

EAA 50 April 2023 Newsletter

Presidents Corner

Well in my opinion March 2023 for EAA 50 was par excellent. Our March educational meeting presented by member Jeremy Colvin was outstanding and enjoyed by all in attendance. Which reminds me! When was the last time you attended a program or event conducted by your chapter? I would love to see you become active you will learn flight safety, aircraft owner mechanics, building practices, camaraderie with aircraft people that own, are pilots, or simply love aviation. Just plain fun! Here is what's already planned for the balance of 2023! April 8th Educational meeting 50's Gathering Room. – May 13th "Hanging at Hinde" Spring Fly in. – June 10th Ben & JoAnn are bringing the Veterans back for the "Veterans Fly In". – June 24th "Young Eagles" flights at the Historic Hinde Airport 88D. --July Oshkosh's 70th year celebration. – August 5th Educational meeting at the Gathering Room, pictures & discussions by the people who attended Oshkosh! – September 9th the famous "Galloway Chili Fly In" at Mather Field! – October 6th 50's Annual "Oktoberfest Celebration" – November 19th Annual Fall "Banquet" – December 1st. Our Annual Christmas Celebration! It's clear lots of fun bring family and guests.

Your Board is trying to eliminate the little or no interest earned on our savings account therefore the board, certified Treasurer Wes Missler, to transfer monies to purchase Government T- Bills at almost 5% interest for 6 months. What's special about this investment is there is very little or no danger of loss!

Plane of the Month Boeing B-17



The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress is a four-engine heavy bomber developed in the 1930s for the United States Army Air Corps. Relatively fast and high-flying for a bomber of its era, the B-17 was used primarily in the European Theater of Operations and dropped more bombs than any other aircraft during World War two. **Between 1937 and 1945, 12,731 B-17s were built. Roughly 4,735 were destroyed during World War II and while thousands of them continued to be used in various military and civilian applications around the world, most were eventually retired or destroyed.**

EAA Announces Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20

Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the checkride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

"Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process," said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. "Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is." Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at EAA.org/LTFWeek.



**Departing Oshkosh 2023
100 Vietnam Veterans will take an Honor Flight to Washing DC.**

Ladies in the Nifty 50

Have you as a member ever thought about how important the generations of women have been to aviation, and what the contributions they have made to EAA50. We always talk about the contributions of membership but how often do we talk about members spouses, daughters, and female friends that help in many areas of EAA 50's operations. Example at JoAnn and my EAA 50 Gleason Veterans Fly In. I suspect 90% of the covered dishes brought to the event are made by women. 100% of the members behind our serving table women. Clean up, many women volunteers. Now, this is the same at every event no matter where it's held. If it was not for our spouses driving our event and helping it simply would not be as successful! Women have helped mankind since their existence, so I simply want to give a big shout out to all the ladies of EAA 50 and give you all a big Thank You! You're all appreciated for everything!



Women Pilots 1929 Santa Monica California! We need to get more than these numbers flying out of the Historic Hinde Field. I know there out there tell me how to recruit.

Kentucky museum hosts its first Girls in Aerospace Program

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LEXINGTON, Kentucky — The Aerospace Education Center at [The Aviation Museum of Kentucky](#) recently held its first-ever Girls in Aerospace program, aimed at encouraging girls between the ages of 10 and 17 to explore the world of aviation and aerospace, as well as pursue careers in the field.

Girl scouts and their advisor were selling Cookies in front of a business in Vermilion. We had a personal discussion about why EAA 50 could do Boy Scout Aviation Merit badges, but the Girl Scouts program was always a no interest. We are meeting for a tour of Hinde and Jessica thinks this is cool.

