



FEB2024NEWSLETTER

THE WINDSOCK

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT 7G8 MIDDLEFIELD, OHIO

MONDAY FEBRUARY 19 PROGRAM
FERRY PILOT KERRY MCCAULEY
DINNER 6PM - MEETING 7PM





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What an awesome winter!

With the exception of a few crummy days this has been one of the mildest winters I can remember. Some people have the enviable problem of trying to figure out when they are going to get an annual in between all of these good winter flying days we've had lately.

The daylight is getting longer and flying season is on its way.

Speaking of flying season, we have a summer full of excellent flying events. We have many flyouts to interesting destinations scheduled throughout the entire summer. We are keeping the airport busy with events here at 7G8 starting with our solar eclipse fly-in. Then we'll host fly-ins at LNN and 7G8. Returning again this year are the ever popular Siesta Fiesta, Solstice fly-out, Ice Cream Social, and Clambake.

Make sure to check out the full schedule at the end of this newsletter and we'll see you at the airport!

NEW MEMBERS

MARK OVERBY

Mark is retired from American Airlines. He spends his time flying the RV-7 that he built. Mark is based at Beaver County (KBVI) but you can expect to see him boring holes in the sky over Geauga County.

JENNIFER ELLIOT

Jennifer owns a Cessna 182 that she keeps at Portage County. We look forward to seeing her on our flyouts and other events.

KEN FOGLE

Ken is a past member who has spent the last five or six years based at other airports. He must not have been able to find anything better so he has returned to 7G8 where he now keeps a beautiful Cessna 182.

NEW RATINGS



CHRIS KOEPF

Congratulations go out to Chris who made his first solo flight on February 10th at 7G8.

NEW PROJECTS

On a glorious spring day **Rans Outbound** (S-21), serial #366 arrived at the **KING** family shop. Granddaughter **LARK** is just as excited as **BRIAN**! The kit was ordered 2 1/2 years ago at Oshkosh. But it's in the shop now and much progress is being made on the initial parts inventory.



RECENTEVENTS

January Wings Program - Our January meeting was held on Monday the 22nd. We enjoyed dinner of grilled cheese and bacon sandwiches put together by Don Cunningham and his team as well as tomato soup made by Patty Fulop.

Our presentation was an FAA Wings program put on by Debbie Downey. Debbie put on a very thorough presentation about how to use the FAA's safety.gov website. This is where the FAA makes all of its safety webinars available as well as where individual pilots track their Wings credits.

January IMV/VMC club - We held our January IMC / VMC club on Saturday January 27th. The Niederkorns were visiting from Arizona and so 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.

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.

VOLUNTEERCOORDINATOR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMCVMC CLUB

Our February IMC/VMC Club meeting happens

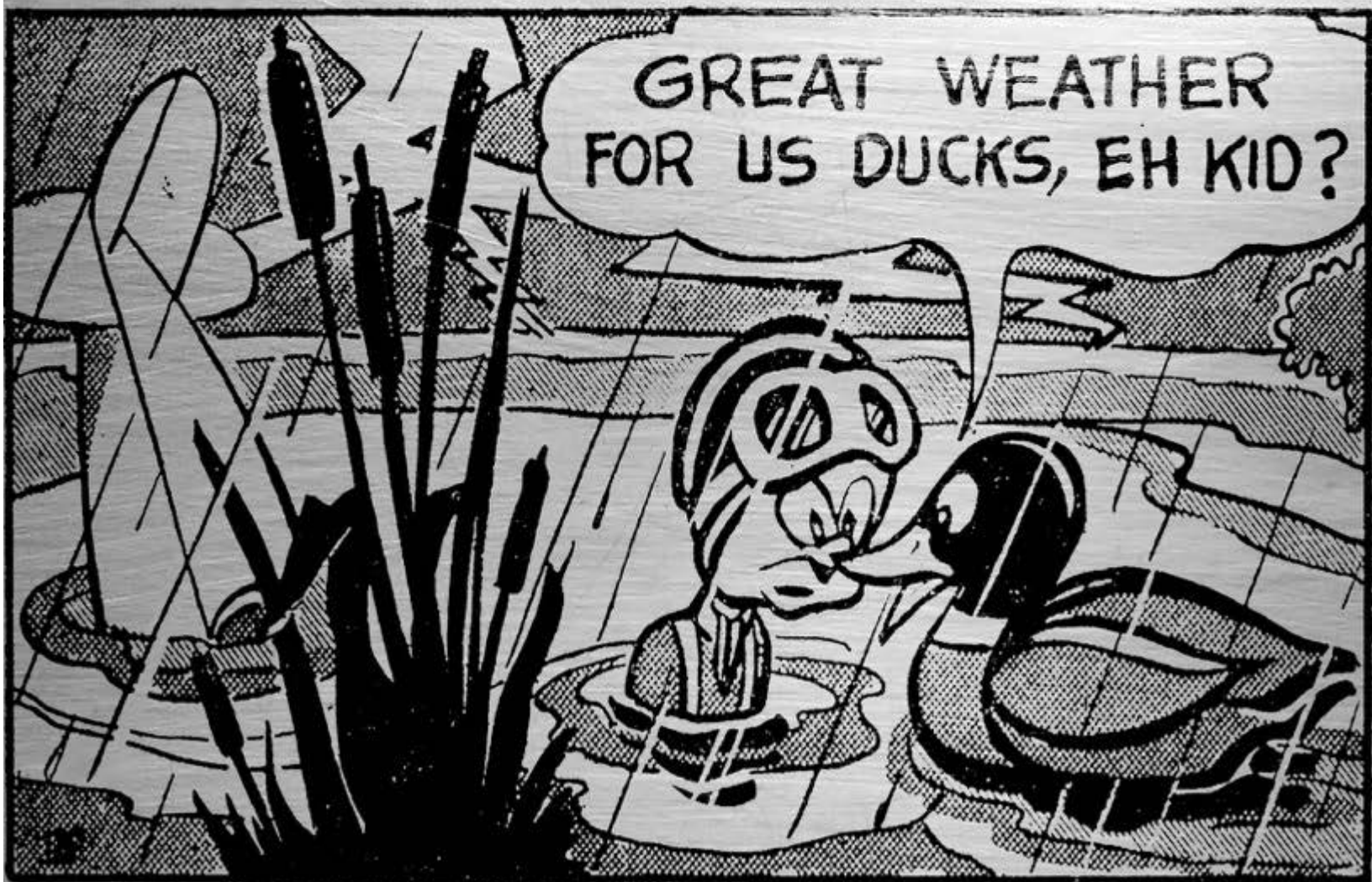
Saturday, February 24,

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?

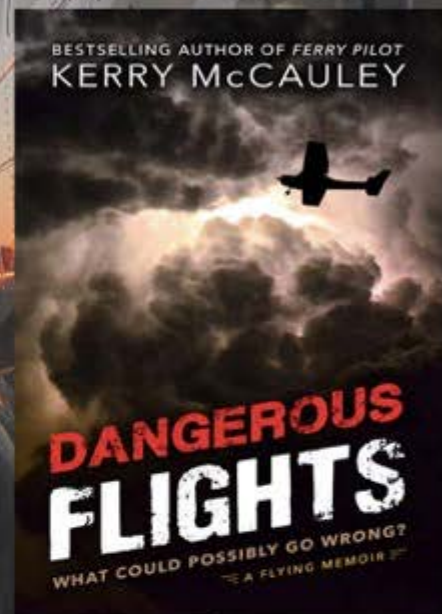
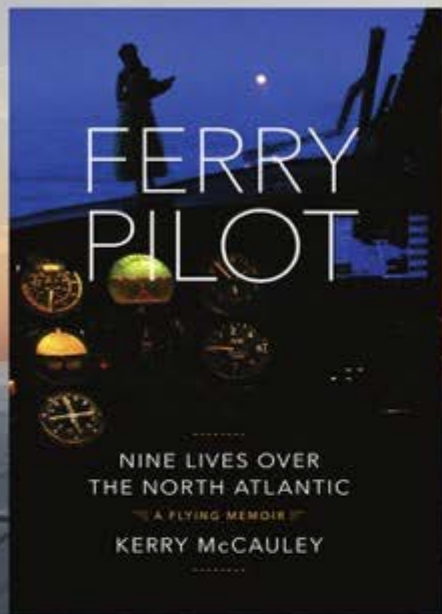
Our topic for this meeting is:

Aeronautical decision making and risk management!



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY PROGRAM MEETING



This month we will present a program by ferry pilot **KERRY McCAULEY**.

Kerry is an international ferry pilot, professional skydiver and corporate jet pilot.

He has over 9,000 hours in more than 50 different types of aircraft as well as 20,000 skydives.

His presentation will cover the world of international ferry flights.

Kerry has crossed three oceans over a hundred times delivering aircraft to 60 different countries.

We'll start this evening with a taco bar starting at 6:00pm. The chapter will provide meat and shells. Please bring some fix'ns to go with if you can. We'll need salad, refried beans, chips, salsa, shredded lettuce, chopped onion, diced tomatoes, sour cream, and desserts.

We will present this meeting on our big screen via Zoom from Kerry's home in Wisconsin. Here are meeting credentials for the presentation:

Tim Connor is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: February program meeting

Time: Feb 19, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83711556877?pwd=eGgyb2x6dTk5bmYzRFIVdVNQaUpVUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 1155 6877

Passcode: 469189

UPCOMING EVENTS



SOLAR ECLIPSE FLY-INS APRIL 8 2024

Our chapter will be involved at 2 Eclipse fly-ins.

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

If you live on the North Coast anywhere nearby, please assist Patty with her event.

Call or text her at 440-321-9036 to volunteer.

On 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 need people to help with the lunch service as well as aircraft parking.



UPCOMING EVENTS

A&P SCHOLARSHIP FORMED

The EAA Chapter 5 Board of Directors is pleased to announce the creation of an
EAA Chapter 5 A&P Scholarship program!

As we all know, qualified A&P's (like airline pilots) are in short supply. While there is a country-wide shortage, EAA 5 is looking ahead to make sure we have A&P's here at Geauga County Airport. Just imagine if you needed a repair, or it is time for your annual and there is no A&P mechanic on our field!

Our solution is to "grow our own" Chapter 5 style!

We have identified **Matt Johnson** as our first scholarship candidate. Matt has been working with our own AI, **Don Cunningham**, for the last ten years and is now ready to attend A&P school to begin his licensing process. The program is 3 weeks long and the total cost is approximately \$5,000.

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. Given our Chapter history of generosity, we fully expect the fund to be oversubscribed and any excess dollars will be kept for the second A&P Scholarship. 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.

Matt's A&P course begins in **April**.
So don't delay, send a contribution now.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PITOTSTATICCHECKS

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.**

PAINTING PARTY

Linn Obery is leading an effort to repaint the airport lobby floor. Tactical planning is evolving as this goes to print. The bottom line is we're on the way to having a beautiful, welcoming lobby – indicative of a top tier EAA Chapter and an airport that is growing by leaps and bounds. Stay tuned! A painting plan email will come out soon.

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. This project is beginning to wind down as covering the fuselage continues along with hinging the wing, rudder, and elevator, and more!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

AVAILABLE PROJECTS

We are accepting 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.

You might be interested in completing a partially built **SMITH** mini plane project, contact Sherry Niederkorn for details:
440 477 1198
sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com



TAKE NOTE

SPRINGFIESTA

Save the Date - Sunday May 5, 2024

Lunch served at 12:00 noon on the ramp @ 7G8

Order form coming soon! Deadline for orders is Sunday, April 22, 2024

All meals are pre-order only.

SYAC

Dates July 8-12, 2024

Volunteers needed

Pilots needed for Private YE event July 13 or 14 for campers (weather dependent) Registration for campers open soon.

March 10 - First planning meeting on ZOOM at 1:00 pm ET.

FLYINGSTART

May 19 - Mentor Pilots needed to give rides to adults and then mentor them along their way to a private pilots' license.



TAKE NOTE

LAST CALL FOR DUES

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 dues online with PayPal. Click Join or Renew on the chapter homepage and follow the prompts. Online dues are \$26.00 for the year (the extra dollar helps to cover the PayPal fees).

Just use this link: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea5/join-or-renew>

FOLDED WINGS

RANDY SWEET

EAA Chapter 5 member and enthusiastic Comanche pilot at Geauga County Airport, he provided Young Eagles plane rides which inspired the interest of young minds in aviation. He will be missed.



LOGBOOK

LOOKING BACK IN TIME: Amey Park submitted this photo taken by her great-grandparents at their home in Calcutta, Ohio. Hearing a noise overhead and rushing outside with a camera to take a photo of an airplane flying by, evidently a rare and wondrous site in rural 1920!

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*Taken in the yard of the
Kirkbride Home near Calcutta.*

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SUPPORT CHAPTER 5

Don't take off without putting on your Chapter 5 colors!

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



SHOP



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



2024 CALENDAR

JULY

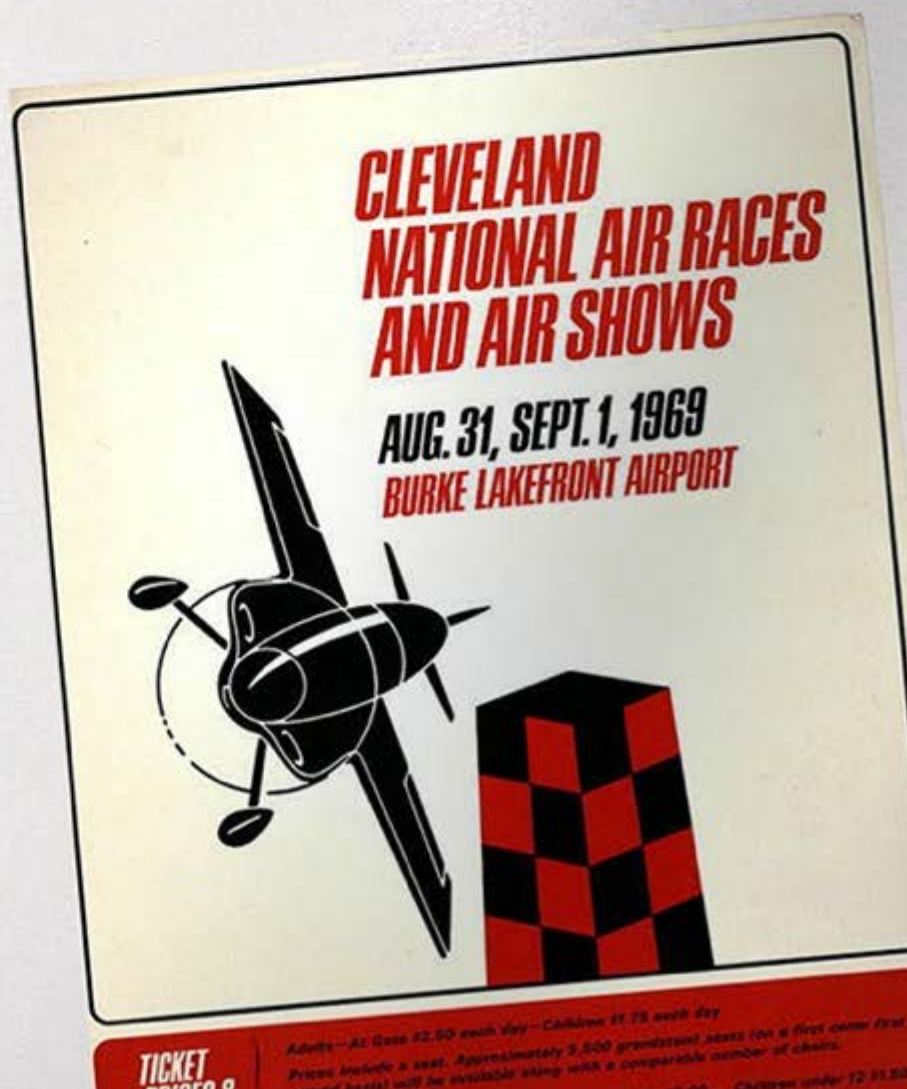
Business Meeting	02-JUL
Hanger Party	06-Jul Barker/Atwood hanger at POV
Summer Camp	08/12- Jul
Program Meeting	15-Jul Wings-the Complete 10 minute WX Check for VFR pilots
Oshkosh AirVenture	22/28-Jul

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



2024 CALENDAR

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>

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

