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**FIREBASE OPS**

**MONDAY FEB 20**

**DINNER 6PM-PROGRAM 7PM**



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## PRESIDENTS AIRSPACE

It's a beautiful, blue sky, 64° day and it seems like spring will be here tomorrow - But it's mid-February and I am only entertaining false hopes . . .

We are in the middle of winter maintenance season and all the airplanes are in their hangars with cowl and access panels off as annuals and condition inspections are completed. The RV-4 is getting new ADS-B, EFIS, and radio. The Super Cub just got ADS-B and is now getting new bungs. The Titan is getting all new glass and an all new valve train. And the Glastar is getting a new engine.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Young Eagles program, we have added three new YE rallies to our schedule.

Our Summer Youth Aviation Camp (SYAC) Is now accepting early registrations. Also if you can help with this project, see more details below.

Our **Fiesta Siesta Spring Picnic** is coming up on **May 7th** and our fall clambake will move to a Sunday evening format.

Our fly out team is firming up a schedule that includes favorites from last year and new destinations for this year. Look for these on the chapter calendar.

Big thanks go out to those members who have paid 2023 dues. At this time, we have an approximate 80% renewal rate. If you have not renewed, please see details below for getting dues paid.



## NEW MEMBERS

**John Fisher** - John has just discovered his interest in aviation and is now a Student pilot.

**Jon & Bonnie McKenzie** - Jon recently purchased an RV-8 project and has reached out for some assistance with it.

When he is not working on his project he flies an Airbus for one of the majors.



## NEW RATINGS

**Bill Tenney** -

Congratulations to Bill who, with the help of **Dave Nuss**, has achieved his tail wheel endorsement in his 1939 Aeronca Chief.



## NEW AIRCRAFT

**John Rayle** recently purchased a 1974 Cardinal. He is in the process of getting it through its first annual and adding some nice upgrades.



# UPCOMING EVENT FEBRUARY PROGRAM MEETING

This month we will present a program from the **Eastland Texas Municipal Airport**. This is a small country airport very similar to our own Geauga County Airport. However, during fire season, it can become a busy fire base in an hour. The airport manager, **Bode Zietz**, will join us via Zoom and explain how this small airport operates as a fire base.

We'll start this evening with a **taco bar** starting at **6:00pm**.

The chapter will provide tacos and filling.

**Please bring a dish to go with if you can.**

We'll need salsa, 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:

Topic: EAA 5 February meeting - Firebase Operations

Time: Feb 20, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88917996925?pwd=eW9KTkNpMG43cWEvN3ZtcFNXNnpGQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 1799 6925 Passcode: 335226





# UPCOMING EVENT IMC/VMC

Our February IMC/VMC Club meeting happens

**Saturday, February 25**, 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?

This month we'll talk about checklists: **Make or Buy?**

The most relevant checklist is the one you will actually use.

We will discuss manufacturer versus "homemade" **checklists** with their pros and cons.





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## RECENT EVENTS UNITED AIRLINES MAINTENANCE TOUR

Recently, **Chris Hering** took us for a tour of the United Airlines maintenance facility where he works. We'll let the pictures do the talking . . . .

Photos: AMEY PARK, ROB BIRO









# YOUNG EAGLES RALLIES

As you may know, 2023 is the 30th anniversary of the Young Eagles program. In recognition of this anniversary, headquarters is providing chapters with an additional incentive to hold young eagle rallies. The \$5 credit that we currently receive is being doubled to \$10 for every young eagle flown between January and July of this year. In addition to our traditional schedule, we will hold three additional young eagle rallies before July. The first will be held on **March 18th** from **8:00 till noon**. Please contact **Rick Blamer** to volunteer as a pilot or ground help. events in April and May are listed in the schedule below and the chapter calendar.





# LOOKING FOR A CRAFTSMAN

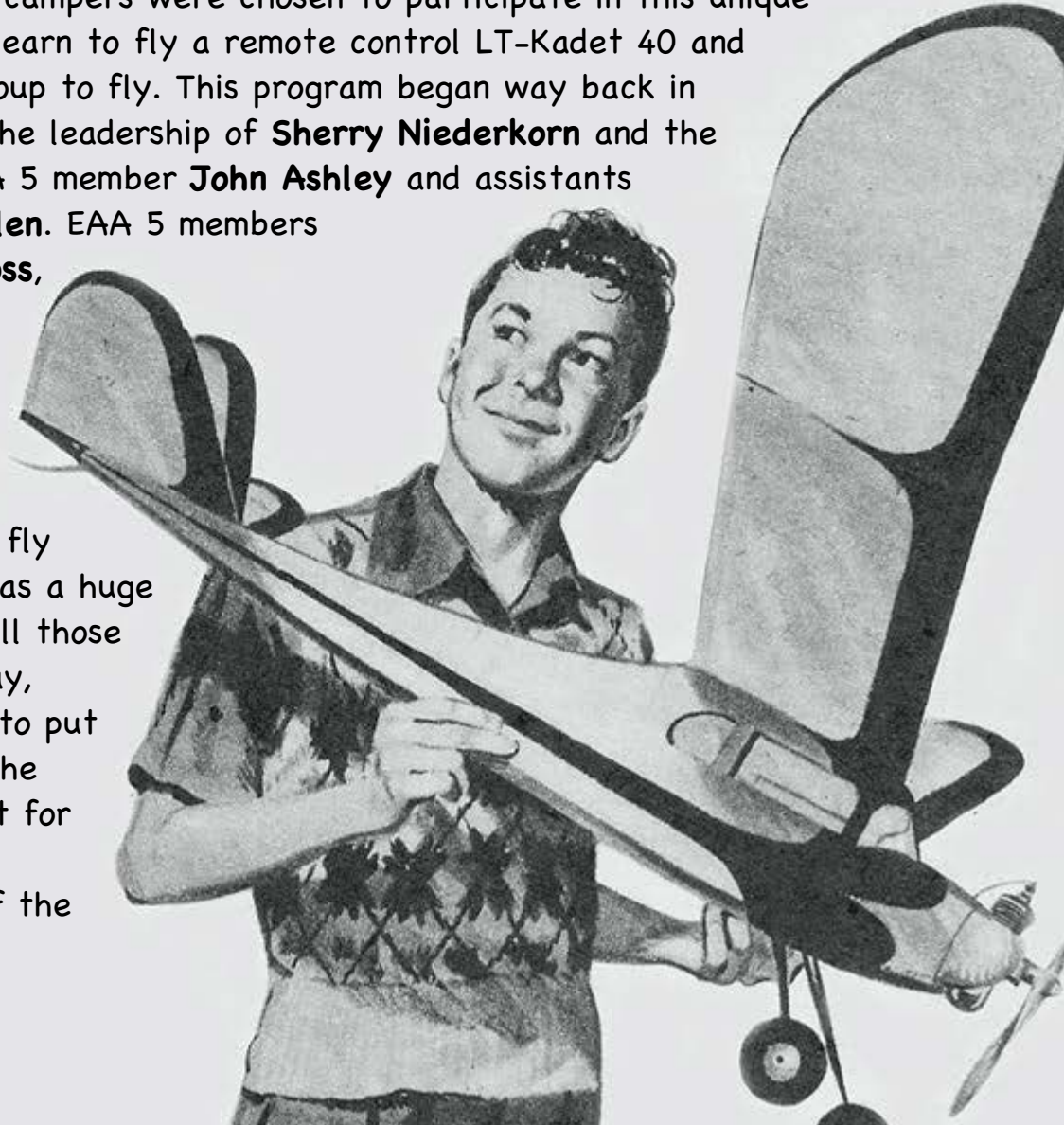
We are looking for someone in the chapter who would like to build a small wooden model that can be used as a weight-and-balance demonstrator among the youth stations that we run during the pancake breakfasts and other events. See photo for example. Please reply to this email if you'd like to help.



## BUILD AND FLY

The inaugural **Build and Fly** Program, hosted by EAA Chapter 5 began as an outgrowth of the Summer Youth Aviation Camps held at Geauga County Airport since 2019. Seven alumni campers were chosen to participate in this unique program where students learn to fly a remote control LT-Kadet 40 and then build one for the group to fly. This program began way back in September and is under the leadership of **Sherry Niederkorn** and the guidance of AMA and EAA 5 member **John Ashley** and assistants **Hugh Polack** and **Dick Allen**. EAA 5 members **Chris Hering, Charlie Cross, John Rayle, Tim Connor, Curtis Cook,** and **Tim Niederkorn** provided additional assistance.

The students met on Tuesday evenings to first fly then build the RC. This was a huge commitment of time for all those involved. This past Tuesday, the group was scheduled to put the finishing touches on the airplane and now will wait for the weather to break, to allow a "maiden flight" of the aircraft.





# SUMMER YOUTH AVIATION CAMP

The dates for our **Summer Youth Aviation Camp 2024** are **July 10th thru 14th**. Students entering grades 6 through 10 who have a special interest in Aviation are invited to attend the camp. Only 18 new campers will be accepted. Students must be available for all 5 days (from 9:00 am to 3:45 pm) to be considered. Get your Application packets and \$150 Registration Fee turned in as soon as possible. Visit the Chapter 5 website to download the SYAC flier, the Application Packet and to watch a video from SYAC 2022.

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea5/summer-youth-aviation-camp>

At the conclusion of camp, campers will then be invited to a Private Young Eagle Event to take place on either July 15th or 16th (depending on the weather).

**Pilots will be needed on this day to fly the Young Eagles.**

Chapter members are also needed to serve as Volunteer Staff members for the camp. Several different levels of involvement are available.

Please let **Sherry Niederkorn** know if you are interested in helping at 440-477-1198 or [sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com). Planning meetings for SYAC 2023 are March 5th at 1:00 pm (via ZOOM), April 23 at 1:00 pm (at 7G8) and July 9th at 1:00 pm (at 7G8). see the chapter calendar for details.

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea5/chapter-calendar>





# SPRING FIESTA PICNIC

**Sunday, May 7th at noon** - Join the chapter for a **Spring Fiesta Picnic** right on the ramp at 7G8! Stretch your Cinco de Mayo celebration into the next week with a menu of Mexican cuisine.

Order forms will be out soon but save the date now.

## EAA CALENDARS

2023 calendars from EAA are now available in the chapter shop - \$10 each.

## 2023 DUES WERE DUE BACK ON JANUARY 1

We still have the dues box in the shop, and dues are still \$25 per year - due January 1.

As always, you can drop \$25 in the dues box in the shop (in an envelope with your name) or snail-mail them to: EAA 5 P.O. Box 1213 Middlefield, OH 44062

You can also pay your Chapter membership dues online with PayPal. You will find a new tab on the Chapter 5 homepage labeled Store. From this page, you can click the Pay Now button and be redirected to Paypal. Online dues are \$26.00 for the year (the extra dollar helps to cover the PayPal fees). The following link will take you directly to the store. <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea5/store>





## FAVORITE FLIGHTS



The attached picture was taken immediately after my last flight as PIC in the Navy on 31 May, 2007. I was the Commanding Officer of a Joint Primary Pilot Training (JPPT) squadron at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, OK training USN, USAF & USMC students. In the picture celebrating with me with bottles of champagne are my wife Marie and daughter Lizzie. I was a Navy Commander in command of an Air Force primary training squadron which is a whole other story for later of how that happened. The flight was a formation flight with one of my Navy mentors in the back seat who was my guest speaker at the squadron change of command ceremony the following day where I turned over command of the squadron. On my wing was one of my favorite IPs in the squadron who was a Marine F/A-18 Hornet pilot.

**-TODD RADER**



# 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>

## FEBRUARY

Business Meeting	13-Feb	
Program Meeting	20-Feb	Fire Base Operations w/ Bode Zietz
VMC/IMC Meeting	25-Feb	

## MARCH

Business Meeting	13-Mar	
YE Rally	18-Mar	7G8
Program Meeting	20-Mar	
IMC/VMC Meeting	25-Mar	

## APRIL

Business Meeting	10-Apr	
Project Visit	13-Apr	Mike Weikart
Program Meeting	17-Apr	Wings-
YE Rally	23-Apr	
VMC/IMC Meeting	27-Apr	

## MAY

Spring Fiesta picnic	07-May	
Business Meeting	08-May	
Program Meeting	15-May	
YE Rally	20-May	Hzy
VMC/IMC Meeting	25-May	



## JUNE

YE & Pcakes @ LNN	03-June
Business Meeting	12-June
Solstice fly-out	21-June
YE & Fly-in @ 7G8	24-June

## JULY

Project Visit	02-Jul	TBD
Business Meeting	10-Jul	
Summer camp	10/14-Jul	
Program Meeting	17-Jul	FAA Wings
Oshkosh(AirVenture)	24/30-Jul	

## AUGUST

Business Meeting	14-Aug	
Program Meeting	21-Aug	TBD
Ice Cream Social	27-Aug	
VMC/IMC Meeting	24-Aug	

## SEPTEMBER

Business Meeting	11-Sep
YE & Fly-in @ 7G8	16-Sep
IMC/VMC Meeting	21-Sep

## 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	

## VIDEO OF THE MONTH

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaSmH\\_toDFU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaSmH_toDFU)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLr03kmDYlo>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4mY5YyzGOU>

