



The EAA Chapter 79 Newsletter

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August 2015

Chapter Meeting
Friday, August 14, 7:00 at the Clubhouse
BARBECUED SIRLOIN BURGERS 6:00 Clubhouse



THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

Gleb Liashedko—Young Eagle to Embry Riddle



Gleb, as they say, has "Come a long way, baby" -all the way from Sochi to Spokane and from faltering student to successful scholar. He credits much of his success to the Young Eagles Program and EAA 79.

Gleb will be sharing his story this Friday at the monthly EAA 79 meeting.

He will be leaving the following Monday, August 17, for Prescott, Arizona to start his freshman year at Embry-Riddle University. Gleb plans to major in Aviation

Business Administration with his eye on someday being the Director and CEO of a major airport complex.

Watch out Larry Krauter!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday Night game and movie night—Every Saturday night. Every third Sat. is happy Birthday night .

August 21-23, Fri, through Sun. Wings Over Republic Annual Republic Fly-In featuring lots of airplanes and Elvis for entertainment.

August 22, Sat. Young Eagles Come help out with flying or with the ground crew. Watch kids having fun or maybe planning their future.

August 29, Sat. Neighbor Day With the B-17 as the centerpiece of our show this year, it will be another great event. Once again the airport management is putting forth a great effort with promotion and planning. As always, we will need all the volunteers we can muster. Plus we always like a good showing of club members planes. Please mark this one on your calendar.

NEIGHBOR DAY & B-17 AUGUST 29!

Just two weeks is the big day. Our annual "Neighbor Day" event has been a huge success and this year is shaping up to be another great one. The B-17 is coming in...possibly as early as Monday, August 24. It has been three years since we hosted "Aluminum Overcast," and it is always a great event. Please bring your homebuilts, antiques and classics for display. These great planes are the main attraction for the public. Also, we need lots of **VOLUNTEERS**. This Friday's meeting we will be taking names for volunteer positions. There are a lot of jobs to be filled. The B-17 will start air and ground tours on Thursday. Saturday is the big day. Please sign up for a volunteer spot.

Last Month's Get Together

For those lucky enough to have made it to Arlington for the 2015 gathering of aviation enthusiasts, the air shows, seminars and comradery were better than ever with more war-birds showing up every year.

Bud Granley and his son Ross perform at the annual Arlington Air Show



CHAPTER DUES REMINDER! If you haven't paid your dues for 2015 please do. \$30. You can now pay with Paypal on our website.

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A recent visitor to Felts Field, the Burt Rutan Starship

The Starship is a futuristic-looking aircraft designed by Burt Rutan's Scaled Composites for Beech Aircraft and first flown February 15, 1986.

After dropping off Burt Rutan at COE on his way home from Oshkosh, this aircraft made a stop at Felts Field in July, and a few club members were lucky enough to see it.



Notice the Canard in front and the "Pusher" propeller in back.



Your EAA 79 Board Members hard at work planning Neighbor Day, EAA B-17 visit and other fun activities.

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**VOLUNTEERING
IS FUN!**

Yes, volunteering is fun. What better testimonial than from yours truly...who has been chapter president for about a zillion years now. Why do you think I smile so much? Volunteering for your local chapter can be the most fun you will ever have....without laughing.

If you read the front page and made it all the way to page 3 (the page you are reading right now)...congratulations. That effort shows that you may well have what it takes to be an EAA Chapter 79 volunteer. It really isn't that painful. It is actually quite rewarding.

This EAA organization of ours....and I'm referring to the whole thing started by Paul Poberezny... is a phenomenon. When Paul started it in the mid 50's it was nothing more than a handful of guys who wanted to build airplanes. They would meet in Paul's basement and talk about airplanes. (Which by the way is something you get to do while volunteering...lots of fun talking about airplanes.) I don't think anyone predicted EAA would grow into such a large and active organization. It has helped thousands realize their dream of owning and flying their own airplane. And it is inspiring young people to get involved with flying. Young Eagles really brings out the volunteers. It is truly a great mission and one you can be proud of by being an EAA member and volunteer.

Oshkosh just finished and this is probably the grand epitome of volunteering and getting the job done. The numbers were like this: 550,000 attendees, over 10,000 airplanes flew in, and 2,668 showplanes which included 1,031 homebuilts. WOW! So how many volunteers did it take to pull off Air Adventure this year?...over 5,000. WOW again! By contrast, we are only looking for 30 to 40 for Neighbor Day.

If you read the front page you probably saw a subtle reminder that Neighbor Day and the B-17 are fast approaching and we need volunteers. We get about 10,000 people who attend. This is spread out between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm so it is not as overwhelming as it sounds. It is a great day and when our B-17 is here, it is even twice the fun. The helicopter and an antique New Standard biplane keep busy all day giving rides. There are many jobs that we

would like our members to step up and fill. These include:

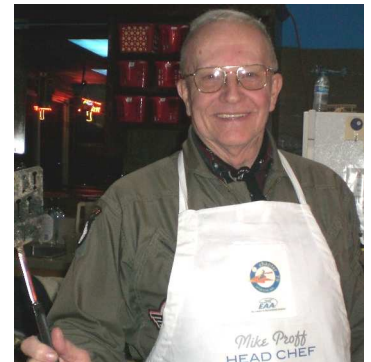
- Directing people where to park
- Selling B-17 paraphernalia from their trailer
- Selling Chapter T-shirts and paraphernalia from our hangar and lounge
- Selling ice cream, soda and water from our lounge
- Helping people in an out of the B-17
- Displaying your airplane
- Shuttling people in golf carts
- Manning the Young Eagles booth
- Talking about airplanes

I know...these are tough jobs, but somebody has to do them. Please show up at this Friday's meeting and sign up for a job. Your volunteer effort will be a ton of fun.

HERE ARE TWO OF THE CHAPTERS MODEL VOLUNTEERS.....JUST LOOK AT THOSE SMILES (I said it was fun)

Volunteer extraordinaire.

Mike Proff has been doing all of our barbecuing on Saturday night. He comes in early and cleans up the lounge and the grill....and then makes sure everyone gets a perfect burger.



Since Mike has been hogging all the fun by doing all the barbecuing....some members go looking for ways that they can step up and help out.

Glen and Carma Briggs recently bought and donated a cart for Mike so that he can more easily transport cooking supplies from the kitchen to the hangar.

Way to go Glen and Carma!



Chapter Member Gleb Liashedko

By Marian
Heale



Imagine arriving in a country with which you are unfamiliar, but where you have been told most people will mistrust or even hate you

just because of your national origin. You are with your mom, three brothers and one sister, but your dad has not been allowed to come with you. Also, you are nine years old and know only two words, "Watch", as in Timex, and "Hello." Such was the arrival of Gleb Liashedko in America.

Gleb was born in Sochi, located on the Black Sea coast near the border between Georgia/Abkhazia and Russia. When he was two the family moved to Mariupol, which is situated on the north coast of the Sea of Azov, and is the tenth largest city in Ukraine. Gleb's dad had a small shop which specialized in selling head decorations and ornaments.

Several factors influenced the families' move to the U.S. Gleb's maternal grandmother, Nadezhda, had immigrated to Spokane in the early 2000's since most of the extended family was already in the U.S. She had also experienced two famines, one of which was created by the government. The other was when her husband, Gleb's grandfather, had been sent to a gulag, or forced labor camp, for 15 years for being a Christian. She lost him in the 1950's. Nadezhda, which means hope, has always been an inspiration to Gleb.

Other reasons involved the difficulties in just maintaining what would be considered "normal" living conditions, and the hope for better opportunities in America. Due to some paperwork problems Gleb's father has not yet made the move, but it is hoped that he will join the rest of the family in the next two years. The family has been able to visit their dad in Ukraine a few times via Lufthansa Airlines, and they keep in touch with Skype. Gleb's early interest in airplanes was generated through his trips to Europe on commercial airlines.

When Gleb arrived in Spokane he was placed in the third grade. He had some help from his extended family in Spokane and some help from tutors, but school was difficult without an adequate grasp of English. Also, frequent moves and changes of schools added to his failure to make close friends of students or teachers. By the time

he was in the eighth grade he was frustrated with academia, and a bullying problem at his school created a situation where he was skipping classes. His grades suffered.

In the ninth grade Gleb was sent to Spokane Valley High School which offers a program designed to help students by offering a non-traditional approach to education. During his first semester at Valley High School Gleb made straight A's. There was no bullying and the verbal assistance he received literally turned his academic career around. He has continued to maintain straight A's through graduation.

Between his junior and senior years in high school, Gleb had the opportunity to attend Princeton University for a one-month, one-course, concentrated learning experience taking Economics 201...a college sophomore course. The only problem was Gleb needed to raise \$6,000 to attend, and had only three weeks to obtain the money. Through sheer will and determination he raised the money and ended up with a B in the course.

After arriving in the U.S. Gleb's mom obtained a job as a care taker, working for a company which required Russian-speaking employees. Gleb has been working at Bark'r Boutique. Several friends at Valley High School, knowing that Gleb had an interest in aviation, suggested that he take advantage of the Young Eagles program. In 2011, he signed up for Young Eagles.

Gleb was assigned to an airplane with three passengers. Realizing that he would have a much better opportunity to learn in a one-on-one situation, Gleb pushed through his innate shyness and approached John Beecher, EAA 79's ground control engineer. He asked if he couldn't fly in an airplane where he could talk on an individual basis to the pilot.

John, realizing that the kid was obviously passionate about aviation, switched things around and put Gleb with Christian Sturm in Christian's home-built Super Cub. That is when things all came together for Gleb. He knew he wanted to be a pilot, but he also knew that he wanted to build and create. Since that time Gleb has "Shadowed" many business professionals, leaders and owners, one of whom was Larry Krauter, CEO and Director of Spokane Airports.

Today Gleb has graduated from high school and been accepted by several universities including Emery Riddle, University of Washington and Gonzaga. He has chosen Emery Riddle where he will major in Aviation Business Administration. His high school accomplishments are too numerous to recount, but among them are Chairman of the Board, Chase Youth Commission; Chief Financial Officer, Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council, Executive Council, Spokane God's Embassy Church Youth, and two-term Student Body President at SVHS.

Anyone want to volunteer for Young Eagles?

Young Eagles

Greetings Aviators of Chapter 79!

August 22 is out next Young Eagles Rally. While some of you have responded that you will be able to fly we are in need of another one or two or more pilots to help out the Saturday after next.

If you can fly for our Young Eagles on the 22nd of August please let me know as soon as you can with aircraft type, number of seats available and N number so I can get the paperwork squared away early.

Thanks so much,

Jon "Stitch" Miesegaes
EAA 79 Young Eagles Coordinator



Larry takes Young Eagle for a ride in his beautiful yellow Cub



Proud papa takes movies of his Young Eagle

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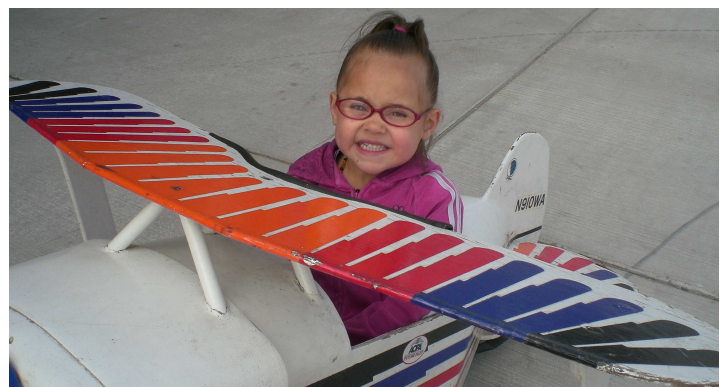
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Young Eagles pilots and ground crew get briefing



Future Young Eagle smiles for the camera



Bill Abel

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This month like last seems to be continuing warm. I think we all have some exposure to Density Altitude and performance by this point so how about some

WINDY WORDS?

Direction: The true compass direction from which the wind is originating. (An exception is that wind directions given by a control tower are the magnetic direction, because runway numbers are based on magnetic direction. Sure, I knew you knew that.

Gust: A sudden, brief increase in wind speed, reported in weather observations when the peak wind speed reaches at least 16 knots and variation in speed between the peaks and lulls is at least 9 knots. The duration of a Gust is usually fewer than 20 seconds.

Knot: One nautical mile per hour. (Multiply by 1.15 to convert to statute miles per hour.)

Speed: In the United States, the one-minute average speed, known as the sustained wind speed.

Squall: A strong wind 16 knots or faster than the sustained wind that happens suddenly and lasts for at least 2 minutes.

Surface Winds: Official measurements of wind speeds and directions are taken 10 meters (32.81 feet) above the surface in a location away from trees or buildings that could affect the wind.

Variable wind: A wind of 7 knots or faster that changes direction by 60 degrees or more.

Anything else? "The answer my friends, is blowin' in the wind."

Bill Abel EAA 79 FA/TC



Every pilot's dream—the Fowler home has a 1,550 foot runway, clear of obstructions at both ends.

Doc and Dorothy Fowler's home is now for sale



Above, the 2,250 square foot main house

Everyone who has been around Felts Field a while remembers the wonderful pot luck parties the Fowlers' used to have for EAA, WPA and the 99's. That home is now for sale. The estate includes 18 acres with a 2,250 square foot home, hangar, shop and artist's studio. It is about ten miles southwest of Spokane just off the Pullman highway. Right next to Homeport on your sectional.

The property also has a detached 2-car garage, swimming pool, and beautiful fountain (or water feature).

There is a 1,550 foot sod runway which is clear at both ends since the power lines that used to be at one end are now buried. They are asking \$295,000.



The home features a beautiful fountain, swimming pool and artist's studio



Aviator, innovator, entrepreneur, scientist, professor, physician, veteran, Renaissance Man.

Dr. Forrest M. Bird took his final flight on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at his home overlooking the airstrip on beautiful Lake Pend Oreille in Sagle, Idaho, with his family by his side.

Dr. Bird was born on June 9, 1921 to Morton and Jane Bird in Stoughton, Ms.

Forrest Morton Bird, M.D., Ph.D., Sc.D., D.S.

Dr. Bird performed his first solo flight at age 14; by age 16 he was working to obtain multiple pilot certificates. In the 1950's he developed the prototype Bird Universal Medical Respirator for acute or chronic cardiopulmonary care.

Donations can be sent to Bird Aviation Museum and Invention Center at P.O. Box 817, Sandpoint, Id. 83864.



Late night visitors to Saturday's Burger and Movie Night, George and Lisa Balazs ride in on their recumbent bicycles decked out with American Flags and festive lights.

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