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President's Corner

Bruce Mundie



Post Memorial Day and Summer on the Great Plains has arrived! Time to carve out time in our busy schedules to go flying! Our Ray and Rex Ekwall scholars have been announced! Melany Bravo, 2025-26 Ray Scholar, and Johanna Frandeen, 2025-26 Rex Ekwall Scholar are set to work for the next year to earn their Private Pilot Certificates. The competition was incredibly tough; you two deserve a well-earned congratulations!

Our monthly Young Eagles event was on May 24th. Once again thanks to Scott Pridie and all the volunteers for hosting. Nineteen Young Eagles were flown. There is a tie for the most Young Eagle flights so far in 2025: Jon Fitzsimmons and Derek Schroeder are both at 13 flights. There is also a tie for second place with Ron Hansen, Scott Pridie, and David Zajac each with 5. And finally, A huge congratulations to our own Tom Ostlund who just passed 700 Young Eagle flight mark!

The Omaha Airport Authority is hosting a T-hangar tenant meeting on 9 June at 3:30 at Oracle (just a few hours before our Chapter meeting). Recommend you attend if you have questions or comments for the OAA. And, if you keep an aircraft or project out at Millard please check the anticipated July through October taxiway and subsequent T-Hangar closures.

As always, keep an eye on the weather here on the Great Plains! 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 Hrynkw (2024).

Membership

Rich Kolkman

Membership & Renewal – EAA Chapter 80

Membership update:

Welcoming new members:

Ian Lamb, Lincoln

Jay Buchanan, Council Bluffs

We have 148 active members.

80% 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.



EAA Chapter 80

Meeting Minutes

May 2025

The chapter meeting was held on May 12, 2025 at Oracle and called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bruce Mundie

Guests & New Members attending:

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from April were approved unanimously.

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

Membership: Rich Kolkman reported that the membership is at 146 with 78% Paid.

Welcome New Members: Adam Prinz, Jeff Salisbury

Password to access the membership directory from the website is EAA80directoryPassword

Scholarship: 2024 Ray Scholarship, Jairo Anguiano-Adame, Working towards cross country and check ride.

Congratulations to New Ray Scholarship winner Melany Bravo and Rex Ekwall Memorial Aviation Scholarship winner Johanna Frandeen. Each scholar receives \$12,000 to earn a Private Pilot License.

Tech Counselors: If you have any questions or problems with your build, call Mike Howard. 402-677-8451 No Report this month.

Young Eagles (YE):

Next Young Eagle event will be June 14th, 2025.

Schedule: 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.

Calendar: June 9 Chapter Meeting (Millard Airport), June 14 Young Eagles, July 14, Cookout at Millard Airport. July 20-27 Airventure, Oshkosh.

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

know what you have.

Dale Botkin is donating a Brake Rivet setting tool. Tools are being labeled for inventory.

Friends of EAA80: n/a

Builder Reports: Bill Haas reports he's been working on rebuilding the cockpit.

Builder Meeting: NONE

Chapter Build:

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

Working on the wings currently. Meeting some Sundays 3-7pm. Be sure to get on the email list. They are currently working on the right wing.



A Kitfox Classic IV: Looking for a new project manager.

Fly-outs: Flyout to Pella, Iowa.

Social Coordinator: Picnic, September 13? 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

New Business: Shawn McIlroy volunteered to coordinate the Oshkosh Chapter 80 camping space.

Old Business: The \$2000 UNO Scholarship is on hold until the fall.

Announcements: None

Presentation: Mike Stahl presented on his RV-8 build with the plane present for viewing.

Next Meeting: The next chapter is June 9 @ 7pm, Millard Airport.

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Income

Member Dues	\$76.00
Scrap Metal Proceeds	\$209.02
TOTAL INCOME/RECEIPTS	\$285.02

Expenses

Oak View Rent	\$150.00
Trailer Registration	\$26.00
OSH Camping (Will be reimbursed)	\$1,755.00
Ekwall Scholarship	\$2,400.00
Tool Labels	\$120.40
Food & Drink	\$19.98
TOTAL EXPENSES/OUTFLOWS	\$4,471.38

Assets

Pinnacle Bank CD's	\$40,000.00
RV 12 Note	\$4,200.00
Glastar Project	\$25,000.00
Shirt Inventory (est)	\$400.00
Checking Account Balance	\$20,155.96

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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.

GO TO:

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

Johanna Frandeen is EAA 80's 2025-26 Rex Ekwall Memorial Aviation Scholarship winner. She will receive up to \$12,000 to earn her Private Pilot's Certificate. A 2025 graduate of Burke High School, Johanna will be attending UNO Aviation College in the Fall. Johanna was a member of Burke High's Aviation and Space Academy where she had the opportunity to be dual enrolled at both Burke and the University of Nebraska Omaha. While at Burke, she was a three-sport athlete, honors student and year book editor. After graduation at UNO, Johanna plans a career in aviation by following up with her advanced ratings, eventually an ATP and a career with the airlines.





Melany Bravo is EAA 80's 2025-25 Ray Aviation Scholarship winner. Melany will receive up to \$12,000 from EAA National's Ray Scholar Foundation. Melany is a 2024 Graduate of Omaha South High School and is Freshman at the University of Omaha enrolled in their Aviation College. Melany hobbies include dance where she is a member of the Omaha Supernova's Cheer Team. After graduation, Melany plans to further her aviation career with flying for the airlines.

YOUNG EAGLES:

Good afternoon all. Thank you for the great turnout on the 24th. We flew 21! We had 8 pilots and 6 airplanes. That was great to see and helped with the smooth flow of the event. Our next event is June 14th. If we have the same amount of aircraft and pilots then I can up the number a bit for registration. I know we are still a couple of weeks out, but if you are able to help let me know so I can adjust the number of registrants accordingly.

Thank you!

Photos from the Chapter Build: Glastar



Interesting news from the Nebraska Pilots FaceBook page:

