

# EAGLE'S PROPWASH

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CHAPTER 113 "The Backyard Eagles"



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the 3rd Thursday of each  
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Nigel Thompson with two of the Young Eagles participants, September 14, 2024.

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### **CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT:**

*"EAA Chapter 113's major focus is on the relationships with people who have diverse aviation interests, centered around their love of flight, fellowship, learning, and fun.*

*Chapter members have a passion for flying and are willing to share it with others.*

*Chapter 113 provides the opportunity for exchange of information, as well as the interaction that leads to friendships that last a lifetime."*

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

*"The Board of Directors are to provide both advice and assistance to the chapter officers on an ongoing basis."*

## Presidents Podium October 2024



Greetings Chapter 113 members and friends.

Our first fall Young Eagles event was Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The weather was nearly perfect and although we were a few volunteers short of optimum, all the registered youth was able to take flight. We'd like to thank Will Minnette from Ann Arbor Chapter 333 for flying his Cherokee 6 at our Young Eagle event to help ease the workload.

The final EAA 113 Young Eagles event for 2024 will be Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>. This event will be special as all the youth will be *First Time Young Eagles!* Its amazing how fast the online registration filled up. It tells us there is a lot of interested youth still looking to join in the fun. The volunteer briefing will start promptly at 8 am so we can start flying right after. As always, we need volunteers to keep things running smoothly, so if you haven't already done so, please let Debbie know if you can help. Her email address [events@eaa113.org](mailto:events@eaa113.org) or you can text / call her at 734-751-5871. Please give her as much advance notice as possible.

And speaking of youth getting involved in aviation, we recently heard from Chapter 113 Young Eagle, and Chapter 113 / Ray Scholarship recipient, Blake Smokovitz. Blake has graduated from the Lansing Community College, Aviation Maintenance Technology Center, having earned his FAA Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic license. He was immediately hired by the airlines and is based in Marquette. Congratulations Blake!

The October 17th Chapter 113 Gathering speaker will be Larry Diamond. Larry has a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree and has been a pharmacist for 37 years. Larry's pharmacy practice has been as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Cardiology, Orthopedic Surgery Specialist and most recently Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator. He is a local CFII, a published author and a pilot for 33 years. Don't miss it!



Stay up to date with EAA 113 at [www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org) and follow us on Facebook! **And mark your calendar for our November 9<sup>th</sup> Chili Fly-In!**

Happy Landings - John Maxfield

## EAA 113 Board Meeting Minutes September 12, 2024

**Attendance:** Rick Karaschin, Dan Jones, Jim Brown, Dave Buck, Al Bosonetto, Debra Redding, Randy & Liz Hebron, Jack McClellan

**Absent:** John Maxfield, David Edmonds, Dave Steiner

**Treasurer's Report:** Final report from Jim Brown for results of Pancake Breakfast - = \$2,767.34 net profit. Spent \$3800 for sewage pump replacement.

**Secretary's Report:** Current overall membership stands at 112. Need to train Rick and Herb on using "Our Chapter" software for messages to all members for meeting invites.

**Builder's Meeting Report:** Topic for next meeting on Oct 3 will be how to fill out required FAA documents.

**IMC/VMC Club Report:** Next meeting Oct 24 - seemingly in conflict with same meetings in Ann Arbor chapter.

**Newsletter Report:** Liz requests the Mason Chapter be added to our newsletter mailings as we exchange with them every month. Also would like to add list of active builders.

**Library Report:** no report

**Events:** Young Eagles – discussed next event Oct 12

**Young Builders:** Flying Start was held Aug 24th. Young Eagles – next event Oct 12. Chili Fly-in tentative date Nov 9.

**Membership Gathering:** October's speaker will be Larry Diamond. Larry has a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree and has been a pharmacist for 37 years. Larry's pharmacy practice has been as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Cardiology, Orthopedic Surgery Specialist and most recently Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator. He is a local CFII, a published author and a pilot for 33 years. Building: Need to have main hangar heater inspected this fall and consider CO2 detection units as well.

### **EAA 113 Goals for 2024**

1. Be a Great Chapter
2. Increase membership – bring a friend month?
3. Member project in workshop

**Next meeting:** October 10, 2024

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:20 pm

# Young Eagle News

October 12th, 2024—Please HELP!!!



The final Young Eagle Event of 2024 at EAA Chapter 113 will be **Saturday, October 12th from 8:00-11:30. WE URGENTLY NEED PILOTS AND GROUND SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS!!** The safety briefing and job assignments will begin at 8:00 a.m.

We have had an overwhelming request from youth wishing to sign up for our Young Eagle flights. Therefore, the decision was made to allow only FIRST TIME youth to register for this last event of the year. Within, 36 hours we had 48 NEW young people signed up and sadly, had to turn away 30 other returning Young Eagles and still have another dozen on a wait list.

It would be wonderful to have enough help, both as ground support and pilots to allow all of these young people the opportunity to experience flight. Our September event had people doubling up on jobs just so we could cover all our bases. Please consider helping out for this event! Trust me, the *Smiles* on these First Time Flyers will be well worth your time! We MUST have more volunteers to keep these events SAFE and efficient.

Please let Debbie know as soon as possible so we can ensure we have the support needed for the event.

# Memories from the September Young Eagles Day



Thank you to our Ground Crew:

Al Bosonetto

Jim Brown

Dave Steiner

Skip Becker

Cheryl Webb

Youth Club Volunteers:

Mack

Joshua

Finnegan

Martin Filiatrault, Photographer & Guide



Thank you to our Pilots:

Will Minnette

Rick Karaschin

Nigel Thompson

John Maxfield

Dirk Wolf

Dan Jones



More of Martin's  
photos from our  
September  
Young Eagle Day



# QUICKIE FIELD OF DREAMS FLY-IN

By Sanjay Dhall

The Quickie Field of Dreams 2024 fly in was held at Decorah, Iowa again this year the weekend September 5-8.

Weather moving slowly on Friday and Saturday from the west through Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan kept me from flying out on Friday. On Saturday the weather hung on over lake Michigan and Indiana making for another unique cross country flying experience for this rookie pilot. I was able to avoid the moderate to heavy precipitation along the early one-third of the route by having started at a higher altitude, then (not planned) continuing to climb to nearly 11000 feet to remain clear and above the clouds. Before long I had crossed most of the way over the lake and was looking at the Chicago skyline. I gained further experience chatting with Chicago Center requesting if I could fly over Ohare, which they promptly denied. Rapid descent and going south around Chicago class B. I wish I had taken pics of the Southwest Airlines 737 flying a few thousand feet below me.

The rest of the flight was not as exciting, but was abundantly pleasant, and included a fuel stop, and rural Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa landscapes. Landed into beautiful sunny weather in Iowa. And spent time with many old and new Quickie friends. It was a warm gathering. There were 10 planes that came for the fly-in. 6 Quickies, 1 vari-eze, 2 cozy, 1 Cessna 150. The return flight on Sunday was uneventful and just as pleasant.

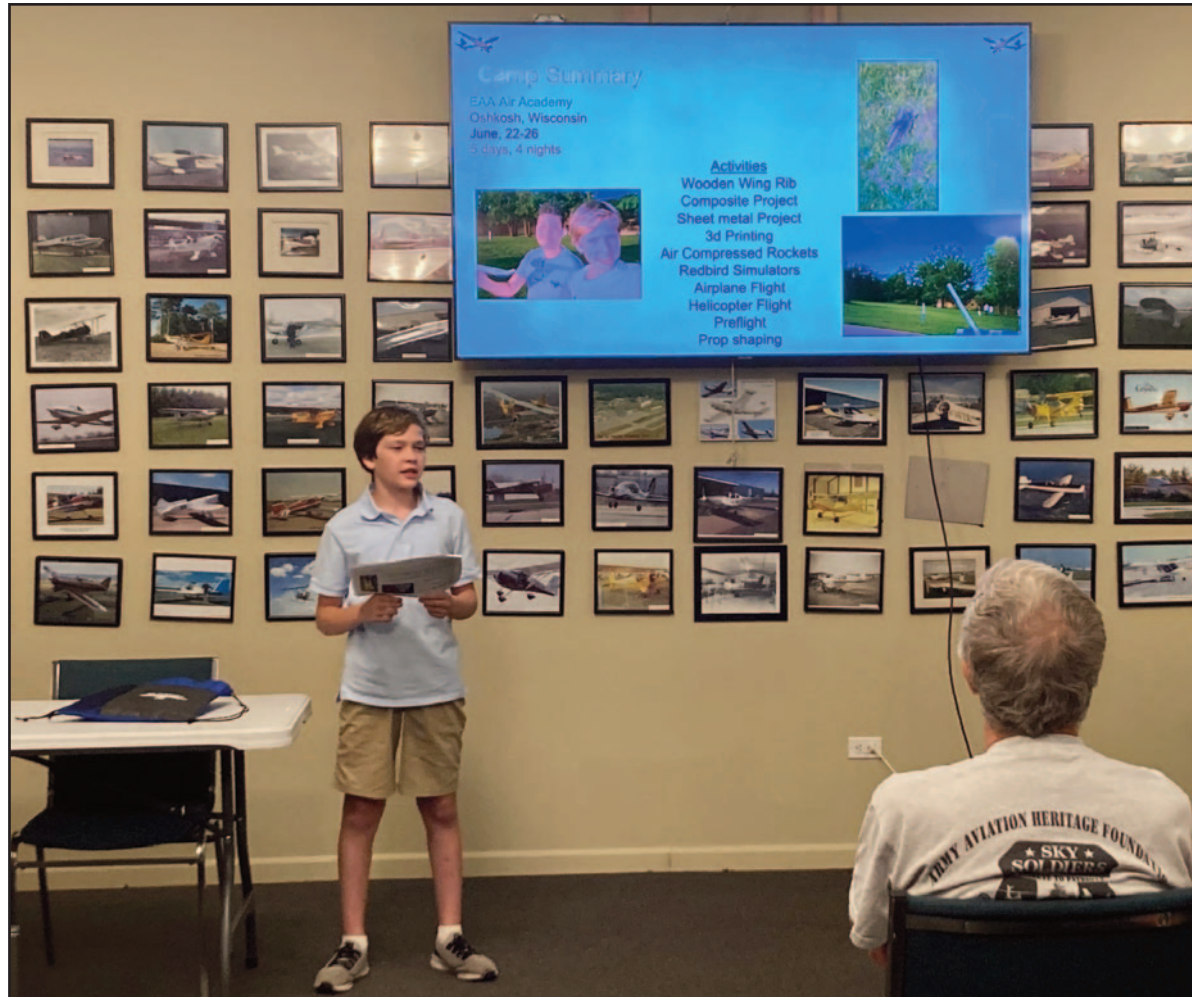






# CHAPTER 113'S 2024 AIR ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER DRAKE STONE

At the September 18th Chapter gathering, Drake gave a very professional report about his experiences at the 2024 Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI. We wish this young man with big plans for the future the best of luck in attaining his goals.



# YOUNG BUILDERS WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 21,2024

By Elizabeth MacKenzie Hebron

I had the pleasure of helping out at this month's workshop. The project was to build a wooden "whirly-gig." This involved tracing the wings and fuselage on pieces of wood; cutting them out using a bandsaw; and then sanding all the parts. Spinners were shaped using a belt sander. Propellers were cut out in a choice of lightweight aluminum or thin wood. At the end of the morning, the projects were in various stages of completion. At the October workshop the kids will be able to finish their whirly-gigs. This is an amazing group of highly motivated young people whose building skills are becoming more and more proficient.



The whirly-gig project.



*Photos below courtesy of Sanjay Dhall.*



# 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL INDIANA SEAPLANE SPLASH-IN, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024.

By Randy Hebron

This annual event takes place on Lake James at the Pokagon State Park near Angola, IN. There was a total of 24 aircraft attending this year's event. Saturday events included a Poker Run to four area seaplane bases; a spot landing contest; and in the evening, the BBQ and bonfire, with Air Indiana Skydiving's drop of jumpers from a Cessna 182 onto the runway near the bonfire.

I flew my Volmer Sportsman down early Sunday morning. Four fellow Chapter 113 members drove down for the weekend and we all met up. Events on Sunday included four rounds of raffle ticket rides giving 30 people rides.

The 2024 Indiana Seaplane Splash-in continued to be a safe, family-oriented event. The date for next year's Splash-in is September 20-21, 2025.



Chapter 113 members Sharon and Joe Kirik, Randy, Sherry and Jim Brown with the Volmer Sportsman.



Lake James, Pokagon State Park.



The Volmer was popular with people of all ages.



Republic SeaBea RC-3 in front of the Potawatomi Inn, on Lake James.



Matt Pratt's Grumman G-44A Widgeon.



# STINSON HAPPENINGS

By Dave James



Last year one of our long time Stinson family members, Lynn Stough passed, and our intent was to fly a Stinson over the cemetery service. Due to the Canada wildfire smoke it couldn't happen. Sadly, last week his wife Norma passed.

On September 12, 2024, at her graveside service, we had 4 Stinsons do a formation flyover of the cemetery. Joan and I in our straight 108, Tim and Mary Hogan in their 108-1, Chuck Lawrence in his 108-2, and Carl Shemwell in his 108-3. I'd say we were well represented at the service. Their son said when we made the first pass overhead there wasn't a dry eye at the service. When I get some pics from the ground I'll put them on Facebook.

On a happier note, I attended a Stinson picnic September 14th near my hangar at KYIP.



# MARTIN FLIES WITH RANDY HEBRON IN HIS VOLMER SPORTSMAN!

By Martin Filiatrault

On August 15 I attended the EAA Chapter 113 general meeting, held on the third Thursday of each month. We started earlier than usual that evening to host a hot dog & burger barbecue and do some extended post-OSH socializing. Sticking with my own current theme, I was telling everyone who would listen how much I missed flying and owning my own aircraft. Our esteemed newsletter editor Elizabeth Hebron suggested that maybe I could go for a ride in Randy Hebron's Volmer Sportsman sometime.

I had learned about the Volmer VJ-22 Sportsman back in the '80s when I started my research into homebuilt aircraft. I had considered that design, along with other amphibians, before deciding to build my RV-8. When I joined Chapter 113, Randy's Sportsman would occasionally be on display at some of the meetings and Chapter events. Although it was very cool to see a VJ-22 in person, I doubted I'd ever get a chance to ride in one. I figured I'd be too big and too heavy to fit. I expressed those same doubts to Liz that evening, mentioning my current weight.

Randy had been flying the plane earlier that evening; I had watched him land and later observed him making his logbook entries. He crunched the numbers and acknowledged that the weight and balance with me aboard would be very close to the max weight. I walked out to the apron and examined the aircraft, as I always did whenever it was present. Randy asked me if I wanted to see if I could get in and out of it. I thought it might be worth a try and carefully followed his ingress instructions. It was a bit tight, but I fit. Next, he checked to see if the harnesses would fit around me and, indeed, they did. The next thing I knew, Randy was climbing in next to me and strapping in. My gosh... was this really going to happen?



I was thrilled, but also slightly dismayed. My cell phone and my Garmin Virb camera were on site but they weren't with me in the plane. I wasn't going to ask Randy to get them, or worse, make him wait for me to clamber out and clamber back in. I felt naked without them, but Randy was kind enough to lend me his cell phone to capture a few photos and video clips. He started the O-320 engine and as we began to taxi to the runup area my excitement began to build. For decades I'd dreamed of flying in a Volmer amphibian and tonight that dream was about to come true!

We took off to the south and followed the standard left downwind departure procedure before heading northwest. I wasn't sure what Randy had in mind; he asked if I would like to head over to Whitmore Lake for some water landings. I said I'd love it!





There was a variable overcast and we got a few sprinkles on the windshield as we approached the lake. The first approach and touchdown were just sublime. It had been decades since I'd last ridden in a floatplane and over fifty years since I landed on water in a hull amphibian. There is truly no other experience that compares to landing on water in a small flying boat! As we slowed down and settled into the water I could tell the waterline was just about at the same level as my seat. I had no worries; this plane was in its element and had been doing this since Randy first restored it in 1985.





When we began to power up for takeoff we were on the step in about 10 seconds and in the air in 20 seconds. I was quite impressed with the performance; once the hull got on the step the plane accelerated very quickly. We took off to the south, banked left and followed a figure-eight pattern across the center of the lake, descending and banking right to follow the north shoreline before straightening out to land again. I didn't take photos or video of this landing; I just allowed myself to experience it, and it was wonderful. I did capture our second takeoff.



I took a few more photos as we flew back to 1D2 and caught the landing on video. We taxied back to Randy's hangar on the east side, tucked the plane away and caught a ride back to the Chapter hangar. We had missed pretty much the whole meeting, but that was fine with me. I was still basking in the glow of the experience; at that moment, nothing else mattered!



A few days later Liz met me at the Chapter hangar and gave me a thumb drive with the photos and video clips I caught on Randy's phone. She also included some bonus video that her granddaughter Samantha had captured on her GoPro last July when Randy gave her a similar flight to Whitmore Lake. They had mounted the GoPro on the left float strut facing the fuselage, and it gave an excellent perspective from that angle.



I combined my photos and video clips with Samantha's video and created a movie that I shared on my YouTube channel. It's only 18 minutes long and definitely worth watching!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NC8sWK5zzuE>

Liz and Randy Hebron gave me an experience that had been on my wish list for most of my life. I will always be grateful for that, and cherish the memory forever.



Randy's Volmer Sportsman over Otsego Lake.

# CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS TO THE RESCUE

By Elizabeth MacKenzie Hebron

Last Saturday, a group of dedicated volunteers from Chapter 113 came together at the home of members Barb and Grant Cook to tackle two major tasks that Barb and Grant are unable to accomplish themselves. The crew mowed and weed whacked about 2 acres of grass and brush, and made space in the attached garage for their 1943 Jeep. The Jeep was unearthed from the barn and towed up the hill to the house, then pushed into the garage where it will be safe.

Barb shared some of the wonderful history she and Grant have with this Jeep. While they were in the military in Germany, it was purchased for Grant at an auction by a Belgium friend from the Luxembourg Army (NATO standards). Barb drove the Jeep to work at an Air Force Base every day. When they were discharged from the Army, Grant had the Jeep shipped to New York in mid-December, 1970. Grant also purchased a matching military trailer in Bastogne, Belgium which he also had shipped back. Many Belgians along their route showed their appreciation by flashing them the “V for victory sign” as thanks for what Americans did there that cold December in 1944 (Battle of the Bulge). They still have this trailer, too.

They picked the Jeep up in New York and drove it back to Ann Arbor. Grant had to buy new batteries in New Jersey to replace the ones damaged in the process of offloading the Jeep from the ship in New York. She may be showing her age, but is complete with all her original parts.



Some of the area mowed and weed whacked.



Randy Hebron, Tom Smith, David Groat, Dion Zammit, and Roger Gehle.  
Not shown in this photo are crew members Laura Zammit and Liz Hebron.



Grant and Barb with their 1943 Jeep on Saturday.



Grant and Barb with the Jeep in Zweibruecken, West Germany in 1969.

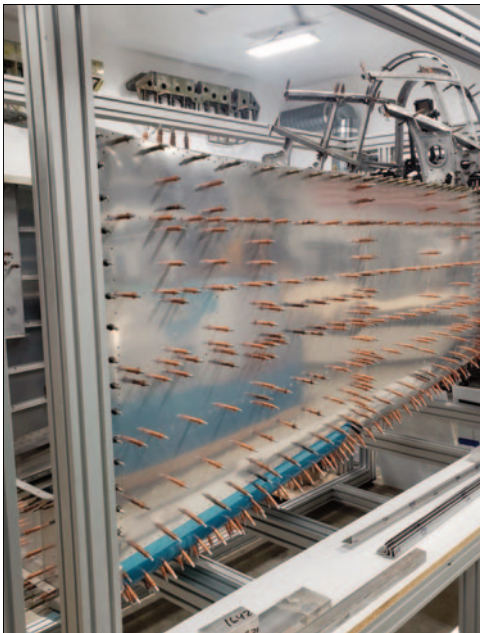
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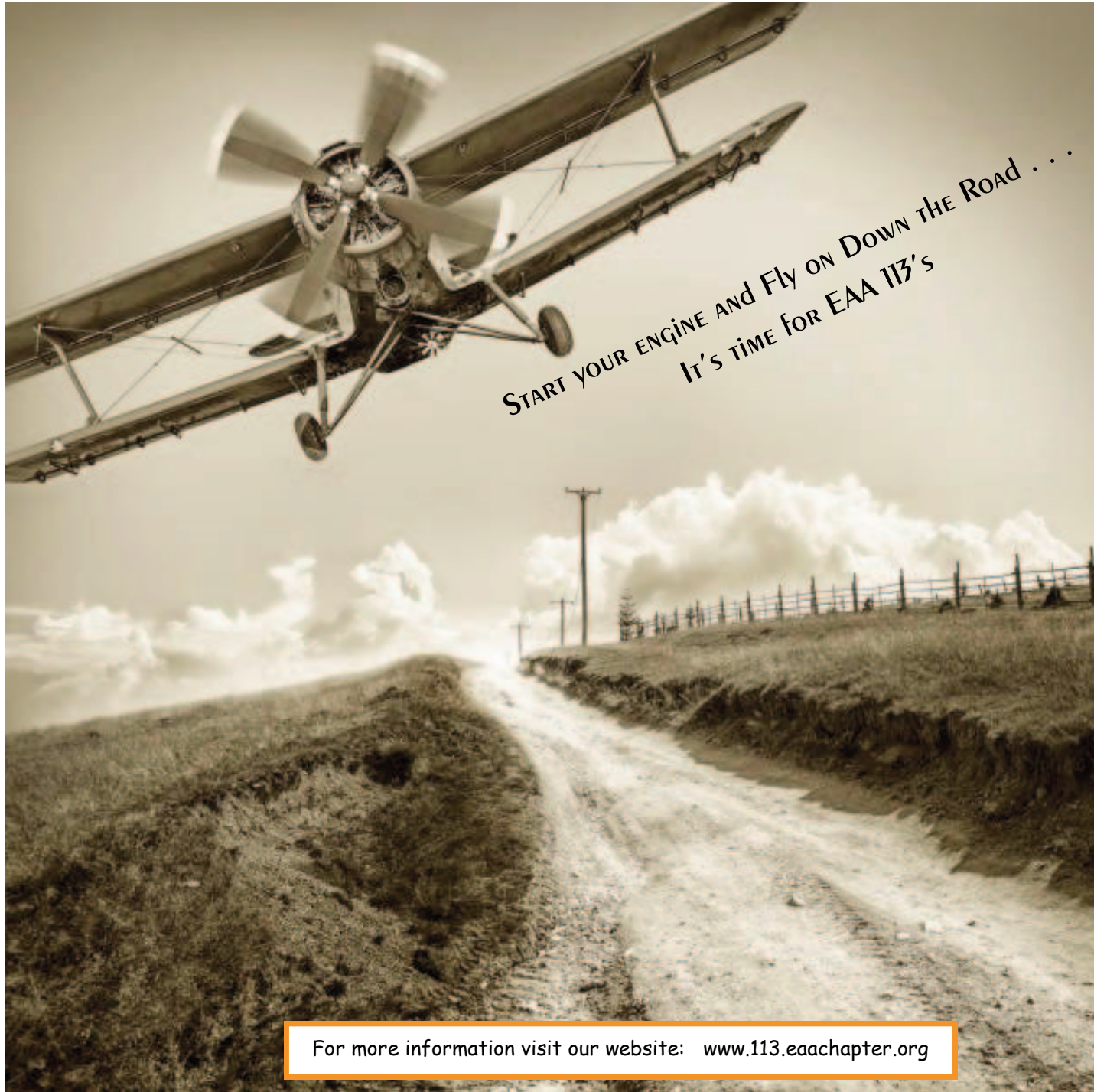
My appreciation for you guys is greater than you can imagine.

Editor's Note: The members of Chapter 113 truly are a family, and take care of their own, as this day demonstrated. When I sent out a call for volunteers to help Barb and Grant with two major, overwhelming tasks they needed to have done, this wonderful group of people came together and made things happen. Thank you for all your time and hard work!

## Sandbar Mitchell/Warbirds of Glory Open House - Dave Steiner

On Sept 28th, I dropped in at the open house at Y47 to see the progress they've made on the B-25. Here are a few photos of one of the ultimate EAB projects you'll ever see. No clecos spared in this build. They had to take some off the tail section to do the bombay section. Gift shop is now stocked. It had just been built when last we visited with the EAA 113 youth. See more at <https://www.warbirdsofglory.org>






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IT'S TIME FOR EAA 113's

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# Fall CHILI FLY-IN

Feel free to bring a pot of your family recipe or just come join us for a variety of chili, hotdogs and desserts.

Saturday,   
November 9th, 2024

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.











EAA 113 Aviation Center

Mettetal Airport (1D2)



# October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <b>EAA 113 Home Builders Gathering 7:30 pm</b>	4	5 <i>Breakfast @ 3 9:00 am</i>
6 	7	8	9 	10 <b>EAA 113 Board Meeting 7:30 pm</b>	11	12 <b>Young Eagles 1D2 8:30-11:30</b> 
13	14 	15	16	17 <b>EAA 113 General Gathering 7:30 p.m</b>	18 	19 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am</i> Youth Workshop  9:30-12:00
20	21	22	23	24  <b>EAA 113 IMC Club Meeting 7:30 p.m</b>	25 	26 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am</i>
27	28	29	30	31 <b>Happy Halloween</b> 		



The Zimmerman Shop is in need of 2 bench vices. Please contact Dan Jones or John Maxfield if you have a donation to make.

The EAA113 Workshop is available to EAA members for the construction or refurbishment of their aircraft. Contact Dan Jones or John Maxfield for details to see if your project is a good fit.



### PLEASE NOTE:

Beginning October 15th, the new email address for Liz Hebron is:

**Roogey.Batoon@proton.me**

Newsletter@eaa113.org will forward to this new email address.

### **SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR *EAGLE'S PROPWASH* NEWSLETTER**

1. Please send all PDFs in LANDSCAPE orientation.
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3. The deadline for the newsletter will now always be the 28th of every month.
4. Please send material to: newsletter@eaa113.org or **Roogey.Batoon@proton.me** (new email address)

Thank you, Elizabeth Hebron, *Eagle's Propwash* Editor

P.S. I'm always in need of photos for the newsletter cover!



# Chapter Gathering:

October 17, 2024

7:30 PM

at the EAA Chapter 113 Aviation Education Center

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CAN YOU GUESS WHERE DAVE JAMES IS WORKING THIS WEEK?