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# EAA Chapter 569 Newsletter

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## Meeting Announcement

**Date:** Tuesday, April 7

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Program:** Ed Bowes. Ed will talk about safety, design, certification and operating limitations for homebuilts. He will also show an air racing video.

**Place:** Duncan Aviation Engine Shop  
5000 NW 44<sup>th</sup> St - Lincoln NE

## The Tool Box

*submitted by Roger Aspegren*

Let's try this "tool box" idea again. I know we have tried this a couple of times and have not been able to complete the setup, but this time we have the website which should help. The key to make this work is to recruit a person to be the tool manager. Every borrowed tool would have to be arranged through this person. This is especially important since we do not have a home and our tools will be stored in various places. The tool manager would be contacted to see if the tool is available and where it is located. The tool manager would keep record of who has the tool and the approximate time it would be returned. Some tools may have a charge. A list of tools and the status would be kept on the website for everyone to see. There would be two lists, one for Chapter-owned tools and one for member-owned tools. The member-owned tools would be items a member may wish to loan out. For instance, I have lots of

clecos that I would be glad to share.

To get this started we need each member to make a list of items they are willing to loan out. For now give this list to Doug Volkmer. At the next meeting maybe we can get a volunteer to be the tool manager. Please help us fill the tool box. This can be a great resource for builders and airplane owners and can save us all a lot of money.

## Upcoming construction at LNK

Consisting of -

- relocation of the south service road - it will stay in service during the construction - reason: present road is in the clear zone for Rwy 14 / 32
- reconfigure taxiway A - make it narrower on the southern portions & move the run-up area to a farther north location - the airport designer thinks this will make the taxiway look less like a runway
- relocate the Rwy 35 threshold (again) - the FAA must have decided that the size of aircraft that use this length of runway won't blow someone off the road as they

drive to the airline terminal. The new published length for Rwy 35 will be 5800 ft but Rwy 17 only gets to be 5400 ft

- and like always, all the associated signs & lighting will be changed also

Construction will most likely start in May. Its uncertain how this will affect the use of Rwy 17/35.

## One Special Young Eagle

*by Jamie Painter*

My EAA chapter (690, KLZU - Lawrenceville, GA) is quite active in the EAA's Young Eagles program. I really enjoy participating in this program because I can remember back when I was a kid bumming around the airport and wishing that \*anyone\* would give me a ride. I understand that many folks don't like to participate in Young Eagles because of liability concerns and I respect that. However for me personally I feel that it is worth the liability exposure to enrich the life of a child.

This weekend was our regular monthly Young Eagles day. My wife and I showed up early. My wife helps check the kids in while trying to keep tabs on our little 16 month old running around the chapter hangar.

It always amazes me the variety of kids you get to meet and for at least a few moments I get to experience a little taste of what teachers must feel. Some of the kids are dreadfully quiet. This is usually the

boys who are trying to maintain some sort of "cool" persona. I honestly enjoy flying the girls more because they will usually tell you exactly what they think and they're not afraid to crack a smile from time to time.

This weekend I flew my first kid of the day (quiet 13 year old boy) and after landing one of our ground crew volunteers came out with my next YE. He whispered in my ear "This one's special. His father's in the hospital so they put him ahead of everyone else so he can get back over there". The boy was 10 and was there with his grandfather, an elderly Iranian immigrant with a smile that seemed to stretch wider than his face. I extended my hand to his grandfather and he grasped my hand with both of his and said "thanks so much for doing this, it means so much to my grandson. His father is in the hospital and is very sick".



Jamie Painter's RV-7A

I put my booster cushions in for the young man, helped him up onto the wing and into the seat. I showed him how the five point harnesses worked and while I was standing on the wing gave him my standard briefing.

I jumped in, started up, radioed ground and started the taxi out to runway 7. I asked "What hospital is your father in".

"Gwinnett" he said.

"Ok, we'll fly over the hospital on the way back, ok?"

His eyes lit up in sort of a "You can do that?" expression.

"So, why is your father in the hospital?" I asked.

"He's got cancer. He's gonna die soon."

I was of course floored and my heart sunk.

We took off, and as with all my Young Eagles I asked him what type of music he liked. He said "Heavy Metal". Hmm...ok...he's 10 but that's fine. I asked him if he liked Metallica and he said "yeah, they're ok for an old band". I laughed and turned the XM radio to the all Metallica channel.

I took this young man over Lake Lanier and showed him all of the boats. There was some sort of gathering of small sail boats going on and we flew over them and wagged our wings at them. About this time he started talking...and talking....and talking....and talking... He had a video camera and was narrating the whole flight. I felt sorry for him because I knew that he would never hear the audio on his video.

After several laps around the lake I slowed to VA and let him fly a little bit. He did fine, even though he could just barely see over the glare shield. I was videoing him flying and guarding the stick at the

same time. He had a huge smile on his face and couldn't believe I was letting him fly my airplane. Now it was time to head back to the airport. He was \*still\* narrating his video so I made use of the ISO button on my intercom to call the tower. I called them and asked if I could get a couple of 360s over the hospital before heading inbound (Gwinnett Medical Center is about 3.5 miles off the approach end of 7 which was in use).

I unmuted the official flight narrator and told him we were heading to the hospital. We proceeded inbound and made a couple of right 360s overhead.

"Do you think my Dad can hear the airplane?"

"I'm sure he can"

Back on the ground, this little boy's grandfather was again there with the smile still on his face. He whispered to me, "His father will probably pass this morning and we wanted to just get him out of the hospital and out of the house. Thank you so much".

For me that's the beauty of flight. For 30 minutes that kid's father wasn't sick and dying and instead this boy was having the time of his life with an airplane ride from a stranger.

Magic carpet indeed.

*(Jamie is from Suwanee, GA. He has 225 hours on a Van's RV-7A he built. – Ed.)*

### Upcoming Young Eagle Events

If you can help out in any way at either of the upcoming events, please contact Tom Trumble (464-3089).

1. April 16 (Thu) – 12:00  
St. Johns 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (24 kids)  
Dept of Aeronautics  
Lincoln Airport
2. May 1 (Fri) – 12:00  
St. Patrick's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(11 kids)  
Dept of Aeronautics  
Lincoln Airport

### Minutes of the Club Meeting

Meeting called to order on March 3, 2009 by Tom Henry at 7:34pm.

A few visitors attended the meeting.

Tom Trumble is looking for help with a couple upcoming Young Eagle events.

Roger Aspegren gave \$100 of excess breakfast money to the chapter.

Some ideas were tossed around on what to do with the excessive treasury funds. Sponsoring a child to ACE Camp or the EAA Air Academy were a couple ideas. Some other ideas were buying some tools for the chapter or fuel reimbursement for pilots who fly Young Eagles.

Dennis Crispin announced he received a call from EAA Headquarters. They made us an offer of hosting the Ford Tri-Motor this summer, Aug 27 thru 30. A

vote to accept the offer from EAA was yes.

The meeting concluded with Max Neiden talking about his B-24 waist gunner experience. Quite an amazing experience that he had.

Dean Hoy,  
Secretary

### Minutes of the Executive Meeting

No meeting in March.

### Classifieds

#### FOR SALE 1959 MOONEY M20A



Very nice 1959 Mooney M20A. Lycoming 0-360-A1A, 568.2 SMOH. McCauley Model 2D36C14-B, 454.8 SMOH. Airframe 1635 hrs TT. Metal tail conversion. Install New JPI 711 Engine Data Management system. New battery and tires Nov 2006. New interior and leather seat April 2002. STC Standby vacuum system. Wing was removed, inspected and recovered Aug 1992. Will sell with new annual. \$37,000. OBO. • Contact Erick Corbridge (Owner) for more information - located Lincoln, NE USA • Telephone: 402-499-1039 E-mail Corbe99@yahoo.com

## Events

**York Airport (JYR)**, EAA Chapter 1055 Fly-in breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. 0800-1000. Pilots eat free.

**Crete Airport (CEK)**, EAA Chapter 569 Fly-in breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. 0800-1000.

**May 14 – 16**, Parade of Planes, Olathe, KS

Parade of Planes is a sales expo featuring the new personal aircraft ranging from light sport to light turbine. A Buyer's Resources team of finance, tax and insurance specialists is available to answer questions.

<http://www.paradeofplanes.com>

Contact: Susan at (218) 525-6228

**June 6**, 2009 Nebraska State Fly-in and Air Show, Fairmont, NE

Fly in breakfast hosted by EAA Chapter 1055. Static aircraft include: P-51 "Mustang," P-38 "Lightning," AC-47 "Spooky Gunship," C-45 "Bamboo Bomber." Young Eagles flights available in the morning (hosted by EAA Chapter 1055). Air show in the afternoon. Come visit the historic Fairmont airbase!

<http://www.nebraskastateflyin.com>

Contact: Aaron Schardt at (402) 759-8114

**July 27 – August 2**, AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI

<http://www.airventure.org/>.

**August 29 – 30**, Offutt AFB, Blue Angels

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## Membership Renewal

The time has come to pay your dues and renew your membership for the 2009 year.

In 2006, we made a concerted effort to update our membership lists with correct address and phone numbers. Please fill out the Membership Form on the Chapter website at [www.eaa569.org](http://www.eaa569.org) and mail it to John Schwery. His address is

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