

EAA Chapter 96

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Editors Corner

Jim Lobue

We are now publishing the newsletter on a limited schedule when there is enough content. Please send any contributions about your flying or building during this trying time.

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Upcoming Events

VMC Club

Thursday, 3 December, 7PM

See VMC Club news
in this issue for details.

Open to all pilots.

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, 12 December, 09:00

Chapter General Meeting

Saturday, 12 December, 11:00

Program TBD

Open to everyone.

Send email to president@eaa96.org

for virtual meeting invite if you do not receive one.

Holiday Brunch

Cancelled this year.

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Rhon Williams

In early November, Chapter 96 successfully conducted the election of two Class II directors (even year terms) for the Board. Do to COVID constraints we decided to use online ballots via Survey Monkey. The survey/ballot was designed to allow up to two votes, and included the option for a quorum only vote. Thus the final tally included the count for each candidate while enforcing anonymity and only one vote for each email. There were 64 ballots sent and a total of 42 responses, thus meeting our 51% quorum. Congratulations to Dave Bristol and Richard Geiser for their election to another term.

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Ray Aviation Scholarship Report

Max Hromadka

My name is Max Hromadka and I was the Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient last fall for EAA Chapter 96, which has helped to pay for my opportunity to earn my private pilot's license. Currently I am attending flight school at Sling Pilot Academy and I have logged over 40 hours. The last time I wrote an article for the chapter, I had just completed my solo flight in July. Shortly after completing my first solo, I completed my cross country solo flying to Palomar Airport twice. I was surprisingly confident rather than nervous while I was flying over the ocean alone for the first time. I even had time to take a quick picture on my phone as I was flying over the harbor.

Since that time, I have had to split my time being a Junior in High School, dealing with distance learning, and trying to keep up on my preparation for my upcoming flight test. I have been flying less as my instructor feels my skills are pretty solid and we need to spread out my lessons so I don't run out of lessons before I take my check ride.

My latest accomplishment I was most relieved to get through was passing my written exam. I spent quite a bit of time preparing for it while at the same time completing homework for my other classes. I was kind of stressed knowing that not passing this test would stop my progress and I would have to take it again and again until I passed. I spent 2 hours making sure I answered the questions correctly and was very happy when I earned an 85.

Since passing the written, I turned 17 years old on October 28 and I am now preparing for my check ride in mid November. I still have to complete a couple requirements like my night flights and landings as well as, my long distance cross country flight. I am beginning to study for the check ride and realize that it's a lot of information to know. I think I am pretty prepared with my flying skills but I am going to spend as much time as possible preparing the oral portion. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to earn my license and I should fulfill the Ray Aviation requirement to earn my pilot's license with the scholarship's one year time limit.

Editors note:

Max did his long distance cross country flight Saturday, 14 November. This was the last big milestone prior to his checkride. Congratulations Max!



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The EAA Chapter 96 VMC club has been offering an excellent opportunity for pilots who want to share experiences and learn from others in various flight situations. The VMC club opportunities are open to all pilots who want to improve their proficiency, gain local knowledge about air space, TFR information, and participate in topics that are relative to current flying conditions in our area. This resource is supported through EAA's VMC Club. We will use real-world scenarios that our group members suggest and contribute from their experiences as well as EAA National resources. We try to open each meeting with the question for the month that is supplied by the EAA National VMC Coordinator and then proceed to our monthly published topic with photos or a quick 5 - 10 minute video supplied by EAA national for the purpose of open discussion on the video subject matter.

Normally, the meetings meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Chapter 96 Conference room at the hanger and we restrict the length of the meetings to 1 hour. Due to the Covid 19 virus pandemic we request that you bring a mask to the meeting to wear if we can not maintain physical separation. We will send out the link details prior to the meeting. Please contact either Keith or Rich if you would like to be included on the e-mail thread for the notification and link. These meetings are free and we encourage participants to share the link with other interested pilots or friends. A schedule of these meetings is posted on the chapter web site and will be posted on the hanger bulletin board. For more information, you may contact the VMC coordinators, Richard Schleicher at 310-936-5055 or Keith Spreuer at 310-649-5289 or send an e-mail to chapter96VMC@gmail.com. (Please note the new email address)

VMC Club Meeting Schedule

Nov 05, 2020	Topic:	Runway Incursion
Dec 03, 2020	Topic:	ATC Instruction Conflict
Jan 07, 2021	Taking a break from our monthly meeting	
Feb 04, 2021	Topic:	TBD

A Challenge to Members to Share the Gift of EAA

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The past 10 months have flipped the world upside down for many of us, but they have also allowed us to spend more time focusing on our families and our passions. For all of us, the shared passion is aviation. It is what brought us together, and has been the one constant we can look to when the days get rough.

The flying club I am a member of shut down operations for 90 days as we evaluated how we could safely operate amongst the COVID-19 pandemic. It pained me to stay out of the cockpit for more than three months. This was the first time since I passed my private pilot check ride that I was out of my 90-day currency! Additionally, my local EAA chapter put all of our events on hold. Although we were able to conduct virtual gatherings and board meetings, it wasn't the same as our usual in-person events.

This lack of aviation activity caused me to reflect on my passion for aviation, and remind myself how easy it is to take for granted the aviation opportunities afforded by EAA. Like many of you, much of what I use to fuel my passion for aviation has come from EAA. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, my Young Eagles flight, the relationships built through my local chapters, and the educational opportunities. Without EAA, I am not quite sure where I would find myself on my aviation journey.



One of the great pillars of EAA is the opportunity to give back, and pass the torch to future members. Perhaps you have given a Young Eagles flight that led to a career aviator, or lent a helping hand to a friend building their own aircraft. There is also a great chance that you have benefited from the generosity of a fellow EAAer. It is the lifeblood of our organization! We all remember our mentor who introduced us to aviation and are forever grateful for the gift they gave us. That mentor may still be a close friend of yours within your EAA chapter. EAA is now asking you to join us in helping to preserve the legacy of EAA Founder Paul Poberezny, and of all our past and current members, by gifting an EAA membership to someone you feel will continue to carry on EAA's mission within The Spirit of Aviation.

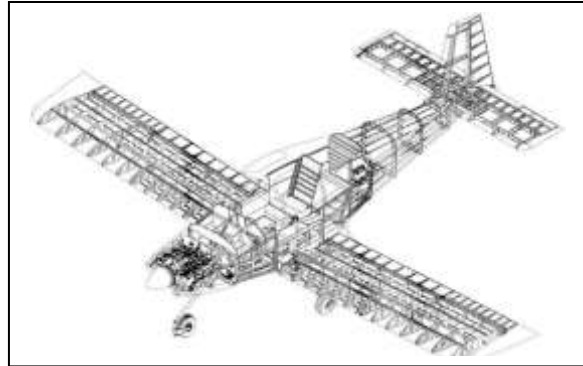
It is EAA members such as yourself that can bring aboard the next generation of members. Your involvement in your local chapter is even a greater reason to introduce them to EAA. Chapter members are the most engaged and passionate members you'll find within EAA. There is no better group than a local chapter to welcome a newcomer to EAA.

Once you identify whom you'd like to sponsor, simply visit www.EAA.org/Legacy to register EAA's newest member. After you gift this membership, invite the individual to your chapter, and show them the opportunities and community that exist in their own backyard. By gifting a membership and becoming a Legacy sponsor, you will receive a Legacy sponsor pin and patch.

EAA cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the organization, and especially of your local chapter. Chapters are the lifeblood of EAA, and without them the impact of EAA would be fraction of what it is today. Enjoy your holiday season, and we hope to see you in Oshkosh this July!

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