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# PRESIDENTS AIRSPACE

Two important notes this month – our IMC club meeting has moved from September 21st to September 28th and also we will hold a previously unscheduled September program meeting on Monday the 18th

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As the days grow shorter and summer wanes, our Last fly-in of Summer marks the point where we start to shift our programming. We will hold one last fly-out next Saturday but our Build and Fly program begins in earnest. As we start to lay out next year's programming, we are always looking for new ideas for presentations. Be sure to give your ideas to any member of the leadership team.

This Saturday's fly-in is our big Fall event. Be sure to come out and enjoy the beautiful weather that is forecast and perhaps pitch in and help a little.

As our chapter has grown over the last few years, members have been asking for help recognizing each other. In response, we will produce a roster that contains individual member pictures. Of course, this means that we need a smiling picture of you. A future communication will ask you to provide such a picture.

Don't forget, we need your favorite flight stories. This is a picture or two from a memorable flight or experience you've had along with a paragraph to describe. We put these in this newsletter!

# MEMBER NEWS

## NEW MEMBERS

**RICH and JASMINE HNZDIL** from Leroy have been to a number of our functions and have decided to join the chapter! Rich is a student pilot at Lake County Executive.

**RICHARD KAPLAN**, a former member from Rock Creek, has rejoined us and will be restoring his KITFOX

**In Other News, CONGRATULATIONS** go out to members **CATHY TREPAL and BRIAN SZUTER** who tied the knot last weekend. They look forward to completing the RV-14 and traveling the country in it.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**  
GEAUGA  
COUNTY AIRPORT  
**Sept 16 7-11am**

## LAST FLY-IN OF SUMMER

**This is our premier event of the season!** Be sure to come out and enjoy the fun with the rest of your chapter members. We will set up the tent on Friday evening around **5:00**. The chapter will throw a pizza party Friday evening after the tent is up. If you are an early bird, come out **Saturday morning, September 16** and help **Don and Curtis** – they start mixing batter early – around **5:30 or 6:00am**. If you are not a morning person, we need plenty of help later in the day with car parking and fly-in traffic mid-morning and clean-up around noon.

Come any time – there is plenty to do and fun to have.

As always, if you can fly Young Eagles,

we need your help! Contact **Ric Blamer** at [pilotric@gmail.com](mailto:pilotric@gmail.com)

Our expanded youth activities have become quite popular. Contact **Sherry Niederkorn** to assist with this program – 440-477-1198 or [sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com)

To help with the breakfast or Fly-in functions, reply to this email.

In the afternoon, after everything is cleaned up,

**Phil Prosser** will be throwing an end of season party at his house in Chardon.

Desserts and beverages for all ages will be on hand. Bring a dish to pass if you can.

The address is: **12115 Country Oaks Tr. Chardon, OH 440 487 6205**



# SEPTEMBER PROGRAM MEETING

This is a special program in conjunction with the Geauga County Airport Authority and presented by the Cleveland Soaring Society. All members of the Geauga County Airport General Aviation community are invited to this important meeting. **Bryce Kujat**, President of the Cleveland Soaring Society will present our program detailing how the unique mix of aircraft categories at 7G8 can operate together to maintain a safe and friendly airport environment.

We'll start the evening with dinner at 6:00pm and our program at 7:00. Dinner will be Burgers and brats on the grill. The Chapter will provide the meat. Please bring a dish to go with if you can. We'll need all the fix'ns, sides, chips, desserts, and anything else to go with.

Our program will start at 7:00. This will be a hybrid meeting where we will gather in hanger 3 at the airport and our remote members will be able to join via Zoom.

Meeting credentials:

Time: Sep 18, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83835740265?pwd=U3p6QVZETUR4SnRzY0tITzdrNVcyQT09>

Meeting ID: 838 3574 0265

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# LAST FLY-IN OF 2023 SATURDAY SEPT 23

Join us **Saturday September 23rd** for EAA5's fly out to **Carroll County Airport** for their famous breakfasts! The plan is to ARRIVE at 8:30am, so plan the flight time for your aircraft accordingly.

If you have an airplane and an extra seat, please take someone who is interested in being a passenger.

We are using Google forms to gather contact information from pilots and passengers in a virtual "sign-up sheet".

This will allow folks to contact each other for making arrangements between those with seats and those looking for one.

Please find the sign up sheet here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSernqRDKW9pd1GZB2DrePO8TMXvWtcMrJwpjRMNtMVKac5kzA/viewform>

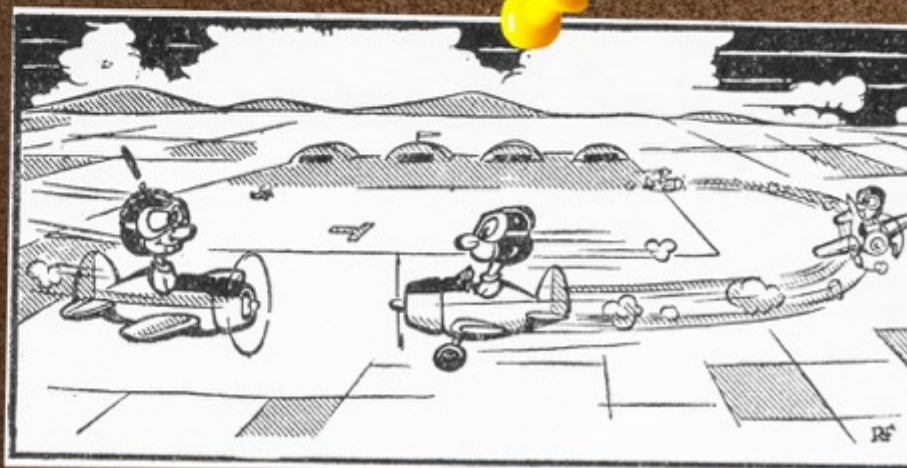
When you are done, Click here for the list of pilots and passengers.

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# IMCVMC CLUB THURSDAY SEPT 28

Our September IMC/VMC Club meeting will happen on **Thursday, September 28th**, donuts at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00. **Dave Schindler** and **Greg Armbruster** will do short presentations about how they handled very unexpected events in flight.

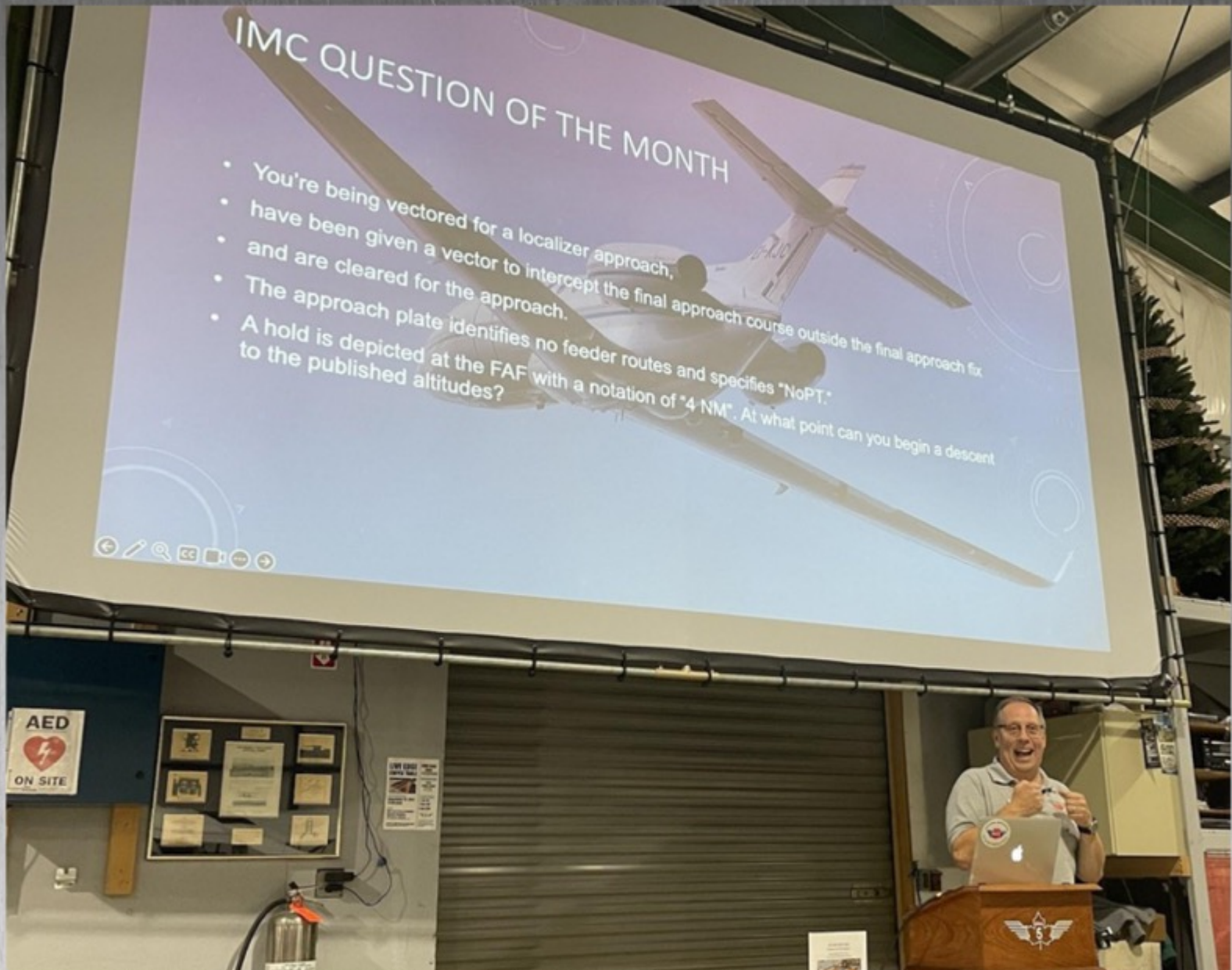




# RECENT EVENTS

## IMCVMC CLUB

At our August IMC/VMC Club meeting, Ric presented an interesting program about some of the nebulous terms you may hear in ATC communications.





# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

A gorgeous day for our annual ice cream social at Gustavus International Aerodrome. The ramp was full of airplanes and the hangar was filled with happy picnickers. As always, **Rob Miller** and his crew put on a fabulous event. BIG thanks go out to Rob and team.





# FLY-OUT TO MEADVILLE

Once again, the weather Gods smiled upon us and our afternoon trip to Meadville for dinner was a well attended event. The only bad part is that Eddie's is closing for the season and we will have to wait until next May for another hot dog.





# CLAMBAKE

Our annual Clambake has been set for **Sunday, October 1, 2023** on the ramp at 7G8! Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. An order form is attached to this newsletter as well as having been sent in a prior email. This is a private event for Chapter members and friends. All menu items **MUST** be PRE-ORDERED and PRE-PAID. Sorry, no walk-ups. Meals catered by "Caterer to You."

The deadline for **ordering** will be **Sunday, September 17th by 2:00** pm. We will do the bonfire again this year, so bring a lawn chair (if you wish), but join us... rain or shine!

# BUILD AND FLY

We had our first training session of the Build and Fly 2023-2024 season at Corsair Field on August 29. Winds were calm, the sun was bright and the corn was high; it was a beautiful evening for flying RCs.

Three students were on hand that night. In the group photo you see (L to R) **Rhys Thomas, Miles Nolan, Finn Smyser** and instructor **Hugh Pollack**.

They all took turns on the flight simulators and then flew the LT-40 trainer several times each.

The following week **Collin Kozlowski** and **Matthew Vis** joined the ranks to try their skills. All of the students seem to be doing real well on the controls.

The Build and Fly program is under the leadership of **John Ashley**, assisted by **Charlie Cross**. If any other chapter members are interested in helping with the build portion of the project, please contact **John Ashley** or **Sherry Niederkorn**.





# FAVORITE FLIGHTS

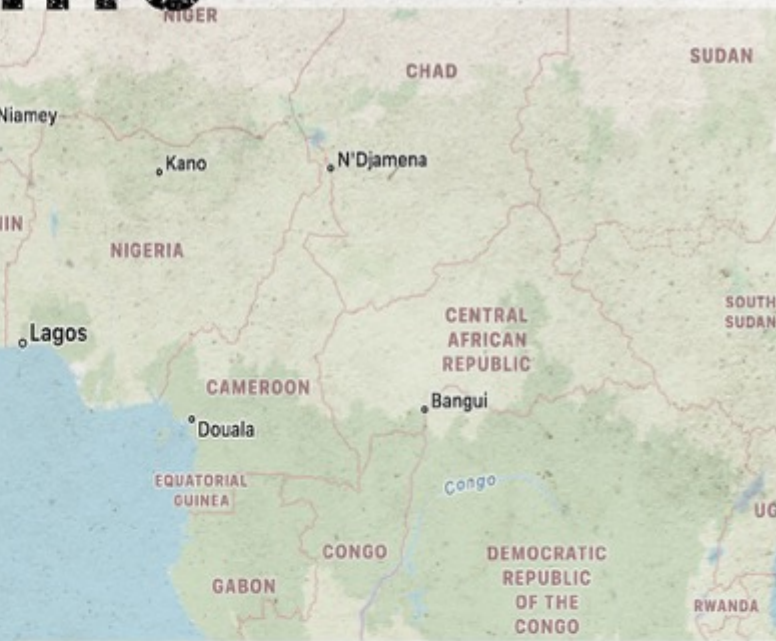
From a blog post  
almost 20 years ago  
when I lived in Congo...

**Bryce Kujat**

(08 July 8, 2006)

An Israeli, two Congolese, a motorcycle, a generator, a water pump. A bag of spades, another of pick axes, a big roll of rubber hose, and a few kilos of medicine all walk into a Cessna 208B. 100nm east of Goma, deep into the jungle, nothing for miles and miles but trees, monkeys, and villages older than religion. Ancient rivers, waterfalls, misty mountaintops, triple canopy jungle. They've told me that if I go down in this jungle it'll open up and swallow me like a sea of trees, I do not doubt it, but there's a road. Not just any road, a paved road, from Bukavu all the way to Kisangani. On this road are airports. Literally on the road. Places called Lubutu, Amisi, and Walikale. All a village needs is a somewhat level, fairly straight piece of road, plus or minus 800m long and 5m wide, and I'll parallel park this Kansas made machine at their front door. Being a road in Africa, the instrument approach is a set of homemade waypoints strung together with a piece of paper I wrote altitudes on earlier. The low clouds pushing up the mountains and absence of weather info at Lubutu raise concerns about an alternate airport, but we're a long way from FAR 91.169.

We close on Lubutu and begin the decent.





Small hills start to show themselves, covered top to bottom and surrounded by trees. Lower and lower, we get ground contact and continue to 3000 feet. Huts appear, wedged to the meager fields next to them that feed an entire family. Every inch of bare land must be fought for; the jungle does not give freely and is insatiable in its quest for coverage. Following the road, we come upon the wide area designated as a runway fast and see it at the last minute. Short, really short, and narrow. It crests about two-thirds along the length. We could land downhill and see any traffic coming along the road, or land uphill, blind, towards the crest, and shorten our ground roll. Circling the road/runway and seeing no one, choosing the blind uphill option, widening the circle I slow for approach. We're really low now, maybe 500 feet, and lose the runway in the turn. The GPS helps us find it and we roll out flying a curved final approach to track the road. Slowing to 80 knots the trees grow larger, straining to grab wings or scrub the belly. Lower, the trees scream past the wing tips, lower, below the tree tops now, lower, the road curves into the runway and the pavement slides under us. The stall horn harangues, the wheels kiss the earth; flaps up and full reverse, slow, turn around, and taxi back. Not a living thing in sight. What is here to meet us, cannibal army waiting for a free plane load of stuff? I taxi over the crest and there they are. Kids. Lots of kids, waving and screaming like kids do. Awesome, what a rush. Hard to believe that in a few weeks this will become routine. **Welcome to Congo.**





# CHAPTER 5 SWAG!

Be sure to check out our collection by following the three simple steps below.

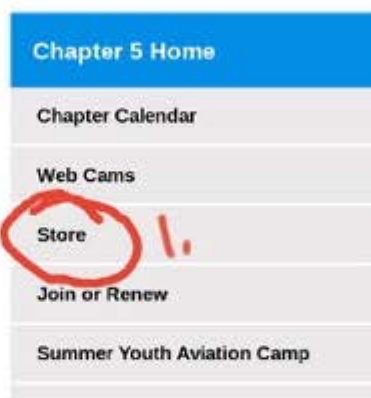
**Go to** the chapter website at:

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And select **Store** from the buttons on the left side of the screen.

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## Welcome to EAA Chapter

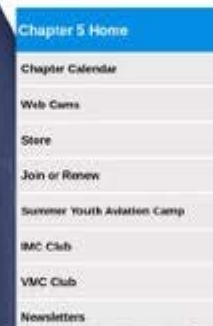
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- Provide our members with educational opportunities
- Promote general aviation in Geauga
- Benefit the Geauga County Airport

Chapter 5 members are builders, pilots and enthusiasts of all ages. We welcome all for a program, safety seminar, fly-in even



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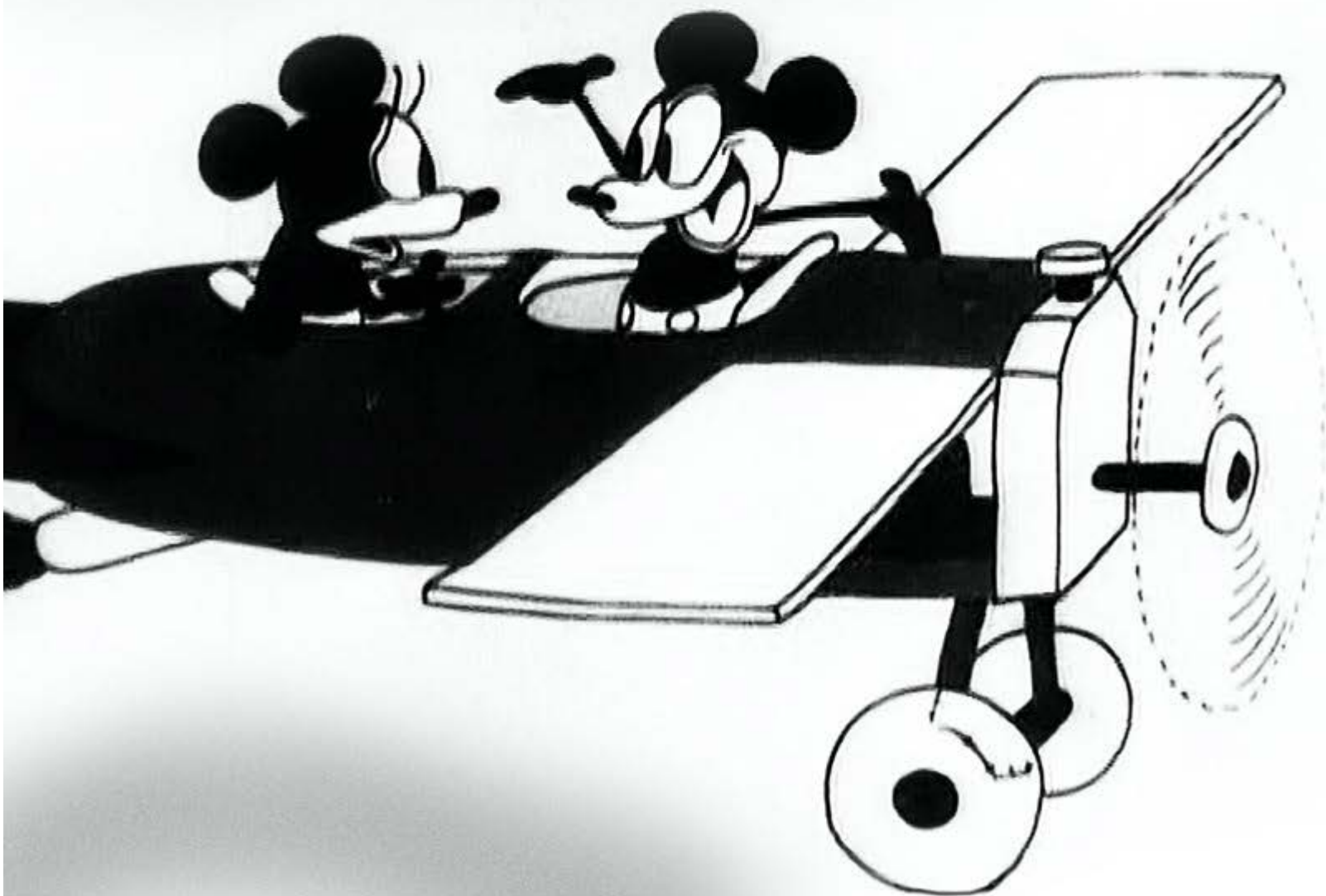
# FLYOUTSCHEDULE

There are some favorites from last year and some new destinations for this year. These are also listed in the chapter calendar on the website.

**Sept 2** - Saturday - KGKJ - Meadville for hot dogs and ice cream

**Sept 9** - Saturday - KBKL - Burke Lakefront Dinner fly-out

**Sept 23** - Saturday - KTSO - Carroll County Breakfast





# Upcoming Events

Important: These dates were accurate when they were published.  
Always check the EAA 5 online calendar for last minute changes at:  
<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea5/chapter-calendar>

## SEPTEMBER

|                   |         |                            |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Fly-Out GKJ       | 02-Sep  |                            |
| Fly-Out BKL       | 09-Sep  |                            |
| Business Meeting  | 11-Sep  |                            |
| YE & Fly-in @ 7G8 | 16-Sept |                            |
| Program Meeting   | 18-Sept | Getting Along With Gliders |
| IMC/VMC Meeting   | 21-Sept |                            |
| Fly-Out TSO       | 23-Sept |                            |

## OCTOBER

|                  |        |                     |
|------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Clambake         | 01-Oct |                     |
| Business Meeting | 09-Oct |                     |
| Project Visit    | 12-Oct | John Yochum - RV-14 |
| Program Meeting  | 16-Oct | FAA Wings           |
| VMC/IMC Meeting  | 26-Oct |                     |

## NOVEMBER

|                  |        |                |
|------------------|--------|----------------|
| Business Meeting | 13-Nov |                |
| IMC/VMC Meeting  | 18-Nov |                |
| Program Meeting  | 20-Nov | Annual Meeting |

## DECEMBER

|                  |        |            |
|------------------|--------|------------|
| Program Meeting  | 02-Dec | Xmas party |
| VMC/IMC Meeting  | 09-Dec |            |
| Business Meeting | 11-Dec |            |