 application for the Ray Scholarship and is still accepting more. Rob Schmitt has received two applications so far for the Hendrick Scholarship and acceptance will be closing soon. Workshops can be made available to learn building skills. Instructors include Mike Dooley, Rob Schmitt, and others. If you need help, reach out and the chapter can help point you to a resident expert. For \$10 or \$15 dollars you could be the proud new owner of a Chapter 91 cap! This year’s AirVenture camping spots for the chapter are now full. The flying Start program is coming up on May 21st. Please support Matt Williams at this event, so if you know an adult who is interested in learning to fly, please encourage them to attend.
- IV. New Business: None!
- V. Upcoming Calendar Events: Board meeting: Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm. IMC/VMC Club: Monday, May 8th at 7 pm. In-person only. Chapter Gathering: Monday May 15th, 7 pm. Guest Speaker presentation - Kyle White and a colleague discussing aviation insurance. Potluck dinner social: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm. Young Eagles and pancake breakfast: May 20<sup>th</sup>. Flying Start program: May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- VI. Wants and Needs:
  - Mike Dooley has an RV-8 for sale.
  - Chris Hope has a stabilizer device for a trailer for sale.
  - Phil Schmidt needs a steel cabinet.
- VII. Other: Fred Schieszer announced the next Missouri Pilots meeting is on April 20<sup>th</sup>. David Van Horn thanked the chapter for the use of the facility by the Civil Air Patrol for their annual banquet.
- VIII. Presentation. Jeff Penfield, R Adm. USN Retired – Lees Summit Airport Update.
- IX. Adjournment



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

Life is good... I am on top of the clouds and it is clear blue.. I am looking down at a Sea of white Puffy Clouds. George and his Pink Line are working beautifully and the F18 Fighter Icon I have on my Foreflight is right where it should be...

WAIT.... GEORGE! WHERE ARE YOU??? WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FORFLIGHT AND THAT FABULOUS FIGHTER ICON??

Well. I have no GPS and no foreflight.... What now? My planned route had me doing an LPV into my destination... where am I?? Oh crap.... What now??

Please join me in a discussion regarding this Topic. It is one that may save your Life!

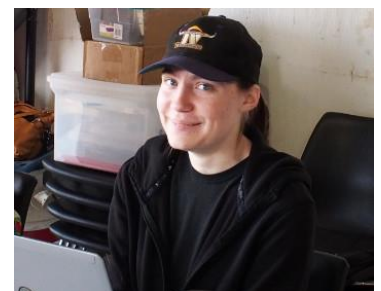
**We meet at the Chapter 91 EAA hangar** at Lee's Summit Airport. Driving directions - take I-470 to Exit 9, Douglas Drive / Lee's Summit Drive, and turn north. At the bottom of the hill, turn right and follow the road to the end. The Larry Young Eagle hangar is on the west side of the parking lot next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



# APRIL'S YOUNG EAGLES



# LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM



As long term inhabitants of KLXT, members of Chapter 91 like to know what's going on at the airport. It's encouraging to know that our little airport is growing and attracting lots of flying activity when others are losing ground and even closing. But all that stuff can be a bit less than stimulating as a program at a meeting. So the enthusiasm level wasn't as high as for, say, someone telling us about flying F-18s.

Then Jeff Penfield showed up. Jeff instantly captivated the group with his strong but pleasant personality, Jeff grew up in an air force family but did not plan to follow his father in a military career. But aviation was clearly in his sights. He had earned his private ticket at age 18, and went on to receive a degree in aviation management from Wichita State. Then a navy recruiter showed up and everything changed. Jeff went on to become a test pilot for the Super Hornets. Later, he became more involved with the business and administration side of the navy rather than the combat aspect, though he was able to fly many naval aircraft and visit a number of carriers. His unanticipated military career was quite successful, ending in 2016 after some 34 years of service. Jeff left active duty as a rear admiral. Not too shabby for unintended consequences.

Family connections brought him back to the area where he became involved with a large corporation which interfaced with the military, but wasn't satisfied with the work. He later went on to work with some non-profits that supported veterans, such as Camp Valor in Kingsville, MO. When he spotted the help-wanted ad for Lee's Summit Municipal Airport, he boned up on the business plan, and found this was something he wanted to pursue.

Wisely, the airport hired him, where he became the assistant airport manager. (Not the "assistant to the airport manager" as originally posted. I'll take the blame for that since it was my misunderstanding. Sorry, Jeff.) From all appearances, it looks like Jeff Penfield and the Lee's Summit airport are going to be a great fit. We look forward to working with Jeff and having him speak with us again.

# THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

If you own an airplane, or are considering getting one, insurance is an important and necessary topic. Missouri owners have had even more grief lately with the laws governing how policies are worded and issued, forcing a number of carriers to leave the state. At last count, there were only two companies willing to cover aircraft, and that reduction in competition has some obvious effects.

But even if you are not directly affected by Missouri's legal issues, aviation insurance is still a big deal. These companies can have the effect of dictating how you get to lead your life, and you're still required to pay for it. So all in all, this topic carries a lot of concern – even angst – for aviators no matter where they live.

Luckily, Chapter 91 has an in-house specialist who has offered to talk with us about the various ins and outs of aviation insurance. Kyle White, with Marsh McLennan Agency, has been in the industry for many years, and has a tremendous depth of knowledge he's willing to share with us. Plus Kyle will also bring along Tom Boland, a senior vice president for Global Aerospace which handles insurance for experimental aircraft. These gentlemen will host our next chapter program on Monday, May 20 starting at 7 p.m. Between the two of them, we should be able to get a pretty good handle on aviation insurance, how it works, and how it interfaces with us.

As has become common, you may attend either in person or via our online GoToMeeting program. Rob will open those lines shortly before 7 if you plan to join us using that program. You may dial in over a regular telephone (for audio only) or login from your PC or other smart device to add the video portion. We will provide the links a day or two before the gathering as usual, so watch your email for that.

Now that winter has disappeared (thank goodness!) it's time to exit the house and join your friends at the airport. Chapter 91 is an outstanding group of likeminded people who clearly want you to join them when you can. Consequently, we truly hope you'll join us for this gathering. See you then!

## THE SCHOLARSHIP SCENE

Jim Brady and Griff Picket report they are currently accepting applications for the next Ray Scholarship. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 19 (15 for gliders), and must have earned their license before their 21st birthday. For powered flight, applicants must hold a valid student pilot certificate and FAA class III medical. The scholarship is a whopping \$11,000 for the lucky winners, which was designed to help them earn that private ticket. Jim and Griff have a couple of applications in hand already and have been promised a few more, so the competition is heating up. If you know anyone who would like to compete for this impressive scholarship, contact Jim, Griff, or any officer or board member.

On the local front, Rob Schmitt announced he has recently awarded two \$1,500 Hedrick Scholarships. This is the chapter's private program and is not affiliated with the national Ray Scholarship. We give out two awards in the spring and two more in the fall. This time Patrick Flannigan was awarded another scholarship, and newcomer Grace Reber won the other. Patrick is plowing through his advanced ratings program, and Grace has already logged a very good start for her private. She hopes to continue training at ATD in spite of the recent storm damage. Grace, like Patrick, plans to earn advanced ratings and is preparing to enter the aviation field professionally. Congratulations to both Patrick and Grace.

## POTLUCK SOCIAL FOR MAY

On Friday evening, May 19, to celebrate the removal of several aircraft from the Larry Young Eagle Hangar in preparation for Saturday's Young Eagles rally and pancake breakfast, you are invited to join other chapter members and their families for our monthly potluck cookout. This month's event will be an Italian night meaning spaghetti and meat sauce(s) will be provided; you bring something Italian to share with everyone else. You know, like tiramisu, lasagna, osso buco – simple stuff – anything that's *easy* to make and bring along. The serving line will form at 6, so the sooner you arrive, the closer to the front you can be. We Hope to see you.



# **THE GRINCH WHO STOLE THE NFL AIRPLANES**

Recently, Kansas City hosted the NFL draft at the city's historic Union Station. With expectations very high for incoming private jets representing the various teams, KLXT geared up to shoulder a significant part of that traffic. Airport staff and Lee's Summit city employees were pressed into service, and Chapter 91 was asked to provide volunteers for what was projected to be a major onslaught of the airport's resources. Well, the word went out and as expected, great numbers of you offered your services for free. Then we waited. And waited. And waited. What had promised to be a major influx of traffic, fizzled to only one jet. While we don't have the final analysis as to why Lee's Summit wasn't overrun, educated speculation focuses on a possible misunderstanding of our proximity to the draft venue, or a possible insurance-mandated ruling that required a specific level of crash-and-fire control availability. Nobody really knows for sure, but that's life. The airport extended its sincere thanks to all Chapter 91 members who offered their help. As always, you did great! Hey, there's always next time.

## **YOUNG EAGLES SCHEDULED**

Our Young Eagles season for 2023 has begun and it's proving to be just as popular as it always has. The kids and their parents are still coming to enjoy the experience of flight, many for the first time. As in the past, we plan to host Young Eagles flights and their associated pancake breakfasts on the third Saturday of each month, April through October – with a brief pause in August to accommodate this year's Kansas City Garmin Air Show at New Century Airport.

Our next Young Eagles event will be on Saturday, May 20. Our delicious pancake breakfast with eggs, bacon or sausage, and even Mike's outstanding biscuits and gravy, will be served from 7:30 until 11, with flights taking off from 8 until 11. Our award winning Young Eagles Coordinator Chris St. Germain recently reported he has a full slate of kids planning to show up, so it looks like we can count on a typical busy day. If you can join us, we'd love to have you.

## MORE ABOUT FLYING START

EAA's Flying Start program brings interested adults together to learn more about getting into aviation. Since they're too old for Young Eagles, Flying Start helps fill in the gap. Our past participation has been very good, and we anticipate this year's event will be successful.

Matt Williams will host our next Flying Start program on Sunday, May 21. Participants will be given airplane orientation rides, so he'll need some pilots. Then the general meeting will explain all the details. In addition, several local FBOs, flight schools, and suppliers will be available onsite to answer questions. If you have significant contact within any of these organizations, please let Matt know.

Matt plans to attend our next gathering on May 15, so you can talk with him at that time. Or if you prefer, contact him at 816 405-4705. Either way, we hope you'll join us for this monthly meeting to learn more.

## FOR SALE

For Sale: Circa 2018 Aeromarine Merlin kit. Asking \$37,500. This is a partially completed kit on its gear which includes instruments and a 0-time 65 hp HKS engine. The kit has been issued an N-number. The new-kit price is \$45,000 and there is a 12 month waiting list for new builders. This particular kit is located in St. Louis, so it's close and is available right now. Website for builder support is <https://www.aeromarine-lsa.com>

For more info contact friend of the builder Bruce Luedeman at 816 353-6826.

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 Flying Start

# GIRLVENTURE FEATURED AT OSH

Jeanné Willerth sent this little known information for everyone to see. Since we have a growing number of young women involved with the chapter, it's quite timely. If this looks interesting to you or someone you know, please be sure to make the information available. Note the deadline is coming quickly. Thanks, Jeanné.

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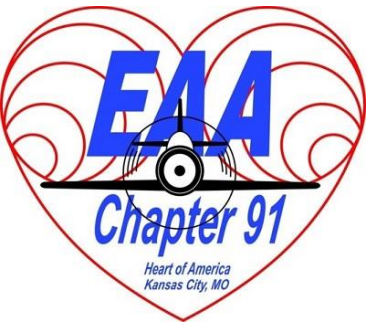
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