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# Mountainland Flyer



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Next Gathering

October 6, 2018

Annual Luncheon

Bearden Banquet Hall

Guest Speaker John Leehouts, CEO of Sun 'n Fun.

See page 6 for more information

## **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER – LABOR DAY**

Enjoy the long weekend, or pack for the weeklong camping trip at Triple Tree (SC00) near Woodruff, SC. **September 3-9.**

## **CHAPTER 17 MOURNS THE PASSING OF STAN BROCK**

Stan Brock, founder of Remote Area Medical (RAM) passed away August 29, 2018. He was 82 years old. His vision connected medicine and aviation, two disciplines together helping those in need wherever they were. He was a good friend to EAA Chapter 17, and likewise our members are active in RAM's mission at many levels.

Although his persona will be missed, his mission will live on, until no one else on this planet is suffering. Stan is survived by a brother, Peter, the 740,000 people that he has helped (so far) and the 120,000 volunteers he inspired.

Your humble publisher had the immense privilege of helping RAM sort out issues from time to time. I can't define his effect on people other than this; If I get call from one of my children, I'll say : "Hey, what's up?" If the caller ID says RAM, I say, "Stan, what can I do?, What do you need? I'll do it!"

There is so much written about his life and works. Visit [www.ramusa.org](http://www.ramusa.org) and become a donor to the mission.

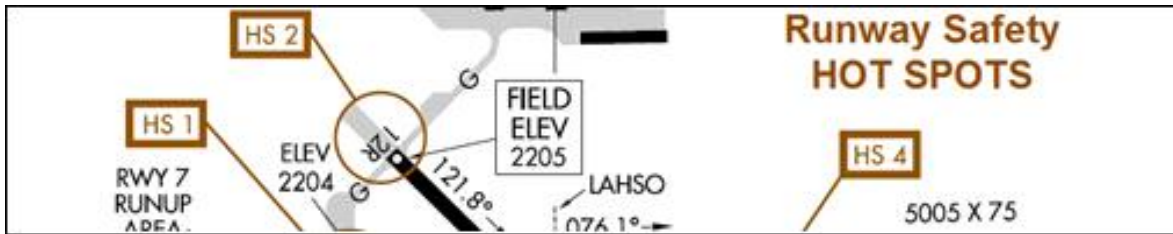


## LONG on Safety

### Runway Hot Spots

By Greg Long

A "hot spot" is a runway safety related problem area or intersection on an airport, typically with a history of potential risk of collision or runway incursion, and where heightened attention by pilots is required. An already confusing condition may be compounded by miscommunication between controller and pilot causing problems with aircraft separation and possible runway incursion. Proper planning helps avoid confusion by eliminating last-minute questions and building familiarity with known problem areas:

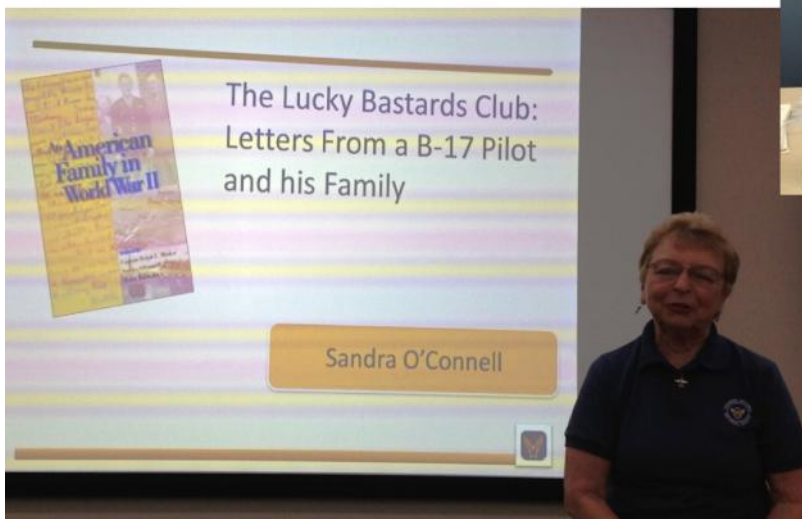


Hot spots may be due to any mix of causes: airport geometry, ground traffic flow, markings, signage, or lighting, and human factor:

Possible areas of concern may be confusing pavement intersections, unclear pavement markings or lighting, absent signage, confusing air traffic procedures and communications. If you identify a possible area of concern, bring it to the attention of airport management, and to air traffic management at towered airports. For more information see FAA safety

## THE AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting had another great crowd to hear Professor Sandra O'Connell, WWII Author and speaker as she gave a presentation, with pictures and photographs of documents and letters, giving the account of one WWII aviator. When future-Captain Ralph Lee Minker sent his first letter home, it was with instructions to save every letter as it was to become a detailed account of his history. This included accounts of his officers, mess halls and duty stations. Beginning with the bombing of Pearl Harbor and his enlistment in the Army Air Corps, his letters home describe his first flight,



training in a Piper L-4 with a mighty 65 HP Franklin engine, Stearman biplanes, twin engine Cessna "Bamboo Bombers," to becoming the Commander of a B-17. He tells about his tour of duty with the Eighth Air Force in England, accounts of his missions over Germany and award of the **Lucky Bastards Club** after completing 35 missions.

Books may be ordered for \$25.00 from [www.ww2pilot.com](http://www.ww2pilot.com)

## CHAPTER 17 COOKOUT

Our cookout, co hosted with **Tom McCosh** at the Monroe County airport (KMNV) had good weather and good attendance with about 90 guests. A live band (our **Max Burnett** on bass) with a buffet of smoked pork, chicken and even smoked bologna and side dishes made this luncheon a magnificent meal with friends.

Note: Tom McCosh also hosts the second Saturday omelet breakfast and low fuel prices.

**Sammy Jones** (smoking the pork at right) recently purchased the Meadowlake Airpark in Kingston.



## OLIVER SPRINGS COOKOUT SEPT 29( TN08 )

We invite our EAA friends and family to our Oliver Springs airport picnic at TN08 on Sep 29 serving from 11 till 1. There will be bomb drop and spot landing contests after the eats. We will have a donation jar (\$5?) for those who wish to help buy the chow. We use 122.9 for traffic, 1800', left-hand traffic, and usually use 15 as the preferred runway (grass 2800' x 50'). Call Ron Poor at 865-660-2146 for more info.

## Message from your President

I hope you all enjoy the upcoming Labor Day holiday. As usual, we will not be holding our September meeting due to the holiday, and we will not have one in October either, due to our Annual Banquet held on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Some of us are flying to the Triple Tree annual Fly-in. We'll camp during the holiday week for a few days and enjoy the fellowship of fellow pilots and look at all the different types of aircraft that will fly in. The last time I was there, they had over 700 aircraft on the ground at the same time. Of course, this number is always influenced by the weather.

We had around 90 members and friends show up at MNV for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fly-in and cookout. Many thanks goes to MNV's airport manager, Tom McCosh and his crew for the fine job they all did to provide the food and even some live entertainment for us. Several of us flew in to attend it.

Please start buying your tickets online from our chapter's website for our October 6<sup>th</sup> Banquet. We always have a great time at these banquets and have had great speakers in the past. This year will be no exception. John R. "Lites" Leenhouts, President and CEO of Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland Florida will be our speaker this year. He and his wife Nancy will be flying up from Florida in their Piper Comanche. Read his bio when you get a chance. Learn about all the young folks that have earned their pilot's and mechanic's license through the support of the Sun 'n Fun campus over the last few years. Many of us have attended past Sun 'n Fun April events, but you might not be aware of the monthly events using their facilities to raise money for their Campus high School and flight school. Sun 'n Fun, as well as EAA and AOPA, are all working towards growing the future aviation community.



Our attendance goal for this year's banquet is 100 attendees. To help us reach this goal, please get the word out to your aviation friends, and encourage them to attend. Make sure you buy your tickets early so we can start getting a head count. We plan to display some posters in near-by airports, and EAA headquarters will be sending out an email blast to all members within a 75 mile radius of Knoxville to help get the word out. Robert Berlin will also get the local media to give us some press of some sort.

Let me know if you have any ideas to share and or questions you would like answered.

George Douglas



Greg Long shows off his Velocity at the picnic



EAA Chapter 17 welcomes **Thomas Klotz EAA#1107361** as our newest member. He is new to the Knoxville area from Minnesota and formerly from Michigan. He works for Cirrus Aircraft, his favorite holiday is the Oshkosh air adventure, and would love to be involved with the local General Aviation community. We look forward to hearing more from him and having him join our Chapter events.

## JULES BERNARD RECEIVES BOMBER JACKET FROM ALUMINUM OVERCAST CREW

Jules Bernard was a big attraction during the B-17 visit in June as he visited with the long lines of guests and posed for pictures.

As a crew chief on these mighty bombers he was able to share stories of his experiences from his enlistment in



1940 as a preparation for war. In appreciation for his efforts as a volunteer for three days before the press and visitors the crew sent him a bomber jacket with Wings,

**JULES BERNARD, CREW CHIEF, ALUMINUM OVERCAST.** He also received a portrait of him talking to visitors, pictures of the bomber in flight and a letter of appreciation signed by the entire crew.



### Army Air Corps



- 1937 184 pilots graduated from advanced flight training
- 1939 2,000 pilots 26,000 men
- 1941 1,157 planes suitable for combat
- Dec. 1941 9,000 pilots, 354,000 men

Fighting a war on two fronts required a dramatic increase in pilots, crews, planes, instructors and airfields.

## “Lites” Leenhouts

John R. “Lites” Leenhouts is Lakeland Florida’s SUN 'n FUN President & CEO. He is a 27-year veteran of the United States Navy with a distinguished record of service as a carrier fighter pilot along with an extensive list of community involvement.

Leenhouts obtained his private pilot license in 1970 and has accumulated more than 10,000 hours as piloting various military, antique and civilian aircraft. Commissioned an Ensign in March, 1974, he was designated a Naval Aviator on August 22, 1975 at NAS Kingsville, Texas. After a distinguished 27-year career, he retired from the Navy in 2001 holding the rank of Captain. Leenhouts primarily flew the A-7 Corsair, F-14 Tomcat, and the F/A-18 and holds the distinction of performing more landings (or “traps” in naval nomenclature) on an aircraft carrier than any other naval aviator in U.S. history with 1645 arrested landings.

Since his retirement from the Navy, Leenhouts worked for over ten years for the Northrop Grumman Corporation as the F/A-18 Program Manager in the Jacksonville, Florida area. Much of his work related to modification and overhaul for the F/A-18 “Super Hornet.”

In his time out of the office, “Lites” enjoys flying his 1961 Piper Comanche or 1930 Waco, driving antique British cars, or riding his Harley on the many back roads of our great nation.

Get your registration NOW at [www.eaa17.org/annual-banquet/](http://www.eaa17.org/annual-banquet/)



## Pilots and Aviation Enthusiasts

*Please mark your calendars, plan to attend, and share this information...*

**2018 MICHIGAN AIR TOUR (MAT)**

**September 21-23, 2018**

Pre-Tour Welcome Party on September 20th

Planning is underway. Registration will be open soon. This year’s MAT will be hosted from a central airport with fly-outs to other airports around that central location. One hotel; no need to pack and unpack daily. Grass airstrips and airports that have not been on past tours will be included making for new adventures. Spot landing contests are being considered to challenge piloting skills.

Watch for more details coming soon on [michiganairtour.org](http://michiganairtour.org)

Please SHARE this info with other pilots: my mailing list is limited. Thanks!

Rebecca Duggan President Michigan Aviation Education Foundation [586-839-7252](tel:586-839-7252)



## ADVERTISEMENT

### Dan Valle Chapter 17 Member offers Aircraft Certs

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For IFR \$275, Mode S \$300...About 2 hours

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Contact Dan Valle

Cell 313-539-9818

A portion of the proceeds from members certification testing is returned to Chapter 17

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Come join us for fun and education with other aviators.

Visit [www.eaa.org/calendar](http://www.eaa.org/calendar) to access a comprehensive list of events that you can filter to match your location, range, interest and schedule.

- September 1 First Saturday EAA Chapter 1494 Breakfast at Morristown (MOR) (32 miles from DKX)
- September 1 First Saturday Breakfast. Winchester (BGF) (135 miles from DKX)
- September 1 First Saturday Breakfast and program. EAA Chapter 690 at Gwinnett Co. (LZU) (137 miles from DKX)
- September 3 NO MEETING First Monday of the month EAA Chapter 17 meeting at 510 Center.**
- September 3 - 9 TRIPLE TREE
- September 8 Second Saturday Omelet Breakfast. Monroe Co (MNV) (41 miles from DKX)
- September 15 Third Saturday CAP Breakfast at Cleveland (RZR) (73 miles from DKX)
- September 15 Third Saturday Moontown, AL breakfast. (3M5) (168 miles from DKX)
- September 21 - 23 Michigan Air Tour
- September 22 Fourth Saturday CAP Breakfast at Dayton (2A0) (68 miles from DKX)
- September 29 Oliver Springs Cookout (TN08) (25 miles from DKX)
- October 6 Annual Banquet Luncheon: Bearden Banquet Hall. John Leenhouts, Sun 'n Fun President and CEO will be our 2018 guest speaker.**
- Nov. 16-18 The EAA B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" will offer rides and tours of the aircraft at Morristown (KMOR) (32 miles from DKX) For reservations call: 800-359-6217 or go to [www.B17.org](http://www.B17.org)
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Short Notice Aviation Plans (SNAP) Any weekday that the weather is good. Why wait for a weekend?

Ready to schedule:

- ➔ Trade A Plane Publishers in Crossville, TN
- ➔ Group Fly Out to the Tennessee Museum Of Aviation in Sevierville.
- ➔ Group Fly Out to Andrews, NC (KRHP) to see Jerry Stadtmiller and look at his Antique Aircraft Restoration and Repair operation. (53 miles from DKX)
- ➔ Fly Out to EAA Chapter 242 in Columbia, SC. Trade Airplane Rides

Guest Speakers ready to meet with EAA Chapter 17:

- ➔ Tom and Pat Roush flying balloons in Austria.
- ➔ TEMPEST Spark Plugs with Vince Bechtel.

## MOONTOWN, ALABAMA FOR BREAKFAST?

Our chapter has been invited to fly down as a group for one of their Third Saturday monthly breakfast. They would then take us over to their hangar museum and give us a tour. More information will follow.

# Tennessee FLY-IN MONTH SEPTEMBER 2018

Fly to these regional events - collect a patch and receive an entry into the grand prize drawing at each event!

- **SEPTEMBER 1** - EAA Breakfast  
@KMOR, Morristown, 8:30-10:30
- **SEPTEMBER 8** - Planes & Porsches  
@ KGKT, Gatlinburg Pigeon Forge, 10:00-2:00
- **SEPTEMBER 15** - CAP Breakfast  
@ KRZR, Cleveland, 8:00-10:30
- **SEPTEMBER 22** - Annual Fly-In/Cruise-In  
@ KMOR, Morristown, 10:00-3:00
- **SEPTEMBER 29** - Open House & Fly-In  
@ KCSV, Crossville, 9:00-3:00



Visit  Morristown Tn EAA Chapter 1494 for more TN Fly-In events!

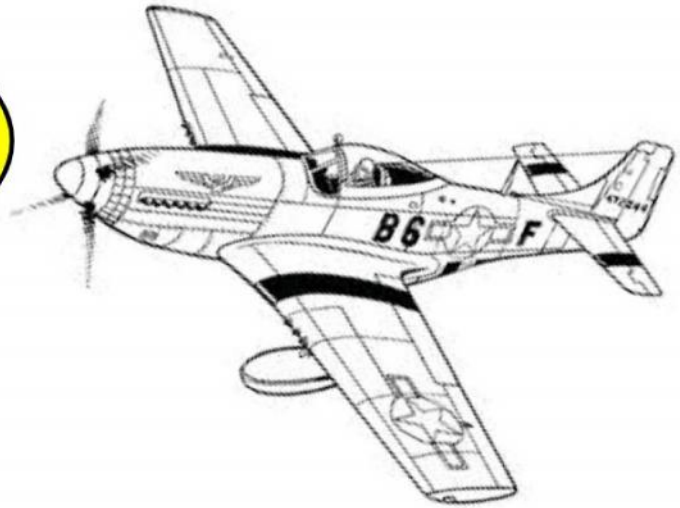


# Morristown Airport Annual Fly-in & Cruise-in

**September 22, 2018**

**10am - 3pm**

**Discounted  
Avgas**



## Tennessee Fly-in Month



**Fly-in Patch Awarded to Pilots**

**Free Admission & Parking**

**Food Vendors**

**\$25 Helicopter + Airplane rides**

**Kid's Crafts & Activities**

**Aircraft on Display**

**Show Cars**

<https://www.facebook.com/MorristownTnEaaChapter1494/>



# EAA Chapter 17

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**EAA Chapter 17's** mission is the promotion of education in aeronautics, flying safety, navigation, amateur or home-built aircraft, antique aircraft restoration and construction, and related aero-sciences. To foster aviation, education, and progress in light aircraft development and other closely related phases of aviation. And to maintain a non-profit co-operative association to obtain instruction and education in aviation.

## Your EAA Membership

Chapter 17 maintains our membership records. This is important for two reasons. First, and most important, we use the info to correspond with our members. Second, we are required to provide EAA Headquarters with a current chapter roster each year. To help update our records, we are asking everyone to please provide the following: **Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, and EAA member number.**

Finally, **we can't emphasize enough the importance of full EAA membership.** This is especially critical in the current climate of proposed GA user fee increases and other threats to your freedom to fly! For \$40 a year for a single EAA membership or \$50 a year for family membership, you can add your clout to the battle, as well as get a great magazine in *Sport Aviation* each month and lots of other member benefits. **If you are not a current member of the international EAA organization, please join or renew your membership.** Go to <http://www.eaa.org/memberbenefits.html>, or call 800-843-3612.

In the words of Vintage Aircraft Association President, Geoff Robison, "Let's all pull in the same direction for the good of aviation. Remember, we are **better** together. Join us and have it all"

## CHAPTER 17 MEETINGS ARE NOW ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH, UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED!

### EAA Chapter 17 Membership Renewal EAA Member # \_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Project or current aircraft or interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues run from January 1st to December 31 each year.

Type of Registration: Regular: (\$20) Family: (\$20), list names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student (Free for [EAA Student](#) members): \_\_\_\_\_

Address, email, and phone info is used to update CH 17 records, is voluntary, and is not shared outside of CH 17. EAA Member # is required for our annual EAA Chapter renewal.

Please print, fill out, and bring to the next meeting, or mail to CH 17 Treasurer, at the below address. Please include a check for \$20.00 made to EAA Chapter 17.

**Online registration** (<http://www.eaa17.org/EAA17membership.htm> ) available using a credit card or Pay Pal

Thanks for your continued support!

Renew online or by mail to:  
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C/O PS Engineering  
9800 Martel Road  
Lenoir City TN 37772

Total amount of check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

