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"The Backyard Eagles"



Fairchild 24R-46 at 2011 Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

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Chapter Mission Statements

"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

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

July 2011

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 7:30p EAA Chapter 113 Board Meeting postponed till 2nd Thursday in July | 1 | 2 8:30a Breakfast at Coney |
| 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 | 6 | 7 7:30p No Homebuilder's Project Corner this month | 8 | 9 D Buck Rental 8:30a Breakfast at Coney |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 6:30p EAA Chapter 113 Board Meeting | 15 | 16 8:30a Breakfast at Coney |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 7:30p EAA 113 Chapter meeting | 22 | 23 Scovel private party 8:30a Breakfast at Coney 9a Thunder Over Michigan |
| 24 9a Thunder Over Michigan | 25 8a Airventure 2011 | 26 8a Airventure 2011 | 27 8a Airventure 2011 | 28 8a Airventure 2011 | 29 8a Airventure 2011 | 30 8a Airventure 2011 8:30a Breakfast at Coney |
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Sanjay's Q-200 "Birthday" Party at CJ's Brewery, 6-25-2011

Photo by Elizabeth Hebron



EDITOR'S NOTE

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As some of you may know, last week I agreed to take over the duties as newsletter editor in the fall. Due to the tragic loss of our current editor, Pat Charles, that transition happened abruptly. I will do my best to live up to the high standards set by Pat for the Chapter 113 newsletter.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the new format, and welcome submissions from members for inclusion in future issues.

A *huge* thank you goes out to Barb and Grant Cook, Dave Buck, Tom Smith, Shunsuke Shibata, Mike Scovel, and Dan Valle for their assistance, advice, and infinite patience helping me to get this issue of the newsletter put together.



PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

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Our annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast was held on June 19th. We were fortunate in that the weather was excellent. Several aircraft were able to fly in and join the crowd of about 900 that attended our event. Thanks to all who helped out.

We awarded two scholarships again this year. Shea Wall is from Plymouth, and is majoring in Aviation Sciences at Eastern Michigan. Tim Mindling is from South Lyon, and is majoring in Aviation Science with a concentration in Mission Aviation at LeTourneau University in Texas. Congratulations to both of you.

Congratulations also for Sanjay Dahll. On Saturday, June 18th, he performed the first flight with his Quickie 2 project at Willow Run. By all reports, everything went well. Keep up the good work, fly those hours off to get the bugs out, and start enjoying your creation.

The chapter Board meeting dates are being changed effective this month. Board meetings will now be on the second Thursday of the month, instead of the last, and the monthly safety meetings will be rescheduled starting in the fall.

The annual corn roast will be held on August 20th at Brighton Field. Watch the chapter website and newsletter for further details.

Pontiac airport will be having its aviation day on Wednesday, August 24th. They are looking for pilots to help out with an expected 150 kids to celebrate Pontiac's 150th anniversary.

Check the website, www.eaa113.org, for other news.

I fly because it releases my mind from the tyranny of petty things.
 — *Antoine de Saint-Exupéry*



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Lost in Shangri-La: A True Story of Survival, Adventure and the Most Incredible Rescue Mission of World War II, by Mitchell Zuckoff.
Harper, 2011. Hardcover \$14.83
400 pages.
ISBN 0061988340



An "Immensely Readable" World War II Survival Tale, "Lost.." chronicles the May 1945 crash of the *Gremlin Special*, a plane carrying 13 U.S. servicemen and 11 members of the Women's Army Corps on an R&R sightseeing flight over a valley frozen in time in the wilds of New Guinea. The wounded survivors were stranded among an isolated tribe, unable to gauge the potential dangers they faced.

Zuckoff, a professor of Journalism and author of "Ponzi" ventured deep in the equatorial rain forest to report the tale, which was widely covered at the time, but all but forgotten now. The story is verifiable thanks to a trove of sources, from the recollections of a living survivor to a declassified U.S. Army report to a diary scrawled in secretarial shorthand.

Interviewed by Sue Seligson in BU Today*, Prof. Zuckoff reveals, "Not only was it a remarkable story and rare—a female in a war story, that doesn't often happen—but it was an anthropological story, too. I could find out what the natives thought when the equivalent of Martians landed on their front lawn. It wasn't an old pulp fiction tale of heroism in World War II, though those are great fun. I could show the other side of the story, which made it reach the point of critical mass for me"

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<http://www.bu.edu/today/node/12809>

Will someone buy us this book? It sounds wonderful to me!

With our lives so intertwined with our kids in the same school and our love of flying, there are so many remembrances of my time spent with Pat it is hard to choose just one. But I do remember the day Pat and his brother (if my memory is correct) were doing over one of the floors in his home to hardwood. The job I did was to pre-stage guy, trying to get the right length slats, find a color tone that was close, while they cut, pre-lock, and eventually toe-nailed the hardwood slats into place. The job went incredibly fast, and what I did was oh so basic. But what struck me was how grateful Pat was and how he thanked me profusely. This gratefulness manifested itself again when I would pinch hit when school carpool arrangements came under strain. I was happy to fill in and drop Madison and Evan off at home. But more importantly we were all grateful to have Pat in our lives and call him friend, the blessing was ours. Words cannot describe how much he meant to all of us and how much he will be missed. Farewell dear friend, and thank you for making all our lives all that richer. — Anthony

I remember from making VariEZ parts in your garage that Pat was always there to help, happy to do it, and left an open invitation to call him again if you needed more help.

I also remember that just after he bought the T-18, how much he liked to answer all the questions that people would ask about his plane. Ownership had a special meaning to him. This was especially true at the Pancake Breakfasts, when Norma brought her grandkids and Pat just loved telling them all about his pride and joy. — Michael Robins

John Nowak...a friend to all, wonderful family man and a serious, dedicated aviation enthusiast for many years. That's the man we all knew. Over the course of probably 40 years, John has flown many, many types of planes and was the proud owner of one of the nicest Piper Arrow's you'd ever find.

When it came to flying, John was well respected and always operated on the safe side of the spectrum. He was a GREAT CFII, sharing his extensive knowledge and experience with all interested. He was a very hard worker both in and outside of aviation. It was not unusual to find John working on his plane or if not his plane, he was helping with others. He always said, "I just enjoy working on planes". John was ALWAYS willing to help anyone, for any reason at any time.

John was also so devoted to his family, dropping everything at an instant if his help was needed and, on occasion putting his own interest on the back burner to be available for their support. A proud grandfather, he would show up at the airport with one of his grandkids...tagging along with grandpa. To say he will be missed clearly is not enough.

It truly was a honor and a privilege to have John as a friend and his influence upon us makes us all much better people. — Dan Valle

MEMORIES OF PAT CHARLES and JOHN NOWAK

Friends, a very near and dear friend has Gone West. Sadly we have been left behind never being able to fill the large void created by the loss of Patrick L. Charles. I personally feel very fortunate to have had Pat enter into my life some 12 years ago. He was the type of individual that most everyone would aspire to be more like. He was the most kind, gentle, gracious, generous and selfless individual I ever knew. He not only enriched my life, but the lives of everyone he came in contact with. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife Diana, and an incredible father to his son, Evan and his daughter, Madison.

I received a call from Carla Kittler Thursday evening, asking about Pat. She told a story of how Pat had touched her and Rob's life some 12 years ago when Rob was building his Cozy MK IV. She had a photo album of the build process of the plane and on the pages of the album were pictures of Pat, myself and my wife Doreen helping Rob. She talked about the joy that the selfless help from Pat had brought Rob.

I will forever miss "Nah nah na nah na nah" at the beginning of a phone call just after he had been flying, knowing full well I had not been. It was my inspiration to continue building.

We will never forget his smile, the twinkle in his eye and joy he brought to everyone he met and everything he did. We will surely miss you dear friend. By the grace of God may we meet again. — Mike Scovel, (Mikey)

We talk about "Memory Lane", as where we can recall past events in our lives. Myself, being a sort of poet from Wales, I have the vision of walking down a long hallway, where there are many, many coat pegs, with hats are hanging on them.

Reaching out, and donning one, brings back all the memories I have of that person who wore that cap. Such it is with our Pat, with a new peg and cap.

My walk along that hallway, today, and reaching out and donning that particular cap brings back such wonderful memories that I am able to relive with Pat. These are short pulses of emotional pleasure, such as

His having to leave early for a Soccer Game with Evan; The same excuse for other family matters; The familiar Yellow Truck; The call for help with the newsletter; The family event on the west coast of the State; A need to jog and lose weight, successfully; Meeting at a fellow EAA's workshop to pick apart a project; Completing the P-51 Pedal Plane; Stories of his experiences servicing giant machines abroad; Young Eagle program; The before breakfast rag-chewing on Saturday mornings; Building the hangar; The "Can't make it" apologies; An Ultralight!; and many more.

I sure miss him already, and wonder if there is a plan someplace for all of us with the Almighty.

I am positive I will be welcomed by him at some time. I really do miss him so much, my friend Pat Charles. — Pete Waters

2011 FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Ercoupe

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MU-2

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Kitfox

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Cessna 150 – Aeronca Champ

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Luscombe

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Dave James – Bell 47

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