

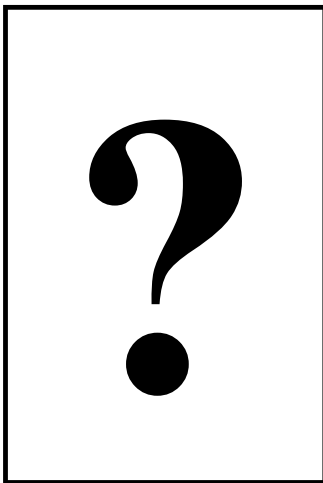


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President's Corner

By
Anna Nomis

I would like to begin by thanking Wayne for his willingness to be the President of our chapter before events turned in his life and was unable to fulfill this important role to our chapter.

We are still searching for that "Special" someone to fill this key role and lead our chapter in a direction that will lead us to success.

The role of President is not one to be taken lightly and does bear a lot of responsibility. We do ask that anyone interested in taking on this role to please consider it carefully as it can be time consuming.

Our chapter cannot move forward without direction from one key individual who is willing to make the tough choices that may not be popular or that nobody else wants to make. We need someone with Vision, to guide us where we want our chapter to be, to see the turbulence in the air and navigate us through the rough spots.

So we are asking someone to give 2 years of service to the betterment of our Chapter. We want your ideas, your personality, your drive, your perseverance, your devotion to the cause of the EAA! WE WANT YOU!!! You know who you are!

So please give this some serious thought. The Chapter needs you and soon!

WE WANT YOU!

April Keynote Speaker Matt Carlson

Matt Carlson was the program for our April chapter meeting. Matt is based in Kenosha and flies a very pretty Cherokee. He demonstrated some of the many applications and techniques he has perfected on his iPad. He is very happy with Foreflight, and he uses it for pre-flight charts and planning, and in flight navigation and approach charts. Matt does very accurate weight and balance calculations on his iPad, too. He also regaled us with flying adventure stories involving his family of two small children and a very patient wife. Stories involved rescuing James, a G scale train engine, and Dora The Explorer's electrical power consumption when plugged in overnight in Matt's Cherokee. You can see more pictures and read of more adventures on Matt's web site, <http://www.n6414w.com/trips-a-adventures>.



Matt with Ava and Robbie and N6414W.

Chapter 838 at Unified/Gateway Technical University Awareness Day

By Ken Sack

The 2012 Unified/Gateway Technical University Tech Awareness Day was held once again at Festival Hall on April 12th. Over 2,600 students attended. All Unified School District Middle School students, some 4th and 5th graders, and some High School Students attended. Again this year EAA Chapter 838 had a booth.

Phil Fountain brought our portable X-Plane Simulator with all 4 screens. Many students flew it with lots of other kids behind watching and waiting for their turn. They all enjoyed it tremendously.

Ryan Breaker, a Post 218 Explorer, Phil and Dave Finstad monitored the instructor console. Ken Sack and Roy Stuart assisted by handing out information about free airplane rides with YE as well as information about Post 218 and Young Aviators to the older students, teachers and counselors.

Phil also walked around giving Young Aviator's brochures to teachers and other adults at booths.

Our education programs were publicly shown.



Gene and Ann Zabler: reflections of National Treasures

by R.G. Blocks



The above photo was taken June 16, 2002 at Racine's EAA Chapter 838. It was quite an assembly of local EAA talent.

Ann Zabler is on left foreground. It was Ann and Gene that encouraged me to join EAA. Dr Sean Dwyer's back is to us. Sean has perhaps taught more Young Eagles than everyone in the Chapter Combined. Gerry Bovitz who also has taught many classes, concentrates on the technical aspects for aircraft enthusiasts and is on right of Sean. He's followed by Gene Zabler perhaps the most all around talented of a room full of builder-pilot types and spouses.

Frank Hay in a green sport shirt sits the right of Gene. Frank holds many air mechanic and flying ratings and flew for the National Geographic on exciting expeditions of discovery in South America. I believe Bob Talley to be on the left side of the table about four folks down from Ann. Bob was instrumental in building some of the largest cranes in history for Bucyrus Erie of South Milwaukee, WI.

At the far end of the table sits Carl Helmle on the left with the green hat and his wife Adele Helmle on the right. The Helmle's were instrumental founding both EAA 838 and Explorer Post 218 as well as the Aviation Explorer Base Camp at OSH. Carl was expert at Aerial Photography and wrote a book in 1982 on Amateur Photography still among my treasures. Carl helped me start as a Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Counselor. What a group.



The photo above was taken on Tuesday June 18, 2002, at a little after 3 PM on one of the local Putt-Putt golf courses. Ann and Gene cross yet another bridge together. Always, they gave their all.

Explorer Post 218 members still challenge the best golfers from EAA Chapter 838 to an annual miniature golf match. We did our best knowing the reward might be a piece of pizza and some pop. Some years they brought their version of Arnold Palmer or Jack Nicholas as a ringer. It was and is a good social outing. Gene and Ann were among the regulars to help all EAA and youth causes.

EAA 838 events and projects that Gene and Ann missed were few. Cleanup parties, making pancakes, working on a gadget for someone's airplane, composite and construction lectures, helping the Explorers, getting our library started, telling flying stories, being part of movie night or a dance; we'd find them participating if not leading the way.

He was everything plastic, a respected pattern maker and I a proponent of materials science, metallurgy and Aluminum. We would debate materials choice for more than a decade for the benefit of those who cared.



The above photo of Gene Zabler was taken Sunday, June 16, 2002. The above picture shows him at about age sixty-seven bedecked in a VariEze T shirt that appears to be almost twenty-four years old. Testimony to good design.

Burt Rutan, designer of the VariEze was in our composite minds perhaps among the best engineering mind of the past fifty plus years. Burt's VariEze first flew about 1975 and became a kit around 1978. Gene sporting a new EAA 838 cap on this day was a big proponent of Rutan's design, homebuilding aircraft and would cheerfully aid others in their quest to fly.

I seem to remember an evening at Infusino's Banquet Hall where Burt Rutan spoke and reminded us that we'd best make an attempt to make our aircraft and flying in general more attractive. Simulations and games of flight in the Arcade, Internet, CDs (and later DVDs) were becoming so popular that mom's might not allow 'little Johnny or Jane' do something that many of us have done regularly without a parachute.

Gene flew out of the pattern April 15, 2012 at age seventy-seven.

Roger G Blocks
EAA Chapter 838
April 30, 2012

Pilot's Tip of the Week

Building IFR Proficiency


Featuring Doug Stewart

Building IFR Proficiency

Building proficiency without an instructor

Go out there and use your rating

File every time you go somewhere, even if it's VMC




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Building IFR Proficiency

Building proficiency without an instructor

Get incremental exposure to instrument conditions

Builds your confidence and proficiency



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Doug:

"Certainly if you're IFR rated, file every time you go somewhere, even if it's VMC because although it won't keep up your skills as far as flying on the gauges, it will keep up your skills as far as talking to air traffic control, as far as dealing with route changes, as far as dealing with changing the route in your GPS, etcetera. So absolutely file all the time, even though it might add 10 minutes to the flight.

Certainly build up incremental exposure so that if you've got the rating and you've only had minimal IMC time, you've got a day when there's a 1,500 foot ceiling, you know the clouds are only 2,000 to 3,000 feet thick - you found that out through PIREPS or whatever - go out, file, and go somewhere.

You'll climb up through the layer, get on top, be in beautiful, sunny, clear skies. The clouds are beautiful. You can look down and you'll see that glory, that rainbow on the clouds, with the silhouette of your aircraft in the middle. Be aware of that saying that there's moisture in those clouds because if there isn't, you won't see the glory.

Then come back on down through and you'll break out at 1,500 feet. It's basically VFR below. And as you do this, this will build your confidence. So get incremental exposure to the conditions out there as you build your confidence and your proficiency."

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A Note from the Editor

I would like to thank everyone for their article donations and help to me in getting me Chapter meeting info. This is very critical to the creation of each months newsletter.

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Calendar of Events

Board Meeting every second Thursday @ 7:00pm
Chapter Meeting: every third Thursday @ 7:00pm
Happy Hour starts @ 6:30pm
Explorer Post 218 Meeting: second and fourth Thursday @ 7:00 pm
Young Eagles: second Saturday @ 9:00am (March –November)

Upcoming Meeting Dates

May 17th Happy Hour at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00
June 21st Happy Hour at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00
July 19th Happy Hour at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00
August —NO MEETING due to Chapter Picnic on August 11

Upcoming Speakers

May— Dean Zakos: Buying and Selling Aircraft (tentative)
June — Tracy Miller: Talk and show video “Timeless Voices”
July — Matt McDaniel: Talk about recent modifications to Bruce Kaufman's 1946 Globe Swift
August — To be determined
September — Pete Buffington: Author of Squawk 7700