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### From the President

Hi, everyone!

Well, I think Jane the Plane might miss me. Between the weather not being worth a hoot for a while and being on call for work, my airplane has been sitting a lot. And looks like it might sit for a couple more days. I dug back through my logbook-I have flown 3 times since December 1. And not since January 5. Wow. Looks like I'm going to have to make up for lost time when the weather gets better!

And that will be coming up quicker than I might imagine. There is a list of scheduled Young Eagles events in the meeting minutes. The first rally is the second weekend in March. Assuming it's not snowing. Only half kidding.

We are still getting a March presenter lined up. If you would like to present something aviation related or know someone that would, give Bruce or myself a holler. We're always looking for presenters. An e-mail will be sent out regarding March's presenter prior to the meeting.

See you March 11, 7 PM at Oracle.

Chris

# General Aviation History

## Capt. Arnie's Final Flight

After 55 years, the legendary golfer and pilot hangs up his wings

By STEPHEN POPE  
FEBRUARY 1, 2011

It's the end of an era. Golf legend Arnold Palmer has made his final flight as pilot in command, calling it quits after almost 55 years at the controls of everything from open-cockpit biplanes to a Boeing 747. Along the way, he amassed nearly 20,000 hours in the cockpit.

Palmer, 81, flew his Cessna Citation X from Palm Springs, California, back to his home in Orlando, Florida, on Monday, January 31, his last trip in the left seat. On arrival he announced that he would not renew his pilot certification, which expired that day.

"I'll still be flying in my plane as much as always, just not in the cockpit," Palmer said. "Flying has been one of the great things in my life. It's taken me to the far corners of the world. I met thousands of people I otherwise wouldn't have met. And I even got to play a little golf along the way."

I interviewed Palmer last year at Bay Hill, his championship golf course in Orlando. He told me about his plan to stop flying, but asked that I keep it quiet until the news was official. "I've come to realize that I can't do it as well as I once could, and so it's time to stop," he said. "It was the same with golf."

Palmer also took me through his entire flying career (and I don't think there's any doubt that it really was a "career"—Palmer was as much a professional as any pilot

you're likely to meet) from his first flying lessons in 1956 in a Cessna 172 to his time piloting his beloved Aero Commander 500, to his many Cessna Citation models. A close friendship with former Cessna chairman and CEO Russ Meyer made Palmer the world's most famous Citation customer.

Palmer's fly-bys when departing from tournaments were a distinctive signature throughout the 1960s and '70s, and his skill as a pilot was matched by several notable achievements. In 1969, Palmer piloted a Boeing 747 before the airplane had gone into commercial service. In 1976, he set a round-the-world speed record that still stands. Taking off from Denver in a Learjet 36 and heading east, Palmer circumnavigated the globe in 57 hours, 25 minutes and 42 seconds, stopping in Boston, Paris, Tehran, Sri Lanka, Jakarta, Manila, Wake Island and Honolulu.

Today Palmer is a high-profile supporter of business aviation, appearing in a number of print and Web ads for the National Business Aviation Association's "No Plane, No Gain" advocacy campaign. It's his way of giving back to a pursuit that gave him so much for so long. "I'm glad I played golf for a living, but I would have really enjoyed flying for a living, too," he told me during our interview.

It's remarkable, then, that a fear of flying led Palmer to the cockpit. Traveling to one of his first tournaments aboard a DC-3, the airplane descended through a line of thunderstorms and was struck by lightning. "I was sitting on the left side of the airplane—I can remember it as if it was yesterday—when suddenly this ball of fire started rolling around in the aisle. I had no idea what it was, but it scared me. It was static electricity that caused this—it wasn't

discharging from the airplane like it does today. That's when I really knew that if I was going to continue to fly I needed to know what was happening in the airplane. So I waited until I earned some money playing professional golf and then learned to fly in 1956. I started out in Cessna 172s and 182s, flying myself where I needed to go."

And he never looked back.

It's fitting that Palmer ends his time in the cockpit just as another budding aviator drawn to flying by fear and a desire to understand how airplanes work makes his first solo. Clay Presely, one of the passengers aboard US Airways Flight 1549, the "Miracle on the Hudson" flight that ditched in the icy river on Jan. 15, 2009, after hitting a flock of geese, flew a Cessna 172 by himself for the first time last week at Rock Hill Airport in Rock Hill, S.C. Presely plans to continue his flight training and earn his private pilot certificate.

As for Palmer, his last flight as pilot in command was bittersweet, just as his final professional golf tournament undoubtedly was. But in golf and aviation, Palmer remains as one of the best-loved ambassadors each pursuit has ever known —not just a legendary figure, but a consummate gentleman as well.

Congratulations, Arnie.

Attributed to <https://www.flyingmag.com/blogs/fly-wire/capt-arnies-final-flight>

## Minutes

### February 2019

The chapter meeting was held on February 11<sup>th</sup> at Millard Airport, Oracle

Aviation. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Chris Halfman.

Two visitors were present. Caden Korth and his friend Travis. Caden is the recipient of the EAA 80 scholarship.

**Meeting Minutes:** The December 2018 meeting minutes were approved as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's reports for January and February were presented. Chapter receipts totaled \$2,088.149 (dues, Christmas Party, YE reimbursement). Chapter expenses totaled \$5,534.9. The expenses included \$2,000 scholarship, Christmas Party (\$1,015.21 subsidy for the Christmas Party), and re-submission of the 501(c)3 application. Ending balance \$12,684.15. The treasurer's reports were approved as published. Last year the credit card yielded \$275 for the year and cost \$87.68 for the last year.

The new chapter sign was presented to the group. There was interest in getting chapter logo decals made. A quote will be obtained to determine what that might cost.

**Membership:** Bob Condrey reports 100 members. Forty-eight of the 100 need to pay for 2019. Bob is still in need of people's head shots for the chapter directory. He has about 50%. There was discussion on the style of electronic copy of the member list, as a list or with head shot, and if a hard copy was desired. There was a desire for a hard copy. Bob will find out costs to print the directory on a similar looking format to what has been

distributed in the past, but on a standard 8.5x11, not a special size.

**Tech Counselors:** No report.

**Young Eagles:** Josh Tocko presented the proposed dates for the 2019 Young Eagles events. For several of the events there will be no rain date if the event is scrubbed. The second Saturday of each month was typically used. The dates are:

March 9th 0900-1300 (WIA) >>16th Backup

April 6th 0900-1300 (Scouts) >>27th Backup

May 11th 0800-1200 (Public)

June 8th 0800-1300 (Public/Aviation day) >>22nd backup. All Hands on deck

July 13th 0800-1200 (Public)

August 10th 0800-1200 (Public)

August 24th 0800-1200 (Burke) >>Sept 21st 0800-1200 backup. All hands on deck

September 8th 0800-1200 (Public PMV)

October 12th 0900-1200 (Public)

Josh reminded everyone to update their EAA Youth Protection Policy and Program review as they are coming due for those that signed up when the program originated.

Jim Beyer discussed the STEM day to be held June 8 at Oracle Aviation. He requested funds (approximately \$12) to purchase the backing pins for the wing badges. Jim is looking for some volunteers to help with the making of the name badges.

**Tools:** No report.

### **Builder Reports:**

1. Bill Haas is mounting the engine on his Berkut.

2. Brad Safford is working on his Zenith 750 STOL control cables and brake lines. He will be borrowing some tools for those tasks. He says it should fly this summer.

3. Greg Ross have finished the vertical stabilizer and working on the rudder on his RV-12.

4. Jim Beyer-Aviation Nation's RV-12: status empennage and fuselage are complete and they are working on the wings.

**Builders Meeting:** None scheduled.

**Fly-outs:** No report.

**Social Coordinator:** The Christmas Party was held at Anthony's and attended by 39 people. The food was good and people enjoyed the event. As mentioned in the treasurer's report, \$1,015.21 was used to subsidize the event. Be sure and thank Bruce and Sue Mundie for organizing the event!

Chris Halfman presented the cooler purchased for the refreshments.

### **Old Business:**

1. Caden Korth was introduced to the group. He is a sophomore at UNO in the aviation program and the recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship. He talked briefly about his career path and thanked the chapter for the money. He is currently working on his instrument rating.

2. 501c(3) application has been sent in again. The funds required are \$600 vs. the original \$475 sent.

### **New Business:**

1. Service awards were handed out for 2018 board positions and Young Eagles volunteers.

**Announcements:** Chris Halfman announced that Gene Larsen was looking for a passenger to ride along to the Caribbean. He is planning to leave the Saturday before Easter for 12 days. He will also be scuba diving during the trip.

**Raffle Drawing:** The raffle was for \$13. It was won by John Lindinger.

**Presentation:** Mark Strehle from the SAC Museum presented information on the EC-135 restoration ongoing at the museum. He also talked about the future vision of the museum and future displays.

**March Meeting:** The next meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at Millard Airport Oracle Aviation.

## **Upcoming Webinars**

### **February**

#### **Paramotors: Learning, Flying, and Buying the Smallest, Most Portable Aircraft**

**Wed, February 27 – 7 p.m. CST**

Presenter: Jeff Goin | *Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.*

[Register Now >>](#)

### **Become a Better Chapter Leader - Secretary/Treasurer**

**Thurs, February 28 – 7 p.m. CST**

Presenter: John Egan

[Register Now >>](#)

### **March**

#### **An IA's Dilemma**

**Wed, March 6 – 8 p.m. CST**

Presenter: Mike Busch | *Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.*

[Register Now >>](#)

#### **First Flight, No Fright: All About Discovery Flights and Introductory Lessons**

**Wed, March 13 – 7 p.m. CST**

Presenter: Prof Paul H. Such | *Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.*

[Register Now >>](#)

#### **Temporary Flight Restrictions, Airspace, and ADS-B**

**Wed, March 20 – 7 p.m. CST**

Presenter: John Townsley | *Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.*

[Register Now >>](#)

## **Avoiding Stalls and Spins**

**Tues, March 26 – 7 p.m. CST**

Presenter: Gordon Penner | *Qualifies for  
FAA Wings credit.*

[Register Now >>](#)

## **April**

## **Controllability as Affected by Weight and Balance**

**Tues, April 23 – 7 p.m. CST**

Presenter: Gordon Penner | *Qualifies for  
FAA Wings credit.*

[Register Now >>](#)

These are the current webinars listed on [eaa.org](https://www.eaa.org). Please check the site at <https://www.eaa.org/en/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-webinars> to see if there are other webinars available.

**EAA 80 MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT**

Feb-19

Checking

Acct. 310

Opening Balance \$15,732.91

Receipts

FDMS Dep  
50/50  
1/17/19 Y.E. Reimbursement \$408.19  
1/26/19 Dues Chks \$125.00  
Cash  
1/26/19 Winter Gathering \$980.00

Winter Gathering Summary

Anthony's \$1,995.21  
Receipts \$980.00  
Subsidy \$ 1,015.21

Expenses

1/10/19 Y.E.NameTags J Beyer \$374.96  
1/3/19 FDMS Fee \$4.95  
12/20/18 FDMS FINCL Adj \$19.83  
1/12/19 HalfmanNE BiennialRept \$23.00  
Refrsh  
1/17/19 UNO Scholarship \$2,000.00  
(Caden P. Korth)  
1/17/19 Signs Josh Tocko \$144.00  
1/26/19 Winter Gathering \$1,995.21

FDMS is First Data Management System  
(Credit Card)

As Info 2018  
FDMS Fee \$59.40  
FDMS Disc. \$28.28  
Total **\$87.68**

Total Card Receipts \$275.00  
Net **\$187.32**

(Note: Credit Card amounts will  
be accounted on cash basis when  
recorded on bank statement)

**Ending Balance** \$12,684.15

AS INFO February 2018 \$14,697.79

**EAA 80 MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT**

Mar-19

Checking

Acct. 310

Opening Balance \$12,684.15

Receipts

1/12/19	FDMS Dep		
50/50	13/12=25		\$12.00
1/13/19	Dues	Chks	\$300.00
		Cash	\$125.00

Expenses

2/5/19	FDMS Fee	\$4.95	FDMS is First Data Management System (Credit Card)
	FDMS Discount		
2/12/19	Greg Ross	\$27.55	
	Refrsh		
2/12/19	Chris Halfman Cooler	\$53.74	

(Note: Credit Card amounts will be accounted on cash basis when recorded on bank statement)

**Ending Balance** \$13,034.91

AS INFO February 2018 \$15,497.71

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E-MAIL ADDRESS			
PROFESSION		RETIRED	

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE									
OWNED ACFT						N-NUMBER			
ACFT BUILDER	TYPE:					COMPLETE %			
LICENSE									
SKILLS <small>1/SOME - 3/LOTS</small>	WOOD		METAL		TUBE/FABRIC		COMPOSITE		
EMAIL GROUPS	FLY-OUT		BUILDERS			YOUNG EAGLES			
PUBLISH INFORMATION IN CHAPTER DIRECTORY			HAVE A NAME TAG		YEAR JOINED CHAPTER 80				
YOUNG EAGLE VOLUNTEER					YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING CURRENT				

OFFICE USE: (DUES \$25 PER YEAR)									
2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
PAYMENT	TYPE				AMOUNT			DATE	

Last updated: 11/17/2018