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# THE WINDSOCK

WINGS-OWNER MAINTENANCE **MONDAY OCT 16**, DINNER **6PM** - MEETING **7PM**





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Our last fly in of summer is in the logbook for 2023. This is a large event that takes many volunteers to operate successfully. Big thanks go out to all the members who showed up to volunteer and have some fun along the way.

Looking back over the summer, we held many successful events. I am particularly proud of the growing participation in our flyout program. So many members are taking advantage of these organized events to get out and fly together as a group.

As summer fades into the rearview mirror we look ahead to our fall programming. Our big social event for the winter season is of course, our Christmas party. This year it will be held on Saturday, December 2nd- save the date!

Our student members participating in the build and fly program will soon wind up their flight training at Corsair field and will move into the North Bay of our shop to start building their RC model.

At our annual meeting in November, we will elect a board of directors for the next term. We will also hear from our student members who went to Air Academy this summer.

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.

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!

# OCTOBER PROGRAM MEETING

## MONDAY OCTOBER 16

We'll start the evening with **dinner at 6:00pm** and our **program at 7:00.**

Dinner will be Chili. The Chapter will provide the chili. 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.**

**Wings Program** and **Arnie Wolfe**

from the FAA will put on a presentation about **owner maintenance** with emphasis on proper logbook entries and records.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## IMCVMC CLUB

Our **October** IMC/VMC Club meeting will happen on **Thursday, October 26th**, donuts at **6:30pm**, meeting at **7:00**. **Say Again?** We all know as general aviation pilots that practice makes perfect. Let's take a few minutes to discuss how to make clear and concise radio calls.

## PROJECT VISIT

On **Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30**, we'll visit **John Yocum's RV-14** project. Much progress has been made since the last time we visited.

Just set your GPS for:

**34975 Ada Dr, Solon, OH 44139**

Use the man door around the left side of the garage.



# RECENT EVENTS

## LAST FLY-IN OF SUMMER SATURDAY 9/16

Our fall fly in was quite successful. A large crowd of hungry attendees kept the kitchen crew busy all morning. The youth committee kept all of the kids busy. The Young Eagle team flew 130 Young Eagles. The ramp was very busy with YE planes and visitors coming and going all morning! A steady flow of transients, exhibit airplanes, and young eagle flights kept the ramp busy! We were particularly excited to welcome **Jack Venaleck** and his newly restored **Howard DGA** back to Geauga County Airport. Having the Howard sitting next to **Tony Debevc's Staggerwing** really makes for an impressive ramp.







## TABLE RAFFLE

The epoxy coffee table was raffled off at our fly-in on September 16th. County commissioner **Jim Dvorak** was on hand to draw the winning ticket. The winner is our own **Ken Gross** who picked up the table and said it was going straight into his living room.

**Jim Dvorak** - BOCC,  
**Ric Blamer** - wood worker,  
**Tim Connor** - epoxy, and  
**Gary Barnhart** - blacksmith.



# RECENT EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM MEETING

Our September meeting held on a beautiful, warm, dry Monday evening started with the last burgers and brats of the season. Our program featured a presentation by **Bryce Kujat**, President of the Cleveland Soaring Society. His presentation explained how aircraft of different categories can share the same airspace. Thanks to **Bryce** for sharing his insights.

## IMCVMC CLUB

Our September VMC Club meeting was somewhat unique in that we had several guest speakers. **Dave Schindler** and **Greg Ambruster** shared a couple of unique flights that they experienced recently. **Dave** told us about a partial power loss while on an instrument flight at 6000 ft. **Greg** told us how he handled a large bird strike shortly after takeoff from Portage County Airport.



# CLAMBAKE

This popular fall social event was held Sunday, October 1. The fall weather was absolutely perfect for this event – warm temps and bright clear skies! 28 members enjoyed this feast of clams, chicken, And all the fix'ns. To keep the fun going, a campfire lasted well into the evening.



# CHAPTER ELECTIONS

This year we will elect a board of directors at our Annual Meeting in November. There are three director's seats available. They will go to the top three candidates on the slate. The nominating committee has developed the following slate of candidates.

**Curtis Cook    Don Cunningham    John Rayle**

If you would like to nominate an additional candidate, just contact a member of the Nominating Committee prior to November 6.

**Brian Szuter** at [beszuter@gmail.com](mailto:beszuter@gmail.com)    **Rick Blamer** at [pilotric@gmail.com](mailto:pilotric@gmail.com)

# BUILD AND FLY

Student members continue to learn the skills required to fly an RC model. On Tuesday evenings at Corsair Field. In just a few short weeks they will begin building their own model in our shop. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact **John Ashley** or **Sherry Niederkorn**.



# FAVORITE FLIGHTS



UNITED STATES ARMY  
AIR FORCES

Not a flight but an event that led to me becoming a pilot....

In 1989 I had the honor of designing a commemorative poster for **LOCKHEED** to acknowledge the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the **P38 Lightning**. I got to meet with legendary test pilot and air racer **TONY LEVIER** several times. He inspired me to want to learn to fly when he told me, "you haven't lived until you've soloed". He was a remarkably energetic man in his 80's then and was a real living history of aviation.

The video below illustrates his flying ability and keen sense of humor. Lockheed also made a promo film about the P38 and I spent an evening in a Burbank hanger with the P38 then known as **White Lightning**, owned and flown by **Lefty Gardner**. It is now the polished beauty owned and flown by **REDBULL**.

- ROB BIRO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1T383sR1vw0&t=356s>



# CHAPTER 5 SWAG

**GIFTS FOR YOU, YOUR FAVORITE PILOT OR COPILOT!**

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Select **Store** from the buttons on the left side of screen.

**Scroll down** to merchandise page.

To **save** shipping charges, your order can be picked up at the airport several days after it is placed.

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# FLYOUT SCHEDULE

Sorry  
folks,  
no more  
fly-outs  
for this  
season,  
see you  
in the  
spring!



# UPCOMINGEVENTS

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>

## OCTOBER

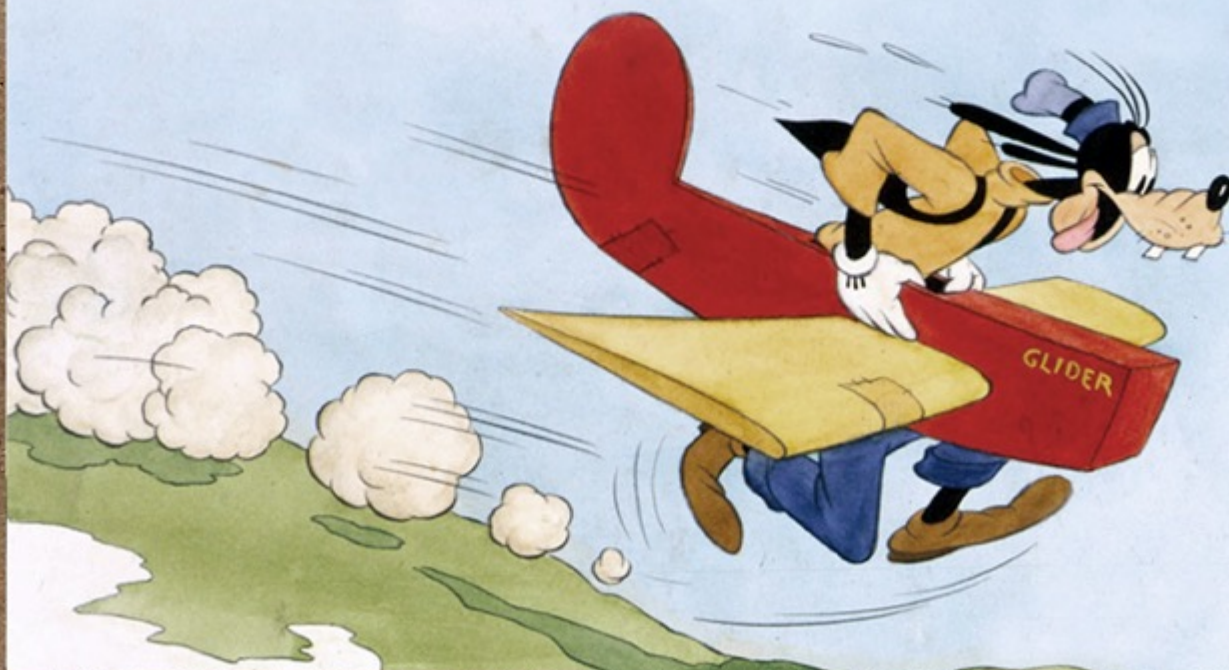
Clambake	01-Oct	
Business Meeting	09-Oct	
Project Visit	12-Oct	John Yochum - RV-14
Program Meeting	16-Oct	FAA Wings
VMC/IMC Meeting	26-Oct	

## 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	



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