

#### **EAA CHAPTER 461 NEWSLETTER**

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#### BOLINGBROOK, IL



Hi Crew!

The past few weeks have flown by in a flash... Unfortunately, I missed September's Meeting, but was able to make it out to the awesome Hangar-warming BBQ that Wayne hosted in our new "Aerodrome away from Home" at Clow! © I am so glad for 461 to have a place to call their own! I foresee plenty of good things coming because of this space.

\*\*\*FLASHBACK\*\*\* to August's misty BBQ/Movie night... Big Thanks to ALL who helped and brought food, and especially to Turk and Family for the delicious Kebob dinner! Special thanks to the Oleniczak Family for the SUPER FUN Fox Hunt experience! That was truly awesome!\*\*\*BACK TO THE FUTURE\*\*\* We hosted a great group of kids for Young Eagles with Chapter 15 at Lewis last Saturday. It was so nice to teach the kids about Aviation and see their excitement. They were thrilled to Fly! One kid was so comfortable in-flight, that he took a little snooze with Wayne! ① The adults were also excited and wanted to learn more. This is what it's all about! It makes me proud to see all of the good that comes from this wonderful group. I am Thankful to be a part of it and its outreach. I am sure you all know the impact you have on these kids... As always, no matter where you are -- Time is the best Gift that an individual can give... Yours is always appreciated, especially within our (YOUR) Chapter! Thanks! -Aymee ①

OUR NEXT YOUNG EAGLES RALLY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY - October 13<sup>th</sup> !!! Let's hope for beautiful weather... PLAN TO BE THERE TO VOLUNTEER!

I am going to break out the TIE DYE goodies as well! So we will have some colorful fun!





#### WE CAN NOW OFFICIALLY CONGRATULATE ZOOK

on his 500th Young Eagle Flight. (\*and\* the very cool way his plaque was presented!!!)

On Saturday, Sept 29th, a **HOT PINK EXTRA** taxied up and parked on the ramp at Charlies... A lady representative from EAA hopped out of the plane, and made a VERY special delivery, presenting Zook with his official EAA 500th Young Eagle Plaque! CONGRATULATIONS TO ZOOK on this wonderful accomplishment, it is a testament to his dedication and sharing the Gift of Flight with Youth, and an inspiration to us all to keep sharing!

Much thanks to Dave Kent for the "on the spot" news report, and in Dave's words:

"That's a mighty fine thing - 500 Y.E. flights! Anything aviation, and Zook is there!"



Alright Guys & Gals,

There's not much to report this month due to poor weather and our cancelled Young Eagles for September.

However, we were able to host about 12 kids at Lewis with Chapter 15 on Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup>.

The weather held out just enough for some beautiful flights.

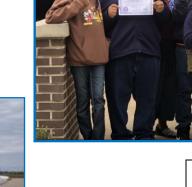
I would especially like to thank the Pilots who came out to share their morning with the kids.

#### Bob Kopeika, Chad Carlson, Dale Klinefelter (from 15) and Wayne Brazinski - THANK YOU.

Also, much Thanks to Jerry Ossowski for organizing the Lewis Tour for the kids (and the delicious donuts!) and Jim Therrien, Jim Klick (Ch.15) Joseph and Aymee for assisting on the ground. Emily Vineyard came to help as well.

Any day we can get kids in the Air and involved is a good day!







Don't forget the passion and excitement that we all share for Aviation – it's our Mission to keep the Dream soaring, and inspire the Youth of today to find their Wings!

- \*Please get in touch with Arnie and let him know if you plan on helping, Ground or Air!
- \*If we are short on pilots, we will reach out to surrounding Chapters.
- \*ALSO Any parental complaints/questions/discipline issues are to be directed to Wayne.

Some words from a new Young Eagle Mom from Saturday:

We had an awesome time!!!
My son Matthew can't stop
talking about it and oh boy,
my Dad is loving it!
Seeing his grandchildren!
Thank you for your patience
and grace!

# WE ARE EXCITED TO CONTINUE TO HOST SUCCESSFUL AND FUN YOUNG EAGLES RALLYS FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED! THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT!

YOUNG EAGLES is held the SECOND SATURDAY of every month from April to October WX permitting.

### UPCOMING (FINAL) YOUNG EAGLES DATE FOR THE SEASON:

October 13<sup>th</sup> (although a little bird may have heard some chirping of a potential November date....?)

#### Folks,

I'm sorry to say that we will be losing Lauren as Treasurer next year because of work commitments and moving to Green Bay with her husband, Mat.

Lauren has done an amazing job not only keeping me and the other Officers on track with expenses (much harder than it might seem), but adding our ability to take electronic payments and is also on the verge of finalizing the 501 C3, which has required a substantial rewrite of the Articles of Incorporation.

We are sad to see them leave, but hopefully Lauren and Mat will stay in touch and come see us if they are in the area. We wish them both well.

#### PREZ SAYZ - aka: Words from Wayne:

- At the last meeting John Forsythe from Lyons Township (LT) did a very nice presentation of his trip to the EAA Camp. He learned a tremendous amount and is very grateful.
- At that same meeting Robert Lupitini, also from LT, gave us a wonderful overview of the internship program. We are looking to provide a more structured program next year.
- Dani, leader of Aviatres, has been accepted into the Access Aero "Make a Pilot Program" and she's just getting ready to start her training! Many thanks to our donors and the Access Aero club.
- We could still use an aircraft or two in the new hangar, or a project or two to help offset the hangar rent.
- **HUGE thanks** to Dan Christine and Jorge Gonzalez for bringing their aircraft over. Jorge is joining us here with his Rans from Lansing, so that his plane is more accessible to take Chapter members flying and because he is happy that the rent he is already paying is now going to a good cause. Also, HUGE thanks for John Tatro and Bob Moore for bringing projects as well. One or two smaller aircraft would be ideal.
- Now that the hangar is online we need to start working out best usage of the spaces for workshops and projects, and to also clean up the upstairs lounge. If you would like to participate in designing and working on the hangar, please let me know. We're going to be looking to setup a work party to help clean and setup Hangar 3, our new Home. I will send out an invite. We will be equipping the workshop with an array of tools several of which I'll be donating (belt sander & drill press, work bench if needed.) We already own a grill, which was put it to use a few weeks ago for our Hangar-warming.
- AWESOME NEWS Denny Fitch, one of our newer Chapter members, has very kindly donated a Kitfox 2 aircraft as a repair/rebuild project and we will be picking it up very soon. The Kitfox will provide us with an opportunity for Chapter Members and the Young Adult groups to work on a tube & fabric design under the supervision of curmudgeons.
- Chapter 461 helped out at the Chapter 15 YE event, and it was very successful. (see above)
- November's Chapter meeting will be converted to the Chili cook off, more details and prizes to come.

  Q: What did the Ghost Peppers say to the Jalapeño Pepper? A: I DON'T MEAN TO BRAG, BUT I'VE BEEN TOLD I'M KINDA HOT!
- The 501c3 is underway, which will aid us in a number of ways particularly with donations.
- <u>Youth participation:</u> The Youth Clubs are growing and adjusting.

  The Aviatrés and Right Flyers got together for a hangar pizza movie gathering.

  They enjoyed Pizza (courtesy of the funds donated by Bob K) and watched Sully.

  They were very impressed with the film, and took a lot of time discussing the presentation.

With school back in session for both Groups, we will be working with them as they continue to plan their meetings and events.

• <u>Jim Oeffinger Scholarship Fund:</u> Donations are always accepted and appreciated. So far, 16 young ladies have been sent to Air Academy. We are proud to provide these girls with this opportunity.



## JORGE GONZALEZ WAS AT IT AGAIN!

This time, he took Gramplestiltskin flying in his Rans S-12. He loved it ! ©

THANK YOU JORGE!
Your enthusiasm is infectious!
Let's give everyone your FEVER!



We are seeking .... Brave Victims... I mean Bold Volunteers!

Let me know if you have interest in any of the following by sending me a note at wbrazinski@gmail.com.

This list represents a lot of people, but we are getting quite large now in terms of the things we do and people we serve. If we earned money we would be a decently sized little company!

- **President** yes, this role is open because change is nothing to fear, and change you drive is good.
- **Vice President** Andrew has gotten himself a fantastic gig and has moved to Maryland. This position is open.
- **Treasurer** –Lauren has done an amazing job helping us stay afloat, but sadly, she and Mat will be moving soon, so this position is now open as well.
- **Secretary** Jerry also is doing a fantastic job, but if he wants a break (he's also President of Chapter 15) then we will need someone to volunteer to take the position.
- **YE Coordinator** Arnie has seized the reins as coordinator for this year, for next year let's see if he still wants to do it!
- **YE Operations** I want a formal safety officer for 2019 who will also enhance our overall procedures. There will be budget available for additional cones, tape, signs, whatever is needed. (Tichy is this you?)
- **YE Strategy** We need someone to run YE like it's a separate not for profit event. Improved process, registration, activities, setup for the museum, follow up. Pretend YE is your own little business and run it that way to a successful outcome. We will fund this in 2019. This is a strategic imperative!
- **Youth Outreach** Gia is currently doing this, and with Angelina off to College she might want to focus her efforts elsewhere. This is a strategic imperative and includes management enrichment of the clubs and new outreach, plus working with the President to plan the next LT internship and perhaps adding some extra kids.
- Event Planning I REALLY need help planning content for about 9 or 10 of the 12 annual meetings in terms of pre-arranging speakers and dinners etc. It would be so cool to have an event calendar with everything on it.
- **Revenue Officer** Works to develop funding via the 501c3, events, fundraisers etc. With the new hangar, we need to ensure we keep positive cash flow and spin off extra money for the programs and investments we need to make.
- Website Dave Kennerly is doing his best on the Website and we are currently working on updating to something classy, simple, light, and that works on mobile devices.
- Hangar Rat I need help from someone to help compile a list of to-dos for the hangar (assuming we finalize) such as painting the floor, where does the porta potty go, etc. This position is immediate.

Thanks for your help! Please let me know your thoughts!

#### Nuts n Bolts FROM THE V.P. -- TO BE ANNOUNCED....

<u>SECRETARY STUFF from Jerry O.</u> -- Nothing new at this time. Students can apply for Lewis University Scholarships at the link below: <a href="http://www.lewisu.edu/admissions/finaid/scholarships.htm">http://www.lewisu.edu/admissions/finaid/scholarships.htm</a> The Zenith is flying great!

Access Aero is still open to new members!

Don't forget to check out <a href="www.socialflight.com">www.socialflight.com</a>
for events and activities going on around us!

Check out <a href="www.avweb.com">www.avweb.com</a> for more AV Info.



#### **UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW ABOUT:**

#### October:

- 6 Chapter 101 Young Eagles Rally at Schaumburg Airport (06C)
- 6 Chapter 790 Young Eagles Rally, 8:30am to Noon at Lake in the Hills (3CK)
- 6 Chapter 22 Fall Fly-in/Drive-in lunch, 11am-2pm at Cottonwood Airport (1C8)
- 13 Chapter 838 Young Eagles Rally at Racine Airport (KRAC)
- 13 Chapter 241 USO Hangar Dance, 7:30-11:30pm at DeKalb Airport (KDKB)
- 13 Chapter 461 Young Eagles Rally, 9am to Noon at Bolingbrook/Clow (1C5)
- 14 Chapter 1414 Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagles Rally at Poplar Grove (C77)
- 14 Chapter 932 Planes and Puppies/Young Eagles Rally at Galt Airport (10C)
- 28 Chapter 579 Young Eagles Rally, 9am 2pm at Aurora Airport (KARR)

ALSO – Tail Dragger Tuesdays are running at Morris on Tuesday evenings.

### MAN MUST RISE ABOVE THE EARTH

TO THE TOP OF THE ATMOSPHERE AND BEYOND

FOR ONLY THUS WILL HE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE WORLD IN WHICH HE LIVES.

-SOCRATES





"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the Airplane takes off against the wind, not with it"

HFNRY FORD

#### **Chapter 461 Officers:**

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NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at Clow International Airport (1C5) in Bolingbrook, Illinois – in the Illinois Aviation Museum