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April 2024 NEWSLETTER

April 13 Awards Banquet

To be held 11:00 am @ Daveto's Restaurant

Early lunch meeting begins at 11:00. Everyone orders individually from the menu.

Spouses and significant others are encouraged to attend. We will highlight a few short Chapter news items then formally congratulate Roger Miller for completing his aircraft build in 2023 as well as formally thank key volunteers for their generous time and contributions to our Chapter.

Teen Aviation Introduction

We are embarking on a test program with Cedaredge High School titled: "Teen Aviation Introduction." Please take a moment to review this [one-page link](#) to see what this first effort will entail.

Staff at Cedaredge High School have a weekly parent (and student?) newsletter where they will begin to advertise this cooperative event with our Chapter.

We are certainly mindful of not over-committing our members. However, if this effort is well received then perhaps we can discuss broadening our reach to other local High Schools.

Please stay tuned to emails from myself and Bruce Theiking as the date nears. We will need volunteers to both organize (short) presentations and for short Young Eagle type flights.

Ray Aviation Scholarship News

Byron LeMaster continues his flight training at CFC in Grand Junction thanks to our Chapter & EAA awarding him Ray Scholarship funds. Bryon gave members a brief update on his training progress at our March meeting.

Our Chapter has been qualified to receive Ray Scholarship funds in 2024. However, at this point, I don't believe we have any youth that is old enough to submit to EAA for actual fund grants. Another reason for our May 11 test program with Cedaredge High School.



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Blake Field Update

The main ramp will be replaced at some point this summer. Regrading to reduce the overall slope is one goal amongst several.

New parking lot road-base fill has been put in place on the East side. This encompasses both the area around my hangar as well as to the East of the far East taxiway.

New airport fencing installation has started on the East side as well. There will be two “man doors” in the new fence. Stay tuned, as the new parking and fence access will be active by our May Chapter meeting.

Young Eagle & Adult Waiver & Release Forms

Many of you know that parents and pilots are required to sign a “waiver and release” form prior to any Young Eagle flight.

There is a separate waiver and release form for adult flights (rides).

What you may not realize is that these forms are available to everyone in the Chapter giving youth and adults rides at any time. By utilizing these forms, you come under the insurance umbrella of EAA when giving rides.

Blank versions of both forms are available on the red shelving in boxes adjacent to our Chapter refrigerator in Ted Waltman’s hangar.

Chapter 1373 Building Program Update

Our Chapter board of directors continues to exchange emails, talk, text and meet on how to best approach a formal building program. Our next board meeting is April 6th. We will continue to update you and of course answer any/all questions at our regular Chapter meetings.

Backcountry Aviation

There’s a couple of updates to this news item from our last, March, newsletter:

- The latest appeal on this case was heard by an Appellate Court on March 11th. No word (that I’m aware of) on when they will issue their ruling



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- The “In The Hangar” YouTube channel interviewed Trent Palmer’s attorney in this 23 min video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fjqst2A3V6E>

A [recent ruling](#) in an FAA enforcement action had some concerning language that could effectively prohibit [off-airport landing] inspection passes.

- As explained in the FAA’s own “Off Airport Ops Guide” ([link here](#)) it is recommended to do at least three inspection passes over an off-airport landing area to determine if it is safe to land. FAA recommends one pass low enough to “roll one tire for a few feet to get a feel for the landing surface” which obviously must be done lower than 500 feet above the ground.
- However, the FAA’s minimum altitude regulation only has explicit exceptions for takeoffs and landings.
- Even though an inspection pass is a necessary maneuver to determine if a landing is safe, FAA’s position is that an inspection pass is not allowed unless a pilot can prove he or she could have safely landed in a given area.
- In other words, FAA requires a pilot to prove a landing area is safe before the pilot is allowed to inspect the area.
- This ruling could drastically affect operations for any pilot that conducts off-airport landings.
- Senator Budd filed an *amicus brief* ([link here](#)) addressing several legal issues with the NTSB’s ruling. But some of these issues can only be fixed through legislation.

Trent Palmer, a noted YouTube influencer, produced a video covering this topic ([link](#))

Senator Budd has a section of his website covering this in more detail as well ([link](#))

Here’s a [link](#) to find contact information for your Colorado senator

If you would like to write your Senator, here is a [link](#) to a sample letter.

Proposed Chapter Events Schedule

- 13 April, Saturday, Awards Banquet at Daveto’s Italian Restaurant @ 11:00 am
- 11 May, Saturday: Teen Aviation Intro for Cedaredge students age 15-19
- 18 May, Saturday, Flying Start and Pancake Breakfast
- 8 June, Saturday, Open Young Eagle Rally



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- 28 September, Saturday, Poker Run
- 5 October, Saturday, Joint Fly-In meeting and lunch at 99V, with EAA-800, 1451, 1606
- 19 October, Saturday, Open Young Eagles Rally
- To be determined November, Friday, Closed Young Eagles Rally for Western Slope AeroLabs.

Chapter Youth Workshops

Please contact Tom Jones for more information @ jtj1045@yahoo.com

- Aircraft engine disassembly & assembly workshops
- Aircraft sheet metal build project—tools, safety equipment, instruction provided
- 1st Saturday beginning right after Chapter monthly meeting

Local Aircraft For Sale

Note: Chapter 1373 will advertise aircraft and related aviation items for sale for Chapter members in our monthly newsletter.

- ½ Share of a 1946 Cessna 140 For Sale



- Airframe 3500 TT
- Upgraded to 0200A 100HP, with climb prop
- TSOH 1810, Overhaul reserve account @\$7000+
- Jan 24 annual, compressions 76, 76, 78, 76



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- Flown weekly
- Based/hangared at 7V2 (North Fork: Paonia)
- Flies hands-off at planned 5 gph
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Chapter Meeting Minutes

Past Chapter 1373 meeting minutes are located on our Chapter website:

<http://www.eaa1373.org/>