

# EAA 1373 NEWSLETTER

January - 2022

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## PILOT'S CORNER

*...from our Chapter President  
RAY VEITH*

I was born in Delta several years ago and got my first airplane ride around 10 years old from the original Delta Airport, about 3 miles East of Delta. I remember circling my home, the Delta Mortuary at 4th and Howard St, this might help explain my personality today but the view was fantastic. The airplane ride made me sick to my stomach. My wife Margie and I spent 4 years in the USAF. My only airplane experience was a commercial ride from Denver to San Antonio, TX to boot camp - the ride made me sick. We left the USAF after 4 years, became a Colorado State Trooper for 8 years around Denver, Yikes! During my 33 year as an insurance agent in Delta, we won many trips, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, Mexico, Canada, and all over the USA, often flying, often sick. In 1999, a wonderful client and friend told me she could cure my airsickness, skeptically I agreed to try her "cure". She put me in her Piper Comanche 250, before every maneuver she told me exactly what she was doing and after a 1 hour flight we're back in Delta and for the first time in my life I wasn't sick. I immediately started flight lessons and after owning 5 airplanes, including a Comanche 250, we started building our Zenith 750 STOL in 2016, finished and flying it since 2017. Our Chapter support for builders is phenomenal and I'm now able to pay it forward.

### *Letter from Bob Said*

I am finally (sort of) settled into my assisted living center and can try to catch up to my overdue "thank you's". My new room phone # is (801)438-0503, and if I am out, the front desk number is (801)943-5858 and they can call me when I get back and give me your message. Meanwhile, my favorite room decoration is Dee's [Manary] photo of my KR2 flying over the scenery over Crawford. Tell everyone in the X chapter hello! Best regards - Bob Said 11/6/21

*Save  
the  
Date*

### **THE DECEMBER EAA MEETING**

**Saturday, January 8, 2022 \***

**10:00 AM**

**EAA1373 Hangar**

**870 1575 Rd**

**Delta, CO 81416**

*Since January 1<sup>st</sup> is a holiday, the meeting will be held  
the following Saturday, January 8*

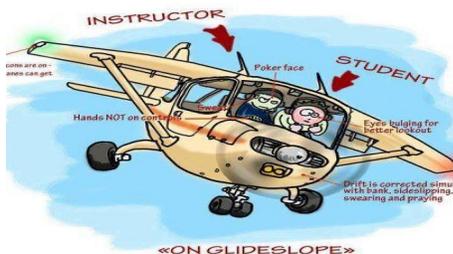
### **FLYIN LEACH AIRPORT - CENTER**

**Saturday, January 15, 2022**

**Pastry and Coffee 8:00 A.M**

**More info? Call Paul Foster 719-588-1209**

**[paul48foster@gmail.com](mailto:paul48foster@gmail.com)**



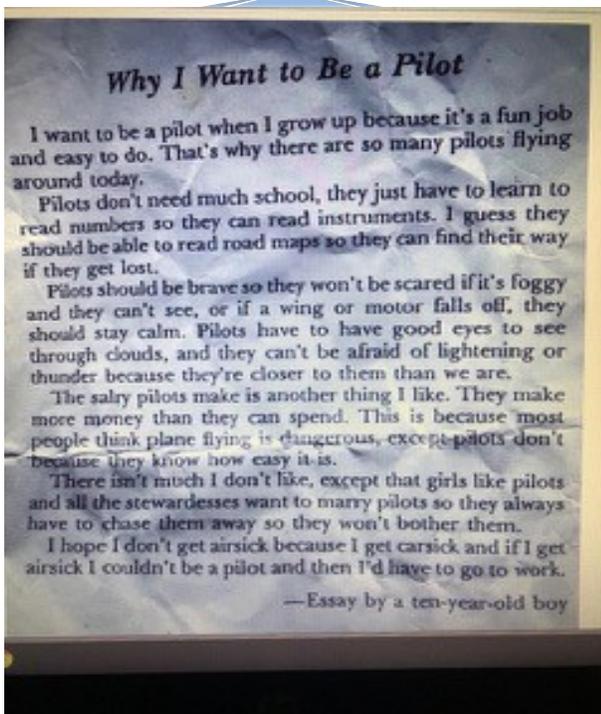
# JANUARY



## Kendra Middleton US Airforce Academy

### Class of 2022

Graham Meyer's granddaughter is set to graduate from the Air Force Academy (Graham must be smiling!) Kendra Middleton -Graduated HS 2018 with a 4.0. She was offered spots at both USNA and USAFA. She majored in aeronautical engineering, minored in German, was chosen for pilot training at USAF and will graduate May 2022. Congratulations Kendra!



## THE STINSON MODEL A

(submitted by Ric Lynch)

A two crew 8 passenger fabric covered aircraft built by Stinson in the 1930s.

There is an interesting free movie on YouTube named "The Riddle of the Stinson." It is about the crash and rescue of two survivors. Here a few links that tell the story and of the only surviving Stinson Model A. Take a little time and enjoy the adventure.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Riddle\\_of\\_the\\_Stinson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Riddle_of_the_Stinson)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernard%27Reilly>

<https://midamericaflightmuseum.com/portfolio-items/stinson-tri-motor/>



## The Gold Lindy Winner 2021

Most of us know Lowell Manary and we heard him speak recently about his Lindy Award. If you haven't please take the time to see the article published in the Nov 27 Daily Press. It is way more informative than my newsletter article. Here is the link.

[https://www.montrosepress.com/news/montrose-resident-builds-plane-over-16-years-wins-gold-lindy/article\\_beb543c4-4f00-11ec-bd4a-1f3b87e09895.html](https://www.montrosepress.com/news/montrose-resident-builds-plane-over-16-years-wins-gold-lindy/article_beb543c4-4f00-11ec-bd4a-1f3b87e09895.html)

I decided to look into the history of the Lindy and find that it represents the highest achievement **in the world** in aircraft construction or restoration. The award named after aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, who achieved the first solo transatlantic flight from New York to Paris in 1927. Lowell received his award in the category of best (Gold) Plansbuilt aircraft out of a 100 other aircraft in 2021. Plansbuilt means that he manufactured virtually every single part of his Sperocco MJ-51-C starting with only a paper copy set of plans. Try to imagine building the last plane you flew with just a set of plans and raw material – No wonder it took 16 years to build! Lowell, no one deserves the award more than you and no one has been a greater resource to aircraft builders in our chapter than you. Congratulations from all of us.



**TIM MARTIN, Canyonlands Flying Cowboy**  
(submitted by Joe Stucky)

If you haven't seen this video treat yourself by clicking on the link below. Watch as Tim Martin negotiates precision flying through the Canyonlands Arches. Don't try this in your Baron - No doubt this is no longer legal. Good photos, though.

<http://www.swaviator.com/html/issueSO02/Arch91002.html>

### REMEMBERING THE FIRST

(submitted by Bernie Hartnell)

This is a great time to remember the guys that gave us the urge to fly, who, on December 17<sup>th</sup> 1903, took to the air at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. They picked Kitty Hawk because they needed lots of sand to cushion landings and of course high wind and privacy. The sandstorms were brutal and at night, though, and the wind was so bad that the brothers had to get out and hold on to their tent to keep it from blowing away. How did two brothers who never received a diploma, who never married, achieve such acclaim you ask? Apparently it was a helicopter-like toy given by their father that gave them the inspiration. Everything they built and tested entirely on their own. Funding came through a bicycle and printing business they owned.

Wilbur was unprepared for the sensation of flying. The controls was unpredictable, he couldn't plan out his moves, and he relied purely on instinct to adjust the plane up and down. Within a few moments, he overcompensated, nearly flipped the glider over and shouted to his brother, "Let me down!" Suffering months of spin-outs, broken struts, blackened eyes, and crash landings, the brothers left Kitty Hawk early. Wilbur once told his brother, "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly."



A little know fact is that a swatch of the fabric from the plane's left wing and a piece of the propeller was taken to the moon on Apollo 11 by astronauts

Armstrong and Aldrin Jr. Copyright © 2020 Prairie Home Productions, All rights reserved. Permission granted 12/24/21

## EAA Young Eagles

hosted by EAA 1373

November 20, 2021

Here are just a few photos of another successful event on Nov 20th. Please take the time to view the large (over 60) photos gallery thanks to the photos submitted by Bill Houze and Bruce Thieking. Be sure see all the photos by clicking on this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/WFTGU4yvVMkmCxLs9>

Big Thank to all who participated again, and thanks to all the families who helped out that weekend, and special thanks to our pilots: **Clay Caywood, Alan Collins, Aaron Silverman, Ted Waltman, & Ray Veatch and anyone else I missed.**





  
**EAA Chapter 1373**  
**Chapter Meeting Minutes**  
**December 4, 2021**

*It is time to pay dues for 2022. Dues remain at \$24.00 for the year. Pay at a meeting or mail a check made out to "EAA Chapter 1373" to Chuck Clemen 1148 Mustang Lane Delta, CO 81416.*

Ray opened the meeting. Several guests were introduced.

Ray announced that the February Awards Meeting will be a pot luck lunch/dinner at the hangar on February 5, 2022. Ray also asked if

anyone knew of aircraft project completions during the past year. The Board did not know of any but we don't want to miss one.

Ray introduced members who have volunteered to serve as Committee/Activity Leaders for our 2022 activities and events. They are:

Young Eagle/Event Coordinator-**Bruce Thieking**;  
 Young Eagles Safety Officer-**Rod Smith**; Food Events at the Airport-**Chris Lindel**;  
 Event Promotion/Advertising-**Clay Caywood**;  
 Tool Box Building Projects-**Bernie Hartnell**;  
 Newsletter Editor-**Tim Heavers**; Web Master-**Alan Collins**

Ray outlined the possible fund raising events for 2022 that the Board had thought of for 2022: poker run, fly-in breakfast/lunch, spot landing contest and fly-in/camp-out at the airport. He asked members to pass along any ideas they might have to him or other Board members.

We need all the volunteers we can get for Young Eagle and other events. Contact Ray (970-417-7131 [insguy47@gmail.com](mailto:insguy47@gmail.com)) or Bruce (775-397-3393 [bruce@bthieking.com](mailto:bruce@bthieking.com)) to find out how you can help and to volunteer.

Ray is planning to keep a calendar posted in the hangar with the chapter's planned events noted on it as a reference for members.

Ray described EAA's Ray Scholarship program. Under the program, chapters apply for a scholarship and, if granted, can then award it to a young person to help them pursue aviation interest such as flight training. Ray is planning to submit an application for our chapter in December.

CAP Cadets are going to begin meeting in our hangar or the Smiling break area. The Cadets are planning to help with set up and clean up for our meetings in return.

Bruce Thieking talked about our chapter's work with the Western Slope AeroLab (Becky Clemons' home schooling STEM program). We

are supporting them with Young Eagle flights and Tool Box building projects. We held our first Young Eagle event for these kids on November 20, 2021. It was a very successful event flying 23 kids. December 11, 2021 will be our second Young Eagle event to fly the kids in Becky's program. Becky has purchased 32 tool box kits for her kids to build and Bernie is planning to hold the first tool box building session this month with more sessions to follow in 2022.

Ray talked about an investigation he is doing to see if we can, with the help of Becky's STEM program, get a simulator that could be used to introduce kids to the basic skills and procedures involved in flying. His initial investigation looks promising.

Tom Jones announced that the CAP Cadets are planning to have a color guard and the young ladies, who sang at our October meeting, to sing the national anthem for our meeting in January. The meeting will be January 8, 2022.

Tim Heavers reminded everyone to send him (via email) any interesting material for the newsletter at [eaal373news@gmail.com](mailto:eaal373news@gmail.com).

Dave Casler talked about his ongoing aviation journey. People from Smiling Aviation have urged him not to sell his airplane and give up on his dream of flying too quickly. Dave has decided to equip his airplane with a parachute (requested by his wife) and to continue instruction with another instructor after the first of the year.

Andrew Weaver mentioned that a Light Sport Repairman with a Maintenance rating can be obtained by taking a 120 hour course and after logging 45 months of experience the repairman can qualify to take the A&P test. Dave Casler mentioned that he thought there was a 16 hour course that could be taken to get a Light Sport Repairman certificate. Chuck explained that both are true. The 16 hour course provides a certificate for the repairman to maintain and do condition inspections on a specific Light Sport

Aircraft that the person owns. The 120 hour course provides a certificate that allows the person to do maintenance and condition inspections on non-owned Light Sport Aircraft for hire.

Gene Lincoln gave an update on his Cessna 175. He is planning for new paint and interior, a new transponder and new seat belts with shoulder harnesses. Gene also recommended safety courses available from the AOPA Safety Foundation. They are free, just go watch them.

Ray mentioned that he would like to start including a safety topic at each meeting. He started the idea with some observations from his time as a State Trooper. His message had to do with control of fast moving vehicles, airplanes or cars. When an emergency situation develops on the road or runway adrenalin can flow quickly and cause us to apply more pressure than needed on the brakes. Once the tires are locked and skidding, control of the vehicle is lost. His message is to always look and think ahead as far as you can to avoid surprise situations. When you are surprised and find yourself in an unanticipated situation, keep flying/driving and stay calm, try to avoid excessive control inputs. Drive safe and fly safe.

Next meeting: January 8, 2022



### **EAA 1373 TEAM MEMBERS:**

Ray Veatch, President (2022)  
Alan Collins, Vice-President  
Chuck Clemen, Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster  
Tim Heavers, Editor  
Ray Veatch, Young Eagles Coordinator  
Bob Trumpfheller & Lowell Manary, Technical Counselors



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