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## NEWS AND NOTES

### AIR SHOW TO DONATE \$500

EAA Chapter 677 has been selected as a beneficiary of the 2014 Thunder in the Valley Air Show. A donation of \$500 will be presented to the chapter in August to benefit the Young Eagles program.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO GARY

Gary Brossett recently renewed his Master Aviation Educator (MAE) accreditation through Master Instructors LLC, the international accrediting authority for the Master Instructor designation, as well as the FAA-approved "Master Instructor Program." Gary first earned this national professional accreditation in 2010, has held it continuously since then, and is one of only 78 worldwide to earn the credential three times.



### SAVE THE DATE

- July 29 Chapter Meeting
- Aug 26 Chapter Meeting
- Aug 29 Young Eagles Rally



### EAA WEBINARS

- Aug 13 [Resolving Owner/Mechanic Disputes](#)
- Aug 20 [Keeping Flying Affordable](#)

## FAI Advanced Aerobatic Championships

# Flournoy Ready to Fly

**HOW DO YOU LOAD A SHINY MX2** aerobatic plane into a modified box truck for shipment across the ocean? Very carefully ... and very slowly – as in two full days worth of work.

That's what EAA 677 member Marty Flournoy experienced recently as he and colleagues from the U.S. Advanced Aerobatic Team prepared the aircraft for the trans-Atlantic voyage to Emden, Germany.

The final destination: Dubnica nad Vahom, Slovakia, site of the FAI Advanced Aerobatic Championships August 7-16.

Guided by Coach Nikolay Timofeev, the process involved lots of "Russian ingenuity and redneck engineering," as the team blog describes it.

The truck's cargo area had to be extended to accommodate the wings. The fuselage at first didn't fit either, until it was loaded tail first. Components had to be



secured at multiple points to guard against movement en route.

The container ship *Swallow Ace* left Brunswick, Georgia in mid-July; Marty (pictured above) and the rest of the team departed a week later and are now practicing in Hosin, Czech Republic.

You can follow the team's progress at [www.TeamUSAero.com](http://www.TeamUSAero.com).



## SETTING THE PACE

Danny Jones and his Piper Tri-Pacer worked hard at the July Young Eagles rally, flying 10 passengers. Danny was one of six pilots who participated; a total of 51 children enjoyed flights on a warm, humid morning.

**SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE YOUNG EAGLE PHOTOS**



# My Bucket List Soon Will Be Shorter



**M**y “bucket list” of things to do before I kick the bucket is not all that long.

Perhaps that’s because at this stage in life I think I have more living left than

I have resources. But I DO have a bucket list and, thanks to my sweet bride, at the end of this last week in July, I will be able to remove “Go to Oshkosh.”

Oshkosh. AirVenture. The Big Show. Mecca. EAA’s little get-together at Whitman Field. It’s called a lot of things, but I’ve never called it a “must do.” Too far. Too much money. Can’t miss work. There will be another chance. You know all the excuses.

But it has always been on my “before I die” list. Fortunately, for our 30th anniversary (which was in January), Susan and I gave ourselves a trip to the Midwest that just happened to work out best for the last week of July.

Coincidence? Not a chance. We have many reasons to visit the Midwest; AirVenture is a benefit of the timing.

We started the trip by flying from Atlanta to Chicago to visit one of Susan’s former students, her husband and their baby daughter.

We drove from there about three hours to Appleton, where we’re staying, and from which we’re “commuting” to AirVenture on Monday and Tuesday. There are a few things I think I must do

while at Oshkosh, including catching up with our Young Eagle Scholarship recipient, Kennedy Davenport, and Frank Lumpkin, IV, who went on scholarship last year and has returned at his own expense this week.

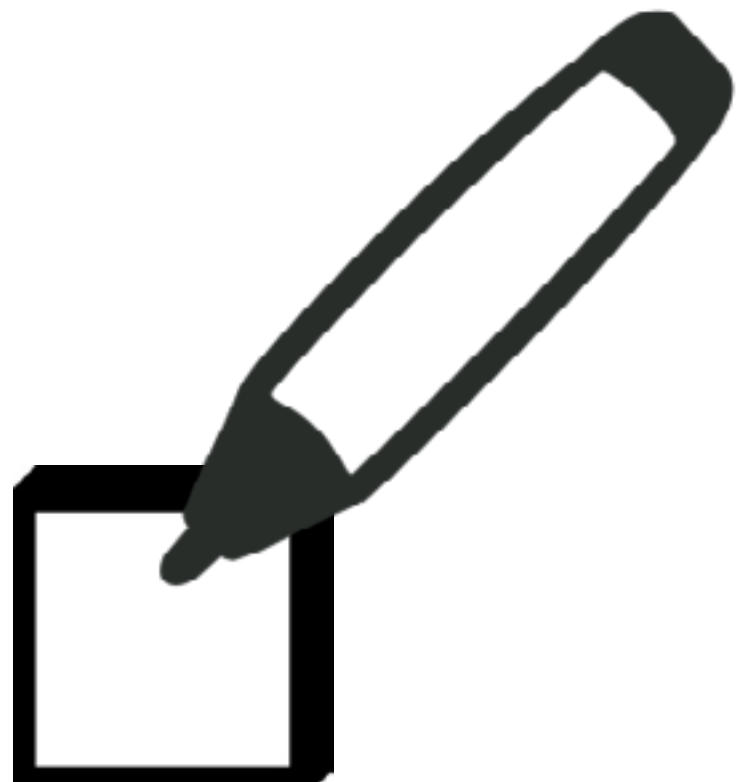
I also want to go to the President’s Reception in person, instead of depending on Chris Cook and Ken Garbacik to represent us, as they have in the past. And of course, I’ll track down John and Pat Hart, who have been up there so long, I bet they each have a Wisconsin accent. I also want to connect with any of you who will be there Monday and Tuesday, so please get in touch if that’s the case.

We’ll leave Wednesday morning to visit friends in Pentwater, Michigan. It’s only about 100 miles due east of Sheboygan, but there’s a lake in the way. Because it’s vacation, we hope to take the northern route around Lake Michigan and across the Mackinac Bridge. That’ll be nine hours. If we’re running behind, we’ll take the southern route through Gary, Indiana. With no construction, six hours. It’s a day’s drive, either way.

After two days in Pentwater, it’s four hours back to Chicago to catch the plane home.

Oh yeah. Catching the plane. Leave my pocketknife at home. Wear shoes that come off easily. Get there early. Be patient with the crying baby behind me. Remember where I parked in ATL. Sheesh. If I weren’t with Susan, I wouldn’t want to do this.

But I just added something else to my bucket list. Do all this again, but in a GA airplane so we can stay longer and spend less time driving. Talk about a trip that’s perfect for a private pilot! I’m already checking the charts ...





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# Magical Moments in Aviation

**EAA SPORT AVIATION COLUMNIST**  
Lane Wallace contributed a beautiful piece about Oshkosh that appeared on the [Air Facts website](#) this week. It's the first chapter in her book "Unforgettable: My 10 Best Flights" and it paints a vivid picture of what EAA and AirVenture are all about.

Following is an excerpt in which she describes encountering a Curtis Jenny while en route to Oshkosh for the first time; you can read the piece in its entirety [HERE](#).

*The early morning sun lit the tops of the clouds with gold and silver highlights in the hazy summer sky ... bright enough that I wasn't even sure, at first, of what the bright spot was that had caught my attention, a little bit ahead and east of us. But as we got a little closer, the bright spot came into focus as a beautifully fragile Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny," headed in the same direction and sailing along at the same altitude, just above the clouds.*

*We were a couple of hundred yards apart, but I still had the feeling that we were sneaking up on a skittish butterfly that might bolt if we moved too quickly. We slowed down to get closer to the Jenny's speed and shadowed it for quite some time. Normally, our 1946 Cessna was the oldest plane in the surrounding airspace. But in the Illinois sky that morning, it was as if we'd been transported back in a Twilight Zone episode to an even earlier time, where Jennies ruled the sky and we were the strange visitors from some future era –*

*where metal had replaced fabric and someone had figured out how to build strength into thin, aluminum fuselage skins.*

*It's one of the best parts about flying an old airplane, far enough above the earth to leave obvious landmarks of the current day and year behind. Immersed in a timeless sky, in a plane from era long since past, time becomes a far more fluid element. Shadowing the Jenny that morning, it could easily have been 1946, or 1922, or any date in between. I had the distinct impression of having journeyed out of time, to a place where perhaps, if the radio waves lined up just right, I might even hear a long-departed pilot's voice like a stray distant AM radio signal in the night.*

*Jim and I trailed the Jenny in almost reverent silence, not wanting to break the spell. And then, as if the crack between the eras was closing, the Jenny slowly descended from sight into the cloud deck below. One moment it was there; the next it was fading behind wispy tendrils of white vapor, and the next it was gone, slipping silently through a small hole in the clouds.*



## AIRVENTURE LIVE

Follow AirVenture from afar – go to [eaa.org/en/airventure/airventure-live](http://eaa.org/en/airventure/airventure-live) for news, videos, photos, daily highlights and more.

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# Commission Weighing Flight School Options

**A LOT HAS BEEN GOING ON AT** your airport these past few months.

Most of you probably have noticed we completed the crack seal and seal coat covering on the general aviation ramp. The project went very well, with just a few hitches mostly involving weather (surprise!).

The Taxiway C realignment project is still not complete. However, from your perspective as the user, it probably looks done ... that's a start! The major tasks are complete, and once again we are looking for cooperation from the weather so the contractor can return to do some final dirt work to put the area in complete FAA

compliance. Once that is done we will perform a final inspection and put this project to bed.

In May the Skyline Flight Training Academy closed its doors. After some initial discussions with parties interested in opening another flight school at the airport, the Commission elected to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a flight school operator. That RFP closed on July 14 and we are now in the process of evaluating what was received. It is our intent to make a recommendation to the Commission at its August 2014 meeting.

Looking ahead, the Commission is

planning to make an application to the Federal Department of Transportation for a Small Community Air Service Development Program grant. The intent is to use the grant as a revenue guarantee and marketing funding source to recruit new air service to our area. Columbus has been a single carrier market since June 2013, when American Airlines pulled its service to Dallas, Texas.

The Commission's next meeting is August 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Airport Conference Room. As always, all are welcome, and if there is anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact the office at 706-324-2449. Thank you.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

# JACK BARTHOLET

*'I Feel a Sense of Belonging in the Sky'*

**Hometown:** I was an Army brat, so I grew up all over, mostly on military bases. I went to high school at an Army base in Tokyo, Japan.

**Occupation:** I retired as a civil engineer at Fort Benning in 2005.

**Ratings:** Private Pilot, ASEL, with Instrument; working on Commercial

**Hours:** A little over 700.

**Aircraft:** Six years ago, I bought a Cessna Cardinal, which I have been flying since.

**When and how did you get involved in flying?** I was working in Germany for the Corps of Engineers at Bitburg AirBase. I started flying with an Air Force Aero Club at Bitburg in 1971. Learning to fly in Europe was a constant adventure, with different customs, procedures and languages. After getting my license, we flew all over France, Germany, Belgium,



Holland and Switzerland. Epic trips were to Italy and as far as Sicily. We also flew across the English Channel to a small airport on the outskirts of London.

**What is favorite destination to fly to?** Anywhere within two to three hours. I especially love going to and exploring new places.

**What do you enjoy most about flying?** Like most of us, the main attraction for me was the fun, adventure and beauty of flight. After that, the desire and need to fly is just plain addictive. I feel a sense of belonging in the sky. I particularly like the sensation of watching the world pass by below me. And the accomplishment of seeing landmarks and destination appear before me – assuming I haven't gotten lost.

**What do you enjoy about giving Young Eagles flights?** I enjoy the excitement of the kids; but even more, I enjoy the feeling of being part of a team with the other EAA members.





# 51 Young Eagles Fly at July Rally

SIX PILOTS, SUPPORTED BY 13 GROUND CREW volunteers, flew 51 Young Eagles on Saturday, July 28 at Columbus Airport.

Pilots were:

- Ken Sines (13 passengers)
- Danny Jones (10)
- Jack Bartholet (9)
- Phil Johnson (7)
- Bug Eiland (6)
- Will Buck (6)

Saturday's flights bring the year-to-date total to 293 Young Eagles flown, and the all-time total to 3,163.

Over the past four rallies, 52 percent of passengers have been newcomers to the program:

- April 58%
- May 51%
- June 57%
- July 43%

The next Young Eagles rally will be held on Saturday, August 29.







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