

THE WINDSOCK

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The President's Flight Deck

March is here already! We have had some great weather allowing some members to get some flying in, which is nice. Hopefully we have nice weather for our March gathering which will be held Monday, March 24th. There is a slight schedule change for this event. We will begin with our dinner/social hour at 6:00 PM. We will be serving Chicken Kiev for our meal. Our guest speaker will present at 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be Adam Del Rosso, local early morning meteorologist for WCCO TV. Adam is a relatively new pilot, so it will be interesting to hear his perspective on aviation weather. Following Adam, we will have our Chapter update at 8:00 PM. As always, if you can help with any early kitchen prep and final clean-up your assistance will be appreciated!

I have sent out a few surveys lately, particularly one for a welding class. About 15 people have shown an interest in this topic so far. I will send out a suggested meeting date and time to launch the class, but I could really use a member or two to step up and put together a curriculum!

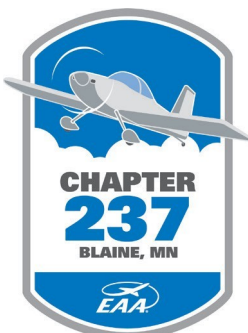
There is quite an interest in the covering workshop. Greg Crowe and Alex Weinandt are putting that one together, so we will keep looking for an expected start date.

Volunteerism is the key to offering events and programs in any organization but is especially needed in our Chapter. We are still in need of some assistance with our web services, simulator, and membership groups. Please check with me if you have any questions or are interested in these positions. They do not need to be a singularly led as multiple leaders can share the workload!

I hope to see you at the Chapter meeting!

Kevin

Chapter President



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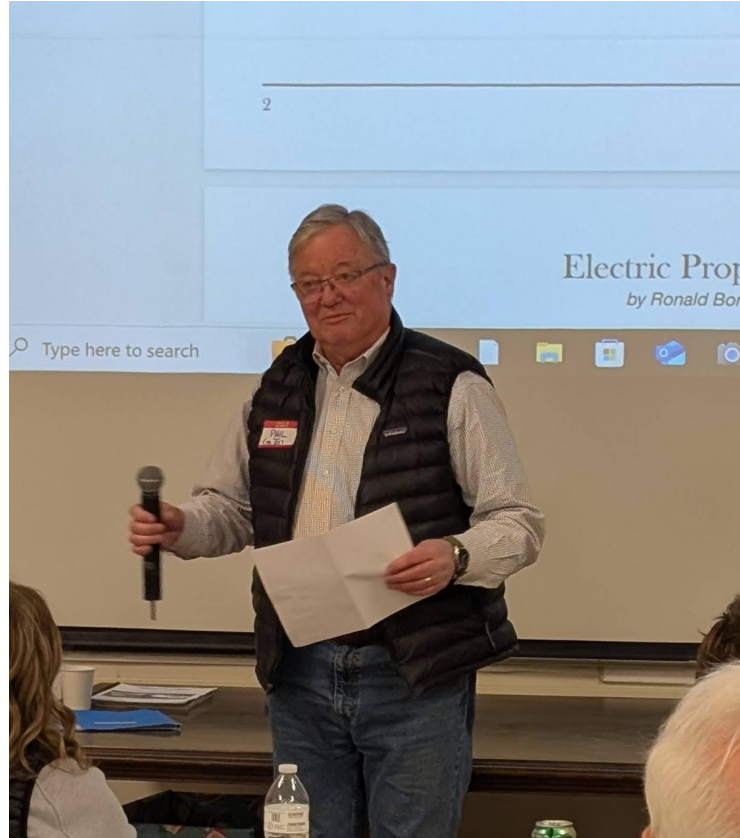
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Group Pictures

Last month, we had a great meeting that started with a lasagna supper. Our guest speaker was Phil Martineau, an EAA board member. Phil explained how the board works at the national level and answered many questions. Thank you to all the helpers who helped with kitchen prep and final clean-up!



Young Eagles

Greetings Chapter Mates!

Between our March blizzard at the beginning of the month to nearly 70 degrees in less than a week, our EAA237 Young Eagles team took 29 youth for free flights at Atlantic Aviation, KANE on Saturday, March 8th. Of the 29 present, eleven (or 40%) were first time Young Eagles. There were three pilots and an intrepid ground team who participated. There was also one soon-to-be YE pilot and new-ish chapter member who brought his RV-9A for show and tell.



Michael Grzincich
Young Eagles Coordinator



All chapter members are invited to come out to support our effort to provide a safe, fun and memorable experience for these young people, who share our interest in aviation. Whether it's assisting with the flight line, registration desk, computers, or serving as an EAA and Aviation Ambassador, your volunteering efforts are greatly appreciated and make a significant impact.



If you would like to help, please set up a profile at <https://EAAchapters.org>. Your normal, EAA.org login should get you in. Need help? Contact Michael.Grzincich@EAA23.org.



Aviation Explorer's Post

In our February meeting, the Aviation Explorers met at the chapter building to continue our RC build project. The group also spent some time on the flight simulator. On February 21st, the explorers had four Spring Lake Park High School students visit and talked to us about the EMR-EMT classes available for 11th and 12th graders. They also spoke about the Enhanced EMT-Rescue Firefighter track available. The students did a great job describing the opportunities and real-world training they are receiving with these programs.



Mike Miller

Aviation Explorer's Post Advisor

The next meeting will be held March 21st from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

Meetings are held at the EAA Chapter 237 Building.



Ray Aviation Scholarship



Our Ray Aviation Scholar, Drew Lindquist, has recently finished up his hockey season as the team's captain. While continuing to focus on his academics in pursuit of his Business degree, Drew is also scheduling flight lessons at least three times a week. His instructor, Nicholas Vejr, tells me that Drew is coming in early and is well prepared for his training flights. Drew is picking things up quickly and is very close to his first solo.

Frank Huber
Chapter 237 Ray Aviation Scholarship Coordinator

A Heartfelt Thank You to EAA Chapter 237

I am truly honored and grateful to have been awarded the Ray Aviation Scholarship by EAA Chapter 237. This scholarship has been an incredible opportunity, and I'm excited to continue my journey toward becoming a pilot with your support.

After receiving the scholarship mid-February, I jumped right into flight lessons. Despite some weather cancellations, I've made great strides in my training and am on track to solo in March. I've also been working through Sporty's Ground School lessons to prepare for the written exam.



In addition to my training, I took a quick trip to Wisconsin with my friend, who holds a Private Pilot's License. It was a great experience and an inspiring reminder of what I'm working toward.

Thank you to everyone at EAA Chapter 237 for believing in me and helping make this dream a reality.

Drew Lindquist
2025 Ray Aviation Scholarship Recipient

Welcome to VMC/IMC club at EAA 237

Here is the 2025 VMC/IMC Club Schedule:

3rd Tuesday of the month

VMC Club starts at 6:30 PM

IMC Club starts at 7:30 PM

Location: EAA 237 Building



Pilots and non-pilots are welcome to attend either or both parts of the meeting.

January 21	July, No Meeting - AirVenture
February 18	August 19
March 18	September 16
April 15	October 21
May 20	November 18
June 17	December, No Meeting - Holidays

Why should I attend VMC/IMC Club?

The safety philosophy of aviation starts with the premise that humans are fallible. Our brains are imperfect at gathering information and making decisions; so, we build systems to standardize the collection of information, and rules for processing it. Of course, checklists and standardization can't cover everything that can possibly happen, so it is helpful to gather knowledge and insights from others to help us fill in the blanks.

This is the purpose of VMC/IMC Club. To take a scenario that is not in the checklist or textbooks, look at it from our individual perspectives, and then discuss it as a group to gain further insights. The format of a VMC/IMC Club discussion is designed to foster deeper thinking about the challenges faced by aviators every day.

We hope that you can join us from time to time and contribute your experiences and insights for the benefit of your friends in aviation.

Chris Baye
VMC/IMC Club Coordinator

Wings Knowledge Activity credits are available to VMC/IMC Club participants that sign in with the email address they registered on faasafety.gov.

The next meeting will be held March 18th with VMC Club starting at 6:30 PM and IMC club starting at 7:30 PM.

Quick Links

A big thank you to Frank Huber for sharing all these articles!

Air Facts Journal

Teaching International Student Pilots by Dale Hill

<https://airfactsjournal.com/2025/03/dealing-with-international-student-pilots/>

Why Crash Videos and Social Media Don't Mix by Alexander Sack

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I Am UNSAFE Checklist—Lessons Learned on a Fateful Night by Bob Hamilton

<https://airfactsjournal.com/2025/02/i-am-unsafe-checklist-lessons-learned-on-a-fateful-night/>

Great Flying Experience on the Ground by Tom Matowitz

<https://airfactsjournal.com/2025/02/a-great-flying-experience-on-the-ground/>

Christmas reading list: 24 books for pilots to read in 2024 by John Zimmerman

<https://airfactsjournal.com/2024/12/christmas-reading-list-24-books-for-pilots-to-read-in-2024/>

Vintage Aviation News

2025 USAF Heritage Flight Training and Certification Course by Moreno Aguiari

<https://vintageaviationnews.com/warbirds-news/2025-usaf-heritage-flight-training-and-certification-course.html>

Randy's Warbird Profiles: DHC Beaver N779XP by [Zac Yates](#)

<https://vintageaviationnews.com/warbirds-news/randys-warbird-profiles-dhc-beaver-n779xp.htm>

Rebirth of FG-1D Corsair 92460

<https://vintageaviationnews.com/restorations/rebirth-of-fg-1d-corsair-92460.html>

Chapter 237 Upcoming Events

- * **IMC/VMC meetings** - Tuesday, March 18th - **VMC** 6:30 PM -7:30 PM/**IMC** 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- * **Explorer Post 237** - Friday, March 21st - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.
- * **Chapter 237 Meeting** - Monday, March 24th - Dinner starting 6:00 PM & Meeting at 7:00 PM
- * **Explorer Post 237** - Friday, April 4th - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.
- * **Chapter Breakfast Social** - Saturday, April 5th - 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM
- * **Young Eagles Rally** – Saturday, April 12th – 9:00 AM – 2 PM
- * **IMC/VMC meetings** - Tuesday, April 15th - **VMC** 6:30 PM-7:30 PM/**IMC** 7:30-8:30 PM
- * **Explorer Post 237** - Friday, April 18th - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.
- * **Chapter 237 Meeting** - Monday, April 28th - Dinner starting 6:00 PM & Meeting at 7:00 PM

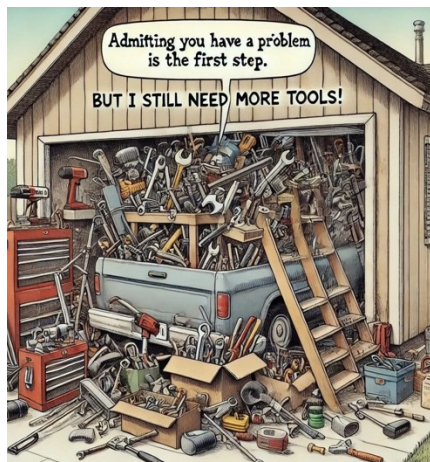
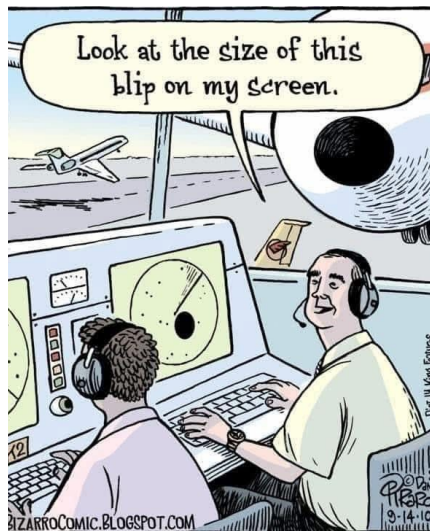
The Lighter Side



Menso by Brian Kent



ATC 'Bring Your Kid to Work' Day



COFFEE IN HAND, SUPPLIES AT THE READY, ALICE SETTLES IN, WAITING FOR THE FIRST TELEMARKETER TO CALL.

2025 ICEPORT Fly-In

On Saturday, March 1st, many of our 237 members went to the World's Largest Ice Fly-in on Mille Lacs Lake. Some members and their planes who attended are pictured here but not all.

There were over 120 arrivals with some planes on skis and others with wheels.

Thanks to the sponsors for this event!

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Wings Over Alexandria 2025 Airshow

Glen Abrahamson wanted to share an upcoming event with everyone. Thank you, Glen!

The Fagen Fighters WWII Museum is sponsoring this year's **Wings Over Alexandria Airshow**.

The day will kick off with the fly-in, where pilots from various regions will converge at Alexandria Municipal Airport, showcasing their remarkable aircraft.

Attendees will have the opportunity to observe a diverse array of planes, from vintage classics to modern marvels, all while mingling with the pilots behind the controls.

As the days progress, the airshow will take center stage, captivating the audience with breathtaking aerial acrobatics and precision maneuvers showcased by skilled performers.

Performers will include the renowned Younkin Airshows, known for their daring stunts and precision. Joining them is Erik Edgren, whose talent for aerial acrobatics adds a thrilling edge to the event. Additionally, the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum will be featuring vintage aircraft and reenactments that will transport viewers back in time.

For more information about the event, please visit their website: <https://wingsoveralexandria.org/>



The poster features a map of Alexandria, Virginia, as a background. At the top, the text "WINGS OVER ALEXANDRIA" is written in a semi-circle above a stylized airplane icon with wings. Below this, the words "ALEXANDRIA" are written in a bold, sans-serif font. The main title "FLY-IN AND AIR SHOW" is prominently displayed in large, red, italicized letters. The date "June 14th, 2025" is written in a large, bold, black font. To the left of the date, the text "Sponsored by:" is followed by the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum logo, which consists of a blue circle with a white star and the words "FAGEN FIGHTERS WWII MUSEUM" around it. To the right of the date, the event details are listed: "Fly-In: 8 - Noon", "Air Show 1 - 3", "Live Flight Performances", "Static Ground Displays", and "Food Trucks & More". At the bottom of the poster, a small line of text reads "Wings Over Alexandria is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation".

We always love to showcase the aircraft that our members are building, restoring, and flying. We also love seeing what other projects and adventures our members are taking on. If you have anything you would like to share, please email me with the aircraft you are building, have completed building, are restoring, have purchased and are flying, or just have something fun you would like to share. I will follow up with you to provide a questionnaire and will come out to take pictures to include with your article.

If you have a story or photo you would like to see in our newsletter, contact PingPing He | newsletter@eaa237.org

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 4th Monday of the month
 Dinner Social: 6:00 pm
 Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm

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