



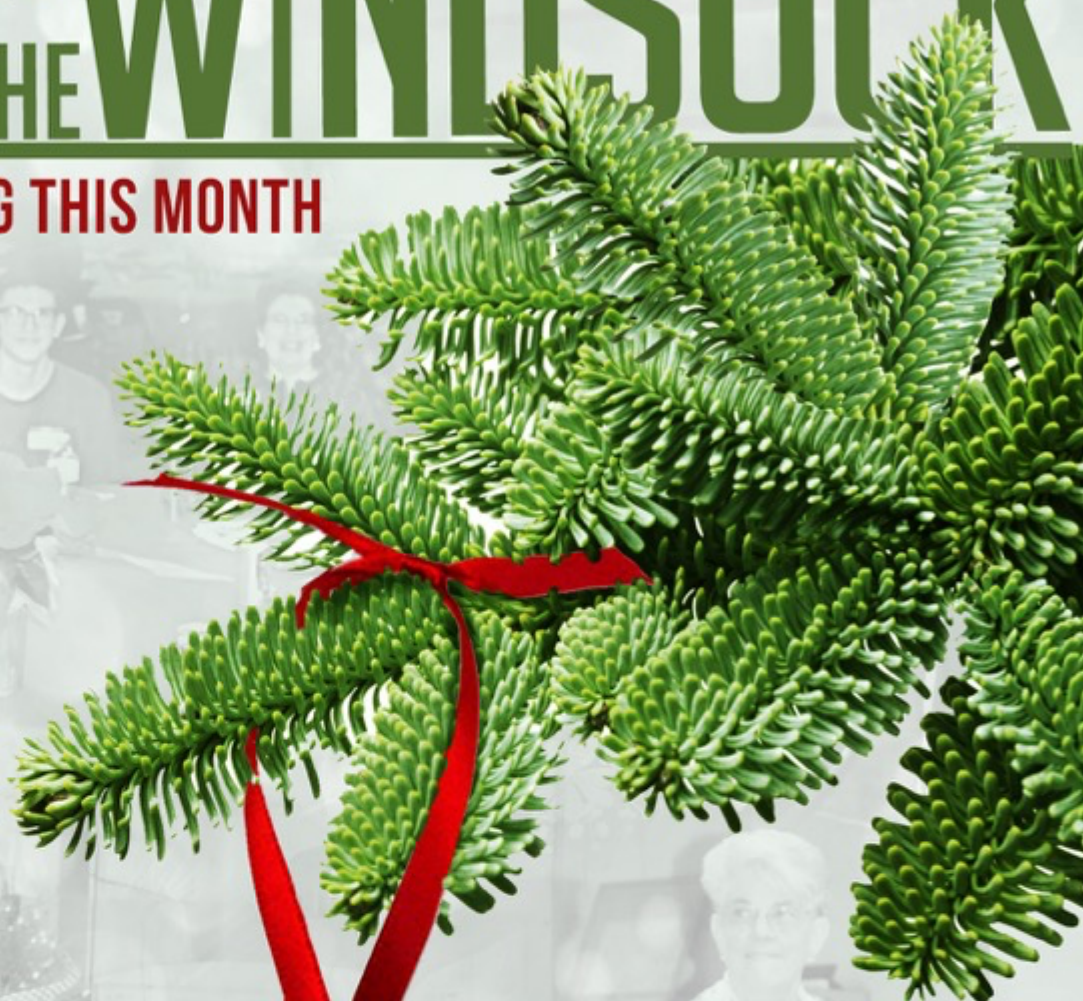
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NO PROGRAM MEETING THIS MONTH





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As we all head off for that happy place where we spend our holidays, I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Of course, this is the time of year that we look backwards with some introspection and we look forward with renewed hopes for an even better year ahead! Over these past 12 months, we presented more than 50 different programs and events. Most of them were quite successful. The remainder will be improved or removed from our schedule next year.

If I can ask for one thing, If you haven't already, **please take the chapter survey** (details below.)

Just a reminder that the IMC/VMC Club has moved to its winter schedule.

Even though our event schedule slows down a bit this time of year, we are still very busy planning for next year. I would especially like to thank the members of the programming team who sat down recently to develop a very robust schedule of programs and events for 2024

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

CHAPTER SURVEY

If you have taken this survey, thank you very much!

If you have not yet completed the survey won't you please take a few minutes now to complete it and help our chapter maintain its gold level status.

As you know, EAA 5 is a gold level chapter. Only 7% of chapters achieve this highest level of recognition. Completion of this survey is one of the tools that help us reach that level. This survey tells HQ about how we function - what we do well and what needs work. The aggregate results are shared with the chapter 5 leadership team to shape our way forward.

Please take a few minutes to click the following link and complete the survey - it should take less than 5 minutes.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQHN2L5?utm_source=ch_annualsurvey_231108&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=chapters_2023&utm_content=accessrenewal&mkt_tok=OTewLVNFVS0wNzMAAAGPTxBAW3AM1LIW4cfoFB1XuEwY3ngqHvjqvYzANN9MiBn8cKxMSHOJ4SHwel08etlBwtXRw0ouIEy2Qw0Jf2Do

NEW MEMBERS

STEVE HALL

Steve moved here from Missouri in order to fly Caravans for Castle Aviation. A long time member of Chapter 1254, Steve has plenty of experience with Ray Aviation Scholars and flying Young Eagles!



2023 Chapter Member Satisfaction Survey

Thank you for being a part of the EAA Chapter Ne

* 1. What division/community at

- ☐ EAA
- ☐ IAC
- ☐ Vintage
- ☐ Warbirds
- ☐ Ultralight

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY PROGRAM MEETING

Schedule for **Monday January 15th**,
a Wings program w/**DEBBIE DOWNEY** –
using the Wings Program and FAASafety.gov
website. We will start with
dinner at 6:00 and **program at 7:00**.
More details will be in the January newsletter.

IMCVMC CLUB

Our January IMC/VMC Club meeting will be
Saturday, January 27th, donuts at 9:30pm,
meeting at 10:00. Meet over coffee and donuts
with pilots to discuss scenarios they have
experienced and work through real-world IMC
or VMC stories. If you were in this situation...
What would you do?

Topic: **UAA's (Understanding aviation acronyms)**

Our programs team is finalizing a full schedule
of events for 2024. A complete calendar of
2024 events will be in the January newsletter.



THE WRIGHT BROTHERS DISCOVER THE FIRST NIGHTMARE FLIGHT

RECENT EVENTS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

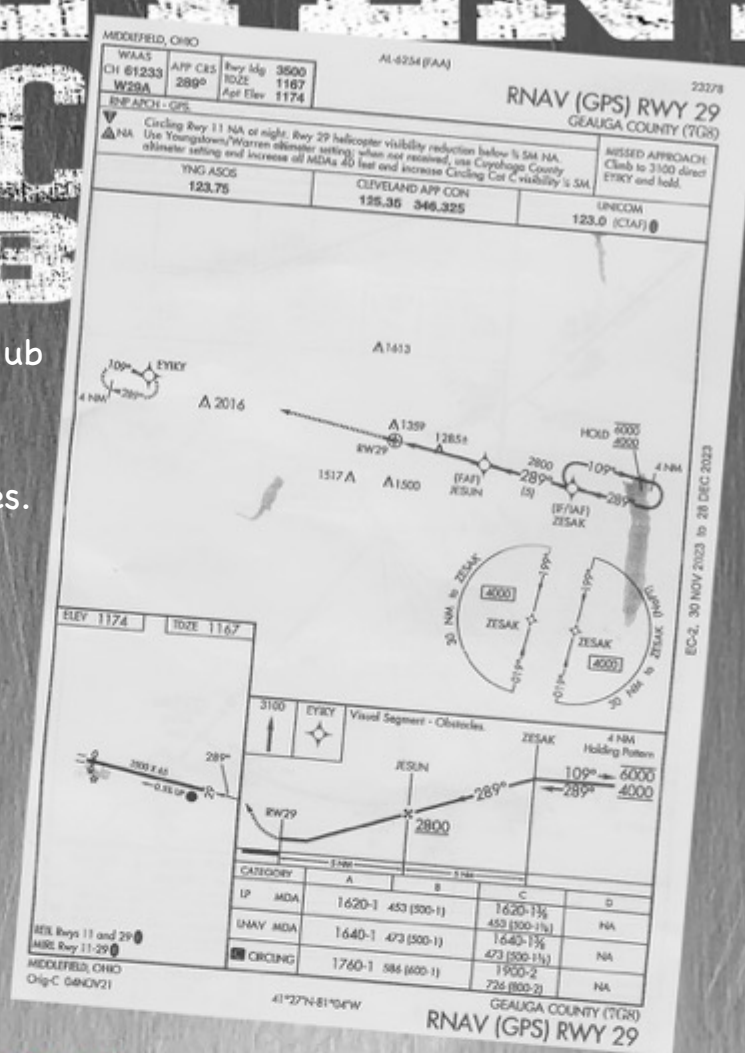
We kicked off the holiday season with our chapter Christmas Party on Saturday Dec. 2nd at the airport.



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On December 9th the IMC/VMC Club team presented a program on deciphering some of the more complex instrument approach plates. We thank **Ric Blamer** for this presentation.

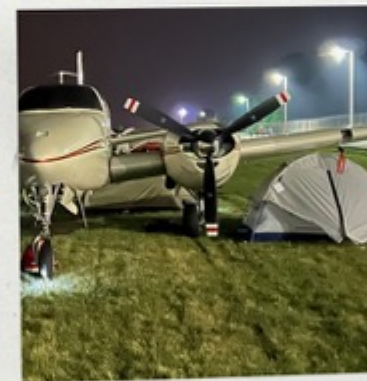
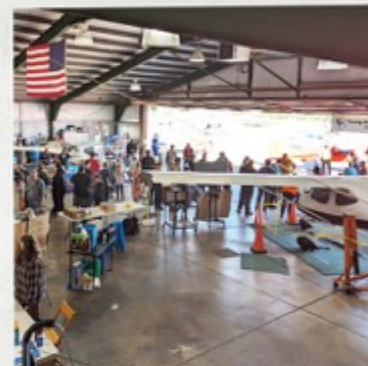


A LOOK BACK

2023 Has been a great year for chapter 5. Here's a quick look at some of the things we did this year.

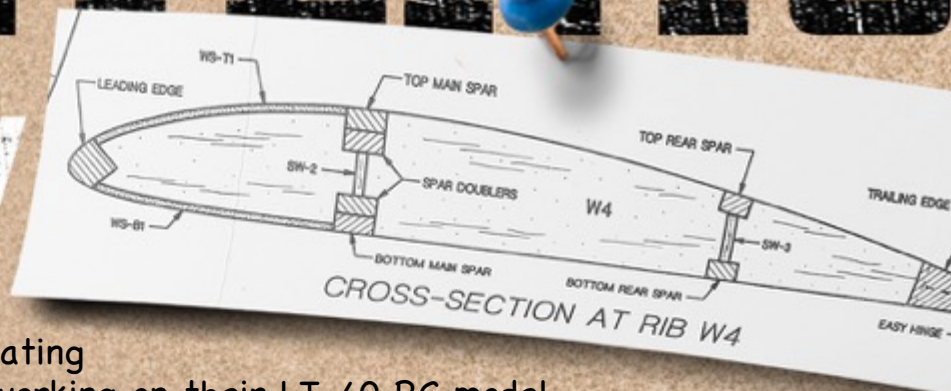


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BUILD AND FLY



The student members who are participating in our build-and-fly program are now working on their LT-40 RC model in our shop. Chapter members are welcome to stop in at any time and see the progress our students are making. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact **JOHN ASHLEY** or **SHERRY NIEDERKORN**.

ANNUAL DUES

Just as a reminder, chapter membership runs from January to December. We begin collecting dues for 2024 at the Christmas party. Everyone who pays dues by the end of February will appear in a roster distributed early in March.



ROSTER IMPROVEMENTS

Many members have mentioned that although the roster tells them who is in the chapter, they can't recognize any of the names without a face. In response, we will attempt to produce a roster that includes a thumbnail portrait of members. If you do not object to having your picture published, won't you please send a selfie to this email address: eaachapter5@gmail.com



FAVORITE FLIGHTS

During our visit to the Rochelle Municipal airport three years ago, I learned that the skydiving operation based there will let visiting pilots ride in the right seat if it's not occupied with a jumpmaster or jump pilot-in-training. We arrived in time for the last flight of the day and the right seat was open! After paperwork, I greeted the pilot, climbed



aboard the turbine-powered Cessna Grand Caravan C208B and ready to go. The 8 or 9 jumpers on board were going all the way to 14,500 msl. It took about 16 minutes to climb to our jump altitude. We were only up there for about 5 minutes, this was the highest I've ever been unpressurized, and I could feel the effects of the altitude. After setting up level and about 97kts on the jump run, the plane became

much lighter as all the jumpers departed level flight in rapid succession. After checking that the jumpers were clear, the pilot announced, "Hang On, here we go..." setting the prop



pitch to flat and pointing the nose down at what seemed a 45 degree angle (I'm sure it was less than that!) We headed back to the runway. The VSI was pegged at 2000ft/min and the airspeed was just short of redline as we headed for earth. It was time turn down wind...from about 10,000 feet! The first turn felt like it was 60 degrees, and I sank down into my seat further than I had ever experienced. I'm guessing it

must have been 3-4 G's! The next turn, it felt like nearly 90 degrees put us on base. One more steep turn at about 500 ft put us on final for the grass alongside the runway. We watched the last two jumpers make their final approaches and land as we taxied across the runway! From jumpers away to touchdown was about four minutes. The pilot said he does about 50 runs per week, often as high as 17,500ft! **What a ride! - TIM NEIDERKORN**

THE GIFT OF GIVING AND GETTING!



SHOP



FLY OUT SCHEDULE

Come fly with me
Baby doll,
but no more
fly-outs
for this
season,
we'll make
the scene
in the Spring!



UPCOMINGEVENTS

A complete calendar of **2024 EVENTS** will be in the January newsletter.
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>

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=gZ7_F12BiFQ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hA-e-B7rNo>



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