



Racine EAA Chapter 838
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Meetings Third Thursday's 7:00 pm
Social at 6:30 pm

Welcome again to **your** EAA Chapter 838 monthly newsletter. I need your assistance with articles. Please email anything that you would like me to include in a future newsletter to me at newsletter@eaa838.org.

President's Corner

It seems that I always start with the current weather, don't know why, but I do. It's November and the temp is in the 70's. Nope, not in Florida again, but good old Ray-cine. I hope this weather holds for our last Young Eagles event of the year next week, but I doubt it.

Our Monopoly Night was a great success again this year. Smaller group, but I think it's safe to say everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you again to the Monopoly Committee for putting this event together. It's a important fundraiser for the Chapter and a very good time for all who attend. Next year we'll get the save the date cards out early so you won't have an excuse to miss it!

Along those lines, mark down Friday, December 4th for the annual Chapter Holiday Party. We'll start at 6:00 pm and the food will be catered! Pricing info to follow. Please join us for an evening of story sharing with your fellow Chapter members. There will not be a Monthly Chapter meeting in December, so bring a guest and join us.

Blue Skies,
Daryl

Next Meetings

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Note from Dave Finstad

Thanks to everyone who have responded to my letter about renewing your membership. For those of you that have not responded, please do so ASAP to remain in good standings with your membership.

Most members have a December 31 expiration date on their chapter membership. Please renew now.

EAA Chapter 838 Special B17 Presentation

Last October 15th EAA Chapter 838 invited some welcome guests to our monthly meeting. Harvin Abrahamson, a B17 radioman came and talked about his experiences during the war and on a return visit to England a few years ago. We had the largest crowd for a meeting in many years. It was a great presentation.





Monopoly Night Fun and Games 2015

The seventh annual Monopoly Night, EAA Chapter 838's 2015 Fall Fundraiser was held on Saturday October 10th. This is one of the major fund raisers for YOUR Chapter 838, and we thank those who attended. Hopefully you will be able to attend next year.







Chapter 838 Young Eagles for 2015

We have had several scout groups make plans to join us at various rallies over the summer, so we are looking forward to a busy season. I invite everyone to join us on the second Saturday of each month at 0900 for fun, flying and frivolity – and you might even learn something if you sit in on the ground school that our Explorers teach! Pilots are especially welcome – and desperately needed!

Any questions, contact Tracy Miller at milltracy@hotmail.com or 847.420.5098.

In general, we have our Young Eagle Rallies the second Saturday each month from March through November. This is a great time for you to inform any relatives, neighbors, or friends that are between the ages of 8 and 17 about Young Eagles.

November 14th is our next and final session of the EAA Chapter 838 2015 Young Eagles season.



Aviation Explorer Club Post 5218

This is part of our youth education, and is for co-ed middle school students.

Unfortunately we have decided to take a year off for our program in 2015. The response I received was the best that we have had in the four years that we have offered this program. However, over 50% of the kids do not stay with the program by the end of the year. It takes a lot of effort to provide a program like ours. There are also some family circumstances that may make some presenters unavailable throughout the year.

We will send an email out again in March or April 2016, to see how much interest there is to offer the program again next year.



Aviation Explorer Post 218

The Posts Opener though not many new people came it was still a success. We got to show two boys where we meet for meetings they got to try the simulators and watch two videos one made by Post member Ashley Rodriguez the video had photos of the different places and events the post has gone to, while the other video is of the Aviation Explorer Base in Oshkosh this video is on Youtube. Out of the two boys that came to the event one is confirmed to be a member while the other is interested but not confirmed yet to join.



FAAST Blast: Airman Testing Web Updates, NTSB Loss of Control Forum, As the Gyro Spins

Notice Number: NOTC6237

From Phil Fountain

FAAST Blast — Week of October 4-10, 2015

Biweekly FAA Safety Briefing News Update

FAA Updates Airman Testing Web Page

On October 5, the FAA's Regulatory Support Division published a number of updates to the Airman Testing web page (http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/). These include:

New version of Airman Certification Standards Briefing (PDF) at http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/

New version of Airman Certification Standards FAQ (PDF) at http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/

Airman Certification Standards Information Brochure added at http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/

New version of What's New and Upcoming in Airman Testing (PDF) at

http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/

New version of Frequently Asked Questions at http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/

Updated versions of the Private Pilot Airplane ACS and the Instrument-Airplane ACS will be added to this page in the near future, so please check back often. Better still, consider subscribing to this page!

NTSB to Hold Loss of Control Forum

October 14, 2015, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will hold a forum titled Humans and Hardware: Preventing General Aviation Loss of Control. The all-day event will focus on the problem of loss of control (LOC) crashes in general aviation and explore possible solutions. The NTSB is inviting pilots to participate in person and online. You may submit questions to LOCForum@NTSB.gov by October 13 at 3:00pm ET to be considered for inclusion. The event will take place at the NTSB Conference Center in Washington, D.C. and will be live streamed over the internet. For more information check out:

http://www.nts.gov/news/events/Pages/2015_LOC_FRM.aspx

As the Gyro Spins

In the era of glass cockpits, steam gauges can often be overlooked. But for many of us they are still our primary instrument system. Even for those with sparkling new glass cockpits there is likely still back up steam gauges. In his article "As the Gyro Spins," William Dubois examines the pressure and gyro systems, how they work and more importantly, how they can fail. The article is part of the September/October 2015 "All Things IFR" issue of the FAA Safety Briefing Magazine, available online at: http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/

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Flying to Spain

By Ken Sack

Some of you may not consider this an article about an aviation experience, however, I will try to show you how aviation fits into it. And your newsletter editor (Ken Sack) believes that it does.



On August 24th, my wife Dorothy and I left Chicago flying to Madrid, Spain to walk the “Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage”, also called “The Way of St. James”. It was aviation at its finest. Flying nonstop to Europe is much better than flying with stops. We heard about people who saved \$200-\$300 by flying to various cities, rather than nonstop to France or Spain. To us, our time was worth more than the cost savings. Now for the Rest of the Story. On August 26th, we started from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port on the French side of the Pyrenees, our pilgrimage covered some 797 kilometers (about 500 miles) heading west across the Northern Spain. We traveled 38 days WALKING the entire Camino de Santiago.

During our trip, we had many aviation experiences. Many mornings we saw the contrails of jets flying overhead. One morning after hiking through a village and past a beautiful golf course, we were climbing up an incline and I swear that Sean Dwyer flew over the hill flying low over us. He waived and we waived back. I assume that the golf course had a airport for the rich and famous to fly to and play golf for the day. The golf course was not near any big city. A week or so later we were walking out of another city and we saw another airport sign. It had grass runways. We saw hangars, but no planes.

We reached Santiago at noon on Friday Oct 2. We went to the Pilgrim’s mass where they swung the Botafumeiro that night. The Botafumeiro is one of the most famous and popular symbols of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. See www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtxuvtZqOog for a YouTube video of its swinging. During our 38 day pilgrimage, we visited many churches. Many had mass at night (always in Spanish), which we attended. We also received a Pilgrim’s blessing at the end of mass. The priests in the small villages made it very special for us, far more than the multitude of priests in the cathedrals along the way.

After our pilgrimage to Santiago, we went to the ocean and reflected on our trip. We took a bus to Finisterre and Muxia, staying overnight at each place. We flew to Madrid, and spent the day walking around the old city there, and finally flew back the next day to Chicago. So this article was a result of a few airplane rides.

It will be a very spiritual and memorable journey.



Cathedral in Burgos



Cathedral in Leon



Cathedral in Santiago



Cathedral in Madrid



With 99 kilometers to go



In Finisterre after we completed our walk

Welcome New Chapter Members

Gregory Reed Karl Arriola (Patricia)
Jose Guerrero Raymond Peterson (Doreen)

Monthly Meetings

Board Meetings: Second Wednesdays 7:00 pm
Chapter Meeting: Third Thursdays
 Social 6:30 pm
 Meeting 7:00 pm
Shop Night Every Monday 7:00 pm
Explorer Post 218 Second Thursdays 7:00 pm and Fourth Thursdays 7:00 pm
Young Eagles Second Saturday 9:00 am (March - November)

Upcoming Meetings & Speakers

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PAST:

Oct 15 – Harvin Abrahamson and fellow veterans will do a presentation on their experiences as B-17 flight crew serving with the Eighth Air Force in WWII.

July 16th - Chief Joseph Forro of the Milwaukee County Fire Department talked about fire and rescue operations and training at General Mitchell Airport.

June 18th-Chris Forncrook of Flight For Life gave us a presentation on the aircraft and operations of Flight For Life, our region's medevac provider.

May 21st-Doug Tomas gave a presentation on his great uncle's B-24 Bomber (Ready, Willing & Able) crew in WWII. Looks very interesting.

Apr 16th - Jim O'Connor gave a presentation on Drones, their history since the 1700's and current issues with their increasing numbers in the sky.

Mar 19th - Wayne Peach told us some war stories about aircraft maintenance during AirVenture, where Wayne has volunteered for over 25 years.

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