

# CHAPTER 153



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARCH 2024

Dear EAA 153 Family,

I hope you are all doing well and ready because spring arrives soon....then comes pizza parties, hangar meetings, ice cream socials, picnics, sunset meetings-while we learn new things and have fun with our friends....

Thank you all for your ideas, support and for being part of our 61 year new EAA Chapter 153! You can mail or hand me the new updated membership form with your check or cash when able. We have a supply at the airport. We are updating our membership database, so the latest form is helpful. Please tell and bring your friends and family to our get togethers. Forward this email to 2 airplane lovers please!

MY NEWS: I just became a Great Uncle to Lincoln Robert Hobbs, so our family is excited!

My airplane has a malfunctioning master switch, but glad we figured out the problem, so it will be all fixed soon and I will be back to selecting some nice days to fly around.

MEETING NOTES: Our famous Chili Cook Off was a lot of fun and a big thanks to all the great chefs. We had a great presentation by Mariano Rosales, who flew in with his family in their beautiful red Cessna 170. It was titled "Lessons Learned" with playbacks of exciting ATC close calls. It was fun and educational! We also passed out the Chapter awards.

We have some great upcoming speakers and activities planned that you will really like....

For our Friday March 8 presentation, you will enjoy the **Recreational Aviation Foundation's Mike Purpura with his program called 'Safe Flying Into Recreational Airstrips'**. The Foundation has created and saved so many airports, with many of them in the Midwest. Most of their airports are remote, so learning how to safely enjoy these recreational slices of heaven is very important. The presentation will begin at 7:30pm, but come early-maybe 7, to hang out and talk airplanes. It is in the lower level meeting room at Schaumburg Airport. We will have cookies, coffee, drinks and maybe some healthier treats for a change. It will also be on ZOOM with the link below, if that suits you better.

At our recent Board meeting we unanimously voted to award Honorary Lifetime EAA Chapter 153 Memberships to 2 members that have helped us immensely with some huge undertakings-Madeleine Monaco for her tireless efforts on our monthly newsletter and Tony Madonia for his ongoing great legal and accounting work and advice regarding our Chapter's incorporation.

We have received some generous anonymous donations recently, so thanks to you all...

Would you like to help out on a fun group committee (like party planner, event host, recognition, safety officer, membership, recruiting, youth outreach, welcome, refreshments)? It is a good feeling to participate in your Chapter a little more. You can also always attend a Zoom board meeting if you wish-just let me know. Please submit any ideas you have for future speakers, topics, social gatherings and please write an interesting, funny and/or helpful airplane story/article/tips for Madeleine to put in the newsletter. Be published and famous!

See you soon, have fun and stay safe.

*Bob Brandt*

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## FEBRUARY MEETING PHOTOS Congratulations to all of the members who came hungry



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## RAF PRESERVES AIRSTRIPS FOR YOU!



COME AND LEARN ALL ABOUT THEM MARCH 8, 7:30 PM



## OUR MARCH MEETING SPEAKER—MIKE PURPURA

Mike Purpura has been flying since 1984 almost exclusively in tail wheel aircraft. His 170B has taken him across the US and into Canada to the Arctic Ocean and Tuktoyuktuk, NWT.

Mike has been with the RAF since 2007. He is director of business development for two construction companies in the oil and gas, and telco/electrical industries. He is married, has four children and two grandchildren.

He can be reached at: [mpurpura@TheRAF.org](mailto:mpurpura@TheRAF.org).



*(ask Mike about THIS AIRPORT —it's an incredible destination)*



## Chicago Area 99s— Aviation Day for Girls

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time: 8:30-1:30pm

Location: Lewis University,  
Romeoville IL

For girls ages 10-18

Cost: \$18 / participant

\$10 / chaperone

I want to  
fly

You  
can!

Register Here:  
[Chicago99s.org](http://Chicago99s.org)



Attention EAA 153 Parents (or Grandparents) of girls

This event has been inspiring girls to consider aviation as a career for years, and this year it is open to other than Girl Scouts.

If your girl is interested, use the QR code at the bottom right to learn more and sign up, or go to [www.chicagoarea99s.org](http://www.chicagoarea99s.org)

Make some new female aviation fans!



# EAA CHAPTER 153 NEWSLETTER

Schaumburg Airport  
Home of EAA 153



**Meetings:** Every 2nd Friday

Schaumburg Airport - Lower Level  
905 W Irving Park Rd  
Schaumburg, IL 60193

## NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 7:00 PM

Downstairs in the Conference Room



*Home Sweet Schaumburg*

### MORE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

If you have your airplane photo and would like it showcased on our website, then send Glenn or me a nice picture of it. Thank you Glenn, for building up and maintaining the growing website. Check it out!! [Chapters.eaa.org](http://Chapters.eaa.org)

The Chapter has some aircraft hardware and handy airplane tools to loan out to our paid members for short term use.

We have flight advisors and technical counselors to consult with.

Maybe some members would like to help you with building your project or with flying around eating cheeseburgers!

Please also Visit, Share and Like us on our fun EAA 153 Facebook page.

Stay in touch and offer to be there for your friends as needed.

*Masks at our events are optional. In case you feel any unhealthy symptoms, please attend the meeting by Zoom. Please practice social distancing and use the hand sanitizer.*



# Chapter 153

## Schaumburg Illinois

### Membership Application

EAA National Membership is REQUIRED for all Chapter 153 members.

Chapter 153 dues are \$30 per year payable on January 1st each year.

Quarterly prorated reductions in increments of \$5.00 are made for those joining for the first time later in the year.

Return this form to the Treasurer or President.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] New Member [ ] Update

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer to be called \_\_\_\_\_ Partner's name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Your EAA Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently building/flying an aircraft? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Model \_\_\_\_\_ N-Number \_\_\_\_\_

Check areas of interest [ ] Young Eagles [ ] Antique [ ] Classic

or other interests: [ ] Ultralight [ ] Homebuilt [ ] Powered Chute

[ ] War Birds [ ] Rotorcraft [ ] Sky Diving

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Other Comments (optional):

Please return completed application to a meeting or mail with payment to address below.

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