

EAA CHAPTER 260

A Chapter Of The EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION Bult Field (C56) – Monee, Illinois



UPCOMING CHAPTER 2023 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Meetings and Events below at Bult Field (C56) unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, April 13 th	IMC Club Meeting, 6:00 P.M.	Also... with the exception of April, the IMC Club meets the second Monday of <u>each</u> month at 6:00 P.M. at Bult.
Saturday, April 15 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Saturday, April 22 nd	Aviation Trivia, 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.	
Saturday, May 13 th	Young Eagles Rally 10:00 A.M.	
Saturday, May 20 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Thursday, June 8 th	Bluegrass "Airjam" 6:00 P.M.	
Saturday, June 17 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Saturday, June 24 th	Poker Run- Starting and ending at Bult. Route to be determined	
Saturday, July 8 th	Chapter Pancake Breakfast 7:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.	
Saturday, July 15 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Monday, July 24 th to Sunday, July 30 th	Oshkosh AirVenture, at KOSH-Oshkosh, WI	
Saturday, August 19 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M and Family Day BBQ	
Saturday, September 9 th	Young Eagles Rally 10:00 A.M.	
Saturday, September 16 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Saturday, September 23 rd	Chapter Pancake Breakfast 7:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.	
Saturday, October 14 th	Aviation Photo Shoot (morning). Aviation Trivia 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.	
Saturday, October 21 st	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Saturday, November 18 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Friday, December 1 st	Chapter Christmas Holiday Party 6:00 P.M.	

Specific details regarding these events will appear in upcoming newsletters, emails, on the Chapter website and on Facebook.

Event dates, times subject to change.

TO MAKE THESE ACTIVITIES SUCCESSFUL, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

'260 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of EAA Chapter 260,

As we "fly into" the second quarter of 2023 and things get moving, let's pause for a moment to appreciate what we are doing, where we are going, and what we have.

We have a busy schedule doing good things for young aviators to get involved. We have many dedicated volunteers from our Chapter who make this possible. We have a great airport facility who are helpful, supportive and professional. For these reasons, I am thankful.

I know there have been many changes in our Chapter, and I believe these changes will only enhance the Chapter 260 experience. Please bear with us as we work hard to update our Chapter.

Thank you and fly safe!
Rob Unger, President



UPCOMING MEETINGS

It will be a busy week for our Chapter

Thursday April 13th 6:00 P.M. The Chapter Board of Directors will be meeting to review Chapter business items and By-Laws updates.

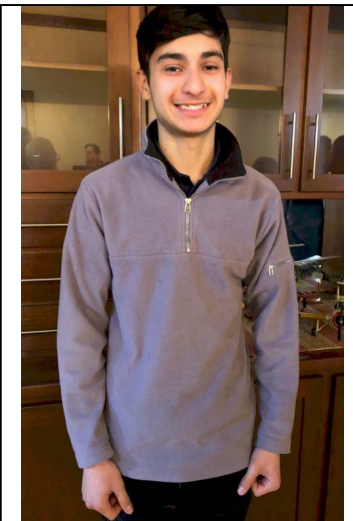
Also, on Thursday April 13th 6:00 P.M. The IMC Club will meet to discuss topics relevant to instrument flying and safety.

And finally, on Saturday April 15th at 10:00 A.M. The monthly Chapter Meeting will be held. Various items will be reviewed including updates to the Chapter By-Laws. Of course, lunch will be served.

OUR 2023 APPLICANT

As previously stated at the March 18th Chapter Meeting, Al Jacome is slated to become the EAA Chapter 260 **Ray Scholarship Scholar**. At the upcoming April Chapter Board Meeting, Al's application for the EAA Ray Scholarship will be finalized by our Chapter Board. It will then be sent to EAA's Oshkosh headquarters. Once approved in early May, the Chapter will receive the first payment to be utilized for the start of his flight training. The next step in Al's new adventure will be the selection of which flight training center best fits his needs.

Our Ray Scholarship Mentor, Dan Simanaitis will help Al select a flight school. Since Al has a bit of a head start by logging 10 hours, a medical and his solo flight, he is hoping to get his check ride finished before Thanksgiving. He has had wonderful support and encouragement from our many chapter members helping him start his journey. **Go Al!!**



Thanks to Jerry Pearson for the write-up regarding Al.

THE MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

The March 18th Chapter Meeting was well attended. Chapter business was discussed, upcoming events were highlighted. One major item that was unanimously voted on by the Membership was the adoption of a new logo emblem for our Chapter. See the emblem below...it looks great!

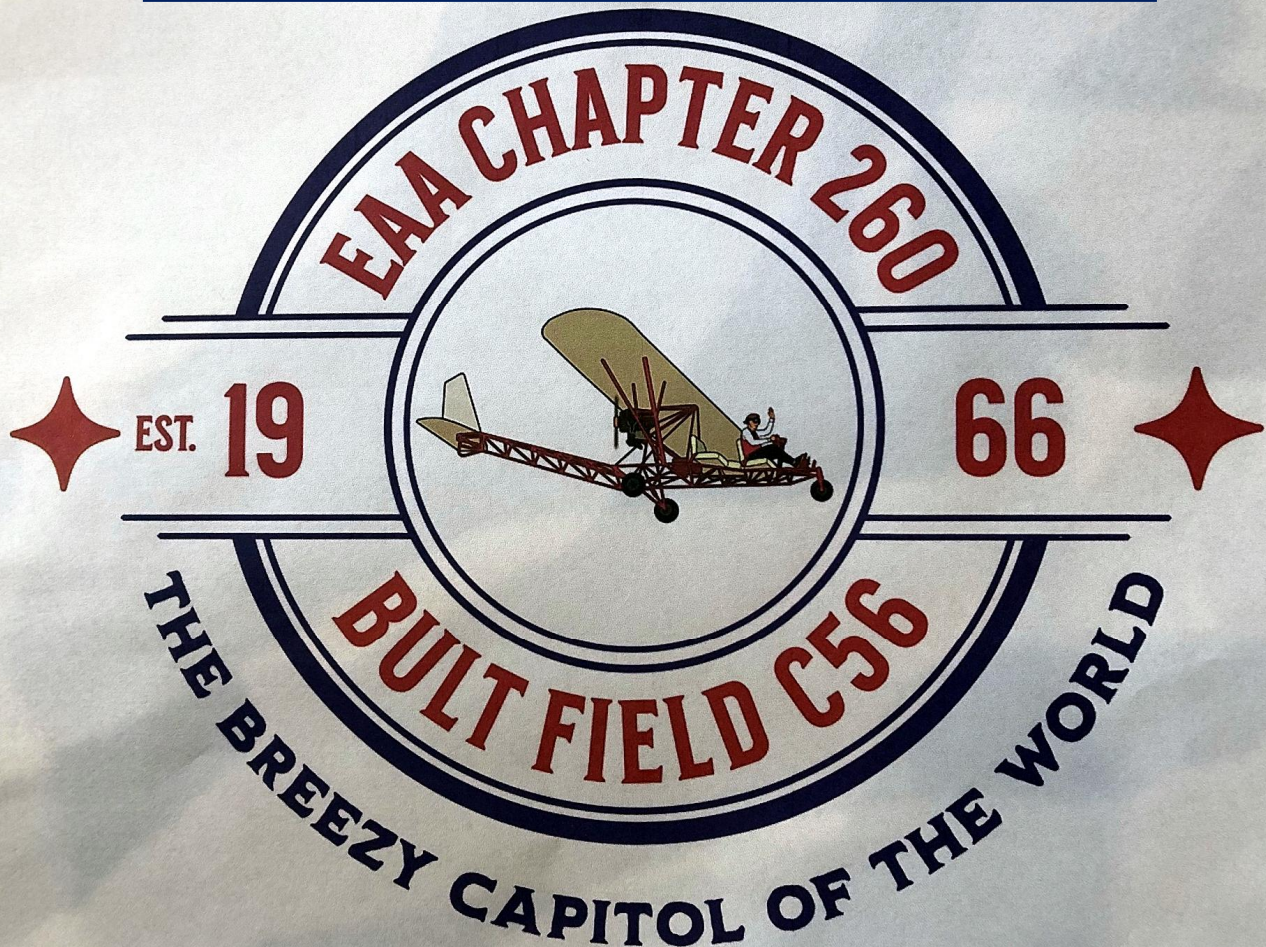


Dave Vancina
gives the Secretary's report.



Keith Grill and Dick Henry,
two long standing Chapter
Members were acknowledged.

OUR NEW CHAPTER EMBLEM/LOGO



The new Chapter emblem/logo is very symbolic. It indicates 1966 when the Chapter was formed. The Breezy in the center pays homage to Carl Unger and his contribution to aviation. Thanks to Ryan Doyle for designing the concept above. The design will be turned over to a graphic artist for further refinement. It will soon be used on various Chapter items and communications.

THE UPCOMING AVIATION TRIVIA NIGHT

It's coming soon to an airport near you..Bult (C56). Once again, Krystel McKean is planning for another interesting and challenging evening. For those who have attended Trivia Nights in the past, you can attest to that fact that these are really FUN! So plan to "enroll" and join the class!

To help you "study" for the evening, Krystel suggests reviewing the following subject areas: Aviation in Sports, and Art (colors) in Aviation. The music round won't be aviation based, it will be school/education based! So, study intensely..."open book" is not allowed that evening!



ABC

EAA Chapter 260 Trivia Night Theme: School Days

When: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Where: Bult Field Terminal Building - Monee, Illinois

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Lunch: Pizza, Chips, Applesauce or Pudding, Juice Box

Class Schedule:

- 4:00 – 4:30 pm (Social gathering and Snacks)
- 4:30 – 4:45 pm (Pick teams and names – maximum 6 team members per team)
- 5:00 – 7:00 pm (5 rounds of trivia)

Recess: After Round Three.

Pens/pencils and paper will be provided to record your team's answers.

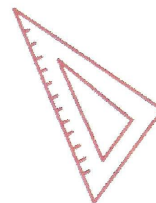
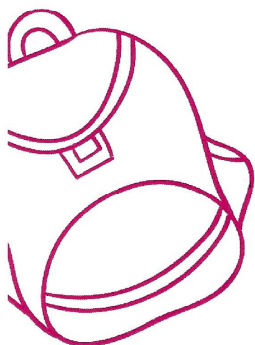
Please feel free to contact Pamela (815-351-9811) or Krystel (815-549-8141) should you have any questions.

Register before Wednesday April 19, 2023 to guarantee yourself some food!

Mark Your Calendars!

Fall Trivia Night
October 14, 2023

*looking ahead to Fall
for more Trivia Fun!*



CHAPTER MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday February 24th, the first Chapter Movie Night was held. The movie was viewed in the theater room at Bult Field (C56).

The movie, "*Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines*" was screened. Those who attended had a great evening of entertainment and camaraderie. We're looking forward to the next movie night!

Popcorn and pop will be provided!



Thanks to Joe Cirelli for the write-up and photos.

Also a *special thanks* to Steve Sikorski for the food and beverages along with Jim Orange for helping with the movie logistics. The event would not have been as successful without their efforts and assistance.

BLUEGRASS "AIRJAM"

Yee Haaa!!!!

This was a well attended event held last year...it's back again!

Bult Field Bluegrass "AIRJAM"

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 5:00 P.M.

Sponsored by EAA Chapter 260

Bult Field, 28261 S. Kedzie, Monee, IL

"Vittles provided"

Contact: Tim Bryan - "Captain Timmy"

Tbryan24@comcast.net

Photos from the 2022 "Airjam"



"Jamming" under the South Veranda



IT'S COMING SOON!

EAA Chapter 260 Young Eagles Rally



Free airplane rides for kids ages 8 to 17

Parent/legal guardian approval and signature required
Rides will be on a first come, first served basis. The number of ride slots available will depend upon aircraft availability.

Saturday May 13, 2023
10 AM – 2 PM

Bult Field • South Suburban Airport
28261 S. KEDZIE AVENUE, MONEE, ILLINOIS

REGISTER ONLINE @ YEDay.org

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHAPTER 260
YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATORS**
Jerry Pearson: 219.923.1938
Dave Vancina: 815.715.1955



Chapter Members..
Make plans to participate in our upcoming Young Eagles Rally to be held on Saturday May 13th. If not flying Young Eagles, consider helping out on the ground. There is always a need for assistance.

Pilot Requirements

The Young Eagles pilot requirements are basic, but **MUST** be followed.

- > Be a current EAA® member and hold an appropriate airman's certificate (sport pilot or greater)
- > Possess a current medical certificate (if applicable)
- > Be current to carry passengers in the aircraft you plan to use
- > Have a current flight review
- > Complete the Young Eagles registration form **before** the flight, including parent or legal guardian signature, and pilot signature
- > Conduct flights in an aircraft that is in airworthy condition
- > Have aircraft passenger liability insurance for the aircraft used (owned, rented, or borrowed)

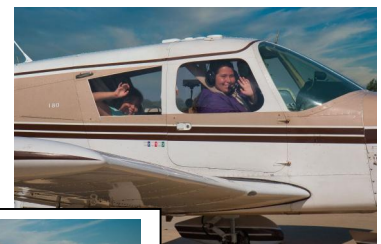
Adhere to all Federal Aviation Requirements (FARs)

- > Complete both the online training and basic background check as a part of EAA's Youth Protection Policy.

For more information, visit EAA.org/YouthProtection.



Some photos from the last Young Eagles Rally held on September 10, 2022.



THE FRED BOOS MEMORIAL TOOL CRIB

The tool crib has been established in the Chapter hangar at Bult Field. Chapter Board Member Joe Cirelli is the coordinator.

The Tool Crib is named to honor Fred Boos. The Tool Crib will include various tools that Chapter Members can borrow for a short period of time in order to maintain their aircraft.

Several donations to date to the Tool crib include a Tig Welder have been made so far.

The Tool Crib is looking for *additional* donations of tools! We'd like to begin assembling a cache of aircraft tools for the tool crib. We have a nice space in the Chapter 260 hangar, we just need some tools to fill it. If anyone has spare clecos, rivet sets, or anything else that they'd like to donate..

please contact Joe at:
joecirelli66@yahoo.com



FRED BOOS
 FIRST EAA 260 CHAPTER
 PRESIDENT

EAA Chapter 260 was initially formed in 1966 in Dolton, Illinois at the home of Fred Boos. Our Chapter has come a long way over the years to its present form.



CHAPTER HISTORY

I am continuing to work on a History of EAA Chapter 260. However, ***I STILL NEED*** additional feedback regarding the Chapter, especially from its earlier days. So far, I have received some photos from George Sanetra and a few others.

I have been digging back through some old newsletters from folders that I "borrowed" from file cabinets in our Chapter hangar. This is all very helpful.

But what I need further, is for some of the members who have been around for awhile to give me some more information. If anyone knows the whereabouts of older members like Bill Hargreaves, and others, please give me their contact information so I can reach out to them; or give them my email so they can contact me.

Wayne Babiak web44aia@comcast.net

Some "blasts from the past".



CHAPTER 260 IMC CLUB

The IMC Club's purpose is to promote instrument flying, proficiency, and safety. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency in instrument flying. All chapter members who are interested in improving their flying skills, whether they are VFR or IFR rated are welcome to attend.



Dan leads the discussion

The IMC Club has been meeting consistently on the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm at Bult Field with strong interest and attendance. The meeting format has standardized on monthly question(s), discussion scenario involving weather, mechanical, or some other abstract unforeseen event, and then some IFR learning based on a topic recommended by attendees.

Topics to date included discussion scenarios such as "Can you hear me Now?", "Propside", and "Other kind of Alternate" where situations presented themselves and the group had to consider alternatives and come up with the safest and best outcome given the constraints contained in the scenario definition.

IFR learning topics to date included flying SID / STAR procedures, NOS vs Jeppesen Approach plates, Lost Communications, IFR Best Practices / Acronyms / Tips & Tricks, Holding Patterns, and DME Arcs.

With the diverse level of experience amongst attendees - there have been shared stories of real-life emergencies, weather related events, and IFR flying experiences contributed and added value to the discussion topic at hand while providing insight as to how impactful IFR challenges or hazards can be.

Due to the Easter holiday, the April meeting will be held on Thursday April 13, 2023. The agenda is being finalized and will be sent via email and updated on the Chapter Facebook page when available. In the meantime, if you have questions, comments, or improvement feedback, please contact **Dan Simanaitis**.

See you at the next meeting..... Fly safely!!! Dan

COMING SOON – A VMC CLUB

At the March Chapter Meeting, Dan Simanaitis indicated that he is planning to form a VMC Club. This would be a similar format to the successful IMC Club. The VMC Club would be centered around topics for non-instrument rated pilots. Dan is looking for volunteers to help with the VMC Club. So...contact Dan if interested in helping out. The first meeting will be in May 2023, so stay tuned for details.

JOE'S BUILDER'S CORNER

Joe's project update:

The top skins of both wings are complete. Chapter 260 member Ed Punjak has been helping a ton - I wouldn't be able to get the progress I've made without his assistance. It's nice starting to get some bigger pieces together! It's starting to look like real airplane parts. It's been about a year since I began the wing kit, and when I look at what has gotten completed, I wonder why it took so long - it looks like it should have taken a long weekend. But when reviewing the plans, there was a lot (A LOT) of preparation work to be completed before the parts were able to be assembled.

The wings are far from complete - the leading edges, fuel tanks, and all of the control surfaces still must be completed. This will take quite some time.

The fuselage kit should arrive in June, though I'm not nearly ready to begin that part of the kit. I will feel accomplished if I were to be able to start the fuselage by this time next year. While the kit will sit untouched, at least I'll have it ready to go when I complete the wings.



Ed Punjak helping out.



Joe will continue to give updates on his progress.

NEWS YOU CAN USE...

Chicago Midway Class C Expansion Mitigated

This article appeared in the April 3rd, 2023 edition of the **AOPA's**



Changes to the Class C airspace around [Chicago Midway International Airport](#) will be **implemented starting June 15th**. Expansion of the airspace will increase safety and efficiency, but the impacts to general aviation operations will be minimized because of AOPA's recommendations to the FAA.

The change was announced in a final rule [published on March 23rd](#) in the *Federal Register*. It extends the existing Class C airspace shelf to the east side of the airport, from the southeast counterclockwise to the northeast. The most notable change for GA pilots is the expansion that will follow the Chicago lakefront.

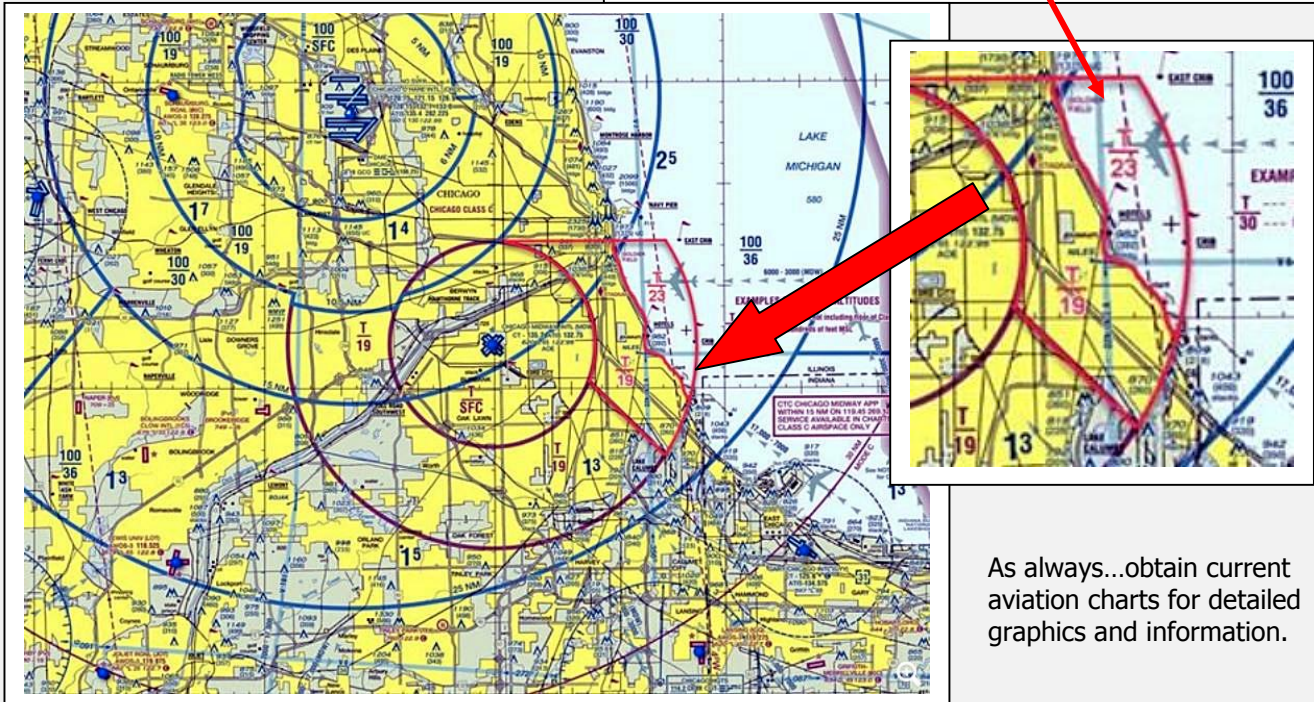
The purpose of modifying the airspace is to further separate arrivals to Chicago Midway's Runway 22L and GA aircraft flying VFR along the Lake Michigan shoreline. "The FAA is taking this action to reduce the risk of midair collisions and enhance the efficient management of air traffic operations in the MDW terminal area," the rule states.

AOPA was involved throughout the process of adjusting the proposed modifications to the existing Class C airspace surrounding Chicago Midway, first engaging in the issue as part of an ad hoc committee formed in 2020. The FAA agreed to multiple recommendations from AOPA, including an increase in the floor of the Class C over the water to 2,300 feet and changes in lateral boundaries of the outer shelf that utilize visual landmarks as reference points.

Most recently, AOPA—citing wake turbulence and traffic separation concerns—negotiated a change to the airspace modification that requires aircraft flying the visual approach to Runway 22L to remain at or above 3,000 feet until crossing the shoreline.

"Not only will this provide additional separation from VFR aircraft operating in the lakefront corridor, but it will also provide consistency with the other IFR approaches to Runway 22L," said AOPA Director of Airspace, Air Traffic, and Security Jim McClay in the [December 19 letter](#) to the FAA.

Pilots flying along the Chicago lakefront, or in or around Chicago Midway International Airport, should familiarize themselves with the coming changes, as they are significant. Additionally, with EAA AirVenture Oshkosh—the world's busiest aviation event—hosted shortly after the charts are updated, pilots flying to and from the event in Wisconsin should be aware of the new dimensions of the Class C.



As always...obtain current aviation charts for detailed graphics and information.

2023 CHAPTER DUES

For 2023, EAA Chapter 260 Dues needed to be paid by JANUARY 31, 2023 to be considered as a Chapter Member in good standing. Chapter Members in good standing, will be allowed to participate in Chapter Meetings and other Chapter events. ALSO...they may partake in the delicious lunches at our Chapter meetings. *A great deal for the price!*

CHAPTER 260 DUES STRUCTURE

One Year =\$30.00 Three Years = \$75.00 Five Years = \$120.00

Save..by joining or renewing for more than one year!

Note: For new members joining the Chapter, an additional \$10.00 is required to cover the cost of an engraved plastic magnetic nametag.

After FEBRUARY 1, 2023, those who are NOT members in good standing **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in Chapter Meetings and events, and **WILL NOT** be allowed to have the lunch or other refreshments that are provided at the meetings.

2023 DUES ARE DUE NOW!

Support your Chapter so programs, food and other benefits can continue to be provided.

PAY YOUR DUES ON TIME!

Electronic payment links: For 2023 new Chapter member dues: <https://square.link/u/TF0b9u62> Click link
For 2023 Chapter member renewals: <https://square.link/u/SHQQgNSx> Click link

JOIN EAA CHAPTER 260

Detach and submit the form below

EAA CHAPTER 260 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Note that National Membership in EAA is also required in order to be a Member of EAA Chapter 260.

National Dues are \$48.00 per year for Individual membership; \$60.00 for Family.

Chapter membership expires in December of each year.

EAA Chapter dues are indicated above.

NEW MEMBER ____ RENEWAL ____

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____
EAA Member? Yes ____ No ____ EAA National Membership. No. _____ Exp. ____/____/____
Pilots Certificate Ratings: _____ Aircraft Owned: _____
Areas of Expertise: _____ Projects Worked On: _____

COMMITTEE INTERESTS

Membership: ____ Program: ____ Young Eagles/Eagles: ____ Flyer and Builder: ____
Newsletter: ____ Promotion/Publicity: ____ Web Site: ____ Other: _____

Bring this application to the next EAA 260 meeting or mail it to:
EAA Chapter 260 c/o Bult Field 28261 S. Kedzie Avenue, Monee, IL 60449

For Information about EAA Chapter 260 contact:

Rob Unger at: rubreezy@msn.com

If not already a member...consider becoming one!

EAA CHAPTER 260

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Monee, IL 60449



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EAA Chapter 260 Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/EAA260/>

EAA National Website: www.eaa.org



SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER



EAA Chapter 260 meets generally on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M. at Bult Field (C56) in Monee, Illinois



MIDWEST AIRCRAFT DETAILERS

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Located at Bult Field in Hangar J-06, Midwest Aircraft Detailers is a budget friendly aircraft detailing service. Will Graves is a member of EAA Chapter 260 and is one of the owners.

For more information regarding their services, go to: <https://www.madetailers.com>.

Phone number 708.251.1045. Check them out!

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If you have items for future newsletters, please let me know. These can include:

- An aviation project you are working on.
- If you flew to somewhere of interest; know of a good restaurant, let us know.
- Building an airplane? Share your progress!
- Have something to sell? List it for FREE!
- Write a story..share your expertise!

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