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Bennett Gray-Goldblum is Scholarship Award Winner

Congratulations to CAP Cadet Bennett Gray-Goldblum, the winner of our chapter's \$500 Scholarship Award for 2005. Bennett's main goal in aviation is to be a very knowledgeable and safe pilot. He would like to attend SIU or U of I, and compete on the flight team; after that the airlines. Bennett's family supports his goals and now we can say that the 790 family does also.



Photo by Jay Friddell

In one letter of recommendation, Civil Air Patrol Captain Bill Watson describes how, through some outstanding efforts, Bennett has attained the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in little over two years, and received the Aviation Community Service Award. Mr. Phillip Albamonte, a science teacher at Cary Grove H.S., stated that he was impressed with Bennett's poise, outgoing personality and leadership abilities. He wrote, "Individuals like Bennett, who possess such a passion for aviation and personal integrity, make teaching rewarding!" Bennett maintains a 4.11 GPA on a 4.0 system. He is also an artist; in 2003 he won the first place prize for the EAA Youth Art Contest. Besides his volunteer work with CAP, Bennett has also volunteered at all of the Young Eagle Days for the last two years and recruited other CAP Cadets to work with him. Last year he worked at AirVenture for most of a week.

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank all the applicants for their impressive efforts. This was not an easy decision and we are very proud to have so many outstanding young adults in our membership.

Abbie Friddell, Scholarship Committee - Chair

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Chapter Members Attend Ski-Plane Fly-In

by John Vlasic

Chapter 790 Members John Vlasic, Jim Pratt and Ron VonPasecky attended the annual ski plane fly-in at the EAA Pioneer Airport on Saturday Jan. 29th. The event was delayed a week because of the snowstorm on Jan 22nd. The weather was fine with no wind, light overcast and temperature in the 30's. About 12 ski planes flew to the event, plus a good crowd drove in. We all had good lunch conversation enjoying the soup and chili that was served. It was interesting to examine the aircraft in the open

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From Dana.....



by Dana Holladay

Well, it's hard to believe, but spring is finally here. I can't tell so much by the weather, but by the number of calls I'm getting from people who want to go flying! One of the people with whom I have been flying is the recipient of this year's chapter 790 scholarship. I am talking about none other than Bennett Gray. Many of you know Bennett as one of the civil air patrol cadets who helps at many of our Young Eagles rallies. He will soon celebrate his 16th birthday and is ramping up his flying this spring in order to solo on his birthday in May. I can tell you that with the way he has been flying recently, the only thing that can stop him is the weather! Congratulations, Bennett! You are

very deserving of this award.

Also, I'd like to thank the scholarship committee for all of their hard work in setting up the scholarship program. There was quite a bit of work that went into this and it is a great way for the chapter to give back to the aviation community in a very productive way. Bennett and all future recipients should benefit greatly from this worthy cause.

My next subject is one with which I need to solicit some help. At this month's board meeting we were discussing the need to get the raffle up and running again. One of the problems has been a lack of suitable prizes. Please make an effort to bring in an item for the raffle, as this is a major source of funds for the 790 treasury and helps keep the dues as low as they are. If everyone pitches in just a little, we can bring the raffle back to life and have some fun in the process.



March 1 EAA Chapter 790 Board Meeting

- Logo feedback deadline will be April 2, 2005.
- 54 people signed up for the March 12 banquet so far.
- Program for March general meeting- "weather guys" from the National Weather Service
- Abbie and Dana will present the scholarship award at the banquet.
- Young Eagles credit for the Air Academy in Oshkosh is \$216.
- Abbie wants members to donate money or time in their aircraft to scholarship people.
- Abbie is declining the welcome/mentor committee.
- There was a motion made to give Katy Nabor \$100 for a wedding gift from the treasury. The motion was seconded and carried.
- March will be the last newsletter for those members not paid up on their dues.
- There was a motion presented to use up to \$50 every month for raffle prizes. This motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Nancy Blazyk
Secretary



The Passing Of A Friend

I regret to tell you Paul Henze passed away in January. He so loved your group, helping in Oshkosh, etc. He was so disappointed when he was unable to continue to come. He felt so "at home" with you all. You have a great group! I salute you!

Sincerely,
Sue Henze

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hangers and watch the ski planes arrive and depart. After the last plane departed we went to the museum for the rest of the afternoon. Overall it was an excellent day with the EAA! All fly-in photos were provided by Jim Pratt.



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The Safety Corner


by Mike Perkins

I have to tell you that sometimes I get the feeling that I'm truly preaching to the choir in this column - those who are truly interested in flying safely are more likely to read it, but less likely to need it. So if you're reading this, you're curious enough to want to know if you're missing some little nugget. Maybe you're the ones who are inherently safer fliers. I'm not sure. I hope if nothing else, this column serves as a reminder that the members of Chapter 790 consider flight safety important enough to have a Safety Chairman.

Lately I've been writing in this column about our state of mind and preparedness as pilots. Sometimes I think these two things are more important than skills and technical knowledge. This is because the right attitude and preparedness leads to improved skills and techni-

cal knowledge. Attitude is the difference between complacency and thoroughness, and no amount of skills can overcome complacency.

Even with all our recurrent training, general aviation pilot error is still 10:1 the cause of mishaps compared to mechanical problems. In other words, all licensed pilots have had at one time or another all the necessary knowledge and skill to avoid 90% of the mishaps being made. Hidden mechanical defects and pop-up bad weather aside, I don't believe in bad luck when it comes to explaining mishaps. It's pretty much a fact that there's always a trail leading to a bad flying decision. Some trails are clearer than others.

Sometimes it takes 20-20 hindsight for us to see the trail left behind, but a detached observer could see it right away. Vigilance takes a holiday when our priorities shift. So before we do something marginal, if we can just play the part of a detached observer, maybe we'll see the thing we're missing. 

Announcements

Abbie Friddell wrote that she hopes that there might be ways beyond our chapter scholarship we can assist **well deserving young people**. She would like to help the chapter compile a list of pilots who could give students some extra flight time experience (one is working on his instrument rating) so that when they have some free time, they could contact an available pilot and have some fun in the sky. Perhaps it would be a flight the next time we go for that \$100 hamburger. Would you be willing to share your time and talent? Please contact Abbie Friddell.

Chapter dues are due by **April 15** for those who have not paid for 2005 yet. Newsletters will only be sent to those that have paid, after that date.

Meeting Notes

Last Meeting

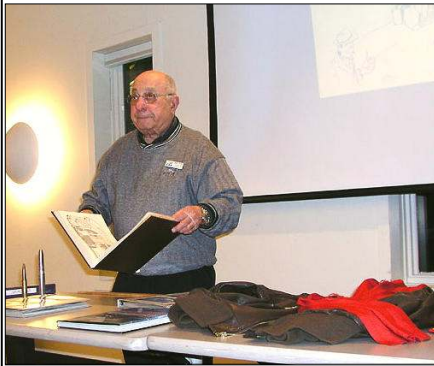


Photo by Jay Friddell

At our February 22nd meeting, Mike Titre gave Chapter 790 a presentation similar to the one he gave at the AirVenture Museum on January 26 on his experiences as a WWII P-47 pilot. The backdrop was a slide show of aviation artwork created by George Rarey. George was also a P-47 pilot as well as a commercial artist. As a talented artist he kept a cartoon diary of all his experiences as a fighter pilot from training through combat. Unfortunately Rarey was killed a few weeks after D-Day in combat over France. His widow, Betty Lou, donated all his letters and the artwork of this significant collection to the Airventure Museum. Mike included much of George's artwork in a slide show along with a narration of his own experiences and the experiences of his fellow P-47 pilots.

Also Mike Perkins gave a presentation on his recently-constructed **manometer**, used for checking the accuracy of airspeed indicators. He will loan it to anyone interested in the calibration of their ASI. It can also be used for the FAA's required pitot system **leak-down** test.

Next Meeting

John Vlasic writes, "The March 22nd program will be Andrew Krein from the National Weather Service office in Romeoville, who will be giving a presentation on aviation weather. Andy would like to tailor his presentation for our group. Please think of what you would like to have him cover and call or E-mail me with the information you are interested in and I will pass it on to him. Also we can plan for a visit to the Forecast Office in Romeoville on a Saturday in the future."

Overdue Credits

OOPS - As publisher of this newsletter, I have neglected to provide credit to Jay Friddell for several photos that he has provided us:

January 2005 - Photos from the December members meeting/party/election.

February 2005 - Photo of Mike Titre speaking at Oshkosh.

My apologies, Jay, we certainly appreciate your contributions!
~TRL~

Overheard

Tower: Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on 124.7.

Eastern 702: Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway.

Tower: Continental 635, cleared for takeoff behind Eastern 702, contact Departure on 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702

Continental 635: Continental 635 cleared for takeoff. And yes, we copied Eastern. We've already notified our caterers.

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Contact John Vlasic for information, or to make suggestions for activities, i.e.: picnics, fly-outs, museum visits, etc.

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Contact Dwight Zeller for information or suggestions regarding Young Eagle Rallies.

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Recognizing Our Members

New Members - The following individual recently joined our chapter:

Ronald Wilson

(Please let the editors know of any interesting recent activities! These might include solo's, new ratings, aircraft purchases, first flights of homebuilt aircraft, or any other accomplishments you would like to let the Chapter know about. Thanks! Eds)

Calendar of Events

2005

April 30 (Sat)..... Young Eagles, Lake In The Hills

May 21 (Sat)..... Young Eagles, Lake In The Hills

June 3 - 5 (tentative)..... Work weekend at Oshkosh

June 25 (Sat)..... Young Eagles, Lake In The Hills

July 25 - 31..... AirVenture 2005

August 27 (Sat)..... Young Eagles, Poplar Grove

October 1 (Sat)..... Young Eagles, Lake In The Hills

October 25 (Tue)..... Chapter Auction, Elgin Workshop

October 29 (Sat)..... Young Eagles, Lake In The Hills

Flight Reviews

BFR Special: Ole Sindberg is offering a Biennial Flight Review for any Chapter 790 member for \$50.00. Also available are flight instruction in single and multi-engine aircraft, helicopters, as well as high performance and complex airplane check-outs. Phone: 847-639-5408.

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FAA Wings Program



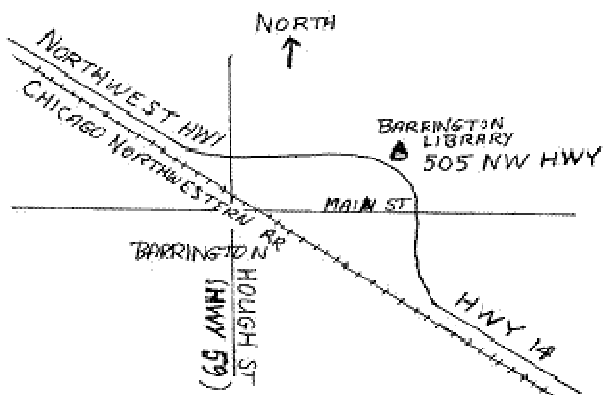
Abbie Friddell, Master CFI, CFI is offering an EAA Chapter 790 special discount. 3 hours Wings Program Instruction for \$75.

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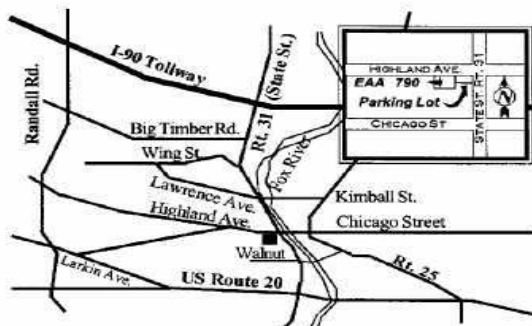
Regular Chapter meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month (except July) at the Barrington Public Library. Meetings begin at 7:30, with a social "hour" preceding. The Library is located on Highway 14 between Main St./Lake Cook Rd, and Highway 59 (Hough St.) in Barrington, Illinois.



Elgin Workshop

The shop has returned to "winter hours" and will be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The Taylorcraft restoration is well under way. BUT..... there's still plenty to be done. Wing restoration is the current task, and when completed the fabric will go on. If you'd like to get in on the action, call Ron Liebmann at home at 847-352-8282 or at the workshop at 847-608-0001.

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Buy, Sell or Trade

Classified ads may be submitted by any Chapter member free of charge. They will run for about 3 months unless canceled or renewed. Non-Chapter members and sponsors may purchase a business card size ad for \$100 per year. Ads for shorter periods are \$10 per month

For Sale: RV-8 project, includes completed tail, wing kit (which includes landing light, capacitance fuel sender, and the Proprietary Software Systems angle-of-attack sensor). Asking \$7,000 or best offer. E-mail sspangler@eaa.org, or call (920) 426-4827(work), or (920) 685-5457(home).

For Sale: Stinson L-5, 1943, Army colors. Zero time engine (Poplar Grove Airmotive rebuild incl. engine acc.), new Sensenich wooden prop, new hub, wings restored and covered w/Stits fabric, fuselage, ailerons, flaps, elevator & rudder restored/recovered in '93. New King KY97A radio and 76A XPDR, Flybuddy Loran, 2-place intercom. Based 06C, \$48,000. **Call Chuck (630) 543-2244.**

For Sale: Microair M760 transceiver. Brand new, still in box never used. \$650.00. **Contact Bill Laskey, (815) 459 5084 or wlaskey@sbcglobal.net.**

For Sale: RV-6 tail kit and wing kit with plans and instruction book. \$4400 invested, yours for only \$2000. **Contact Steve Flattum (815) 765-1849.**

For Sale or Rent: Portable paint booth exhaust system on wheels. Explosion-proof motor and lights, flexible ducting, great for hanger or garage. \$300 or rent for a small fee. **Contact Steve Flattum (815) 765-1849.**

For Sale: Aircraft sheet aluminum from small pieces to 12 ft long, thickness from .032 to .064, 50% off. **Contact Steve Flattum (815) 765-1849.**

For Rent: Poplar Grove, 50x50 shared, heated, well-lighted hangar, bifold electric door. For homebuilt, single, light twin or storage. **Call Lon Danek (847) 381-4286.**

Boat For Sale: 1998 Sea Ray Bowrider and trailer, 18 ft with 135 hp Mercruiser outdrive, P.S., 100 hrs. since new, swim deck, AM/FM, covers, many extras. Like new/mint condition. \$12,000. **Call (847) 639-7257.**

For Rent: Poplar Grove hanger space (T5). Spacious, clean, unheated steel hanger with power lift bi-fold door. \$180 per month. Located a short distance from the main office. Looking for a renter for 1.5 to 2 year time frame. **Call Mike Smith (630) 876-9344 or msmith@reedbusiness.com**

Chapter 790 Scrapbook



Don Jen-erick and Ron Palas-cak enjoy working on the Taylor-craft resto-ration in the Elgin work-shop



Ken Kresmery celebrates his “new baby” Republic Seabee with the help of Ron Liebmann, Tom Solar, Rob Strickland and Wally Ruppert.



Photos provided by Tom Solar

Pre-meeting Checklist

- ✓ Name Tags
- ✓ Raffle Items
- ✓ Chapter Videos to return to meeting
- ✓ Chapter Tools to return to Ole

The Newsletter is always looking for interesting articles and pictures by our chapter members. If you have written anything or would like to write something or have pictures that you believe would be of interest to the chapter members, please submit what you have. The newsletter staff prefer that you e-mail your articles to michael.perkins@rauland.com or trlegates@comcast.net. We prefer text written in Microsoft Word, however, you may submit the material any way that is easiest for YOU! We also accept hand-written copy, floppy disks (IBM format), Zip disks (IBM format), and CD's. Bring your article to the meeting or mail it to Mike Perkins at 17787 Sherwood Forest Rd, Havana, IL 62644.

Due By April 15

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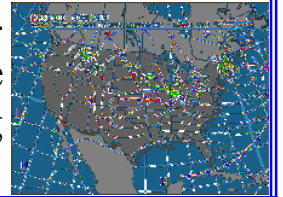
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