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AirVenture 2018 celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Hatz biplane. There were two rows of them on the flightline! Photo Courtesy of Joe Kirik

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## CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT:

"EAA Chapter 113's major focus is on the relationships with people who have diverse aviation interests, centered around their love of flight, fellowship, learning, and fun.

Chapter members have a passion for flying and are willing to share it with others.

Chapter 113 provides the opportunity for exchange of information, as well as the interaction that leads to friendships that last a lifetime."

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

"The Board of Directors are to provide both advice and assistance to the chapter officers on an ongoing basis."


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## AirVenture Recap

It was a great week at Oshkosh - once everybody got there! The weather was challenging in many parts of the Midwest leading up to opening day, delaying arrivals and leaving Wittman Field IFR on Sunday morning. When the skies started to clear that afternoon, it was a mad dash from outlying airports, severely straining the "funnel" that is the Fisk approach into OSH. The group I was part of tried to get in Sunday evening, but it was just too crowded and we had to turn back to Watertown, WI, where we had stopped for gas. We finally made it in early Monday morning but it was very congested. The Fisk controllers really had their hands full. Thankfully everyone somehow made it in safely. I understand that EAA and ATC will be taking a close look at the arrival procedures with an eye toward improving traffic flow.

The high point of the week for Chapter 113 was the annual AirVenture dinner. As you know, this event traditionally was a spaghetti dinner on Thursday night, hosted by Nancy and Jim Trick. So it was a bittersweet occasion as we noted Jim's untimely passing and recalled with appreciation past dinners he and Nancy organized and served. Thank you, John Maxfield, for the warm and moving tribute to Jim, capped by reading a poem about pilots. And thanks to John and Debbie Redding for organizing this year's dinner on short notice. The crispy fried chicken was excellent!

Except for the Wednesday night thunderstorm that delayed the evening airshow until Thursday, the weather was great all week. Sanjay Dhall conducted two forums updating progress on his flying car project. As usual, John Maxfield piloted one of the Ford Tri-Motors while Debbie Redding scheduled rides. I had the chance to work two shifts on the "One Week Wonder" RV-12 project. And yes, it WAS completed in one week, taking its first flight on Monday, July 30. I found it interesting because the design and construction of the RV-12 is totally different from my Waiex, but pulling rivets is pretty much the same!

The 113 focal point was the Vintage flight line where folks gathered in front of Sean Crooks' Stearman. Big thanks to Ken Jablonski who drove up on Tuesday the week before (with a trailer full of our gear) to reserve spots for 12 of us in Vintage Camping. There's nothing quite like camping on the flight line! Look for more AirVenture stories and photos later in the newsletter and at the August 16 Chapter Meeting.

## Upcoming Events

We have two major events coming up this month. On Saturday, August 11, we'll be hosting the revived EAA "Flying Start" program, which is a little like a Young Eagles event but targeted to adults. It will involve a short introduction and presentation on what General Aviation is and how to get involved. We'll have a flight school rep on hand, and attendees will get demo rides. If you know of someone who might like to attend, contact Board Member Dan Jones djrv9a@gmail.com (248) 310-6018.

The Chapter 113 Summer Picnic and Ice Cream Social is coming up at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 25th. The Chapter will provide burgers, hot dogs and ice cream. Bring your family and friends, and a side dish to pass. It's a fun afternoon at the airport!

Enjoy your summer flying, and please stay safe.
Joe

## Celebration of Life

We are saddened by the passing of long time EAA 113 Member, Jim Trick. He will long be remembered for his kindness and sense of humor. Jim and his beloved wife, Nancy were supporters of EAA and generously hosted their annual spaghetti dinner in Oshkosh. Jim often attended EAA 113 events with one of his special ladies: Nancy, his sister, Judy or his
 little adored puppy, Sophie. Jim gave service to our country while in the Navy and worked for years at Ford Motor Company. He enjoyed singing in local chorale groups, playing vintage baseball and acting.

We will miss you, Jim! Fly safe with the angels!


The Celebration of Life for Jim Trick will on be Saturday, August 11th at 11:00 am at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Brighton.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Young Eagles Program at eaa.org. More information may be found at: https://www.eaa.org/eaa/apps/donations/donationform



AirVenture toast to the memory of Jim Trick.
Photo Courtesy of Martin Filiatrault



Heritage Flight ~ two P-51's and two F-16's. . . . to the moon and back!

Photo Courtesy of Nick Forsman

Yak-110 ~ what happens when you combine two Yak-55's and add a jet engine for fun!



## FLYING CAR UPDATE

## By Sanjay Dhall

Two years and seven months after start of construction, FAA granted Special Airworthiness certificate for the flying car prototype on July 19!
Now I can start testing its flying characteristics. But will be approaching it cautiously. Making many tweaks, and checking a whole lot of calculations! And resuming testing the RC Scale model.

Any test pilots out there who want to help?
I'm grateful for the help of so many colleagues, friends and student volunteers who came to my aid at various points during the construction, and for their advice, and support.

I would like to thank chapter members, above all, Mike and Doreen Scovel, for allowing me the use of his warm hangar and a whole lot more, constantly keeping an eye on me, Joe Kirik, Ted Potempa, Sean Crooks, Randy Hebron, Chris Richards, Oliver and Martina Reik, Shahar Golan, Dave Buck, Bruce Breich, Dave James, Dan Jones, John Maxfield, Rich Cormier, Tom Smith, Jack, AI, Dave Groat, Ken Mosley, JP, Anthony Liberatore, and many others for their help, tools, time, support and encouragement.

But it's not a flying machine if it doesn't fly. So now it's on to the next phase, to see if the machine can function and fly. Lots to learn ahead, if things go well.




AirVenture 2018
Photos Courtesy of Martina Reik



Sunrise at AirVenture. Joe Kirik's Taylorcraft and Nigel Thompson's Bonanza. Photo Courtesy of Joe Kirik


Chapter Leader breakfast at the EAA Museum. Debbie Redding, John Maxfield and Stefan Rairigh on the right. After we sat down, EAA Chairman Jack Pelton (left) unexpectedly joined us!

Photo Courtesy of Joe Kirik


Sean Crooks and a few dozen of his best friends.
Saturday night air show.
All Photos Courtesy of Sean Crooks

Your Chapter president watching the Saturday night airshow through his eyelids.



All Photos Courtesy of Martin Filiatrault



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Jimmy Graham and Sean D. Tucker

## Young Eagle Updates

The Young Eagles Workshop at AirVenture was an opportunity to catch up on news within the program. The big announcement made was NFL Football Player, Jimmy Graham will be joining Sean D. Tucker as Co-Chairman of the Young Eagle program. He played with the New Orleans Saints and Seattle Seahawks prior to signing with the Packers last spring. Graham is an avid pilot who earned his private pilot certificate in 2012 and has since added instrument, seaplane, multiengine, and helicopter ratings. He owns a Beaver on floats and an Extra. EAA is hopeful that Jimmy's affiliation with sports will introduce young people to aviation through another path. His excitement for aviation is evident in his own desire to give Young Eagle flights.

The Superhero, Aviore, also stopped by for a surprise visit. He wanted to be sure everyone got their copy of the first edition of his Stan Lee Comic Book. In case you haven't seen it, look in your latest edition of Sport Aviation! We will have extra copies to hand out at our next Young Eagle event.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our next EAA 113 Young Eagle Rally on September 22. We need many volunteers to make these events successful. There are important jobs for everyone!


## WELCOME BACK FROM AIRVENTURE 2018!

## Submitted by Randy \& Scott Hebron

Now that everyone has returned from AirVenture and many of you are excited, enthused, and motivated to start a new project or finish an ongoing one, the following advice is from the opening pages of the Fly Baby Builder's Manual (c. 1963):

AVOID OBSTACLES TO PROGRESS: On of the major roadblocks to completion of any home workshop project is objection by authoritative members of the family, if legitimate family obligations and relationships are neglected for the project. This is a political matter beyond the scope of this technical document, but is nevertheless a major item for consideration. Other than the family situation, there are three major human causes of wasted time in construction projects.

The first is the eager friend who is anxious to be helpful but doesn't know anything about building airplanes or even handling tools. By the time you show him how, check his work, and generally do it over, you could have done it several times yourself in addition to the job you were working on. The exact and highly desirable opposite of this type, and unfortunately very rare, is the experienced person who can be handed a job and forgotten for a while as he gets it done with no fuss.

The second time-killer, more often plural than singular, is the curious and friendly type who drops around from time to time "to see how you are doing" and brings a friend along who has to have the whole project explained in detail from the very beginning. No work can be done at all during most of these visits, and the visitors are very seldom inclined or even qualified to help. A sub-category of this type is the one with whom a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, and who is always trying to improve your design to death by suggesting all sorts of things from little refinements to major rearrangements that will be made with YOUR time, money, and materials.

One unforeseen by-product of both categories of this second type is the added expense to the overall job resulting from the amount of your groceries, coffee, beer, etc. that they consume while sitting around keeping you from working.

The third major thief of your working time is yourself. As the plane begins to come together it is entirely too easy to gaze dreamily at it by the hour, admiring your own handiwork and engaging in all sorts of flights of fancy while sitting in the cockpit of an unfinished fuselage perched on a pair of sawhorses. Even if you don't feel particularly ambitious when you go out to the shop, or time is short, try to make some tangible progress. Don't good off for one whole work period by kidding yourself with the thought that you'll really bear down on it "tomorrow" or even "next week."

Overdoing the improvements can be a personal matter, too, although in some cases it stems from improving skill as the job progresses. The may be such a difference between the first few ribs you built and the last that you want to scrap the early ones and do them over. Your own standards and time/cost considerations will be your only guides here.

## EAA $113^{\prime} s$ Annual Family \& Friends Picnic



## 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR EAA 113

Regular Monthly Meetings are on Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. These include:
Home Builder's Corner on the 1st Thursday
Board Meeting on the 2nd Thursday
General Meeting on the 3rd Thursday
IMC/VMC on the 4th Thursday


| August |  |
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| 11 | Flying Start Event |
| 25 | EAA 113 Family Picnic 4:00 p.m. |
| September |  |
| 22 | Young Eagle Rally 8:00-11:00 a.m. |
| October |  |
| 20 | Young Eagle Rally 8:00-11:00 a.m. |
| November |  |
| 10 | Chili Fly-In 11:00-2:00 p.m. |
| December |  |
| 20 | Christmas Party 6:30 p.m. |

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EAA Chapter 113 member Mark French, FAA parachute rigger, offers his services to all members of the chapter at a special rate; *FREE* for any of their parachute needs. If anyone is in need of a pilot rig for testing or acrobatics, a number of pilot emergency parachutes are available for loan. Any questions related to parachutes and parachuting can be answered by contacting him at: mark.r.french1@gmail.com or by calling 734.260.7342.

## Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 16, 2018 7:30 PM at the
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