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# CHAPTER 80 NEWS



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## President's Corner October 2025

It was an amazing Spring, Summer and Fall of 2025 for EAA 80. For me, the best highlights were once again my trip in the Nieuport to Air Venture Oshkosh. It is always an adventure flying across Iowa and Wisconsin at 70 mph (not to mention the FISK Arrival!). The best part of the trip was the opportunity to meet up with fellow chapter members who also traveled there, meet old friends from my time in EAA 186,

Manassas, Virginia, and meet new friends along the way. The Air Venture spectacle did not disappoint either... (continued on p.2)

Many thanks again to all our volunteers! Scholarship, Young Eagles, Membership, officers and chairholders. We could not have done it without you. Sarah Wasserman, our scholarship chairperson, created the application and won our opportunity for the Ray and the Rex Ekwall Scholarships for 2025.

Our Young Eagles program under Scott Pridie flew 149 kids in 2025, outstanding work by his team!

EAA80 has a running total of 8,812 kids flown since the program started. Rich Kolkman, our membership chairman, has presided over nearly 30 new members and has seen the chapter at its highest membership ever at nearly 160 strong. 2025 was a record-breaking year and the sky is the limit for 2026.

Holiday Dinner is set for Monday, 8 December, at Gorat's Steak House. RSVP information will come out soon. Save the date!

Elections are right around the corner, don't be surprised if I shoot you a text or give you a call to see if you are interested in a leadership position in the chapter. Positions include President, Vice President and Secretary. Please consider lending your talents and energy to these very important offices in EAA80. Please contact me directly if you have any questions about these positions. There might be a few days left to fly the Nieuport before winter hits! Make sure you get out and enjoy!

Thanks, and fly safe! Bruce



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## FLYOUT PIREP

Mike H says "We had four planes and six people. Good day, 2500 foot ceiling starting out, broken by the time we got to Stearman (1K1). Little bumpy on the way back."

## Young Eagles!

Last flights of 2025...looking forward to Spring 2026!







## Ray Scholarship

In January 2026 the chapter will apply to EAA to administer a 2026 Ray Foundation Aviation Scholarship. If we are selected to give another Ray Scholarship, we will begin a search in March for a motivated youth aged 16½ to 19 who would like to participate in a concentrated one-year effort to acquire his/her Private Pilot License. The scholarship gives \$4,800 to start flight training, 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 the scholars with the goal of an 80% completion rate. We have helped create three Private Pilots since the program began:



Patrick Stolinski 2021



Delaney Moffitt 2022



Andrew Pineda 2023



Jairo Anguiano-Adame  
2024 (pending completion)



Melany Bravo 2025  
(pending completion).

Thanks to all our Chapter 80 volunteers that keep our Chapter active and visible. That helps us earn the privilege of administering this scholarship.

## Rex Ekwall Scholarship

EAA 80 is expecting to continue offering the Rex Ekwall Scholarship in 2026. The requirements, application process and scholarship amounts will mirror those of the annual Ray Scholarship.

The Rex Ekwall scholarship has created one Private Pilot since its inception:



Josh Hrynkow 2024



Johanna Frandeen 2025

(Pending completion)

The scholarship is in memory of Rex Ekwall, a lifelong Nebraskan who co-founded the Clugston-Ekwall Oil Company in 1963 and later the Rite Way Oil & Gas Company in 1978. His passion for aviation started in 1970 when he became a pilot and subsequently an aircraft owner out of the Millard Airport. Rex was the 14th most active Angel Flight pilot at the time of his aviation retirement in 2013.

The Ekwall family wanted to continue this philanthropy and recognize Rex's love for aviation. This annual scholarship provides a mechanism for Rex's passion for aviation to continue by helping young aviators become pilots. In addition to sparking a passion for aviation, this will help youths and young adults learn valuable life skills along the way.

## Other Scholarship Information

AOPA:

Numerous aviation scholarships <https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/students/aopa-flight-training-scholarships>

EAA:

Numerous aviation scholarships <https://www.eaa.org/eaa/learn-to-fly/scholarships>

**EAA Chapter 80 Meeting Minutes****October 2025**

The chapter meeting was held on October 13, 2025 at Oracle and called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bruce Mundie.

Guests & New Members attending: Ben & Michael

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from August/September will be reviewed at next meeting along with October.

**Treasurer's Report:** As Noted in the October Newsletter.

**Membership:** Rich Kolkman reported that the membership is at 153 with 88% Paid.

**Welcome New Members:** Steve Nolan

Members with unpaid '25 dues will be removed from our membership rolls at the end of September.

Password to access the membership directory from the website is EAA80directoryPassword

**Scholarship:** 2024 Ray Scholarship, Jairo Anguiano-Adame is Check ride ready and will get that scheduled to be completed by December.

2025 Ray Scholarship winner Melany Bravo: Was present and a gave a report on current mile markers, including 3 hrs night done, missing some solo time, but working towards XC.

2025 Rex Ekwall Memorial Aviation Scholarship winner Johanna Frandeen. Was not present, had to change CFIs

**Tech Counselors:** If you have any questions or problems with your build, call Mike Howard. 402-677-8451 OR Bob Condrey 402-651-0402. No Report

**Young Eagles (YE):**

Next Young Eagle last event of the year will be October 18, YE Pilots &Ground Crew always needed. Text Scott Pridie at 402-489-2159; [youngeaglesday.org](http://youngeaglesday.org) to register.

**Calendar:**

- Young Eagles October 18,
- Chapter Meeting November 10 at the Mall.
- Chapter Elections, December 8 Meeting will be the Holiday Party.
- End of Year apply for Ray Scholarship.
- January 12 Meeting Oakview Mall,
- February 9 Meeting Oakview Mall,
- March 9 Oakview Mall

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**EAA Chapter 80 Meeting Minutes****October 2025**

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

**Friends of EAA80:** n/a

**Builder Reports:**

- Bill Haas, Working on a sunscreen
- Ron & Glen, Sonex rebuild ; Bear Hawk,
- Ray, RV14,
- Dave, RV10,
- TW, Closed up a wing and working on engine.

**Builder Meeting:** NONE

**Chapter Build:**

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

Working on the wings currently. Almost done with 2 nd wing. Meeting some Sundays 3-7pm. Be sure to get on the email list.

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

**Fly-outs:** Stearman Field October 25 (Changed to November 1)

**Social Coordinator:** Holiday party is December 8 Details to come.

**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:** Elections coming in November: President, VP, Secretary are open positions.

**Old Business:** n/a

**Announcements:** None

**Presentation:** Maj Chad Vanderhorst presented on Mid-Air Collision Avoidance

**Next Meeting:** The next chapter is November 10 at the Mall

# Mosaic Sport Pilot 2.0

## Chris Gauger EAA

One of the most important initiatives promoted by EAA has come to fruition. Effective October 22, 2025, pilots who hold a sport pilot certificate or fly under sport pilot privileges in the United States will have access to a much wider range of aircraft they can fly. This reform to the FARs, known as Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification (MOSAIC), was in the works for more than a decade. The final rule was announced during the EAA Air Venture Oshkosh 2025, and after years of advocacy by EAA and other aviation organizations, what we are calling Sport Pilot 2.0 is now in effect.

### Top 5 Things to Know About Sport Pilot 2.0

1. 70% of the single-engine piston aircraft fleet in the United States is now eligible to be flown by sport pilots.
2. A maximum clean stall speed of 59 knots (67 mph) will be permitted for sport pilot-eligible aircraft.
3. Aircraft with up to 4 seats can be flown by sport pilots (increased from 2 seats).
4. Sport pilots are limited to two occupants (pilot plus one passenger).
5. There is no longer a maximum weight limitation for sport pilot-eligible aircraft.

MOSAIC also revises the light-sport aircraft category, allowing newer and more capable models of light-sport aircraft to be developed and sold on the market starting on July 24, 2026. It also expands the scope of aircraft available for the Light Sport Repairman Maintenance (LSRM) rating, allowing more non-builder owners of amateur built aircraft to perform their own annual condition inspections and other maintenance on their aircraft.

[Click here for more information on this important announcement on EAA.org's website on MOSAIC.](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 23, 2025

## **Aviation stemAHA Announces Leadership Transition**

Omaha, NE — The Board of Directors of Aviation stemAHA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to inspiring youth through aviation and STEM education, announces the upcoming retirement of President and Co-Founder Hague Howey, effective December 31, 2025.

Under the visionary leadership of Hague Howey and the late Jim Beyer, Aviation stemAHA has grown into a dynamic force for youth engagement. Their legacy includes three cornerstone programs that continue to shape futures:

Aviation STEM Expos – Held each February and September, these events connect students, families, and industry professionals in hands-on exploration.

Summer R/C Flying Camp for Girls Inc – A unique program introducing girls to aviation through remote-controlled flight and mentorship.

Monthly Off-Campus Career Clinics – Serving junior and senior high school students, these sessions offer real-world insights into aviation careers.

Hague will remain actively involved as a volunteer, supporting a smooth leadership transition and continuing his lifelong mission to inspire youth in aviation.

The Board is now seeking new leadership to guide Aviation stemAHA into its next chapter.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Hague Howey directly to express interest or learn more.

Hague Howey

Hague Howey, Co-Founder & President

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## Announcements:

- I am looking for help in doing maintenance on my RV12. I would like to trade some time working on the hard to get to parts of my RV12 (landing gear, tail cone, inside firewall) for flying time in the RV12. I am finding it harder to get to these spots. Whoever volunteers will have an opportunity to learn how to do maintenance on a general aviation aircraft and will get an opportunity to fly wherever I go. Text or call Mike Howard 402-677-9451
- Shawn McInay is looking for two or three pilots to purchase available shares in a flying club built around a 1965 7ECA Citabria based at Blair Executive (BTA). Call me if you'd like to hear about it. 402-517-0309.



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### By Rich Kolkman

- We have 133 active members.
- New EAA80 Name Badges are available for those who don't have one. See Rich Kolkman if you need one.
- 2026 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](mailto:membership@eaa80.org).

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### EAA 80 MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT

Oct-25

#### **Income**

OSH Camping Reimbursement	\$350.00
Food & Drink- Credit for Extra	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME/RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>

#### **Expenses**

Oak View Rent	\$150.00
Food & Drink	\$29.97
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES/OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$179.97</b>

#### **Assets**

Jim Beyer Scholarship	\$1,337.87
Pinnacle Bank CD's	\$40,000.00
Glastar Project	\$25,000.00
Shirt Inventory (est)	\$400.00
Checking Account Balance	\$23,009.93
Venmo Balance	\$1,926.22
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$91,674.02</b>

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