

# Flight Line 101

Chapter 101 of the Experimental Aircraft Association

August, 2008

## THOMPSONS WINNERS AT AIRVENTURE

There is a saying that the family that plays together, stays together. But in the Thompson family's case, that saying should be; The family that volunteers together, stays together.

The Thompson clan is a key part of chapter 101's successful Young Eagle program. All members of the family have taken leadership roles in the chapter and also volunteer at EAA Oshkosh AirVenture.

For their years of work, Carson (Tom) Thompson, his daughter Kathy Thompson, and his son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Cindy Thompson received the Ground Support Volunteer Award at AirVenture 2008.

Kathy says her father got involved with EAA about 47 years ago, joining Chapter 101 just two or three months after it was formed. "Because he joined when we were all young, we've been involved in the chapter all our lives," she said. "It's like an extended family to us."

When the Young Eagles program began in 1992, Tom was one of the first to volunteer. The family started helping out a few years later.

As part of the ground crew, the Thompson's work as ramp escorts, oversee paperwork and much more. "Dave is affectionately known as the Beastmaster," Kathy says. "That's because he's great at keeping the kids in line and under control."

Tom is still active in the program, although he doesn't fly Young Eagles anymore. "Dad is out there every month

with us, and he goes to every chapter meeting and event. At 82, he's still a great example of the spirit of EAA. Plus, he's a walking encyclopedia of aviation.

While Kathy and Dave are excited to get the award, they are particularly thrilled for their father. "He's put in so much time and effort on behalf of EAA," Kathy says, "We're tickled pink he's getting recognized."



*Awards Ceremony at AirVenture '08: Tom Thompson, Dave Thompson, Kathy Thompson, Harrison Ford, and Cindy Thompson.*

*Information for this article was provided by Kathy Thompson. The above photo and others in this newsletter were taken by Butch Bejna and Kathy Thompson and Chuck Soumar..*

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# The President's Page

.....by John Nowicki



## Summertime Fun

Well, if you missed Oshkosh Air Venture 2008, you missed a real good time. This year seemed to be one of the better ones. With the high fuel and gasoline costs hanging over every ones head, you would have thought that the attendance would be down. After reading about an Interview with Tom Poberezny saying that the attendance was about normal, I guess the gas prices didn't stop too many people. Up at the Assistance Center, it seemed to be business as usual or maybe even a little busier than usual. The flight line had no shortage of airplanes or people, the campground was indeed just as full as usual maybe a little fuller than usual. I believe the airport shut down for non-show type aircraft on Tuesday morning. High fuel and gas prices or not, the spirit of aviation was not compromised.

## Other events

This year's convention brought other significant noteworthy events. First and foremost, Hope everyone knows by now. But if you don't, join me in congratulating the Thompson family ( Tommy, Kathy, Dave and Cindy) for receiving The Ground Volunteers of the Year award for their contributions to the Young Eagles program. I think I can speak for the entire chapter in saying how proud we are of them. Way to go guys and gals!

Our Brat-Spectacular once again was a great success. It is rumored that we served almost 200 people. That would be a record. We will confirm this and raffle ticket sale at the upcoming meeting. Again a big thanks for all the hard work that everyone put in to this event. We say it all the time, you can't do it without the help of VOLUNTEERS!

Our highly skilled mobile repair team was able to put Craig's trailer awning back together to a fully functioning device. This device as most of you know is extremely critical to the comfort of the trailers occupants. It was done before the convention got really going. You couldn't even tell it was ever broken.

I can't speak to the Foreigner concert but the Jeff-ffa-ffaaa Dun- Ham show was one of the highlights of the weeks evening activities. He had, I think,

the whole convention roster in attendance and had everyone laughing their hearts out.

On a more serious note, Dolores got in the way of a swinging door while trying to ASSIST a member. The door won and Dolores ended up with a broken arm. So that's why she is wearing a purple, not pink, cast on her left arm.

Last, I think, but not least and maybe a little self serving, I was very fortunate to be the recipient of an all- expenses paid ride on the EAA's B-17. What a thrill. Two of my friends got together and purchased this for John Jr. last year and they got me this year. I'll share the details with you at the meeting.

If I missed any other noteworthy events, I apologize now. If I did, please share them with the chapter when we see each other this coming Tuesday.

## Safety

If anyone is interested, there will be a safety discussion/presentation at Fermilab on Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M. on August 21, 2008. I will be one of the presenters and speaking on Aircraft accident causal factors and cockpit workload. All information is on the FAA web site at [WWW.FAASafety.gov](http://WWW.FAASafety.gov)

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## AVIATION HUMOR

### Are blind pilots flying?

One day at a busy airport, the passengers on a commercial airliner are seated waiting for the pilot to show up so they can get under way.

The pilot and copilot finally appear in the rear of the plane and begin walking up to the

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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2008  
7:30 P.M.

### Schaumburg Regional Airport

Schaumburg Regional Airport is located approximately one mile west of Roselle/Bloomington Road on Irving Park Road at Wright Boulevard.

Chapter meetings are always held on the third Tuesday of the month in the terminal building (in the 'Meeting Room') at Schaumburg Regional Airport. Everyone is welcome. Bring a guest.

## August Program

Andy Facer of Facer Insurance will be our guest speaker this month. He will answer all your insurance questions and bring us the latest insurance information.

## July Meeting Notes

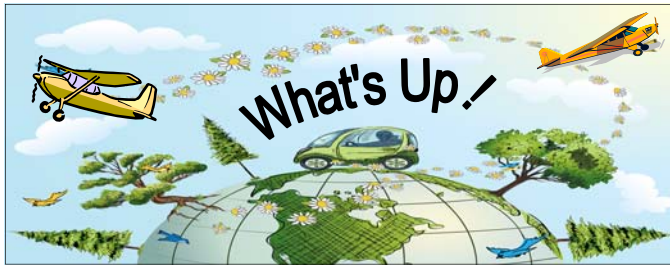
Our July 15th, meeting was called together by John Nowicki at 7:40 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted. This was a shortened meeting due to silk-screening.

Chuck Soumar reported on Young Eagles and talked about possible publicity for our rallies from the Village of Schaumburg. He stated that, when flying Young Eagles in a rental airplane, renters insurance should be acquired. He also mentioned that Tom Thompson, Kathy Thompson, Dave Thompson and Cindy Thompson will receive the ground crew volunteer award at AirVenture this year.

Kelsey Trydal won the roll-over raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. followed by silk screening the chapter logo on members shirts, etc. and refreshments.





**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to Ron Wagner, Ben Scola, Chris Coltrin, Erik Trydal, .Lee Forbes, Joe Mayer, Sharon Neunteufel and to all celebrating a birthday in August.

**NEWSLETTER:** Thanks for all your contributions to our newsletter. Keep sending your items, cartoons, photos and articles to 333 W. Fullerton Ave, Addison, IL 60101—Phone: 630-543-6743—FAX: 630-543-9748 or email: eaa101@sbcglobal.net. The deadline for our June newsletter is September 8, 2008.

**ROLL-OVER RAFFLE:** Kelsey Trydal bought one square in our first roll-over raffle and was the big winner last month.

**FREE RAFFLE:** We'll have a free raffle or two at this meeting.

**THANKS:** A huge "Thank You" to all of you who spent some of your valuable time volunteering at the Assistance Centers at AirVenture. Your knowledge and dedication help make the Assistance Centers run smoothly for us and, most important, solve the problems for those attendees who need our help.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Congratulations to Craig and Kathy Nowicki and Windy and Shorty Miller who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this month.

## EVENTS



August 19, 2008—Chapter 101 meeting

September 14, 2008—Chapter 101 Young Eagles Schaumburg Regional Airport

September 19, 2008—Chapter 101 meeting

October , 2008—Chapter 101 Young Eagles Schaumburg Regional Airport

**VOLUNTEERS:** 101ers spent a lot of time volunteering at AirVenture again this year. In addition to helping at the Assistance Centers, they also volunteered at Flight 'Line Operations, Young Eagles, Kid Venture, the Com Center, Security, and wherever they were needed.

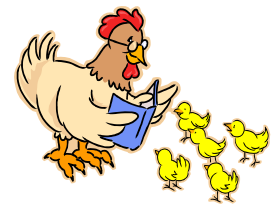
**BRATFEST:** As John mentioned in his article, our annual Brat-Spectacular was again a success. And, again, the credit for this goes to all of you who put so much effort into seeing that everything ran smoothly. We especially want to thank our younger members, Robert Jaeger, Erik Trydal, Ryan Whanger, .Kelsey Trydal, Kaylee Matter and Sam Whanger who've taken over many of the heavy-lifting preparation jobs such as setting up picnic tables, etc. They also do much of the clean-up making the event much easier on the rest of us.

**HAPPENINGS:** Congratulations to Craig and Jamie Marscin who are proud parents of a new baby boy born on July 12th.....Rich and Marie Wegel welcomed a new grandson into their family last month.

## THANKS TO

Kathy Thompson, Chuck Soumar, Cindy Thompson, Windy Miller and Rich Wegel for their contributions to this newsletter

## Chick Chatter



The Chicks are taking the summer off and will convene again in August or September. There's just too much going on in the next two months plus we don't have any pressing projects to work on so we can take a break.

We're still investigating the possibility of making some charitable items such as premie gowns and blankets for premature babies or lap blankets for invalid veterans or cancer patients.

If you have ideas for other projects, let us know.

Ads are published free to chapter members. They will run for three months unless otherwise specified.

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**FOR SALE:** Sportsman 24 ft. trailer and Ford Clubwagon tow vehicle. Great for Oshkosh. Both for \$8,900.00. 630-469-7297.

**FOR SALE:** Share in Champion Flyers. Call 630-543-6743

## WIN AN ARTIC-CAT 650

EAA Chapter 1177 in Palmyra, Wisconsin is raffling off an Artic-Cat 650 1x1 ATV with plow and trailer. Valued at more than \$8,400.

Proceeds are going toward building an aviation educational facility at Palmyra Airport.

Tickets are 10.00 each or 3 for 25.00. A maximum of 5,000 tickets will be sold.

Contact Rick Martin at ricknsharons@gmail.com or 262-495-2898 for more information

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cockpit through the center aisle. Both appear to be blind; the pilot is using a white cane, bumping into passengers right and left as he stumbles down the aisle. The copilot is using a guide dog. Both have their eyes covered with sunglasses.

At first, the passengers do not react thinking that it must be some sort of practical joke. After a few minutes though, the engines start revving, and the airplane begins moving down the runway

The passengers look at each other with some uneasiness. They start whispering among themselves and look desperately to the stewardesses for reassurance.

Yet, the plane starts accelerating rapidly, and people begin panicking. Some passengers are praying, and as the plane gets closer and closer to the end of the runway, the voices are becoming more and more hysterical.

When the plane has less than twenty feet of runway left, there is a sudden change in the pitch of the shouts as everyone screams at once. At the very last moment, the plane lifts off and is airborne.

Up in the cockpit, the copilot breathes a sigh of relief and tells the pilot: "You know, one of these days the passengers aren't going to scream, and we aren't going to know when to take off!"



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Bob Zbonski	24	Glenn Linde	126
Ed Wolter	1	Ron Laade	22
Francis Wolfe	3	Kurt Lawson	10
William S. Widden	6	Bob Krone	3
Norm Wandke	129	Michael Kerwin	11
Ron Wagner	6	Robert Karton	58
Bob Wagner	10	Steve Jans	7
Tom Thompson	9	Bob Jaeger	24
Erik Taylor	6	Dave Hinkelman	137
Paul Tanzar	4	Steve Hauptert	149
Mark Streitz	16	Dave Harvey	21
Tim Stencil	3	Victor Hanson	5
Chuck Soumar	82	Steve Hammond	355
Sam Slocum	2	Bob Haney	7
Bryan Sill	133	James Hall	6
Stephen Sievert	41	Ed Hall	6
Ben Scola	261	John Fitzgerald	23
Bob Richards	12	Will Fann	23
Kevin Reardon	15	Mike Eannarino	93
Darrel Puls	2	John Ditchie	33
Richard Pool	5	Bob DeMerrit	6
Mario Ponton	370	Russell Danwin	26
Joseph Pate	5	Hubert Curry	11
John Nowicki	131	John Cuellar	88
George Northam	55	Chris Coltrin	34
Mike Neunteufel	112	Krista Coltrin	4
Ken Miess	76	Larry Coltrin	4
Skip Meyers	97	Tim Coltrin	217
Reinhard Metz	11	Gordon Clark	10
Keith McNab	33	Rhonda Buss	357
Patrick McIntyre	32	Jim Burnham	2
Steve Mrowczynski	247	George Brunkalla	16
Joe Mayer	147	Lou Bos	278
Steve Matter	79	Bill Borgstrom	20
Cynthia Madsen	106	Bob Bentley	51
Ken Machynia	146	Tom Buck	4
Ray Luttrell	15	Butch Bejna	1155

First, I would again like to congratulate the Thompson Family for being honored as the Young Eagle Ground Volunteers of the year. There are hundreds of Young Eagle Rallies that go on throughout the year, but it's nice to know that our own Chapter 101 is still going strong and promoting aviation to hundreds of kids every year. It's a total team effort at every rally and when one of our own gets recognized, we all can feel good about the work that goes into making a successful program. But the most exciting part of that to me was, Tom Thompson, in his 80's, finally got to meet Henry Ford..... or was it Gerald Ford.... no maybe Edsel Ford... wait... it was Harrison Ford, Indiana Jones himself... Way to go Tom!!!!

Secondly, I was honored to represent our Chapter and spend a morning along with Kathy Thompson volunteering at the Young Eagles Pavilion answering questions to all who stopped by about the Young Eagles program. We also spent a day travelling all over the AirVenture grounds in the "Green Machine" promoting Young Eagles and passing out packets to perspective Young Eagle pilots. I think we converted one of the pilots from the Wisconsin National Guard C-130 crew into becoming a Young Eagles pilot. It was also a pleasure to spend a little time with Steve Buss and Michelle Kunes, the people who devote everyday to making the program grow and what it has become today. So I guess you can say that I'm hooked on the Young Eagles program and enjoyed every minute of .....

You can figure out by now that we were all pretty pumped to get back to Schaumburg and hold our next Rally. Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> was the day, and what a day it was, too. Perfect flying weather, and once again  
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## Young Eagles Report By Chuck Soumar

Well, it seems like the summer is just whizzing by in such hurry doesn't it? We waited and waited for the end of July to come so we could travel up north to AirVenture, and now it's only a memory. But for me having the chance to attend again for the second year in a row was still a thrill worth waiting for. I hope everyone that attended AirVenture had the same great experience that I had. Since I'm the Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator, I'll focus on Young Eagles for this article, but I would love to write about all the exciting things I saw at Oshkosh.

**Next Young Eagles Rally**  
Sunday, September 14, 2008  
11:30—2:30  
Schaumburg Regional Airport

Contact Chuck Soumar—708-788-6390 for  
more information or to schedule. Come out  
and help if you can. It's always a fun day

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the families started lining up to sign in an hour before our start time. Excited as ever to take to the skies. Our sign up crew of Dolores Neunteufel, Connie Bos, Cindy Thompson and Kelsey Trydal were ready with all the forms. George Northam had his foam airplane all ready to explain flaps, elevators and ailerons to the budding pilots during ground school. Of course the "Beast Master" had his game face on and ready to keep all the kids in line until their time to go flying came. Our crack ground crew was at the ready with their orange safety vests. Tom Thompson, Chris Cato, Rich Wegel, Kathy Thompson, Mario Ponton and Jim White waiting to park and escort kids to their waiting airplanes. But wait!!! Where are our pilots??? I was really hoping to fly on such a beautiful day, but my plane was down with a fuel pump repair. That's aviation, so I have to wait until next month.

But finally here comes John Nowicki and Butch Bejna. Looks like John and Butch will get some flying in today. They sure did.... A huge thanks to John and Butch for flying for almost four hours and staying until every Young Eagle received their flight. John flew 27 Young Eagles, and Butch took up 12. That's a whole year of flights for some pilots.... But at the end of the day everyone left with a big smile on their face. Another successful day promoting aviation at 06C. Thanks to all who came out, and we hope to see you again at our next rally. Due to a conflict at the airport, our next rally will be Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you then.

Everyone enjoys pictures, so I'm including a few of my favorites from this past month.



Butch Bejna with Young Eagle—Schaumburg Airport



John Nowicki and Young Eagles



Young Eagle ground crew: Tom Thompson, Chris Cato, Mario Ponton, Kathy Thompson, Rich Wegel and Jim White



Rich Wegel escorting Young Eagles