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GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT 7G8 MIDDLEFIELD, OHIO



CARE AND FEEDING OF AIRCRAFT CYLINDERS
Monday MARCH 18 DINNER 6pm MEETING 7pm



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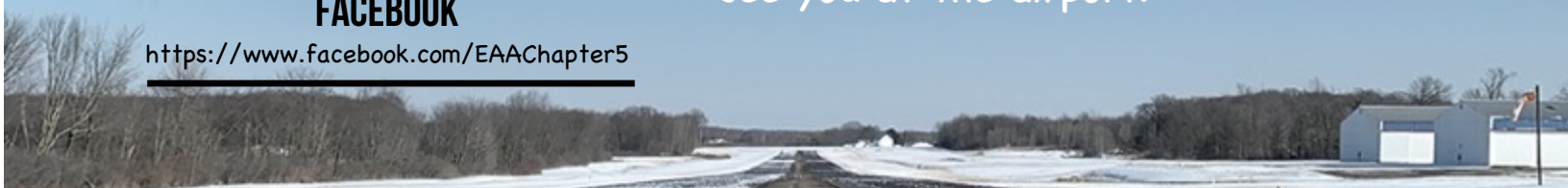
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Well, hasn't this been the greatest winter ever! I'm using the past tense because I really want it to be over for sure. Such a light winter has really accelerated flight training. It seems like so many new students want to start in the fall and then they can't fly all winter long. This year there have been enough breaks in the crummy weather to make it possible for students to get a good start. At least two students have already soloed here at 7G8 and I know of several more that are close behind. The airport has dispensed far more 100LL than is normal for this time of year. Many member's inspections and maintenance projects are finishing up and those airplanes are starting to fly. Speaking of flying, the chapters summer planning is pretty well complete. There are a great deal of flying opportunities scheduled for the summer.

Our Summer Youth Aviation Camp enrollment is now open for EAA5 members and family. Planning for our eclipse flying is about complete and we are soliciting volunteers to help. (details below)

Our biannual Pitot static check marathon is scheduled for April 16th. If you need this check, get signed up now (details below.) Make sure to check out the full schedule at the end of this newsletter and we'll see you at the airport!



NEW MEMBERS

JASMINE CLECKNER Jasmine's partner, Rich Hnizdil has been a member for awhile now. She decided to join us so that he doesn't have ALL the fun!

ADAM SOLTIS Adam runs his family farm in Garrettsville near Gates Field. He is following in his grandfather's footsteps and learning to fly with the Geauga Aviators.

KEN OVERLY Ken attended a few of our meetings and thought that we're the real deal and decided to join!

ANDREW SMYSER Andrew's son Finn, is one of our student members. Andrew decided to join so he could help with our youth programs.

TONY YEROPOLI Tony is a pilot and member of the Geauga Aviators Flying Club. When he is not flying, he works for both the Middlefield and Mentor Fire Departments.

NEW AIRPLANES

DIRK DORONY'S

new airplane is now on the field. He is working with RIC BLAMER to learn to fly it!



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH PROGRAM MEETING

This month our mechanic, **DON CUNNINGHAM**, will present a program on the care and feeding of aircraft engine cylinders. His presentation will go into detail on the correct way to manage your engine so the cylinders stay healthy. Next, he'll explain what happens if you don't and how much it's going to cost you. This will be an in-hangar meeting with numerous handheld teaching aids.

We'll start this evening with our **traditional corned beef sandwich dinner** beginning at 6pm. The chapter will provide the **corned beef and rye**. Please bring some fix'ns to go with if you can.

We'll need salad, horseradish, chips, and desserts.



UPCOMING EVENTS

IMC VMC CLUB

Our March IMC/VMC Club meeting happens **Saturday, March 23rd**, donuts at 9:30am, meeting at **10:00**.

Meet over coffee and donuts with other pilots to discuss scenarios they have experienced and work through real-world IMC stories. If you were in this situation... What would you do? Our topic for this meeting is:

Survival – it doesn't just happen, it must be planned.

SOLAR ECLIPSE FLY-INS

Our chapter will be involved at two Eclipse fly-ins.

Patty is putting on an extensive fly-in event at **LNN**.

If you live on the North Coast anywhere nearby, won't you please assist Patty with her event? Call or text her at **440-321-9036** to volunteer.

On **Monday, April 8th**, Chapter 5 will present our first (and probably last) **Solar Eclipse Fly-in**. This is an opportunity for pilots based outside of the path of totality to fly into Geauga County Airport in order to see the total solar eclipse. In conjunction with the Geauga County Airport Authority, we will provide overnight camping and tie down spaces for all who wish to fly in.



Each aircraft flying in will receive **two free lunches** and **two free sets of eclipse watching glasses**. Please plan on coming out to the airport to help with this event. **We will set up the tent on Saturday April 4th around 5:30 p.m.** The chapter will buy pizza for everyone who shows up to help with the tent. We will also need people on **Monday** to **help with the lunch service** as well as aircraft parking.

RECENT EVENTS

FEBRUARY PROGRAM MEETING



Our February meeting was a fascinating presentation by ferry pilot Kerry McCauley. Kerry is an international ferry pilot, professional skydiver and corporate jet pilot. Kerry has crossed three oceans over a hundred times and delivered aircraft to 60 different countries. His presentation covered the world of international ferry flying Including more than a few surprises.

FEBRUARY IMC/VMC CLUB

For our February meeting, the Niederkorns were visiting from Arizona. Tim N. took the opportunity to put on a program about making difficult emergency landings decisions as well as reviewing a lot of aviation acronyms.

RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP

We were notified last week that our application for a Ray Aviation Scholarship has been approved by EAA in Oshkosh. Our scholarship committee will publish the application criteria and forms shortly.



TAKE NOTE

A&P SCHOLARSHIP FORMED

As noted last month, Chapter 5 has instituted an A&P Scholarship program! The purpose of this scholarship is to make sure that we have qualified A&P mechanics here at Geauga County Airport. Just think about the consequences of not having maintenance and inspection capabilities on the field.

We are now asking for your donation, no matter how big or small. To increase the value of your contribution, **Chapter 5 will match the first \$2,000 contributed.**

Our first scholarship is being presented to **Matt Johnson** who has worked here at the airport with Don Cunningham for approximately 10 years. Future scholarships will be awarded to candidates as they arise.

How do you contribute?

At the airport, hand a **check payable to EAA Chapter 5** or cash to **Tim Connor** or **Ric Blamer**.

By mail, send your check to:

EAA 5

P.O. Box 1213

Middlefield, OH 44062



PITOT STATIC CHECKS

It's likely that you may soon need pitot static certification - check your log books. Once again, chapter 5 will coordinate a large scale pitot static marathon here at the airport. If indeed you need this check, contact **Dave Siebold** to be added to the list:

Cell Phone: **440 567 6035**

Email: **djsiebold@att.net**

The work is presently scheduled to be done on **April 16th and 17th.**

SURVEY RESULTS

We appreciate you taking the time to submit your answers to the survey. The Board is in the process of reviewing them and taking your comments into consideration. **Thank you for helping to keep our chapter at the Gold Level!**

TAKE NOTE

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The roster of current chapter members is attached to the email that brought you this newsletter. As noted in past newsletters, we are working to put selfies of individual members in the roster. Work on this project continues and a new roster will be sent when the work is complete.

If you have not already done so, won't you **please send a selfie to this email address:** eaachapter5@gmail.com

AVAILABLE PROJECTS

We have accepted the donation of an **RV-6** project. The wings and tail are complete and the fuselage kit is still in the crate. Only the finishing kit is not included. Work that has been done appears to be done quite well. The project will be brought to Geauga County Airport and offered first to chapter members then it will be sold on the open market.

BUILD N FLY

Our student members who are participating in the build-and-fly program are now working on their **LT-40 RC** model in our shop.

This project is beginning to wind down. The wing is complete and the fuselage is being covered. Next is system installation.

First flight will be made as soon as summer weather prevails.



TAKE NOTE

BRIDGET BELLETT was one of 9 students honored by the West Geauga Board of Education for receiving the **Governor's Merit Scholarship**. To qualify for the merit based scholarship, students were required to have a grade Pointe average of 3.5 or higher, a score of 27 or higher on the ACT, or a score of 1280 on the SAT.

"It speaks highly of the kids, it speaks highly of their families and the families expectations, and it speaks highly of the teachers who provide them with the ability to score such great grades," said West G superintendent, **Richard Marquardt**.

Bridget is a graduate of our **Summer Youth Aviation Camp**, a member of our **SYAC** volunteer staff, an alumni of the **Build and Fly** program here at EAA Chapter 5 and has attended **AirVenture Camp** and **GirlVenture** in Oshkosh. She and her family have been very helpful with all of our pancake breakfasts and youth station events here at the Geauga County airport.

Congratulations Bridget!



TAKE NOTE

SPRINGFIESTA

Sunday May 5, 2024

Lunch served at 12:00 noon

On the ramp @ 7G8

Order form coming soon

Deadline for orders is

Sunday, April 22nd

All meals are pre-order only



EAA117 YOUNGEAGLERALLY



EAA 117 (Ernie Hall chapter) is hosting a Young Eagle rally on May 4 at Youngstown/Warren Regional Airport (YNG) from 8am to noonish. This is only their second event and are hoping to fly more Young Eagle kids from their community this year. If any EAA 5 pilots would like to volunteer, they would love to have our help. Please call or text Joleen at 330.501.5154 or email at atom-matic@neo.rr.com.

TAKE

SUMMERYOUTH AVIATIONCAMP

Dates **July 8-12**

Registration for campers is now open.

Application packets and Flier on website.

Pilots needed for Private YE event **July 13 or 14** (weather dependent)

April 21 - Second planning meeting for Volunteer Staff at 2:00 pm ET at 7G8

Volunteers welcome -

Let **Sherry** know your availability & areas of expertise.

NOTE

FLYINGSTART

Registration open soon

Tell your friends!

NEW START TIME

2:00-meet and greet-

2:30 classroom presentation-

3:30 Eagle flights.

May 19 - Mentor Pilots needed to give adults a ride and then mentor them along their way to a pilot's license.



TAKE NOTE

HELPWANTED

Our chapter is a large organization with a lot of moving parts. It takes a lot of people doing many small tasks to make it all come together. Won't you consider helping with one of these positions...

CONCESSIONAIRE

This is an easy job that can be done by someone who comes around the airport every two or three weeks. The job is to keep our refrigerator full of soda and the snack box full of candy bars and bagged snacks.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

This position is responsible for signing up volunteers to man our various larger events. We are going to begin using the same volunteer software that EAA headquarters uses so this job will require a lot less work than it used to.

Catch Tim at the airport or call him at 440-897-4311 if you could help with either of these positions.

LOGBOOK



A LOOK BACK MORE
THAN 100 YEARS AGO:
In the 1970's I bought an
old family scrapbook at a
flea market and it
chronicled a family from
New Jersey that seemed
to do a lot of sailing...



The photos above showed
them in Baltimore harbor,
10/12/1919 observing the
first airplane to cross the
Atlantic, before single pilot
Charles Lindbergh.

The NC4 now resides at the
Naval Aviation museum in
Pensacola!

-Rob Biro



SUPPORT CHAPTER 5

COMMEMORATE THE HISTORIC EVENT
with our one-of-a-kind Chapter 5 Hats!

<https://theperidotpig.com/collections/ea-a-chapter-5>



FLYOUT SCHEDULE

Following the success of last summer's fly out program, the flyout team has completed a new schedule for this summer! 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**.

May 4 - TBA

May 11 - TBA

May 18 - Saturday - KTSO Carroll County Breakfast Fly-out

May 25 - Saturday - KFKL - Primo Barrones early dinner - Memorial Day weekend

June 1 - Saturday - KLNN - Pancake Breakfast and YE rally

June 8 - Saturday - KBVI - Beaver County - Air heritage museum, walk to restaurants

June 16 - Sunday - 2D7 - Beach City - Father's day breakfast

June 20 - Thursday - KGKJ - Solstice Fly-out Hot Dogs and Ice Cream

June 22 - 7G8 Fly-in

June 29 - Saturday - KBTP - Butler PA Dinner at Serventi's

July 6 - Saturday - KPOV - Portage Afternoon Hangar Picnic

July 14 - Sunday - KTSO - Carroll County Breakfast Flyout

July 20 - 28 - Oshkosh

August 3 - Saturday - KLNN - Wings and Wheels

August 11 - Sunday - OH33 - Ice Cream Social at Rob Miller's

August 17 - Saturday - KLBE - Denunzios Chophouse - Dinner

August 24 - Saturday - KBTL - Waco Kitchen & tour

August 31 - Saturday - KGKJ - hot dogs Labor day weekend

September 7 - Saturday/Sunday - I10 - Noble County Camping Overnight

September 14 - Saturday - Port Clinton -Tin Goose, and Museum

September 21 - 7G8 Fly-in

September 28 - Cross Country - Finger Lakes weekend



2024 CALENDAR

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>

JANUARY

Business Meeting	08-Jan
Program Meeting	15-Jan Wings - Using the Wings Program
IMC/VMC Meeting	27-Jan Understanding Aviation Acronyms

FEBRUARY

Business Meeting	12-Feb
Program Meeting	19-Feb Kerry McCauley, ferry pilot
VMC/IMC Meeting	24-Feb

MARCH

Business Meeting	11-Mar
Program Meeting	18-Mar Cylinder Maintenance for Experimental Aircraft
IMC/VMC Meeting	23-Mar



2024 CALENDAR

APRIL

Business Meeting	08-Apr
Program Meeting	15-Apr Wings-
VMC/IMC Meeting	25-Apr
Project Visit	27-Apr Barker/Atwood RV10

MAY

Spring Fiesta picnic	05-May
Business Meeting	13-May
Flying Start	19-May
Program Meeting	20-May Larry Davis's Nighthawk
VMC/IMC Meeting	23-May

JUNE

YE & Pcakes at LNN	01-June
Business Meeting	10-June
Program Meeting	17-June Chinook helicopter pilot In Alaska
Solstice fly-out	20-June
YE & FLY-IN at 7G8	22-June
Project Visit	29-June Dave Schindler RV12



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JULY

Business Meeting	02-JUL
Hanger Party	06-Jul Barker/Atwood hanger at POV
Summer Camp	08/12- Jul
Program Meeting	15-Jul Wings-the Complete 10 minute WX Check for VFR pilots
Oshkosh AirVenture	22/28-Jul

AUGUST

Ice Cream Social	11-Aug
Business Meeting	12-Aug
Program Meeting	19-Aug So you want to build an airplane...
VMC/IMC Meeting	22-Aug

SEPTEMBER

Business Meeting	09-Sep
Program Meeting	16-Sep TBD
Airport Day at 7G8	21-Sep
IMC/VMC Meeting	26-Sep



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OCTOBER

Clambake	06-Oct
Project Visit	12-Oct John Yochum - RV-14
Business Meeting	14-Oct
Program Meeting	21-Oct Wings - Safe CC Route Planning
VMC/IMC Meeting	24-Oct

NOVEMBER

Business Meeting	11-Nov
Program Meeting	18-Nov Annual Meeting
IMC/VMC Meeting	23-Nov

DECEMBER

Program Meeting	07-Dec Xmas Party
Business Meeting	09-Dec
VMC/IMC Meeting	14-Dec

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9qucnqzsLI>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HJO_380I7E

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxzQ7pbm1W8>





***"...worth a
thousand words"***

SEEN AT ROB MILLER'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL FLY-IN

