

**EAA Chapter 17-- Knoxville, TN****President's Comments**

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As I write this column we have just finished recently the Young Eagles flight for TSD, and East TN WINGS Saturday. I want to thank everyone who helped with the TSD Young Eagles day at DKX, and those of you that also helped with the WINGS Saturday on April 30 at DKX. The Young Eagles day at MOR was postponed due to weather. Lee has been working very hard to make the Young Eagle's program a continuing success. Remember the big Young Eagles Day in June.

Our May 9 meeting at 7:30pm at DKX is a change in our meeting night and time. I outlined the reason in the last newsletter. We will have a short program of listening to a couple of CD's that Charlie Fine (Avionics America) made that will keep you laughing all the time. After we stop laughing, we will need to discuss a new permanent day and time to hold our Chapter 17 meetings. This might take a big part of our time. We will also discuss a few other issues.

At WINGS Saturday, several mentioned they liked the Mountain Flying program, and the Weather Killers program. Travis Witherington and Brandon Hughett have agreed to come and give their program at one of our EAA meetings. Maybe, one for June and the other for July. I will check and see if Joe Wilkerson and David Brown might agree to present their seminar programs to us also.

I discussed with Don Miller about holding some of our meetings at Sky ranch since that is where Chapter 17 was for so many years. Plan to discuss that too on May 9. Don and I discussed about maybe holding one or two of our meetings on a Saturday and having a cookout in conjunction with our meeting. You could bring your families to this meeting too.

If you have a suggestion for a program, please let me know by e-mail or phone. Our chapter improves and is better off when everyone gives suggestions for programs, taking part, etc., and we all promote gaining new members.

We displayed our new EAA banners at the TSD Young Eagles day at DKX. I think they look very nice, and tell who we are whenever the public or news media show up at our events.

Reminder, the deadline for reservations for Miss Evelyn's dinner at GKT is May 13. The dinner will be held on May 26, 2005. Send your payment to the Tennessee Aviation Museum at GKT, or call them for more information.

See you May 9 at 7:30pm at DKX. Let's have a big turnout for this important meeting. Until then **FLY SAFE!!!!!!!!!!!!** It's a lot more enjoyable that way. The other way could **"RUIN YOUR WHOLE DAY!"**

Darrell

Chapter 17 Classified Ads

Loehle 5151 Engine & Instruments: Subaru EA-81 engine (1800 cc) and various instruments for sale. 280 hours on engine, recently overhauled to new specs and basic VFR instruments. Contact John Franzreb (865) 376-9924.

RV-9A: Tail, Wing and Fuselage kits including Van's RV-9 wiring kit and 2 Duckworks leading edge landing/taxi lights. The tail, flaps and ailerons are finished. Both wings have the ribs attached. Located in Verona, Kentucky that is about 30 minutes south of Cincinnati, OH. Will NOT separate these parts. \$13,500. Also available Whelen combo strobe and position lights \$700, PSS AOA Sport \$850 and an Aero Instruments Heated Pitot/static tube \$500. Contact scottspencer@fuse.net

1943 Boeing PT-17 Stearman: She's a beauty! See it at DKX or on the web: <http://www.huaa.com/stearman/> Contact David Senn (865) 482-3178.

1979 Cessna 182RG: '79 Cessna 182RG for sale. 2600 hours TT and 350 SMOH. Contact Ken Carpenter (865) 693-0457.

Aeronca Champ, Engine, & Prop: One 7BCM-CONV airframe, recovered, with C-85, almost ready to fly and a Continental C-65 with prop, zero time. Located in Murfreesboro. Contact Lester Smith (615) 308-4764.

Upcoming Pilot Safety Seminars:

April 30, 2005 at Knoxville Downtown-Island Airport (DKX): East TN WINGS Saturday Plan to attend the East Tennessee WINGS Saturday at DKX on April 30, 2005! More details coming soon!

Young Eagles Calendar:

June 11, 2005: International Young Eagle Day. An event is planned for this day, details to come soon! Rain date for Int'l Young Eagles Day: June 18, 2005.

EAA Chapter 17 Website:

Visit EAA Chapter 17's web site at <http://www.eaa17.org>
Updated weekly!

DVDs Available

Hurry! A limited number of copies of the Vans DVD "The RV Story" are available from Ed Dumas for a limited time only! Please call Ed to reserve your copy!



An 18 minute video of the YOUNG EAGLES Day in high quality DVD is now available at \$15.00 per copy.

Call 405-7896 after 8:00 PM weekdays anytime on weekends.

Young Eagles Corner

Call For Pilots: Young Eagle Flights To Assist with Aviation Merit Badge!

We have some Boy Scouts who can not make our Young Eagle rally on June 11. Anyone interested in flying some Boy Scouts and doing a little ground school with them to help them earn their merit badge may contact me, Lee Erickson by Phone, 865-805-2437 or email, ch17_young_eagles@earthlink.net and I will pass on the contact information for their Scoutmaster. There are about four scouts. May 7, 14 and 15 are suggested days but other arrangements can be worked out. You can use the Merit Badge requirements at: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/meritbadges/Aviation.asp> as a guide for what to cover to help the scouts as much as you can. We also need pilots to start indicating if they can fly on June 11. The June 11 rally will be at Sky Ranch.

The April 21st Young Eagles Tennessee School for the Deaf happened despite threats of thunderstorms. Due to the prediction of thunderstorms we inverted the order of events and got Young Eagles flying after only a brief reminder of safety, (stay away from the propeller and wear your seat belt at all times). Then after the flight we practiced a preflight inspection of a plane courtesy of Knoxville Flight School. Finally we presented the ground school. Of course some young Eagles experienced the events in an altered sequence.

We started at about 3:00 PM as the Young Eagles arrived from their school. We flew with 5 planes. Our pilots were Wilma Brantley, Max Grogan, Linda Meese, Don Miller and Barry Sanders. I think the last planes shut down about 6:30 with some tired pilots. But thanks to the effort of the pilots, and luck that the thunderstorms never did materialized, we flew 53 Young Eagles!

Ground school was by Ed Dumas and Dick Merian. Registration was by Anna Miller with assistance from Phyllis Bennett, a friend of Anna who is learning ASL (American Sign Language).

Max Grogan bought drinks from Knox Air for the Young Eagles and Knox Air provided the classroom space and popcorn. Lots of smiling Young Eagles gestured their thanks. (I think I can remember that sign, a hand to your chin, back of the hand out. Then arc the hand outward and down.) See here <http://home.earthlink.net/~villabullock/asl.thankyou.html>

This time I got to "speak" with a few of the Young Eagles. They were especially interested in the PT17 there in the hanger. I explained that I have ridden in it as a passenger and experienced rolls and loops. They seemed impressed. I also described spins and compared a spin to the motion that maple tree seeds make as they spin down in the air. Another event new for us was to get some of the new Young Eagles drawing airplanes after ground school. Perhaps we will have made a few aeronautical engineers as a result of our efforts that day. I will include some pictures for our web site.

Now it is time to start thinking about June 11 (with back up on June 18) International Young Eagles Day. Pilots please let me, Lee Erickson, know if you plan on participating so that I can try to match the number of pilots to the number of Young Eagles. We fly from Sky Ranch and hope to have lots of Scouts who are pursuing their merit badges. Crowd control, ground school staff and registration staff will also be needed.

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The new EAA 2005 Calendars are here! Get yours for only \$10.00 while supplies last! Reserve your calendar early by contacting Ed Dumas, EAA 17 Treasurer, soon. We also have a limited number of EAA Chapter 17 cloth patches available for \$3.00 each. Get yours now!

Web Site Information:

The Weather Underground is a great site for getting current weather for almost anywhere in the world. Unfortunately, this great resource could be forced to go away if pending legislation by Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santori is passed. Follow this link to learn more about legislation affecting the National Weather Service:

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/comment.html?entrynum=3&tstamp=200504>

There is an online petition to sign if you feel so moved.

Ed Dumas

Aircraft Spruce EAST Open House / Fly-In

Saturday May 21, 2005 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

452 Dividend Drive, Peachtree City, Georgia 30269

- Special pricing for one day only!*
- Manufacturers on site with special promos!
- Free Courtesy Van to and from Falcon Field!
- Save 20 cents per gallon of Avgas at Falcon Field with your Spruce invoice (May 21st only)!
- Raffle tickets being sold to benefit the EAA Young Eagles program!
- Raffle prizes include headsets, radios, books and more!
- Free hot dogs and sodas!

Directions: Take I-85 south out of Atlanta. Take Exit 61 onto Hwy 74 and turn south. Cross Hwy 54. Turn right on TDK Blvd., then left on Dividend Drive and we are on the right.

Fly in to the Falcon Field Airport! KFFC Unicom 123.05. The customer flying in the furthest will receive an Aircraft Spruce Prize package containing an Icom Handheld radio and ACS wear! Please call us at 877-477-7823 or 770-487-2310 if you have any questions. *Prices only good for orders placed on site (e.g. no phone orders) on Saturday, May 21st, 2005 only.

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EAA Chapter 17 Meeting

**Monday, May 9, 2005 at
7:30 p.m. at Downtown
Island (DKX)
New Meeting Time/Date!**

