

EAGLE'S PROPWASH

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CHAPTER 113 "The Backyard Eagles"



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Meetings: 7:30 PM

the 3rd Thursday of each
month at the

**EAA 113 AVIATION
EDUCATION CENTER**

Mettetal Airport (1D2)

8550 Lilley Road, Canton, MI

(734) 392-8113



Our own Joe Smokovitz was awarded the **FAA 2017 General Aviation Technician of the Year** for the East Michigan Flight Standards District Office, for Outstanding contributions to aviation safety through maintenance within the State of Michigan. The award was presented during the recent Michigan Aviation Safety Forum, January 27, 2018, held at Eastern Michigan University. Joe, son Dan, daughter Kelly, and wife Barb.

Photo Courtesy of Randy Hebron

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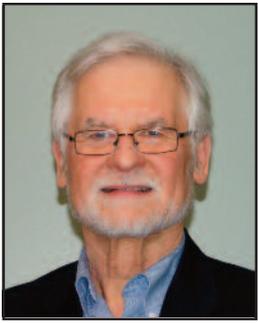
“EAA Chapter 113’s major focus is on the relationships with people who have diverse aviation interests, centered around their love of flight, fellowship, learning, and fun.”

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.”



PRESIDENT'S *PODIUM*

Joe Kirik (248) 872-3220
president@eaa113.org
February 2018

Mettetal Traffic Jam

Clearly I wasn't the only one who thought last Sunday was a nice day to fly. The balmy (for January) weather brought a lot of pilots out of flying hibernation. By the time I got my Taylorcraft warmed up and ready to go I was number FIVE (!) for takeoff on rwy 36 behind a Wittman Tailwind, two Champs and a Cherokee. After a short reorientation flight (hadn't flown for two months!) I came back to practice takeoffs and landings and practically had to shoehorn my way back into the pattern. At one point there were four or five other planes making circuits around the field at the same time, and everybody played nice with proper radio calls. It was great!

Where Do We Want to Go?

In last month's newsletter I mentioned that one of our goals for 2018 is to think about the type of Chapter we are and whether we want to refocus for the future. The 2017 Chapter survey showed that, true to EAA's roots, we have a strong collective interest in homebuilding. The Board recommended setting up a committee to explore expanding our building to add a much larger builder's workshop and possibly an expanded library.

During the January Chapter meeting we invited members to get involved in this effort. Please consider taking part. Al Bosonetto and Dan Jones have offered to help lead, but I think it's important for this to be member-driven, not just a "Board" project. Thanks to the generosity of the late Don Zimmermann, we have the resources to tackle an expansion. We can zero in on what we'd like to do without the burden of fundraising and soliciting donated labor and materials. Let Al or Dan know if you'd like to share your viewpoints and assistance.

February Chapter Meeting – Jets!

You may not be aware that Detroit is home to a museum that specializes in jet warbirds. The World Heritage Air Museum www.worldheritageairmuseum.org rescues military jet aircraft from the 50s, 60s, and 70s and returns them to flight status. We're happy to welcome WHAM president Marty Tibbitts as our featured speaker for the February 15 Chapter meeting. Several of their planes will be at AirVenture this year, so you won't want to miss this preview.

February events

Quick reminder – Friday, February 2 is Movie Night, and the Frostbite Chile Fly-In is Saturday, February 3 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bring your best chili!

We want your money!

Yes we do, especially if you haven't yet paid your 2018 Chapter dues or bought your Awards Banquet tickets. You can do it all online at www.eaa113.org. See additional details inside.

The countdown to Oshkosh is on! We're now less than six months away from AirVenture – it's never too soon to start getting ready!

movie Night

Come in out of the cold and warm up with some free popcorn and an evening of great aviation movies on the first Friday of the month through March. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

Now showing.....

February – “Hanover Street”

Margaret is a nurse in England during WW2, and married to a secret agent. Things get complicated when she falls for David, an American pilot. Starring Harrison Ford, Lesley-Anne Down and Christopher Plummer. 1979 PG

March – “Amelia”

A look at the life of legendary American pilot Amelia Earhart, who disappeared while flying over the Pacific Ocean in 1937 in an attempt to make a flight around the world. Starring Hilary Swank and Richard Gere. 2009 PG



Come out of the cold and warm up at EAA 113's Annual

FROST BITE CHILI FLY-IN

Saturday, February 3rd, 2018

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

EAA 113 Aviation Center

Mettetal Airport

Warm hangar, hot food and good company!

Join us for hot dogs and a wide variety of chili.

For more information visit our website: www.113.eaaChapter.org

CHAPTER 113 MEMBERS' PROJECTS UPDATE



Nigel Thompson & Al Pond's Bush Cat Project

Nigel and Al mount a wing on their Bush Cat, assisted by John Maxfield and Doug Sytsma.

Nigel Thompson and Al Pond trying out the seats of their Bush Cat.
Photos Courtesy of John Maxfield

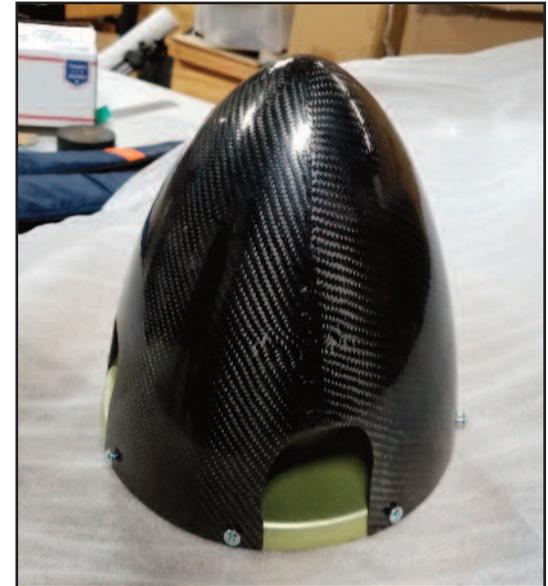


Sanjay Dhall's Flying Car Project



Flying Car gets engine, prop, spinner,
level based glass.

Photos Courtesy of Sanjay Dhall





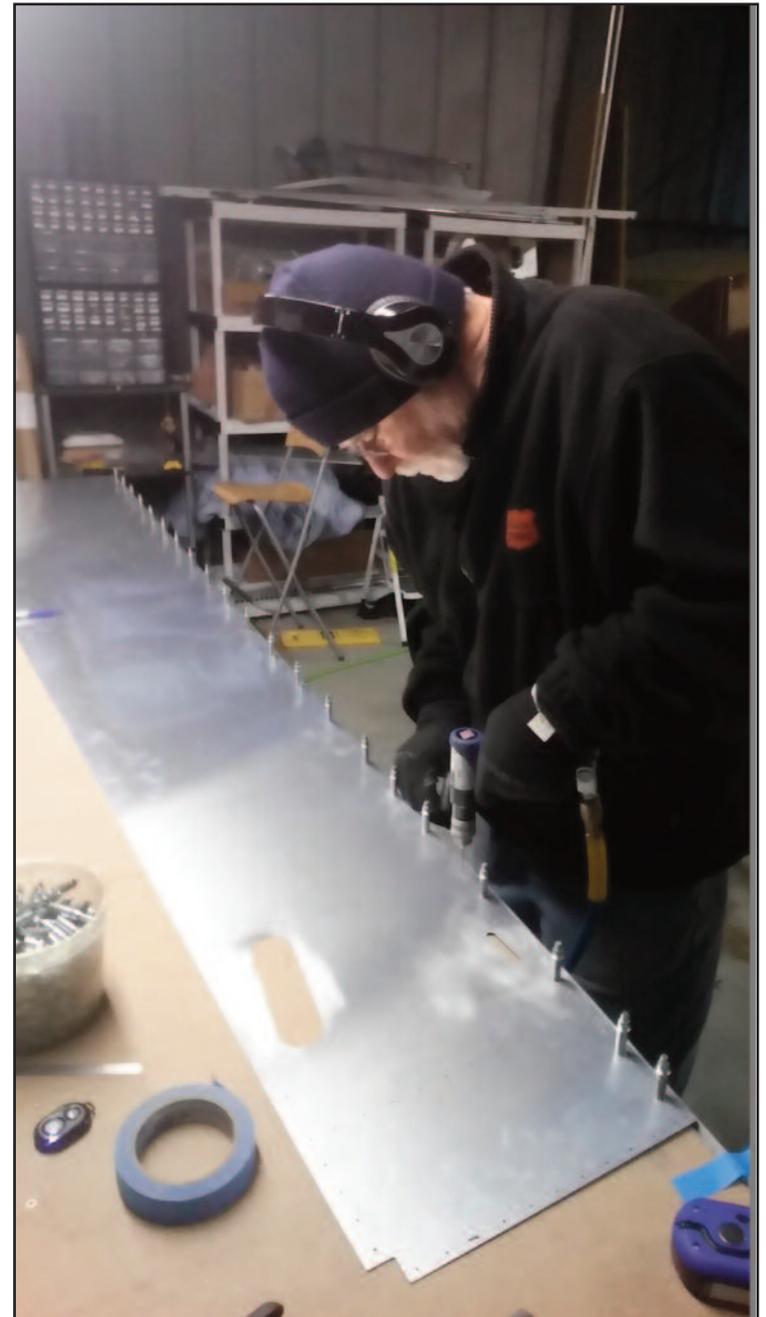
Joe Kirik's Sonex Waix Taildragger



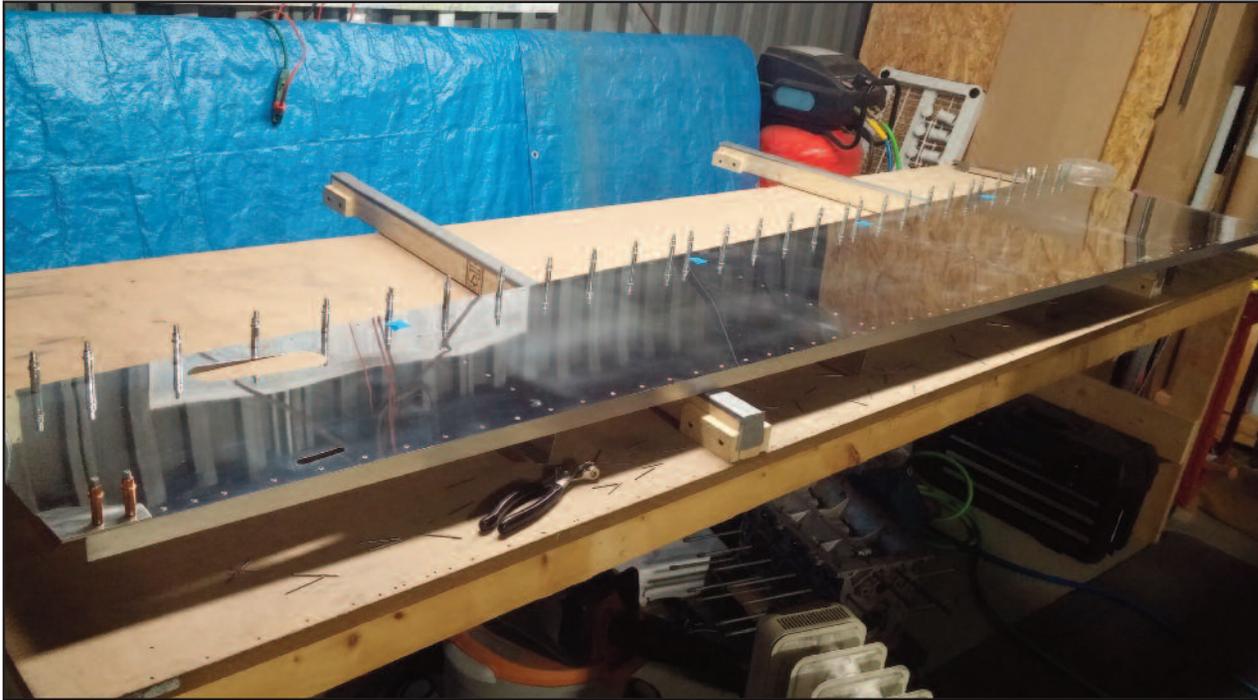
Corvair Aero Conversion Engine
All Photos Courtesy of Joe Kirik



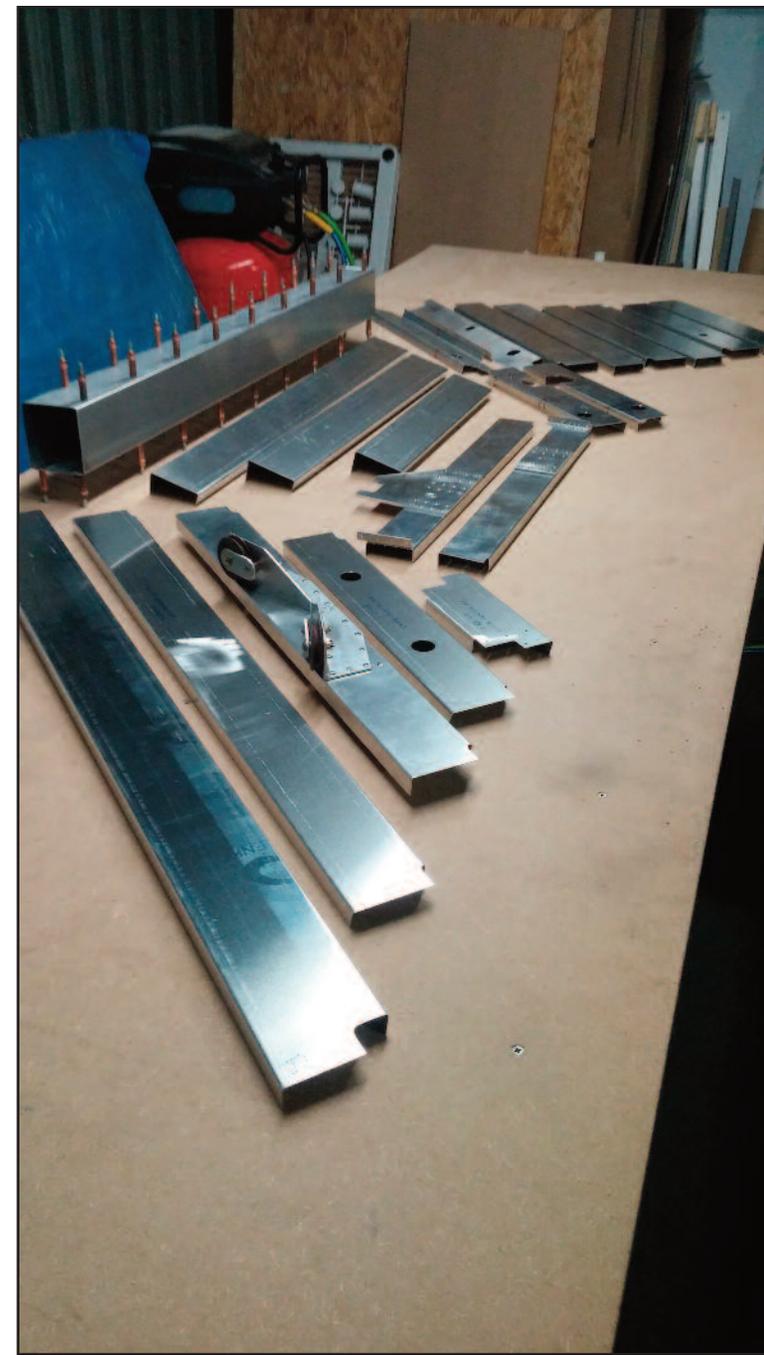
Longerons and vertical ribs clecoed.



Drilling pilot holes in tailcone longerons using pre-punched holes in the skin as guides.



Polished- riveted, ready for next steps.



Fuselage tailcone parts made from blank channel stock in my workshop in the back of my hangar at Mettetal.
Newer Sonex kits now come with all these parts pre-made!



The gathering at the village workshop where our chapter met for the January builders meeting. It was a very welcoming, builder-friendly environment with many nostalgic airplane drawings and adornments and a Stinson mural on the outside wall. Owner Dennis and his managers Carter and Tracy hosted the event.

Photo Courtesy of Sanjay Dhall



Don't we clean up nice? Chapter members Mike Scovel, Ray Vincent, and Bruce Breisch.

Photo Courtesy of Doreen Scovel



David and Paul Brent checking out the cockpit of a G5 that David flies.

Photo Courtesy of John Maxfield

2018 CHAPTER DUES are Past DUE

It is important that you send your payment of \$35.00 to ensure you are included in our Membership roster and to continue to receive monthly newsletters. If you have any updates for your entry in the roster please include a note along with the check for your dues.

Dues may be mailed to Treasurer, EAA Chapter 113, 8512 N Lilley, Canton, MI 48187. Dues can also be paid using PayPal thru the chapter web site www.113.eaachapter.org. You do not need to have a PayPal account to do this, only a credit card. You can also give me a check or cash at the General Meeting on February 15, 2018.

Thanks,
Dave Buck
Treasurer



Journey With Us

Around the World

At EAA 113's Annual Awards Banquet

Guest Speaker:

Ann Pellegrino

Former EAA 113 Chapter Member

Successfully recreated Amelia Earhart's Trip Around the World in a Lockheed Electra 10A in 1967

Price Includes: Entertainment,

Award Presentations and

Catered Meal, Dessert,

Coffee and Soda

Dress in Attire from your favorite country!

Saturday, March 24th, 2018

EAA 113 Aviation Center

6:00 p.m. Gathering

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Tickets \$30.00 per person

See Debbie for tickets or information: (734) 751-5871 or events@eea113.org

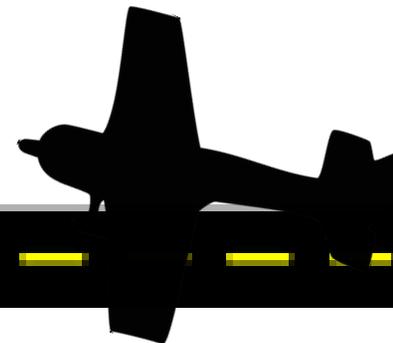
PREPARE FOR TAKE OFF!

WITH ASSISTANCE FROM AN AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP FROM EAA 113

We will award as many as two \$1,000 scholarships to local students pursuing a career in Aviation or Flight Training. Candidates should be currently admitted to a college, university, or trade school majoring in aviation related studies or in an approved flight school. Applicants applying for scholarships to assist with flying lessons only, must be twenty-five years of age or younger as of March 31, 2018 and have completed their first solo flight.

The **EAA 113 Aviation Studies and Air Academy Scholarship** forms are now available on our website: www.113.eaachapter.org and the EAA Chapter 113 Facebook page 

Be sure to pass the information along to anyone that might be a potential candidate!



Young Eagles Update

2017 has brought another safe and successful year for the Young Eagle Program at EAA 113. Our Chapter introduced another 172 young people to aviation. It was exciting to have some new pilots and ground support volunteers helping with the events.

We have begun planning for next year by setting dates for four Young Eagle Rallies: April 21st, May 19th, September 22nd and October 20th. These will be open to the public and advertised through various media sources. This will include the EAA partnership with Scholastic Books to promote the Young Eagles program through the new Stan Lee comic book icon “Aviore”. Please mark your calendars now, as we will need many pilots and a considerable number of ground support members to make these events happen.

The continued success of the Young Eagle program is depending on you!

2018 Young Eagle Events

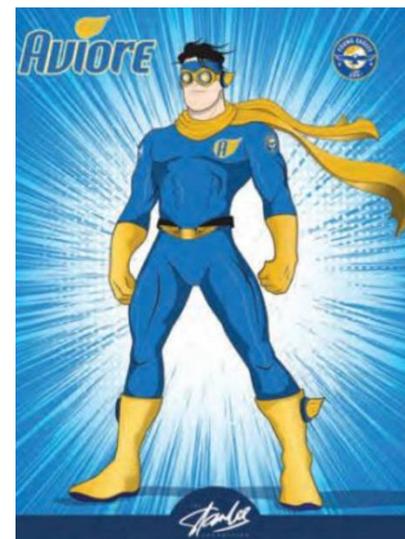
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

April 21st

May 19th

September 22nd

October 20th



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



January	
5	Movie Night 7:30 p.m.
February	
2	Movie Night 7:30 p.m.
3	Frost Bite Chili Fly-In 11:00-2:00
March	
2	Movie Night 7:30 p.m.
24	Annual Awards Banquet 6:00 p.m.
April	
21	Young Eagle Rally 8:00-11:00 a.m.
May	
19	Young Eagle Rally 8:00-11:00 a.m.
June	
17	Pancake Breakfast 7:00-11:00 a.m.

July	
19	Picnic prior to General Meeting
23-29	Oshkosh AirVenture
August	
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	
2	Movie Night 7:30 p.m.
10	Chili Fly-In 11:00-2:00 p.m.
December	
7	Movie Night 7:30 p.m.
20	Christmas Party 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to check our website: www.113.eaachapter.org and the EAA Chapter 113 Facebook page for any changes to the schedule.



February 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 EAA 113 Homebuilder's Meeting 7:30 pm	2 <i>Movie Night</i> 7:30 p.m. 	3 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 8:15am EAA 113 Frostbite Chili Fly-In 11:00-2:00 
4 	5	6 	7	8 EAA 113 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	9 	10 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 8:15am EAA Ski Plane Fly-In – OSH 
11	12  <i>Buy your banquet tickets NOW!</i>	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i> 	15 EAA 113 General Meeting 7:30 pm	16	17 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 8:15am
18 	19	20 	21	22 EAA 113 IMC / VMC Meeting 7:30 pm 	23	24 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 8:15am
25	26	27	28 	"20 more days until Spring!" 		



March 2018



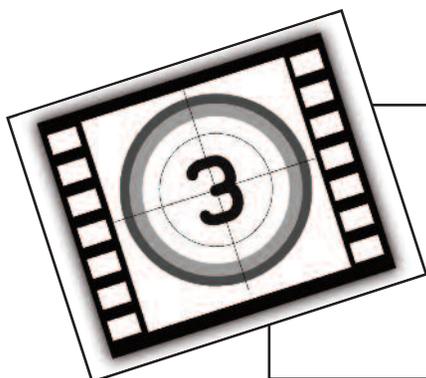
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11 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	Hurry...get your Banquet Tickets!!	13 	14	15 EAA 113 General Meeting 7:30 pm	 Last Day to purchase Banquet Tickets is Noon Today!	 Happy St Patrick's Day
18	19	20 Hello SPRING 	21	22 EAA 113 IMC Meeting 7:30 pm 	23 The EAA 113 Aviation Center will be closed from 6:00 tonight until 6:00 p.m. tomorrow. 	24 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 8:15am EAA 113 Awards Banquet 6:00 p.m. 
25	26	27	28 	29	30	31 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 8:15am



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.

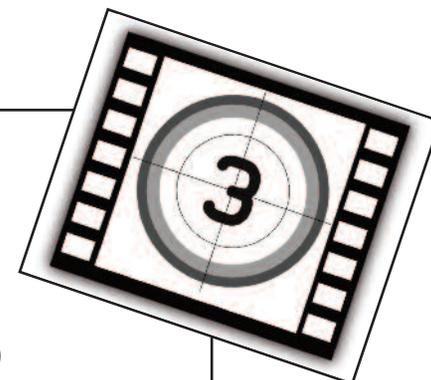


Affordable Seaplane?



Calling all video enthusiasts!
Submit your video of the month to Sanjay Dhall
at vicepresident@eaa113.org

(Or you might be watching someone's 60-year-old 8 mm home movies next month....)



Next Meeting:
Thursday, February 15, 2018
7:30 PM at the
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