

# EAA Mount Rainier Chapter 326 Newsletter

Thun Field – August 2010

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## Burger Burn

**Sunday, August 8th, 1 pm**

Smitty's Hangar, Thun Field  
Third hangar row south of the CAP building.

**There will be no meeting on Tuesday evening, Aug 10th.**

The Burger Burn is a potluck affair with static display of members' aircraft. And maybe a few demo rides. Park your planes along the taxiway opposite Smitty's hangar.

Whatever you brought last year was so good we'll just keep it the same...**just bring more of it.**

A-G bring a main dish

H-P bring a salad

R-Z bring a desert

The Chapter will provide the Burgers & Soft Drinks.

We are inviting 13 EAA Chapters from the surrounding area to join us. **We provide ALL the food**, so bring your extra large dishes and be a good host.

Board meeting on Sunday Sept 12th at 3pm in the airport office. Planning for the Christmas party, and pilot show. Just 1 hour long and you can help steer the direction of the chapter.

Young Eagles - 301 kids flown this year! Thanks to everyone that came out and helped make the day a great success. Look for a meeting invite for a Young Eagles debrief.

Treasurer report - \$3258.81 in the bank this month.

The Fredrickson Flyers school is collecting R/C model airplanes to hang in the school. If you have any models to donate please contact Kevin.

### Visitors

Randy Riggs - Building a Murphy Rebel

Mark Viley - Also building a Murphy Rebel with Randy asdf - 46 air coupe, working on a RV7

Ben Littlefield - visiting today

Steve & David Jeroh - friends with Ben

Nicholas - Young Eagle kid who flew with Marv

Keith Littlefield & Sam - Ben's dad and brother

Andy Thomas - another friend of the Littlefields from Pittsburgh

- Andy Karmy

Chapter 326 Secretary / Webmaster

## From the Secretary

**July 13, 2010** - EAA Chapter 326 Monthly Meeting

Nate Andrews - Globe Swift restoration

Ben Littlefield - Trip report from Oshkosh

Jeff and Sandy brought the refreshments

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7pm sharp or more likely 5 after

We had a great turnout for the chapter potluck on Saturday at Arlington. Start planning to join us next year by pre-reserving your camping spot with the chapter. Kevin is collecting funds for the group spots. \$95 per spot. Pre-paid.

Tom Worth has a T18 kit with engine for sale. \$15K.

In August Kevin will host another painting workshop with Stewart Systems paint. Starting at 11:30 with lunch first, then painting in the afternoon.

## Young Eagles

Oshkosh continues to make changes to entice Young Eagles to earn their private pilot's license. Last year they inaugurated their Next Step program teaming up with Sporty's Pilot Shop to provide Sporty's Complete Pilot Training Course online along with a log book. The course prepares the student with the knowledge to pass the written and oral tests for a private pilot course. The course has two parts. After a student 14 years of age or older finishes the first part, she/he is eligible for a free first flight lesson paid through a voucher issued by EAA. There will soon be an announcement of two levels of scholarships that can be used toward the private license.

Starting last year, for each pilot who flies 10 or more Young Eagles in a year, the chapter is given a \$5 credit that can be used to promote the Young Eagles program or send a Young Eagle to the Air Academy. This year, our chapter sent its first Young Eagle, Ben Littlefield, to the Air Academy. Given the number of Young Eagles we have flown so far, we should be able to send another Young Eagle to the Air Academy next year. Anyone interested in flying Young Eagles during the remainder of the year, yes this can be done on a one on one basis anytime, please contact me. I have the registration forms and log books.

I have raised the issue of starting a mentoring program at a past meeting. Should we consider creating a mentoring program for those Young Eagles who sign up for the Complete Pilot Training Course? These kids are showing a strong interest in aviation and possibly some encouragement by a mentor would help them succeed. Working with motivated students can be very satisfying for a mentor. Anyone attending Arlington or AirVenture is aware that the pilot population is aging. We need to add young blood to our ranks.

Dave Fritzsche

### Young Eagle Appreciations

On 6/26/2010 9:09 PM, LaMonica MERGEL wrote:

Thank you so much for such an amazing opportunity for our kids- they LOVED it! The pilot was wonderful and gave them such an amazing trip that they came back and said, "We can NEVER miss this!" As parents, I can say that we were more than a little jealous of their adventure :)

Thanks so much,  
The Mergel Family (including Mackenzie 12, Camden 9)

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I just wanted to tell you what a great time my son had last weekend during the EAA Young Eagles open house.

I uploaded a cool little video of Mitchell's flight in Dave Vermeersch's plane at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eA1ofDyXIZc> with this description:

**Mitchell Heeb took part in the EAA Young Eagles open house June 26, 2010, at the Pierce County Airport (Thun Field). After a brief ground session learning some of the basics of flight, children were given a special 15-minute sight-seeing sortie over the area. Mitchell was invited to fly with pilot Dave Vermeersch in Dave's little hot rod of a sport plane. Dave took off and headed south over Graham before banking westward and following Canyon Road toward the Puyallup River. Following the river west, Dave and Mitchell turned at the Tacoma Dome and then flew over Fife toward Sumner. Once reaching the Rainier Valley the plane turned southward toward Orting and then back into the landing circuit. With such a beautiful day, the clear skies offered spectacular views of Mt. Rainier. A hearty thank you to Dave and the EAA members who helped create such a wonderful experience for Mitchell and the many other children who participated.**

We talked our neighbors into going and I have some footage of their kids' exciting flights, and a montage featuring plenty of the other planes that were taking the kids up. Thank you all for doing this program each year. Mitchell had tagged along with some older friends a year ago but wasn't old enough to fly last time. Now all the other neighbor kids are anxious for next year! Steve Heeb

### North American Eagle



Attached is one of the photos by a team member of the AB run we did on July 4 at Sanderson Field in Shelton, WA. I'm at full afterburner and it ran flawlessly. The photo was taken by Russ Garlow. This should be our last engine run until we head for the desert this fall.....Ed Shadle

### Did You See It

Well if you were at the Young Eagles event you couldn't miss it. The gorgeous Globe Swift parked right up front and hopping kids with everyone else. That belongs to Nate Andrews, a new member from Graham. Would you believe a 200 hp IO-360!!! Check out this wonderful story of its restoration.

[http://www.oshkosh365.org/ok365\\_DiscussionBoardTopic.aspx?id=1235&boardid=147&forumid=180&topicid=2830](http://www.oshkosh365.org/ok365_DiscussionBoardTopic.aspx?id=1235&boardid=147&forumid=180&topicid=2830)

### The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award Program

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recognizes the efforts of pilots who have followed and continue to follow the precaution and awareness of safe flight operations. Most of all, the FAA recognizes pilots who have contributed and maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years of piloting aircraft.

Therefore, the FAA has a program to recognize those pilots who have 50 or more consecutive years of safe flight operations: the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award Program. Originally issued on August 11, 2003, we have revised this information guide by updating the award's eligibility requirements, as indicated within.

**1. PURPOSE.** The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award Program (MPA) recognizes pilots who have conducted 50 or more consecutive years of safe flight operations. This information guide:

- Describes the award,
- Describes the eligibility requirements,
- Explains how to submit an application, and
- Explains the selection process of candidates for the award.

**2. BACKGROUND.** Similar pilot awards (such as the Golden Eagle Award) have been presented by various FAA Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO). These awards have been issued to recognize local pilots who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years as active pilots. The Wright Brothers MPA consolidates these local awards into one national program.

**3. DESCRIPTION.** The award will be in the form of an FAA award certificate and lapel pin. A smaller version of the pin will be awarded to the spouse, if appropriate. In addition, a **“Role of Honor” with the recipient’s name, city, and state** will be published at <http://FAASafety.gov>.

**4. ELIGIBILITY.**

**A.** To be eligible for the Wright Brothers MPA, candidates must:

1) Have 50 years of U.S. piloting experience. The effective start date for the award is the date of the applicant’s first solo flight or military equivalent. A current flight review or medical certificate is not required at the time of nomination.

2) Have held a U.S. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) or FAA pilot certificate with:

- 50 or more years of civil flying experience, or
- 50 or more years of civil and military flying experience, of which up to 20 years may be U.S. military experience.

3) Have been a U.S. citizen, or permanent resident, during the 50 years of US piloting experience; however, consideration for exceptions may be given on a case-by-case basis.

**B.** Revocation of any airman certificate will disqualify a nominee for this award.

**C.** Prior accident history will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis.

**D.** Prior enforcement actions (excluding revocation) are not necessarily disqualifying, but will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**E.** The award may be presented to a nominee up to 2 years posthumously if the nominee has acquired 50 years of U.S. piloting experience prior to passing away.

**5. SUBMISSION.** To be eligible for the Wright Brothers MPA, the applicant, or anyone on behalf of the applicant, must submit the following information to their local FSDO or FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) program manager (FPM)

- Three letters of recommendation from holders of FAA pilot certificates who can attest to the applicant’s 50 years or more of U.S. piloting experience.
- Photocopies or proper documentation describing the kind of certificate(s) held by the applicant, including, if available, the original issue date(s) of the certificate(s).
- A detailed description, resume, or summary of the applicant’s flying history.

- A completed Wright Brothers MPA Application Form. (The Wright Brothers MPA Application Form can be obtained from <http://FAASafety.gov>, or as attached to this document as Appendix A.)

**6. PROCESS.** An FPM will notify the FSDO manager(s) that a Wright Brothers MPA application has been received, and will inquire about the applicant’s eligibility. Applications received by an FSDO will be forwarded to the appropriate FPM. The regional FAASTeam Manager will be the final authority for approval of the applicant. Additional information, or an interview by the FPM, may be necessary to verify a nominee’s qualifications. The regional FAASTeam will order the nationally approved MPA standard certificate, plaque, and pin from the National Resource Center (NRC), or as directed by the NRC. When possible, the award should be presented at an FAA or industry event.

Full document with Appendix.

[http://fsims.faa.gov/wdocs/other/faa-fs-i-8700-2\(rev1\).htm](http://fsims.faa.gov/wdocs/other/faa-fs-i-8700-2(rev1).htm)

**CRI CRI**

Uh oh... another candidate added to my list. Jet powered too. Two engines take it out of the LSA category... but is it an ultralight? Well, probably not. It meets the 254 lb empty weight limit... 153 lbs would you believe. But getting somebody to believe that 55 knots is the top speed in level flight is made more difficult by the reports of the jet doing 150.



<http://www.cricri.zoomshare.com/> Wayne Butt. Excellent

<http://www.cricri.zoomshare.com/> Aircraft Builders Page

<http://www.flight.cz/cricri/english/cricri-technical-description.php> Technical Description

<http://www.aerospaceweb.org/question/planes/q0275.shtml> good info plus picture of jet

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