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APRIL'S UPCOMING MEETING

Join us on Tuesday, April 27, at our general meeting for an evening of Ask-the-Expert. Tim Bauer, an A & P and a member of Squadron 4, will be ready to answer your aviation questions. He'll be joined by our chapter's panel of Tech Counselors and Flight Advisors. This should be a very informative meeting and one we don't think you will want to miss! Who knows? With your help it might turn into Stump-the-Expert night!

The meeting will be held at the Barrington Public Library, Barrington, IL beginning at 7:30 pm. Social time begins about 6:45. We look forward to you being there.

WORTH REPEATING - OUR MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting was considered a great success from the standpoint of enjoyment of Elton's new round-chair arrangement. Can you tell our president is also a high-school band director? The new format worked out quite well as Chapter 1252 president Paul Koziol of the Cleveland area gave an informal talk on how his chapter is motivated into action. We thank Paul formaking the long-distance trip just to talk to us and also thank Elton for making the arrangements. This was certainly a high-energy meeting!

WHEEL WORKSHOP

Held at Ole's LITH Airport hanger last month, there were a total of eight people, six of whom learned to pack bearings, check brakes and generally service wheels. A lot of ducking was involved since this was done on Ole's low-wing Prescott Pusher.

FLY-OUT TO DAYTON

Our Chapter is planning a return visit to the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum in Dayton the weekend of May 22.

We'll be flying into Greene County-Lewis Jackson Regional Airport (I19), a short car-drive from Wright-Pat. The plan is to arrive there about 11am Saturday May 22, visit the Air Force museum, stay overnight, and then depart the museum again no later than 2 pm to be home in time for Sunday dinner. Rental car expenses can be shared among trip participants. Admission to the Air Force Museum is free.

Contact our trip coordinator Tom LeGates at (847) 462-1791 if you plan on making this trip.

WORK WEEKEND JULY 11 - 12

Get ready for Chapter 790's work weekend scheduled for the second weekend in July. This is closer to AirVenture than our usual work weekend, so there should be a lot more excitement and activity. If you've not attended this weekend before, this would be a good one!

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PRESIDENT ELTON'S MESSAGE

It is with much sadness that I begin this month's letter for we have lost a dear member of Chapter 790 - Bill Rose. Bill passed away suddenly on April 9th while in Minnesota. Our hearts go out to Bill's family in this time of sadness. He will be missed... Semper Fi. When I spoke to Mert at the wake, she mentioned that she plans on attending AirVenture this summer and offered to continue hosting the picnic this fall. Let's reach out to support Mert as a member of our flying family.

Our board meetings have been filled with lots of activity planning so far this year. All we need now is good weather to be able to enjoy our events. You can get a list of the events by going to our 790 website and checking it out. In fact, have you been to the website lately? If not, check it out. It's been growing week by week and is becoming an important tool for our members to use. If you are on Facebook be sure to sign up on the 790 Group. This is a great way to keep up with our members and their activities.

I want to thank those members that have commented on the on the new seating set up at the meetings. I think it will benefit our meeting in a big way in the near future.

For those of you that had to miss last month's meeting, I want to tell you about a new agenda item. It's a show-and-tell time that's been dubbed "Projects and Planes and Things." This is where you can talk about your project, a recent flying experience or something you saw recently. This should be a great way for us to get to know one another better. Think of what you want to share with the chapter at the meeting. Look at it this way - you have a chance to have your own "I learned from that" teaching moment so others can learn from it, too.

We are going to have a 790 hangar party at DeKalb! I want this to be a "take a member flying" event where those of us with airplanes fill our empty seats with fellow members who do not currently have an airplane. If you can't fly you can always drive as well. This hangar party will be Friday, July 16 from 6:00 to whenever. We'll have a grill so bring something to cook. Further details will be on our Website soon!

Also, Squadron 4 and 790 are going to get together! It is planned for Sunday, June 27 from 11:00 to 3:00 at Lake in the Hills Airport. Squadron 4 will bring the food. Chapter 790 will bring the pop and water. Fly or drive in. Plan Now!

Elton

CHAPTER VIDEOS

Our chapter has put together a collection of videos that can be borrowed. The collection will debut at the April meeting. If you have a video that you'd like to donate to the cause, please see Elton Eisele. Here is a partial listing.

Air Facts Series - Over 14 Hours of Video! - If there's one thing we've learned about aviation education, it's that learning never stops - whether you are a student pilot or an ATP. Sporty's Air Facts® DVD Video Series addresses this fact with host Richard L. Collins, a renowned aviation journalist with thousands of hours of experience in a variety of general aviation aircraft.

Flying the Glass Cockpits
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Various FAA DVDs

Fun Movies

AirVenture 2006, 2007, 2008 and soon 2009 The Blue Max The Spirit of St. Louis 12 O'clock High

EAA B-17 COMING TO LEWIS LOCKPORT

Warbird Squadron 4 has secured a stop on EAA's 2010 Tour of the B-17 Aluminum Overcast from September 17 – 19. B-17 rides will be flown.

Squadron 4 is also organizing a volunteer team and they need help. Three shifts will be scheduled each day, so they can work you in even if you can only work a part day. They need volunteers to help with merchandise sales, ground tours, crowd control, and greeting the public. If you are interested in helping out, please let them know by 17 July 2010. All volunteers will be entered into a free drawing for a ride to Oshkosh on the B-17!

If you know a veteran who would like to come out, please let them know! Ground tours are free for all veterans. This fundraiser directly supports Warbird Squadron 4. For more information or to volunteer, contact Stacy Kolls, stacy.kolls@warbirdsquadron4.org, 815-218-9202

LINCOLN COUNTY'S AIRPORT DAZE

Looking for someplace different to fly on Saturday, May 1? How about Airport Daze at Lincoln County Airport from 10 AM to 4 PM? The day marks the 30^{th} anniversary of the on-field Heritage In Flight Museum, home to many WWII artifacts, several aircraft and vehicles, and several engines including what might just be the first operational jet turbine engine. There will be refreshments and concessions. The airport identifier is AAA and is 131 miles SSW of Lake-in-the-Hills Airport.

YOUNG EAGLES 790 CORNER -- EVENT REPORT

At our April 10 Young Eagles Event at LITH Airport, we were very excited to see so many volunteers from the chapter come out. We'd been cautiously optimistic on how the first event would come off due to many changes in our registration process. We are happy to report, however, that we were able to introduce the passion of aviation to 32 kids without a hitch. The new process worked pretty well and requires only a few more tweaks to get it ready for a big test (60-70 Young Eagles in 2 hrs).

We had six pilots and 15 seats available to fly permission. The weather was touch and go with winds fairly strong 70 degrees off the runway. After sending up Joe Sener as well as Tom Solar to get a first hand report on ride conditions and landings, it was decided to start the event with an option to cancel if the winds got any worse. I'm happy to say that we were able to give all the Young Eagles an enjoyable first ride due to the skill and experience of our volunteers.

Nancy and I would like to thank all the volunteers. The pilots that helped out were Joe Sener, Tom Solar, Rich Oleszczuk, Ole Sinberg, Lon Danek, and Brad De Lisle. Larry Blazyk was on standby with his C182 and newly equipped Gamin 530. Bud Herod kept the grounds safe with the help of Brian Blazyk. Ron Liebmann, Elton, and Tom LeGates helped kids and parents find their way and answered questions all morning. The registration crew consisted of Wendi Venable working the forms registration and Young Eagles pilot assignment, Barb Wilson at forms data entry and certificate printing, Don Jenerick at post flight and certificate giveaways. Mike Rosedale and Joe Rossi took some great pictures of the event.

I will try to get a collage made for display at April 27th meeting. If you can't wait, please check out our new Young Eagles 790 Web site in the "picture gallery" section. www.youngeagles790.com. You can also see some of the pictures that we have posted on the eaa790 Face book group as well. CAP was there to help track down kids, deliver clip boards back and forth to pilots and registration and help be our legs and mouth. Thank you CAP. We would also like to thank Paul Ranieri for continuing to place Y.E. press releases with the local papers for each event. Nancy Blazyk and I pitched in where necessary

as we oversaw and coordinated the entire process.

Please feel free to give Nancy and I suggestions, ideas and thoughts on how to continue to improve spreading the passion of aviation. The next Young Eagles event is May 8th at 3CK. So get out of the house for a few hours 8:30am to 11:00am (YE registration and flights). In the future, we plan on firing up the grill and cooking some brats and burgers for the volunteers and any other 790 member/guest. Please let Nancy or I know if you are coming and how you would like to volunteer. If you don't know how to do a job but want to help, no worries, we can teach you how! It's fun, it's rewarding, and there is no better way to spread the passion. You can e-mail us directly from the Young Eagles 790 web site under "Contact us" or pick up the phone and call us. Let us know early so that we can get you into the position that you would prefer.

Here are the positions that we have defined so far and new ones that will be needed.

Registration forms and Y.E. pilot assignment: Ensures YE are of age, insures signatures are executed and assigns Y.E. with pilot and plane.

Data Entry: Receives forms back from CAP after signed by pilot, enters YE info and prints Certificate for new Y.E.

Pilot Info Form scribe: adds Pilot info into Y.E. registration form

Post flight and certificate giveaways: Takes printed certificate and marries with Log books, Gleim "learn to fly" coupons, poster etc... and arranges on clip boards to tie-out with returning Y.E. They are given to CAP for delivery.

Meet and Greet: Smiling faces welcoming people and helping them where to go and answering questions they may have.

Safety Advisor: Responsible for outside and grounds operations; holds a pilot safety briefing, keeps a watchful eye on things, takes steps to prevent potential mishaps, and holds a debriefing.

Photographer: Responsible for taking pictures of the entire event. Concentration on the Y.E. post flight expression's and pilot group picture.

Pilots: We can always use new pilots. Pilots need to meet the Young Eagles Pilot Guidelines. See "interested pilots" at www.youngeagels790.com.

Set-up / Teardown: Help set up banner and signage prior to and teardown after event.

Marketing and Advertising: Everyone can help with this. We will have mini calendars the size of a business card that you can pass on to people that have kids and are interested the event and what Young Eagles is all about. There are downloadable calendars on the Web site as well as Registration forms that can be filled out in advance.

Young Eagles Coordinator: Responsible for event coordination, safety, insurance, forms accuracy, promotional and registration material, motivation, keeping local programs on track. *Nancy and I have this one for awhile.*

New - "Next Step"& New Membership booth: 1-2 people that can speak to parents and kids and explain all the benefits that EAA is offering for both Adults and Kids. In addition explain the benefits that joining a chapter could have to help feed their passion for aviation. They would pass out YE promotional info, EAA info as well as local Chapter info.

New - Lunch Crew: 1-2 people that would help get the grill lit, food prepared, and work the lunch logistics.

YE Aviation overview instructor: A discussion on aviation history, an explanation of basic aviation principals (aircraft operation, basic aerodynamics) as well as map overview. The agenda will take 10 minutes to give a new Young Eagle insight on how exciting Aviation can be. The agenda is not complete and

we could use some help on putting it together. It will need to be directed at the youngest level (8 yrs old) but not so basic as to loose the 17 year old.

Our chapter goal is introduce 300 new Young Eagles to flight in 2010 and at the same time have a blast doing it! We're off to a great start. We'd love to have you join in the fun!

Thanks to everyone that kicked off the first event and thanks to everyone in advance that will be jumping on the passion wagon in the future. Do it for Kids, Do it for GA, Do it for yourself! Fly safe and see ya at the airports...

Over and out, Rob Nelson

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EAA Chapter 790 Board Meeting Minutes April 6, 2010

The EAA 790 Board meeting was held at the Schaumburg Airport. The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. Attendees were Nancy Blazyk, Glen Brisson, Lon Danek, Brad Delisle, Elton & Nancy Eisele, Tom LeGates, Ron Liebmann, Mike Perkins, Ole Sindberg, Tom Solar and Jeff & Barb Wilson.

- **Last Meeting:** Elton solicited comments about the March meeting. It was noted that the new chair arrangement had worked well. We also felt that there was "good energy" which had led to a lot of member interaction and a smooth transition to our guest's remarks.
- **Wheel Maintenance Workshop:** Ole and Brad reported there were a total of 8 present, and they had been able to over all planned topics except tire mounting.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lon gave a final recap of banquet expenses, as well as our current funds balance. He also reported on updating our approved signatures at our bank. He also recommended that we stop collecting for our meeting refreshments, as the amount being collected is minimal.
- **Next Meetings:** Elton reminded that we need to bring our name buttons to the meeting. He also asked about signage for the meeting room. We also discussed the format for the meeting, which will have no guest speaker. We want to include some technical and safety discussions, as well as a "show and tell" session.
- **Work Weekend:** Available dates were reviewed and it was determined that July 10-11 was the only weekend that fit our schedule. Elton will sign us up.
- **Camping:** The camping committee recommendation paperwork is coming together and should be ready soon. Elton also made the suggestion that we should set up a fly/camp outing for the chapter next year, as there are many airports available for this.
- **Young Eagles:** Nancy reported they are interested in getting more advanced info on availability of YE candidates and chapter helpers prior to each event. They are thinking perhaps of an advanced registration system through the website. Rob has created a separate site just for YE info and events, and Jeff will link the chapter website to it.
- **Bike Day:** Ole reported that this is still in the works. Airports under consideration are Burlington and DeKalb. Unfortunately Peter Botzek will not be able to visit a chapter meeting to provide information.
- **Website:** Jeff mentioned there have not been many postings yet on our Facebook page, which is a handy way to make information available quickly.
- **Squadron 4:** Elton indicated he would be attending their board meeting the week of the 13th to get more information on our proposed get-together June 27.

Film Library: Elton indicated he had collected a number of DVDs for this, but still needs to work out a check-out system for them.

Hangar Space: As something to ponder, Elton suggested it would be nice to have hangar space or some other permanent location for our chapter activities. This generated a good bit of discussion about pros and cons. An alternative suggestion was made that we could "hangar hop" using various locations temporarily, at least for the summer months.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted, Tom LeGates, Secretary

OVERHEARD

Cherokee: "Charlevoix Unicom, this is Cherokee 234 X-ray. What are your winds and active?" Unicom: "Cherokee 234 X-ray, the winds are out of the east at five, active runway is zero nine."

Cherokee: "Charlevoix, I'm out here by the cement plant, and it looks like the winds are out of the north-

west."

Unicom: "Cherokee 234 X-ray, are you landing at Charlevoix or landing at the cement plant?

(Courtesy AvWeb)

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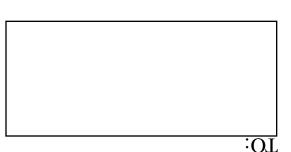
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Pre-meeting Checklist

- Name Tags
- **✓** Article(s) For The Newsletter
- ✓ Program And Outing Ideas

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