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President's Corner

Bruce Mundie



As false Spring has arrived, but we have until 20 March until its official. I need to use the warm days to complete my conditional inspection. We should know soon if EAA 80 achieved gold status for 2024! I'm hoping that we continue our growth and progress!

I have noticed a trend of EAA builders and restorers being evicted from their hangars at Millard and Eppley by the Omaha Airport Authority. EAA National has also noticed this trend. If you think that you are being treated unfairly by the OAA, or your status as a builder or restorer has made you a target by the OAA, please send me or our VP Chris Williams a note. My friendly recommendation is to review your hangar lease before responding.

Sarah Wollerman, Steve Moffitt and the Ray Scholarship and Rex Scholarship team will know soon if we are nominated to grant a 2025-26 Ray Scholarship. Important scholarship announcements have been delayed until early March.

Thanks to all that helped hang our banners and signs in our mall space. It looks better each passing month. If you see something that needs to be cleaned-up or put away; please do just that!

Thanks, and fly safe! Bruce

Ray Aviation Scholarship

In January 2025, Chapter 80 applied to EAA to administer a 2025 Ray Scholarship for a \$12,000 flight training scholarship. If we are selected to give another Ray Scholarship, we will begin a search in March for a motivated youth aged 16 ½ to 19 who would like to participate in a concentrated one-year effort to acquire his/her Private Pilot License. The selection process will begin with reviewing questionnaire responses from scholar candidates. We look at a candidate's motivation, participation level in Chapter activities, apparent ability to complete the training in one year and any accomplishments toward flight training preparation. Possession of an FAA medical certificate is required for scholarship consideration. That is, a scholar hopeful should already have an FAA medical certificate in March for us to consider him/her. We cannot propose a Ray Scholar candidate to the EAA without an FAA medical certificate. The scholarship gives \$4,800 to start flight training, then requires soloing within 4 months to receive the next \$4,800 and then requires completion of the FAA Knowledge Exam within 4 more months to receive the last \$2,400. The Ray Aviation Foundation has partnered with EAA's chapter structure to find and mentor flight training scholars with the goal of an 80% completion rate. Chapter 80 has graduated 2 for 2 and has two Ray Scholars currently underway. Thanks to all of our Chapter 80 volunteers who keep our Chapter active and visible. That helps us earn the privilege of administering this scholarship. EAA 80's Graduated Ray Scholars: Patrick Stolinski (2021) and Delaney Moffitt (2022). Current Scholars: Andrew Pineda (2023) and Jario Anguiano-Adame (2024).

Rex Ekwall Scholarship

EAA 80 is pleased to announce that it will be administering the 2025 edition of the Rex Ekwall Foundation Scholarship. Rex was a lifelong Nebraska resident who passed away in the Fall of 2022. He owned Rite Way Oil & Gas Company and was a lifelong aviation enthusiast and philanthropist. The Rex Ekwall Memorial Scholarship is a highly competitive scholarship that allows the recipient one year and \$12,000 to complete their Private Pilot's License. EAA 80 will utilize the same rules and application processes that it uses for the Ray Scholarship. It will also conduct Rex Ekwall interviews at the same time as the Ray Scholar applicants. EAA 80's Graduated Rex Ekwall Scholar: Josh Hyrnkow (2024).

Membership

Rich Kolkman

Membership & Renewal – EAA Chapter 80

Welcoming new member:

Ray Oltman

We have 137 active members.

67% of our members have paid their 2025 membership dues.

New EAA80 Name Badges have been produced for those who have not received one and will be available for pickup at our monthly chapter meetings.

2025 membership dues [\$25/adult, \$15/student] can be paid by cash, check, or Venmo (+\$1 to cover Venmo processing fee). Checks can be mailed to:

EAA80, c/o Richard Kolkman, 18058 Leavenworth St., Elkhorn, NE 68022].

For membership profile changes (contact information, EAA80 email lists, etc.) email updates to

membership@eaa80.org





Bruce presents Jairo with a Lightspeed headset

Next Meeting:

The next chapter meeting is April 14th, 2025 @ 7pm (6:30pm Social) at ABLE/ACE.
Future Presenters:

FAA FAASTeam Mark Gaffney

Bill Moore will talk about developments in Electric powered flight.

EAA Chapter 80 Meeting Minutes

February 2025

The chapter meeting was held on February 10, 2025 at Oakview and called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bruce Mundie.

Guests and New Members attending: Jason Beckham Green, Ray Oltman, Dan Wood, Mike Skidmore, Lauren Lozell, and Donald.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from January were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: As Noted in the February Newsletter.

Membership: Rich Kolkman reported that the membership is at 137 with 69% Paid.

Welcome New Members: Ray Oltman

Password to access the membership directory from the website is EAA80directoryPassword

Scholarship: 2023 Scholarship update
Andrew Paneda - Working to re-schedule his Flight Eval.

2024 The Rex Ekwall Memorial Scholarship.
Joshua Hrynkow Jr., Passed Checkride and earned his PPL Certificate.

2024 Ray Scholarship, Jairo Anguiano-Adame, Passed his written test.

Chapter 80 has been funded for the 2025-26 Rex Ekwall Scholarship.

We are still waiting for approval for the Ray Scholarship. We will have until Mid April to find a candidate.

Tech Counselors: If you have any questions or problems with your build, call Mike Howard. 402-677-8451

Mike Howard spoke about Flight Advisors regarding flight procedures.

Bob Condrey encouraged at least 3-5 visits during your builds to inspect for quality of workmanship and to spot any problems or issues. Contact Bob or Mike Howard for tech visits.

Young Eagles (YE):

Next Young Eagle event will be March 2025.
Schedule: March 22, April 19, May 17, June 14, July 12, August 16, September 13*, October 18*.

YE Pilots & Ground Crew always needed
text Scott Pridie at 402-489-2159; youngeaglesday.org to register.

Scott says the registration will go through EAA soon. Details to come.

Upcoming events:

March 10 Chapter Meeting,
March 22 Young Eagles

Text Scott Pridie at 832-489-2159 to volunteer as pilot or ground crew.

See Rich Kolkman to get on the Young Eagles Email group.

Tools: Contact Tom Widuwilt (TW), your tools manager. If you have any chapter tools, let TW know what you have.

Builder Reports:

Bill says his wings are on.

Glenn & Ron are starting the Bearhawk wings

Builder Meeting: NONE

Chapter Build:

- Glastar Contact Chris Williams if you want to be involved. 479-857-7878

Working on the Leading edge of the wing

- A Kitfox Classic IV: Glenn Roberts. Contact Glen to get involved 402-580-1390

Fly-outs:

Social Coordinator: Picnic and Holiday party are TBD

IMC/VMC: Contact Benji Cunningham 402-990-8524

IMC is the 2nd Thursday of the month

VMC is the 2nd Tuesday of the month (Looking for an assistant)

VP: Chris Williams, let Chris know if you have any speaker ideas.

PRESIDENT: Bruce Mundie

Former member Daryl Long went West. 8/19/1939 - 1/22/2025

Larry Lumpkin is selling an RV-4 tail Kit

IMC Club is Thursdays, A CFII is needed to host

The chapter will renew it's 501c3 Bi-Annual Report with the Nebraska Secretary of State.

Calendar:

March 10 Chapter Meeting,

March 15 Young Eagles,

April 14 Chapter Meeting,

April 19 Young Eagles.

New Business:

It was discussed whether to continue the \$2000 UNO Scholarship. After discussing the benefits amongst the members and finding that we need to keep our connections with the UNO Pilot program it was unanimously approved to offer the Scholarship again.

Old Business: Aviation Camp Details: Discussion was had, further discussion needed.

Sale of the Kitfox was not decided.

Announcements: Leadership Service Awards were handed out:

Bob Dyer, VP; Al Nelson, Secretary; Rich Kolkman, membership; Scott Pridie, Young Eagles; Chris Halfman, newsletter editor; Bob Condrey, Tech Advisor; Mike Howard, Tech Advisor; Tom Ostlund, Young Eagles MVP with 697 YE Flights to date; Glen Roberts 15 YE Flights in 2024.

Presentation: None. Networking and hanging posters.

Next Meeting: The next chapter is March 10 @ 7pm Oakview Mall/Able Ace

✈Koehler's Korner✈

...will return....

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FAA 80 MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT

Feb-25

Income

Member Dues	\$63.48
RV 4 to Jim Beyer	\$490.31
TOTAL INCOME/RECEIPTS	\$553.79

Expenses

Food and Drink	\$66.95
Oak View Rent	\$150.00
Ray Scholar	\$4,664.87
TOTAL EXPENSES/OUTFLOWS	\$4,881.82

Assets

Pinnacle Bank CD's	\$40,000.00
RV 12 Note	\$7,200.00
Glstar Project	\$25,000.00
Shirt Inventory (est)	\$400.00
Checking Account Balance	\$18,507.94
Venmo Balance	\$1,226.96
TOTAL ASSETS	\$92,334.90

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Aviation STEM Day Mid-Year

5th Annual Aviation STEM Day

When:

Rescheduled to: Saturday, March 29th

11:00am – 3:00pm

Where:

Oak View Mall

3001 S. 144th Street, Omaha Ne. 68144

Ever Had an Interest In...

- Becoming a Pilot?
- Fly a real Cessna 172 Flight Sim?
- Fly a Radio Controlled Plane?
- Played Drone Soccer?
- Folded up a Parachute?
- Put on a winged Flying Suit?
- Ever seen a AG Spray Drone?
- Look at the sun through a telescope?
- See a Paramotor?
- See a sail plane up Close?
- Make and launch Paper Rockets?
- See Home Built Airplanes under construction?
- Student Built Airplane with 2,000hr?

So Much Other Stuff To See & Do.

This Event is:
FREE!

**FAMILY
FRIENDLY**

Activities will be geared toward Middle and High School Students, but the whole Family is encouraged to attend.

Special Education and Learning Sessions Planned.:

- Planetarium Presentation Sessions.
- CAD Model Rocket Design.
- 172 Simulator Flying Lab.
- Seminar on Space Weather Forecasting.

Signup for Notifications of Coming Events



GO TO:

www.eaa.org/en/eea/news-and-publications/eea-webinars to see a current listing of webinars available.

EAA Chapter 80 is classified as a Non-Profit Charitable Organization per section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. As a result, we are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with Code section 170. Your contributions will go towards such things as:

- ✓ *Aviation scholarships*
- ✓ *Scholarships to send kids to EAA's Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin*
- ✓ *Helping promote Young Eagles events and rallies for the community*
- ✓ *Many other events that promote aviation in the Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa region.*

EAA 80 is a 100% volunteer organization, there are no paid members to the staff. Our only funding comes from chapter dues and occasional fund raising.

Please visit our website eaa80.org or contact an officer to inquire about making a tax free donation.

