

## President's Message



Hello fellow EAA'ers

December's meeting was fun seeing and hearing about tools of the trade that are either bought or fabricated cause they just don't exist.

Hard to believe that the big guy will be sliding down the chimney in less than a week. Hopefully everyone will get their wish.

At the VMC club meeting I was able to have none other than Jason Morason of [Rescue Rebuild](#) come and join us...

Update on the [Grumman Cougar](#). Jason and I flew it to his hanger last Friday. He got 2.5 hours of dual on the way to Chester County, PA. New episodes of the Cougar come out every Saturday on YouTube, and my mug is on them.

Anyway, hope you all have a great holiday and we will see you all at the Winterfest Banquet on January 6th, 2024 at Travelers pub by the airport.

Prez out!

Brian Klenoski,

See the event calendar [here](#).

## Winterfest Banquet

Join us for a special presentation.

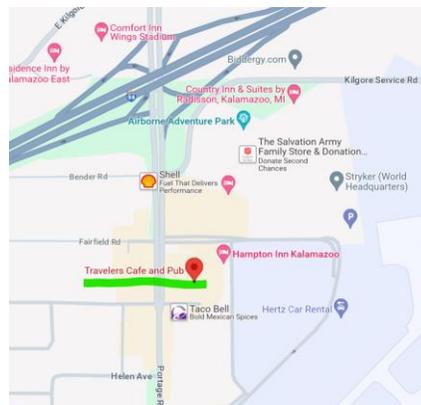
**USAF, WMU and the EAA**

**by Bob Aardema**

Hear Bob's stories, see pictures and share his 70 year long trip down an aviation memory lane.

**Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM**

Travelers Cafe and Pub  
[5225 Portage Rd, Portage, MI](#)  
 49002



## For Sale

Continental C85-12F Engine  
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Learn about the significance of these three pictures:



the Panther Jet pilot



By the WMU transportation airplane, Cessna 414A the ramp of Meigs Field, Chicago, 1996





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## Homebuilders Week

### Online Event Starts January 22

**An online opportunity to learn about building your own aircraft**

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26<sup>th</sup>, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far

since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Visit [www.EAA.org/Homebuilder-sWeek](http://www.EAA.org/Homebuilder-sWeek) to sign up.

## VMC Club Meeting

The next VMC Club meeting is January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the [Travelers Cafe and Pub](#), [5225 Portage Rd, Portage, MI](#). Show up at 6:30 if you want to order dinner. Meeting starts at 7.

Our [VMC Club monthly meeting](#) is where local pilots can network and share their knowledge and experience flying in the SW Michigan area. The meetings use real-world scenarios to engage members, and encourages a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Homebuilders Week Schedule

### January 22 - 26, 2024

**To sign up: [EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)**

Time CST	Monday 1/22/24	Tuesday 1/23/24	Wednesday 1/24/24	Thursday 1/25/24	Friday 1/26/24
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know Charlie Becker	Composite Construction Basics Mark Fors	Amateur-Built Certification Process Joe Norris	Lies, Darned Lies, and Homebuilt Accident Statistics Ron Wanttaja	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman
1:00-2:15	Wiring Basics Dick Koehler	The Nuts and Bolts of Nuts and Bolts Kerry Fores	Building on the Cheap Ron Wanttaja	Lycoming Engine Installation Dave Prizio	Working With Wood 101 John Egan
2:30-3:45	Welding Basics: Gas & TIG Charlie Becker & Tracy Buttles	Fabric Covering Basics Nate Hammond	Buying a Used RV Aircraft Vic Syracuse	Sonex Aircraft and AeroConversions Products Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans Sebastian Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	Sheet Metal Basics Jim Scott	Factory-Built to Homebuilt: What's the Difference? Tom Charpentier	Advanced Flight Systems Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions Brad Brensing	Scratchbuilding From Plans: 90% Done and 90% to Go! Marty Feehan
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics Michael Schofield	Flight Testing 101 Paul Dye	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts Steve Boser	Latex Paint: A Low-Cost Alternative Malcolm Morrison
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation Phil Lockwood	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Engine Break-In Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors Vic Syracuse



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Supporting the recreational builder/flyer with technical, social, and political news to promote flying safety and / enjoyment.

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Dues are \$20 yearly, due in December for the following year. Please pay a chapter officer at the next meeting or you can send a check made out to EAA Chapter 221 to: Chapter 221

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