

EAGLE'S PROPWASH

MARCH 2025 ISSUE

CHAPTER 113 *"The Backyard Eagles"*



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www.eaa113.org
group.eaa113.org

Gatherings: 7:30 PM
the 3rd Thursday of each
month at the
**EAA 113 AVIATION
EDUCATION CENTER**
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Ken Mosley's HK 36R Super Dimona motor glider.

Photo Courtesy of Ken Mosley.

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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 March 2025



Greetings Chapter 113 members and friends.

Our Chapter Frostbite Fly-In was Saturday, February 8th. Set up was quick thanks to the many people that arrived to help. Plenty of our favorite chili recipes arrived in time for lunch along with an assortment of sweets on the dessert table. While the weather was good, the FAA's late scheduling of their IA renewal workshop and pilot seminars on the same day, noticeably lowered our attendance at EAA. We'll see about better coordination of these two events next year.

Looking ahead this month, be sure to mark Saturday, March 22nd on your calendar. That's the date of the EAA 113 Great Gatsby Gala. A fun filled evening in the Chapter hangar turned 1920's speakeasy. Live entertainment provided by "Mister Tim" as well as a delicious catered dinner and silent auction are all included in the \$30 price per person. Tickets are available online at www.eaa113.org, in person at any Chapter gathering or by contacting Debbie Redding at 734-751-5871. NOTE: The EAA 113 Aviation Center will be Closed for Gala preparations on Friday the 21st and Saturday the 22nd until 6:00pm. Also, we are desperately seeking silent auction items to add to the excitement of the evening.

The EAA 113 Chapter Scholarship applications are currently available. If you know of a young adult with aviation aspirations, please encourage them to apply for one of the EAA 113 Aviation Scholarships. Applications are available at www.eaa113.org and are due back by March 31st.

Our March Gathering speaker is going to be a return engagement with Dave Trojan. Dave fascinated us with the history, little-known facts and the search for the wreck of a SR-71 at the February gathering. A discussion ensued regarding aircraft archeology in Michigan, which Dave will present in detail this month. Fascinating stuff, see his full biography and meeting description later in this newsletter. Don't miss it!

Stay up to date with EAA 113 at www.eaa113.org and follow us on Facebook!

Happy Landings Everyone! - John Maxfield

EAA 113 BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEB 13, 2025

Attendance: Rick Karaschin, Dan Jones, Jim Brown, Dave Buck, Al Bosonetto, Debra Redding, Randy & Liz Hebron, Dave Steiner Jack McClellan, John Maxfield, David Edmonds,

Treasurer's Report: Spent \$425 to inspect all heaters/furnaces in the hanger & \$1500 for a new water heater which failed.

Secretary's Report: Current overall membership stands at 130. Trained Rick on using "Our Chapter" software for messages to all members for meeting invites. Resolved issues that caused some members to not get our emails and newsletters.

Builder's Meeting Report: Held meeting on topic of using Stewart covering system on actual sample part - this will be continued at next meeting

IMC/VMC Club Report: Continue to host meetings

Newsletter Report: Liz requests continued support with submittals before end of month and in noted format - see last pg. of newsletter for details

Library Report: no report

Events: Chili Fly-in went well despite some weather. Banquet planned for March 22 - please buy tickets now! Y. Eagles events planned for Apr 5 & May 3

Young Builders: Next workshops March 8 and April 12. Program is resulting in about 18 regular attendees - most interested in becoming pilots

Membership Gathering: Next meeting on subject of SR-71 from Mason Chapter member

Building: Hot water tank replaced as noted above in financial section.

EAA 113 Goals for 2024

Be a Great Chapter

Increase membership – bring a friend month?

Member project in workshop

Next meeting: March 13th

Meeting Adjourned: 8:21 pm



**Renew your
EAA 113 Membership Dues Now!**

(Please excuse this notice, if you have already submitted your payment for 2025.)

Online payments can be made at eaa113.org by clicking on the “Dues button” or mail your check to:

EAA 113 Treasurer; 8512 N. Lilley Road; Canton, MI 48187

REMINDER....

EAA 113's Annual Awards Banquet and

Great Gatsby Gala

On

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025

EAA 113 Aviation Center

6:00 p.m. Gathering

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Tickets \$30.00 per person

Last day to purchase ticket is March 13th, 2025

Musical Entertainment by

Mister Tim



Feel free to Put on the Ritz and dress from the Roaring 20's!

SEEKING DONATIONS

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We are looking for donations for the Silent Auction at our upcoming EAA 113 Annual Awards Banquet. If you have any items of interest you would like to donate, please contact John or Debbie at events@eaa113.org.



Pretty Please..... Help me fill my wagon with wonderful aviation treasures or other donations for our Silent Auction!

Please join us for a special EAA 113 presentation, on March 20, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

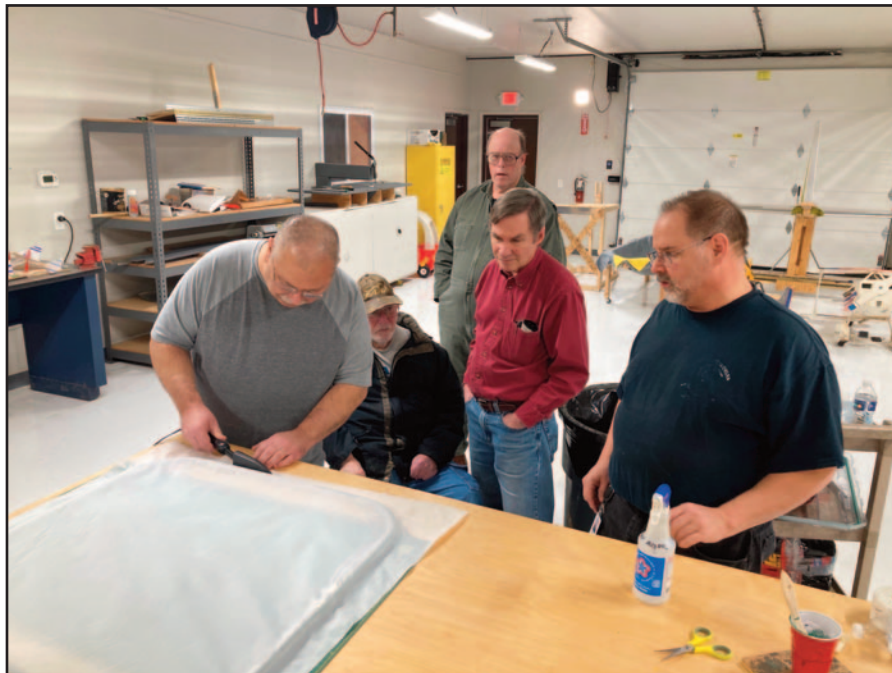
Dave Trojan will present a program called "Michigan Aviation Archeology - Every Wreck Tells a Story". The program will examine several historic aircraft accidents related to Michigan. The presentation will also include the following: What is aviation archaeology, and what do aviation archaeologists look for? Accidents investigated include P-35s Midair Tawas - 1938; Ford Built B-24 Almont - 1944; Oscoda area Bombing Range and aircraft accidents; B-26 Glennie -1944; F-86D Holly - 1954.

Dave Trojan is an Aviation Archaeologist, Aviation Historian, Air Crash Detective, and writer. He is a finder of lost and forgotten aircraft, abandoned airfields, aircraft crash sites, and historic aviation-related properties. David Trojan served 21 years in the Navy and retired in 2000. After retiring he started researching, locating, and documenting historic aviation sites across the country and the world. To date, He has been to over 500+ military aircraft crash sites. He has written over 60 published articles for military base newspapers, Naval Aviation Magazine, WWI Aero magazine, and many local newspapers across the country. He was featured on the worldwide Armed Forces Radio and Television Network where he presented the military's policy on protection and preservation of historic sites. He has given lectures to the Civil Air Patrol, FAA, Professional Pilots Associations, EAA, American Aviation Historical Society, and university students concerning aviation archaeology and aviation history. His goal is to educate the public about aviation history and tell the stories that go with each site.



BUILDERS MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2025

The topic of the evening was fabric covering.



FROSTBITE CHILI FLY-IN FEBRUARY 8, 2025



We had a fairly decent turnout, considering FFAST was going on in Ypsilanti the same day.

AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE: March 31st!!

Don't let your dreams disappear....

Get your applications in now!!



The EAA 113 Aviation Studies Scholarship application is now available on our website:

www.eaa113.org.

Be sure to pass the information along to anyone that might be a potential candidate. Let's help someone follow their dream and begin their aviation journey!



Young Eagles News

Upcoming Spring Events:

April 5th, 2025

May 3rd, 2025



Spring is inching its way closer and the robins are flying home! It is time for EAA 113 to look ahead to getting our Young Eagles in the air, as well. We have two events scheduled for this Spring and will have two more in the Fall. **We need VOLUNTEERS!** We simply cannot do these worthwhile events without plenty of help. We need pilots who can commit to the event and lots of help on the ground to assist with registration, loading and escorting youth, safety guards, public relations and tour guides. Please consider coming to help to pass along your enthusiasm for aviation. The smiles on the faces of these young people are worth every moment! There will be a mandatory Safety Briefing held promptly at 8:30 a.m. the morning of the events for all volunteers.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

ALL pilots MUST take this training and go through a Background Check prior to giving any Young Eagle flights. Anyone assisting with the Youth Workshops and preferably anyone performing ground support duties at Young Eagles are also requested to take this training. It can be found at the www.eaa.org website by logging into your account. Under your profile account is a Training Information Tab. This training takes about 15-20 minutes and passing a short quiz. You will get your completion card a few days later, so be sure to do this promptly if you are not current. You must renew this every three years.

RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING

This training is required by EAA for all Coordinators and Chapter leaders. They are also requesting that all Young Eagle pilots take this training. It explains the insurance requirements and what can or cannot be done during Young Eagle events and flights. This training can be found in the same location stated above and again, takes about 20 minutes. Immediately following the quiz you will receive a certificate card. Please send notice of your completion to Debbie, as soon as possible.

This program has proven to have a positive impact on the future generation of aviators, including many of our very own Young Eagles. Our very own volunteer pilots have made a difference in the lives of local young people. Won't *you* be one???

Contact Debbie for information or questions and to VOUNTEER



2025 EAA Chapter 113 Ray Scholar

EAA Chapter 113 has been approved by the National EAA organization to sponsor a Ray Scholar again this year. Ray Scholars receive up to \$12,000 to obtain their private pilot license. This time our Chapter will be participating in funding along with EAA—75/25%.

We find the most likely candidates to be successful are from the young people involved in our Chapter. This year, our Ray Scholar applicant is Joshua Dubnicka. Joshua is a senior at Grosse Ile High School with a clear passion for aviation. He has participated in several Young Eagle events and is a regular attendee at the Youth Workshops. Joshua has also volunteered to help at several Chapter events.

Joshua has just begun lessons at Hall's Flying Service at Grosse Ile Airport. Please offer your congratulations and any advice you might have to help him along in his aviation journey. His drive and determination are certain to make his aviation dreams come true. Look for his updates throughout the year.

Good Luck Joshua, we know you will make us proud!!



YOUTH WORKSHOP UPDATE- FEB 2025

The Aviation Youth Workshop event held on Saturday Feb 15 was focused on learning about airplane control surfaces and trim tabs

We used the balsa and paper model planes Ray Vincent donated to get the young aviators some hands on building experience in the shop

We had another bumper crop of kids show up despite some snow in the forecast



Pic of Ray and two of the students he taught

Building these models requires some careful cutting and glueing

We had some great help from a few of the parents as well

The flight line is filling up rapidly - next session we will empty the main hanger to create a flight test area wherein the experimentation will begin with adding trim tabs



Thank you all!

Having actual aircraft handy is real helpful to show the students how the flight controls really work and trim tabs are located



MICHIGAN LASER STRIKES



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AIMING A LASER AT AN AIRCRAFT IS A SERIOUS SAFETY RISK.

MANY HIGH-POWERED LASERS CAN COMPLETELY INCAPACITATE PILOTS WHO ARE TRYING TO FLY SAFELY TO THEIR DESTINATIONS AND MAY BE CARRYING HUNDREDS OF PASSENGERS.



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PILOTS REPORTED 13,304 LASER STRIKES TO THE FAA IN 2023.

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PEOPLE WHO SHINE LASERS AT AIRCRAFT FACE FAA FINES OF UP TO \$11,000 PER VIOLATION AND UP TO \$30,800 FOR MULTIPLE LASER INCIDENTS.



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St. Petersburg Salvador Dali Museum with Airport Bonus! - Dave Steiner

We flew Delta to MCO at the end of January for a nephew's wedding and included some shoulder vacation days. Hey, it was about 80 F, so why not escape from the Great White North for a bit, given the opportunity? As we had the time, we decided to take the 90-minute drive from the Lake Wales, FL wedding venue to St. Petersburg to see the Salvador Dali Museum, one of only two in the world dedicated to his work. **BONUS**, directly adjacent to the museum was Albert Whitted Airport (KSPG)! There was even a window in the museum where you could observe the ops on 7/25. Wait, it gets better. The Dali parking lot attendant told us there was great restaurant overlooking the field at the terminal. Say no more. I knew where we'd end our day in St. Pete!

The field was built in 1928. According to Wikipedia, it is the first airport to have scheduled commercial airline service. In the fall of 2024, the airport lost 32 hangars, eight aircraft and two helicopters due to tornadoes spawned by back-to-back hurricanes Helene and Milton. Do a Google search to see the damage in detail. There are some fly-over shots from news copters after the hurricanes. The \$1.1 million cleanup was just starting when we were there on January 29th. Some AC, condition unknown, are still in hangars where the doors cannot be safely opened as the structures are bent.



There was some urgency to the cleanup as the first INDYCAR race of the season, the Firestone Indy Grand Prix, is Feb 27th thru March 2nd. Crews were working on the scaffolding for pit row that is adjacent and parallel to runway 7/25, which serves as the main straightaway for the race. The race is held every spring, utilizing the airport and downtown/marina areas near the waterfront. It will be broadcast on FOX at 12 EST March 2 if you want to get a peak at the airport. (cont'd)



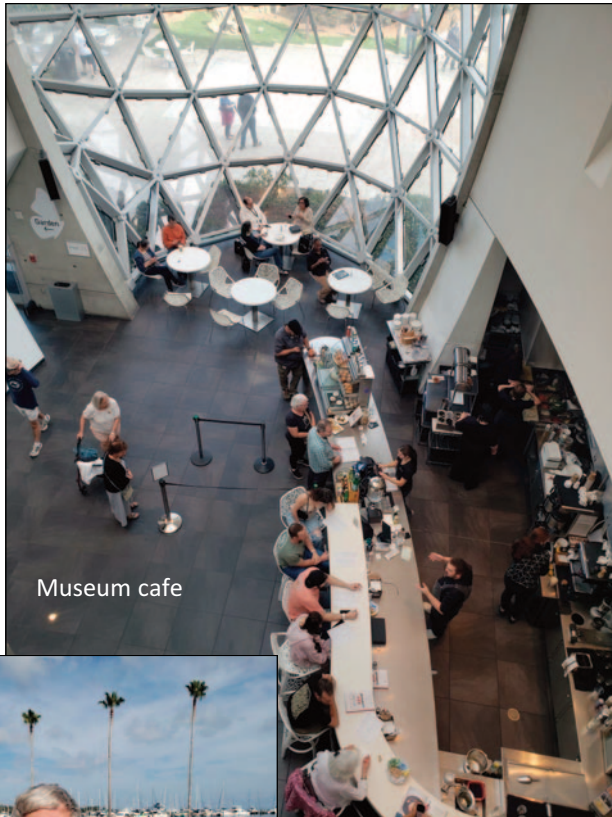
Race course in black with 7/25 straightaway

Right: Ramp from the observation/eating deck and in the distance 7/25. In the distance, just visible, a yellow excavator removing hangar debris.



So, if you want to fly down to St. Petersburg to see the Dali Museum, you literally need only walk across the street from KSPG. But maybe leave the jet at home ... the longest runway is only 3676ft. We saw some small turbo props come in and could hear them reverse pitch. And if you lose an engine on take-off, you are most certainly going to get wet. All the traffic was taking off over the bay.

Have a great meal at *The Hangar Restaurant and Flight Lounge*. It serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. We had a delicious lunch at the Dali Museum café, too. (cont'd)



Museum cafe



Left: Helix stair in Dali museum. Art in itself

Right: Delicious salmon dinner while overlooking the KSPG ramp.

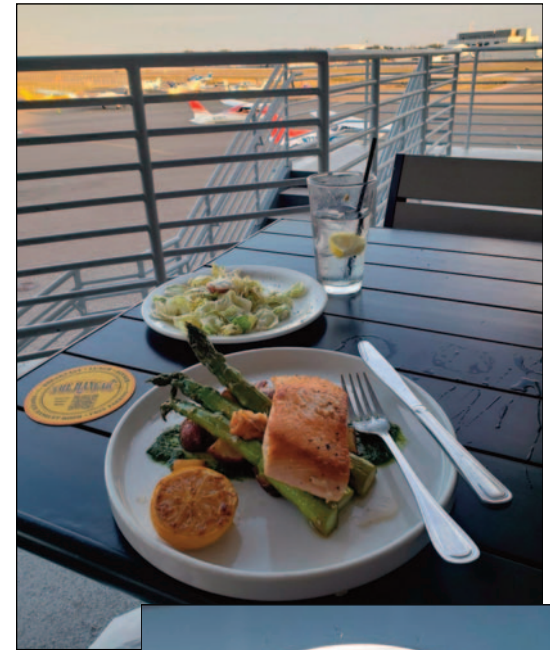


Photo op with a facsimile of the famous Dali “melting” or “time-warp” clock. South yacht basin in background

Right: You'll have a chance to get this colorful **The Hangar** T-shirt at the EAA 113 banquet ... if you bid high enough.

Below: Jeremy and Emily were doing some XC work and stopped by for dinner at KSPG. We talked with them while dining on the deck overlooking the ramp. They arrived in the 172 N221EP taking fuel.

Some of the ramp AC are likely "homeless" due to destroyed hangars.



NATIONAL ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY



Capital Region International Airport

Rosie Day



MARCH 21, 2025

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please join us for the third annual Michigan Rosie the Riveter Day at the Capital Region International Airport. We will honor Rosies, Rosie descendants, veterans and current military, women in manufacturing and STEM, women in aerospace, and students in the talent pipeline. Bring your family, friends, coworkers and community leaders. Sponsorship opportunities available. ● ● ●

- ✓ Original Rosies
- ✓ Dynamic Speakers
- ✓ Vintage Planes
- ✓ Military Involvement
- ✓ Children's Activities
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ New Airport Location!























<https://gibma.org/rosie-the-riveter-day>

4:00 pm Networking & Vendors
4:30 pm Speakers & Presentations
6:30 pm Closing Ceremonies with Flyover



March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 9:00 am</p>
2	3	4	5	6 EAA 113 Homebuilder's Gathering 7:30 pm	7	8 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 9:00 am EAA 113 Youth Workshop 9:30-12:00 
9  Time to Spring Ahead	10 <i>Purchase your Banquet Tickets now!!</i>	11 	12	13 <i>Last day to purchase Banquet Tickets</i> EAA 113 Board Meeting 7:30 pm		15
16 	17 	18 	19	20 EAA 113 General Gathering 7:30 pm	21 <i>The EAA 113 Aviation Center will be <u>closed</u> today until 6:00 p.m. tomorrow for the Banquet.</i> 	22 <i>Great Gatsby Gala</i> 6:00 p.m. 
23 	24	25	26	27 EAA 113 IMC Club Gathering 7:30 pm 	28	29
30	31 					



PILOT GEAR DONATIONS



We are collecting donations of pilot gear to provide to chapter members that have begun flight training. This applies to both student members as well as interested adults. If you need some gear - contact us

We could use working headsets, knee boards, portable radios and GPS, FAA test prep books, flight planning calculators and charting tools.

Some POH books for typical training planes would be greatly appreciated as well. IE C-152, C-172 and Diamond DA-20 aircraft.

The Youth Workshop participants Joshua and Finnegan were awarded the first sets of gear from the donation box – both have embarked on pilot training and have a serious plan to put that gear to use! They are thrilled by your support!

Donations can be left on the workbench in the main hangar – you'll see a marked box or contact Dan Jones at Secretary@eaa113.org or by calling ph 248 820-7901



Thanks Again!



SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR *EAGLE'S PROPWASH* NEWSLETTER

1. Please send all PDFs in LANDSCAPE orientation.
2. Please DO NOT format text. Send it as plain text in MicroSoft Word or as a PDF landscape file if you wish your specific layout be kept. No PowerPoint, please. **PLEASE PROOF READ YOUR PDF DOCUMENT CAREFULLY!**
3. The deadline for the newsletter will 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 cover photos!

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hello spring!

