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“Flight Lines”

- from Mike York
EAA Chapter 25 President



We have had two chapter members pass on in the last few months. Ross Azevedo and Ed Fischer. Ross joined the chapter in 2014 and was actively involved with the chapter. Ed was a long-time member joining our chapter in 1964. The chapter has increased its scholarship contribution by \$100 each in both Ross and Ed's names, in memory of them. Both Ross and Ed will be sorely missed.

The chapter board of directors gathered recently to discuss chapter business.

As a result, the board has decided to change the hangar rent payment policy to streamline processing of payment and collections. Rent payments will be a minimum of 3 months in advance or monthly direct deposit.

EAA headquarters has issued guidance with regard to chapter gatherings related to the corona virus. We have been directed to follow state guidance regarding large gatherings. We are postponing our March chapter meeting. I really hate to do it, but in the interest of safety and health of our membership, it's the right thing to do. I had a presenter scheduled for our March meeting and will try to have them come out to present in the future.

Stay safe and follow the CDC and state guidelines.

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Young Eagles Update
by Kris Olson

We cancelled our February 15th Young Eagles rides event. We did not have pilots available to fly and no kids were signed up.

We were hoping to do our monthly Young Eagles rides on March 21st, but with the precautions with the Coronavirus, we are cancelling our event.

EAA Chapter 25 has scholarship money towards EAA Air Academy camp. Apply to attend camp and contact Kris Olson by May 1st.

EAA has the dates out for the EAA Air Academy 2020 summer camps. The 12 and 13 year old camp has openings for Session 1 and Session 2, which are in June. The 14 and 15 year old camp Session 1 and Session 2 are at capacity and have waitlists. The 16, 17, and 18 year old camp Session 1 and Session 2 are at capacity and have waitlists.

See <https://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/eaaviation-and-flight-summer-camps/eaair-academy> for more information on the camps. Email airacademy@eaa.org to be added to the waitlist.

EAA Chapter 25 February 19, 2020 Meeting Notes
by Jim Fischer

The meeting was called to start by President Mike York at 7:00pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for those that died serving our country, the meeting continued with the following items.

1. Reminder that Chapter 25 dues were due in January and if not paid a request to pay the dues of \$25.00.
2. Welcome new guests, Matt Reed, Bob Powel and Andy Johnson.
3. Kris Olson reviewed the Young Eagles activity. The December Young Eagles flew only three kids. The January event was canceled due to weather. The February event was cancelled because pilots were not available. The Minnesota Drone day will be May 2, 2020 in Long Lake at 12:30pm.
4. Chapter 25 was recognized by EAA as a "Silver" statues among other chapters. Well done to our membership to achieve this level.
5. Welcome our new chapter treasure, Richard Hedeem who is replacing Gordon Duke. Gordon did an excellent job and we thanked him for his work. Richard is starting off with a seamless and continuous duty that we needed as a chapter.

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6. Jim Fischer kicked off the chapters 2020 Scholarship Fund drive to raise \$3,750.00 to meet the scholarships we offer each year.

7. Jim Fischer reminded the membership that chapter member Ed Fischer was recently awarded by the FAA the "Wright Brothers Master Pilot" award. He flew over 60 years and had over 30,000 hours.

8. Chapter member Gene Poole displayed a model of a turbofan jet engine he and his students made from a 3-D printer. This project took two weeks to print the parts and then was assembled. Very nice.

9. A reminder that EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI was only 151 days away.

10. Chapter member Dave Retka who is spearheading the movement to save Isle Airport in Isle, Minnesota. The city needs to vote to enforce a requirement to cut some trees on the south end of the airport runway. He wants members to send letters to the city to save this grass airport which has been around since 1954. The letters need to be sent by March 4th. AOPA has a town hall meeting on March 4th. On March 10, 2020 the city council has a meeting on the status of the airport. Then on April 14, 2020 at 6:30 they vote on the status of the airport and to enforce the easement on the south end of the runway. If the airport is saved, the state will take over on maintaining the airport.

11. Chapter members went to Jerry Schiroo's home to review the Zenith 701 build after the meeting.

EAA Chapter 25 Awards Banquet

We have made plans for the Chapter 25 Awards Banquet. It will be Sunday, October 4th, 2020 at 5 pm at Crystal Lake Golf Club and Banquet Facility, 16725 Innsbrook Drive, Lakeville, MN 55044. We will have dinner and a speaker. The speaker is Gary Powers. His presentation is called Spy Pilot, Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 Incident, and a Controversial Cold War Legacy which is the same title as his book. For more information about the speaker go to <http://www.garypowers.com> and <http://www.spyilotbook.com> Books will be available for sale at the banquet. We will provide banquet ticket information at a later date.

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Trivia by
John Schmidt

Question:

In 1974, how did Alaska native Porky Bicker utilize a helicopter to pull off an April Fool's prank that made headlines around the world?

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What is EAA Chapter Leadership Academy?

Mike York sent out an email a while ago asking if anyone was interested in attending the EAA Leadership Academy and it sounded interesting to me, so I said I would be interested. The next day Mike had me signed up to attend the weekend of January 17-19. I was a little sad that I would miss our Chapter party, but I loved the idea of learning more about EAA. Besides Mike asked me to be the newsletter editor and I said yes, so I figured I needed to learn more.

The drive over was uneventful since I drive it 5-6 times a year to volunteer and attend Airventure. Check in was easy and I was assigned to a nice room in the Air Academy Lodge, something I've wanted to see since I started attending Airventure. Social hour started right after check-in and lasted until dinner. After dinner, it was time to load into the van's and head over to Sonex for a tour of the facilities by Charlie Becker.

Saturday, we started with a great breakfast and then into one of the theaters at the museum. Jack Pelton started the day off with a status of EAA and plans for the future. Then the fun started, Charlie and his staff gave a presentation covering all the programs that EAA has. We were given Chapter Handbooks and another packet of information. I must admit I'm still trying to read and digest all that was shared. I learned there is a lot of things that happen behind the scenes that our leaders do, you will notice I didn't say board members, because some of our leaders are not board members. Saturday night after a great meal, we were given a private tour of the EAA Museum with unlimited access to the entire building including the private areas. We were allowed access to sit in some of the airplane cockpits that are usually off limits. Sunday morning, we spent the day finishing all the material and then heading home after lunch.

This is a list of some of the programs offered by EAA, Aircraft Building & Restoration, Flying Clubs, B-17 & Ford Tri-Motor Tours, Young Eagles, Ray Aviation Scholarship, Youth Aviation Programs, Airport/Museum Tours, Youth Ground Schools, Aviation Day Camps, Youth Airplane Building Programs, EAA Air Academy, Flying Start, EAA Eagle Flights, IMC & VMC Club Programming, Tool Cribs, Chapter Recognition and Chapter Roster Management.

One saying I've heard a lot over the years is "You don't know what you don't know" well this experience was eye opening. I thought I knew a lot about EAA, but I had just scratched the surface. With your help I hope I can continue to publish the best newsletter around. I will share my experiences in EAA and flying with you, so I hope you will share yours with me, so I can pass it on to our great EAA Chapter 25 family.

Sean Hageman
Future newsletter editor

Sport Pilot Academy



Learning to fly is one of the most challenging and rewarding things you'll ever do. Typical flight schools have a dropout rate of 80 percent or more, thanks in part to scheduling conflicts, aircraft availability, and times when life just gets in the way.

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Applications are closed at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 20, 2020. Scholarship recipients will be announced on April 3, 2020. After applications have been received, applicants may be contacted and/or interviewed by members of the selection board if they advance through the selection process. A resume, curriculum vitae, or transcript may also be requested during this time.

Regular Session Schedule:

- August 8-30, 2020
- September 5-27, 2020
- October 3-25, 2020

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A general overview of EAA's Sport Pilot Academy.



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EAA Sport Pilot Academy

Check out our fleet of new RV-12iSTs we've secured for the EAA Sport Pilot Academy.

<https://youtu.be/jzpGzflyuyE>

EAA Sport Pilot Academy - 2019 Summer Class

In the summer of 2019, the four students who took part in the EAA Sport Pilot Academy all had one thing in common — they were college students who had non-flying, aviation majors. Take a look inside this special session of the Sport Pilot Academy and meet the students with this video.

<https://youtu.be/batMilLyls8>

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Any members interested in aerobatic /tail wheel flying I am offering my club share in the 12KD club for sale. Super Decathlon based at Flying Cloud.

Email: mnwanner@visi.com

Good Afternoon!

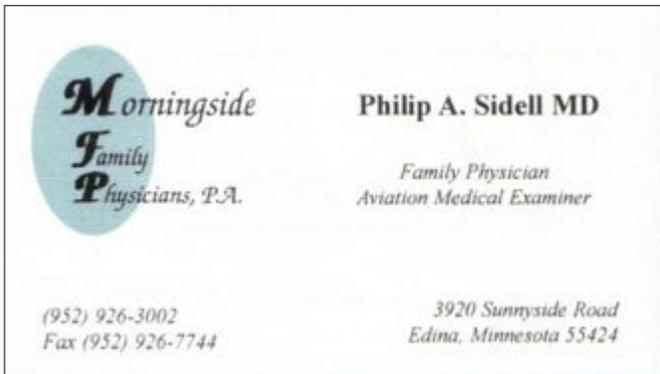
Your chapter was recently recognized as a Silver Level chapter for 2019. Attached is a special emblem created by EAA for your chapter to display on your webpage, newsletter, promotional materials, etc.

Congratulations! Tailwinds,

David Leiting Jr., PPL ASEL, EAA Lifetime #579157, EAA Warbirds #596249, EAA Vintage #724081

Chapter Field Representative II

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Answer:

Bicker hired a helicopter to deliver 50 old tires, kerosene, and smoke bombs in a sling (in two trips) to the rim of Mt. Edgecumbe, a dormant volcano in Alaska. After lighting, Porky also painted APRIL FOOLS in the snow. Residents thought that the long-dormant volcano was going to erupt. Although he informed the FAA and the local police ahead of time, he didn't inform the Coast Guard, who promptly sighted the smoke and went into full alert. The reaction to the prank was so positive that Alaska Airlines used Bicker's prank in it's ad campaign the next year.

- http://hoaxes.org/af_database/permalink/the_eruption_of_mount_edgecumbe
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Edgecumbe_\(Alaska\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Edgecumbe_(Alaska))
- <http://www.olympen.com/sitkacds/porky.htm>