

EAA Chapter 25

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## “Flight Lines”

- from Craig Nelson  
EAA Chapter 25 President

This is my last “Flight Lines” column as I prepare to end my service as President with the closing of the year. It has been an honor to serve this membership and an enjoyable experience. As I reflect back on the past two years there are a few activities that the Chapter experienced that I think are particularly noteworthy.

\* 60th Year Anniversary Celebration – What a great party. Having Bert Sisler, our founding President, able to join us for the celebration was wonderful!

\* Flying 475 Young Eagles in 2015, the most of any chapter in Minnesota – Kris Olson accepted an award from the Minnesota Pilots Association at the Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering (GMAG) this past April honoring our Young Eagles program for this accomplishment.

\* Representation at the GMAG - We participated in the event by manning an EAA booth that helped spread the word about EAA and Chapter 25 to the local aviation community. We also held a

summit for Minnesota Chapter Leaders to encourage sharing of information between chapters on best practices for having successful organizations.

\* Establishment of the Chapter 25 Scholarship Fund - We changed direction on funding our scholarship initiatives by establishing this fund and eliminating the annual raffle. We are on track to provide \$3000 in scholarship money (\$6000 when combined with our scholarship partners) to deserving students pursuing aviation related careers.

\* Receiving special scholarship donations totally \$13,400 – Chapter member Steve Wozniak donated \$10,000 from the sale of his Challenger aircraft which we helped him sell. We received \$3400, which was the remaining cash assets of a chapter in Faribault that closed about 15 years ago. We are researching investing in matching scholarship endowments at aviation schools for possible use of these funds.

I feel it has been a good run and I’m happy with the state of the Chapter as I hand it off to the new leadership team. Of course, it is you, the membership that really made these things happen. Thank you to the officers that served with me, and all of you for your support over the past two years.

After persistent effort from the Officer Search Committee to identify officer candidates for next year, I am happy to announce the following candidates who are running for the indicated positions:

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# Young Eagles Update

By Kris Olson

We cancelled our October 15<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles event due to weather, low clouds and wind. We also cancelled a special Young Eagles rides event on October 29<sup>th</sup>, due to low clouds and rain. We had kids signed up. A small group of the high school kids came out to the airport and looked at some planes and got some information from us. They plan to reschedule and bring a group out.

Our next Young Eagles rides is Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. We have some groups signed up. Let me know if you are interested in helping fly kids or helping with group crew. We can use help with registration and ground school also.

Thank you everyone for helping with our Young Eagles program this year. The parents and the kids appreciate it.

Our Chapter has some EAA Young Eagles credits left to use this year for scholarships to EAA Air Academy summer camp in Oshkosh. They can be used towards the 2017 summer camp. Parents can see if any of the 2017 dates for the camps work for their child. See the September Chapter 25 newsletter for the camp information and dates or go online and search EAA Air Academy camp. The ages for camp are 12 to 18. Apply for camp by the end of December or as soon as possible and let me or a Chapter officer know that you are interested in a scholarship.



**Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

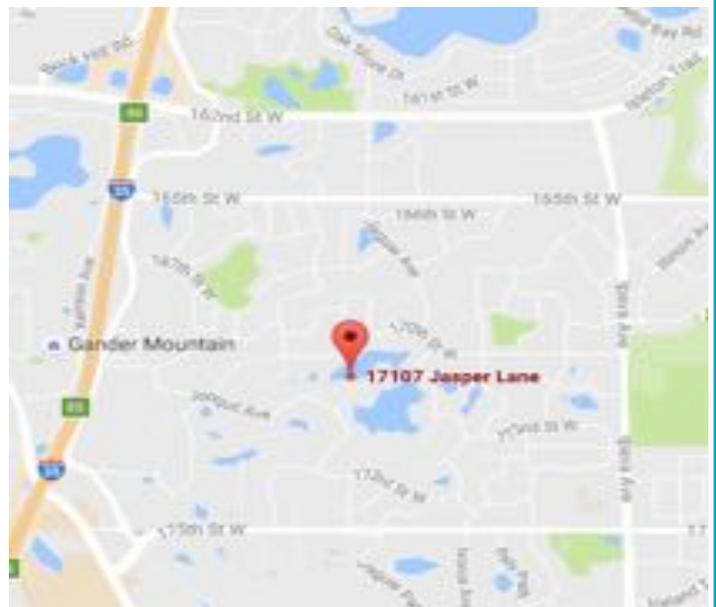
**3 to 7pm**

**Where: Jim & Shirley Fischer home  
17107 Jasper Lane  
Lakeville, Mn.**

## EAA Ch. 25 Minutes of the October 19, 2016 Chapter Meeting

Our Chapter meeting on October 19 was a road trip to tour the Flying Cloud Airport (KFCM) Tower and Maintenance Equipment used by MAC on the field. The group also toured the Wings of the North Museum located at the southeast corner of the airport. The Wings of the North Museum currently houses three award winning aircraft, a P-51D Mustang named Sierra Sue II that saw action in Europe during World War II, an AT-6 Texan and a Boeing N2S-1 Stearman that was used for training at the MSP Naval Air Station during WW II and was flown by future President George Herbert Walker Bush. The Museum also features aircraft engines, an ejection seat, a WW II Jeep built by Ford, a library of aviation and military books and videos and other displays. Members met at the Lion's Tap at 6:00 pm for a burger and beverage prior to the tours. It was an enjoyable evening.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Kim V. Johnson, Secretary and  
Membership Coordinator**



## The Saga of an Airpark Home (Part 2)

by: Patrick Hoyt

Guest Columnist - Patrick Hoyt

Preparing for the Adventure!



Having bought the land, we started meeting with some of the local contracting companies. Frankly, we were not impressed with any of them. We then followed up on the tip we'd gotten from one of the locals (recall from last month's issue of On Final our story about the woman we'd met in a bar) who had mentioned the name of a construction company that does "really nice custom work". We looked them up, met with them, and visited some of their homes that were under construction. We liked what we saw.

It is not the beauty of a building you should look at; it's the construction of the foundation that will stand the test of time. David Allan Coe



We looked at some model homes, found one that we liked, and used its design as a starting point, which we modified to suit our desires. We started working out the details of what exactly it was that we wanted in a home. Start with one nice house, add an office, make the garage bigger, add a nice workshop, add a big hangar, some brick here, some stone there, maybe even a turret and a moat with a drawbridge...

Based on cost estimates provided by the builder, we arranged for financing. All the various approvals were obtained, and everything seemed all set to go.

Then the final estimate was tallied - and it was considerably higher than what the builder had originally thought. Some last-minute modifications were required in order to trim the cost down until it met our budget. Sadly, I wasn't going to get that moat that I've always wanted. But we got most of what we wanted, so we signed the docs. Everything was all set to go!

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# Flight Lines

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- \* Mike York – President
- \* Jim Fischer – Vice President
- \* Gordon Duke – Treasurer (incumbent)
- \* Ned Lebens – Secretary

This is a very capable and talented slate of candidates. Chapter 25 is fortunate that this team is willing to take the helm and lead the chapter. I am very confident they will do a wonderful job. We will vote at our November meeting to officially install them as the officers for 2017.

Our annual Chapter Scholarship Fund campaign is making good progress. We have collected \$2676 toward our goal of \$3000 (89%). Thank you to those that have made a donation. To those that have not, please consider helping us raise the additional \$324 before the end of the year. All we need is 7 additional members to donate \$50 each to hit our target. Remember your contribution is tax deductible. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please send your check to Mamie Singleton, PO Box 17093, St. Paul, MN 55117.

Ho, Ho, Ho! The details have been finalized for our holiday party on Sunday, December 4. Jim and Shirley Fischer will host the party at their home in Lakeville. The event will run from 3-7 pm. The Fischer's will supply the food but you should BYOB. See the holiday party information later in this newsletter for the Fischer's address.

Our November meeting will be held at the BSAEC (chapter hangar) at Airlake Airport in Lakeville. Our speaker will be former chapter member Paul Randall who is now a dealer for Pipistrel Aircraft. Paul will talk about Electric & Hybrid Electric propulsion for aircraft. This should be an interesting talk about a rapidly developing area of general aviation. Since we are having a Christmas Party, we will follow our normal tradition and will not have a chapter meeting during the busy last half of December.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a joyous and safe holiday season. Thank you for being a part of our aviation family. Peace and happiness to you and your loved ones.

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## The Saga of an Airpark Home

(from page 3)



Then we waited... And waited....

One day, one of our future neighbors sent us a text message. It was a picture of a bulldozer on a flatbed trailer, with the cryptic message of "Looks like some activity". Cool!

In short order the lot was bulldozed and leveled, wooden formers were put down defining the perimeter of where the house would be, and over a hundred holes for piers were drilled. Curious about how deep those piers went, I dropped a pebble into one of the holes. It seemed "spooky-deep" and we were careful to not let the dog fall in (we later found out they went down 20 feet). The ground upon which

the concrete slab would be poured was shaped as required, plastic vapor barrier emplaced, rebar laid out, and concrete was poured into the pier holes.

At this point we were now in line for the big job of getting the slab poured. This was going to be a major affair. The "Big Pour" was scheduled with a local concrete company.

As the big day approached, the concrete companies Pump Truck broke down. Ugh. More waiting....



(to be continued...)

### Upcoming Ch. 25 Events –Put these dates on your calendars!

11/16 – Chapter Meeting – Paul Randall will talk about Electric and Hybrid Electric propulsion for aircraft.

11/19 – Young Eagles Event

12/4 – Holiday Party Jim & Shirley will host.

### Final Approach Trivia Quiz By John Schmidt

True or False:

The person considered to be the first US casualty of WWII met his end at Pearl Harbor, and was a pilot.

( answer on page 6)

**Stuff for Sale/Wanted**

**"Wanted:** a partner in the building of a Murphy Rebel. This is a High wing, all metal plane with a gross weight capacity of 1650 lb. I can be contacted at 952-8884380 or [rrhoyt@ieee.org](mailto:rrhoyt@ieee.org)."  
Ron

**Free to Chapter 25** Homebuilder: Welding equipment including acetylene and oxygen tanks due for renewal at end of August, stand and piping, numerous welding tips and torch, plus oxygen-only cutting torch. Contact Bert Sisler, phone listed on chapter roster.

**For Rent:** Hanger for rent at Flying Cloud beginning December 1st, south facing electric door, cement block building. Please contact Mark Kolesar; [kolesar.mark@gmail.com](mailto:kolesar.mark@gmail.com), [763.656.8374](tel:763.656.8374). Mark Kolesar,

**Wanted:** Your dusty old VFR instruments for my Pietenpol project. Please contact Ned Lebens 952-567-3329 or [nlebens@gmail.com](mailto:nlebens@gmail.com)

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Trivia Quiz answer ( from page 5)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert\\_M.\\_Losey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_M._Losey)  
<http://www.standardnews.com/world-war-2-facts/1>

**False.** He was a pilot, but his death occurred more than a year BEFORE Pearl Harbor.

Robert M. Losey, was killed on April 21, 1940 during a German aerial bombardment in Norway. He had been attempting to complete the evacuation of the American diplomatic legation from Norway to Sweden. Seeking out the Americans, Losey and the chauffeur passed through Dombås, a strategic railway intersection, just as a German Luftwaffe bombing began. The two sought refuge in a railway tunnel with others, but once in the tunnel Losey stood where he could observe the bombing. After a bomb fell near the entrance to the tunnel, a fragment of it pierced Losey's heart, killing him. In addition to Losey, five Norwegians were killed by the bomb, and 18 wounded. Several days later, Luftwaffe commander Hermann Göring sent to Major General Hap Arnold a message of regret regarding Losey's death.

After graduating among the first 100 members of the West Point Class of 1929, he transferred to the Air Corps, receiving his wings on October 11, 1930. Losey earned two master's degrees from the California Institute of Technology, while serving as a meteorologist in California. Professors described him as 'perhaps the most brilliant student' who ever attended the school.

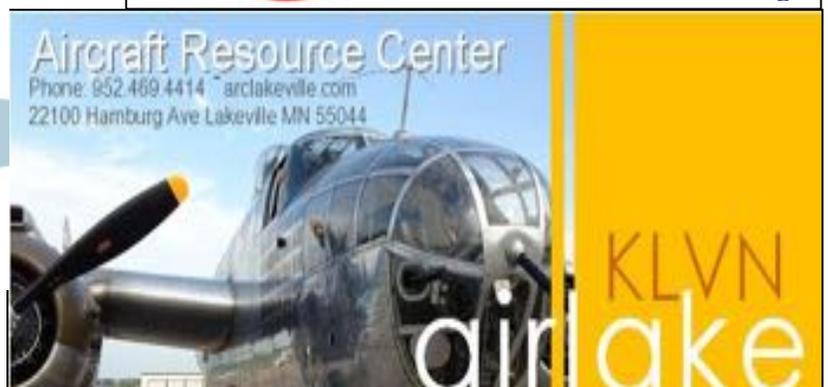
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Dale Johnson's Birthday Party  
From: Kelsie Johnson

**Thank you,** again so much for coming to my Grandpas party. It meant so much to my family and I and we were so happy to have all of his friends there.

Oh gosh, where do I begin on memories? Since he had such amazing wood working skills he used to come into my daycare with my grandma and help all my friends and I build birdhouses. I used to get so excited to go out to Stanton with him and my grandma for the day and while grandpa was flying I also got ice cream out of the old ice cream machine. I will never forget my first time flying with him. It was a little nerve-racking at first but once we were let go from the tow plane and just up there flying it was much better. He thought me all about the gadgets in the glider. I can't wait to have him bring my daughter up, I think that will be next summers adventure.



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 — Neil Armstrong

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There is no sport equal to that which aviators enjoy while being carried through the air on great white wings.  
 — Wilbur Wright, 1905.

## Chapter 25 members,

For sometime, we have talked about having a tool crib at the hangar, for our members benefit. The chapter's banking accounts are doing pretty good, so we thought we could spend a few dollars to buy a few items. I've heard from some members, and they have told me the things they would like to see in the crib. Things like a spark plug cleaner/tester, good scales, compression tester, etc...

When I mention this to members, a few say, "Oh, I have some...that I can donate" so the board got talking and before we buy anything, we would like our members to let us know what they are willing to donate. If you have an item that you are willing to donate, please send me an email and let me know what it is and what shape is it in.

We will probably build a crib under the stairwell at the hangar.

The whole idea of the tool crib is to make available to members, who are building or working on their airplane, some items that would make their work easier, without them having to go out and purchase a relatively expensive item.

We have a fantastic chapter and this is one way for our members to benefit from their membership. You pay dues, attend meetings, donate to the scholarship fund, so why not receive a nice perk in exchange for your participation.

Let me know what you have to donate.

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