

# EAGLE'S PROPWASH

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CHAPTER 113 "The Backyard Eagles"



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**Gatherings: 7:30 PM**  
the 3rd Thursday of each  
month at the  
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**Mettetal Airport (1D2)**  
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Chapter 113 Vice President Rick Karaschin with a member of the Belleville Fire Department during the First Responder's Training Session at Willow Run Airport, July 13, 2024.

*Photo Courtesy of Jim Brown.*

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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 August 2024**



Greetings Chapter 113 members and friends.

AirVenture Oshkosh 2024 is in the books. It sounds like everyone made it there and back safely, which is the most important thing. The weather was near perfect with light winds, comfortable temperatures and just enough rain on Tuesday to keep the dust down. Aviation media outlets will bring all the breaking news and attendance data in the coming weeks of course. For me, I always come away with a renewed spirit of EAA and the shared love of sport aviation that carries me through the coming year. At the Chapter level, six members of 113 took advantage of EAA's Chapter Camping program where their spaces were reserved ahead of time by EAA. From what I've heard, it worked out well and there's a good possibility of repeating it next year. Debbie Redding was presented the 2024 Outstanding Young Eagle Coordinator award by EAA at the Young Eagles Dinner on Tuesday night. If you've ever attended one of our Chapter Young Eagle rallies, you know how deserving she is of this honor. Congratulations Debbie!

At this month's Chapter gathering we're going to have a cookout prior, with setup starting at 6pm. The Chapter will provide hot dogs and hamburgers with the traditional condiments as well as Ice Cream for dessert. Please bring a side dish to share on the buffet.

For the Gathering itself, it's Oshkosh show and tell night. We're looking forward to seeing your pictures and videos or hearing of your experiences big and small from AirVenture Oshkosh'24. Don't miss it!

Later this month, Dan Jones is organizing an EAA Flying Start program, scheduled for Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to noon. If you or someone you know is interested in learning to fly, this half day program is the place to discover the requirements to become a Private Pilot and how to go about it. This event is also a good opportunity to introduce flying enthusiasts to EAA 113. Dan could use some volunteer pilots to fly an Eagle Flight to one or two of attendees at the program's conclusion. To register, or volunteer to help, contact Dan at [secretary@eaa113.org](mailto:secretary@eaa113.org).

Stay up to date with EAA 113 at [www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org) and follow us on Facebook!

Happy Landings - John Maxfield

# **Family Picnic and General Gathering**

**Thursday, August 15, 2024**

**6:00 set-up**

**6:30 p.m. dinner served**

**EAA 113 Aviation Center**



The Chapter will supply the Hot Dogs,  
Hamburgers and Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

Please bring a side dish to share.

*Come and enjoy dinner with friends followed by  
stories and photos of Oshkosh!*



# Learn about getting a pilot license!

## EAA113 is Hosting a Flying Start Event Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM

We will provide a presentation as to typical cost and training requirements to become a pilot followed by an introductory flight. Must be 18 yrs or older please.

Must Pre-register at [flyingstart.org](http://flyingstart.org) – more info available from Dan Jones at [secretary@eaa113.org](mailto:secretary@eaa113.org)



**Saturday Aug 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Starts at 9:30 AM**

**At EAA113 Meeting Room**

**Cost = FREE!**

**Presentation about  
Training, Cost & Rqmts. to  
become a pilot!**

**Volunteer Pilots needed for intro  
flights afterwards – contact Dan  
Jones [djrv9a@gmail.com](mailto:djrv9a@gmail.com)**

**Must pre-register at  
[flyingstart.org](http://flyingstart.org)**

**18 yrs and older qualify for the  
flight experience.**

# CHAPTER 113 MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN A FIRST RESPONDER'S TRAINING SESSION

By Dave James

On Saturday, July 13, 2024, chapter members: Jim Brown with his Comanche 180; Rick Karaschin with his Rans; and myself with a Bell 47, participated in a training seminar. The FAA set everything up at Willow Run to work with the Belleville Fire Department first responders. Our task was to educate the fire department on how to deal with a general aviation aircraft off airport event. We had numerous different aircraft available from light sport with a ballistic chute, a Piper Seneca, and a helicopter. We explained how to shut down a running aircraft engine, disable the electrical system, taught them where to identify fuel is located, and how to verify the aircraft is stabilized to be able to work around if people need to be removed by first responders. Everyone had a great afternoon and the fire department was grateful. The FAA is wanting to do this on an annual basis, expanding to other departments in our area.



# BELLEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT VISIT TO WILLOW RUN AIRPORT

By Jim Brown

On Saturday, July 13, 2024, several firefighters from the Belleville Fire Department were at the Willow Run Airport to visit and talk with pilots about their aircraft. The purpose was to provide the firefighters with insight into different aircraft systems and their associated hazards such as fuel, electrical and even a ballistic parachute. Chapter members that participated in the event included Rick Karaschin with a Rans S-7S, Dave James with a Bell 47 helicopter, and Jim Brown with a Piper Comanche 180. Other aircraft included a Cessna 172, Piper Archer, Aero L-39, Russian MiG-17 fighter, and Piper Seneca. The event was coordinated by the Detroit FSDO.





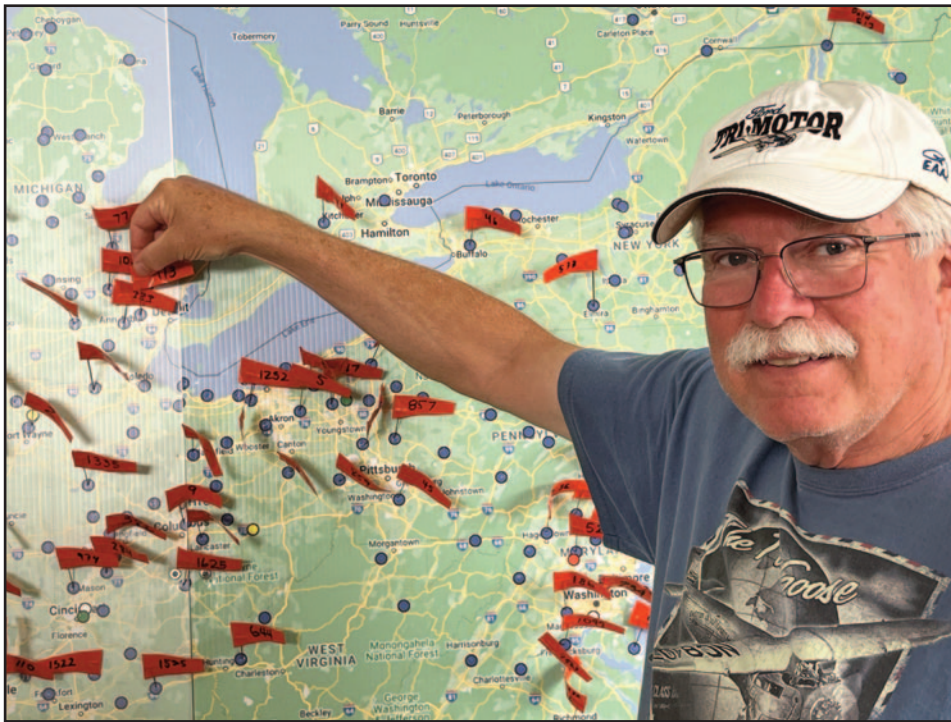
# DAVE JAMES POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS AT AIRVENTURE 2024

By Dave James

I put on four PowerPoint presentations. The History of Stinson Aircraft and the Evolution of the Franklin Engine. Did each one at the Vintage Building and each one at the workshop classrooms Tuesday and Wednesday. There were about 40-50 people at each forum.



## DEBBIE REDDING'S AIRVENTURE 2024



President John placing the Chapter flag on the map in the Blue Barn.



Young Eagle Chairman and former NFL star, Jimmy Graham getting a ride in the Ford Trimotor.



Randy Bresnik, test pilot and astronaut working on the Artemis project after analyzing the handling characteristics of the Ford Trimotor.



600 Drones joined the evening fireworks display as they formed a moving Rosie the Riveter.



Outstanding Young Eagles Coordinator Award from Young Eagles Chairmen Sean D. Tucker and Jimmy Graham.

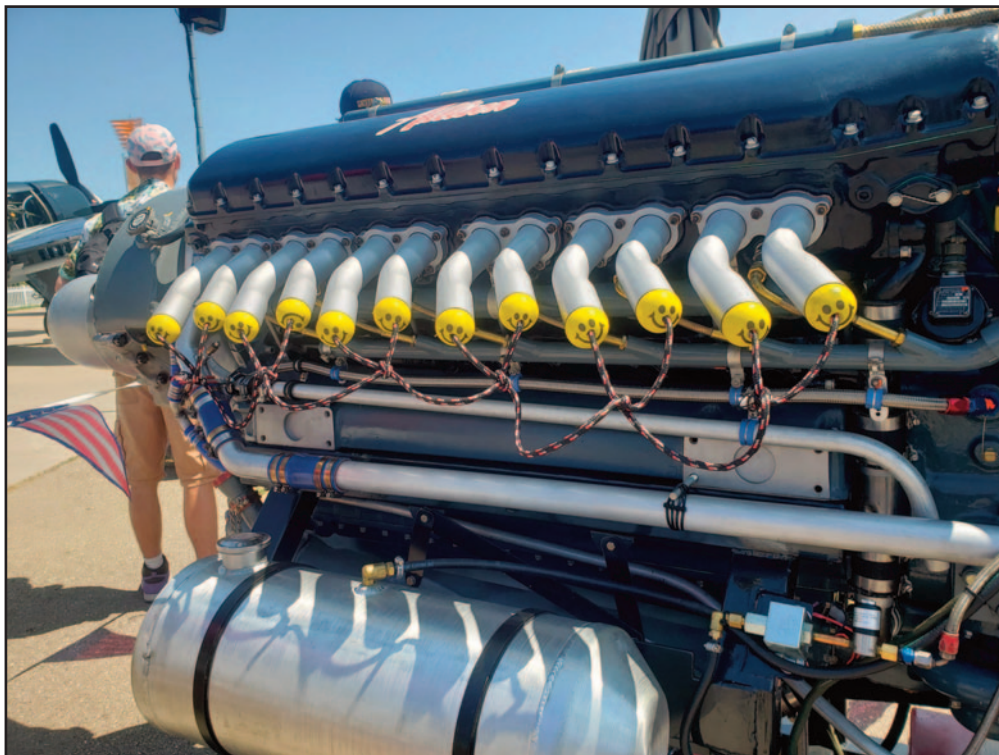
*Photo Courtesy of John Maxfield*

## Stunning scratch-built 2/3 scale P-38 - Dave Steiner

I wish I'd spent a little more time walking around this incredible project at the experimental stand. See and read more about it at [FLYVOLAR.COM/TTP38](http://FLYVOLAR.COM/TTP38). As my uncle was a *Lightning* driver in Burma with 105 combat missions, the P-38 is probably my favorite fighter. This aircraft was conceived, designed and largely built in retirement by aeronautical engineering Professor James O'Hara. He didn't live to see it completed. Many years later that was accomplished by VOLAR in time to get it to OSH. Absolutely beautiful. I'm sure we'll be reading more about it in Sport Aviation. A great story and there are not enough superlatives to describe the AC.



Best weather I've ever experienced in OSH. Had a blast going over on the C-47 for an overnight.



*Photos Courtesy of Dave Steiner.*

# THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF MARTIN FILIATRAULT

By Martin Filiatrault

First of all, I got Falsi-Fighter back! (kinda)



Thirdly and lastly, I took a week-long road trip to mid-state New York to assist with the condition inspection of the RV-8. Outbound I went through Ontario and visited Steve Thorne in Toronto during a massive power outage. That made driving across town REAL fun.



Secondly, she is no longer Falsi-Fighter. She is now Little Miss, posing with her big brother Never Miss and some of his friends.



After seeing Steve I crossed the border in Niagara Falls and spent the night in Batavia, NY. The next day I took a lieisurely drive east along Highway 20 through beautiful country, eventually angling north to arrive at Mark Murphy's house. He had a surprise in store for me when I got there: He had many house guests and wanted to give them all airplane rides. So he gathered three other pilots; four planes were preflighted (two RV-8s, an SNJ-5 and a T-34) and they flew passengers until everyone got a ride. I rode with Mark's dad Dave in the T-34. (YAY! I finally got a ride in a T-34. Actually I got two rides in it while I was there.) Back to the house to settle in and have a great dinner prepared by his wife Inka.



The next morning Mark had a lot of meetings other business to take care of, so I went to the hangar and began removing intersection fairings, inspection covers and the cowling. Mark and various visitors came and went while I worked. Mark had to change the main wheel tires on the Bonanza before his son Jonathan arrived in the early evening to take the plane to Illinois to visit other family members.



The next morning we got back to work on the RV-8. We discovered that the tailwheel and fork both needed to be replaced, so we ordered better units from FlyBoy Accessories. I coached Inka on getting the Garmin Aviation Database onto her laptop and we got the updates. Jonathan returned that evening with his sister Kristen and her friend Taya. A party ensued.

The next day I had another surprise: I would be helping Mark and Jonathan on the farm in the morning, driving a massive dump truck to assist in clearing a massive rockpile in the center of the fields. Another thing checked off my bucket list.

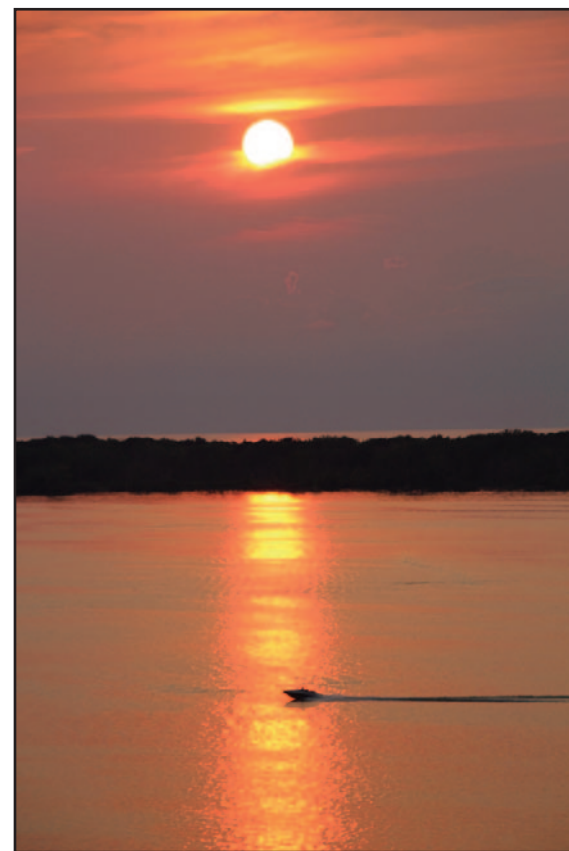


The rest of the day was spent working at the hangar and preparing for a 3-ship formation flight over a wedding party that afternoon. The formation consisted of Dave and I flying lead in the T-34 flanked by the SNJ and an AT-6G painted in Navy colors.



At the end of the day we debriefed on the status of the RV-8 condition inspection and I prepared for my departure in the morning. The inbound trip went from Mark's house to Erie PA to visit an old friend. I spent a great night in the Hampton Inn Bayfront and caught a spectacular sunset from the vantage point of the Bicentennial Tower.

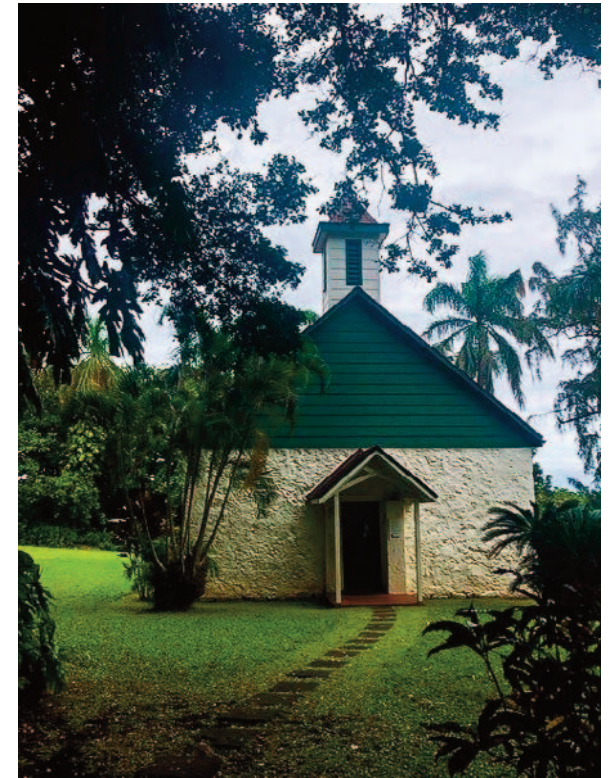
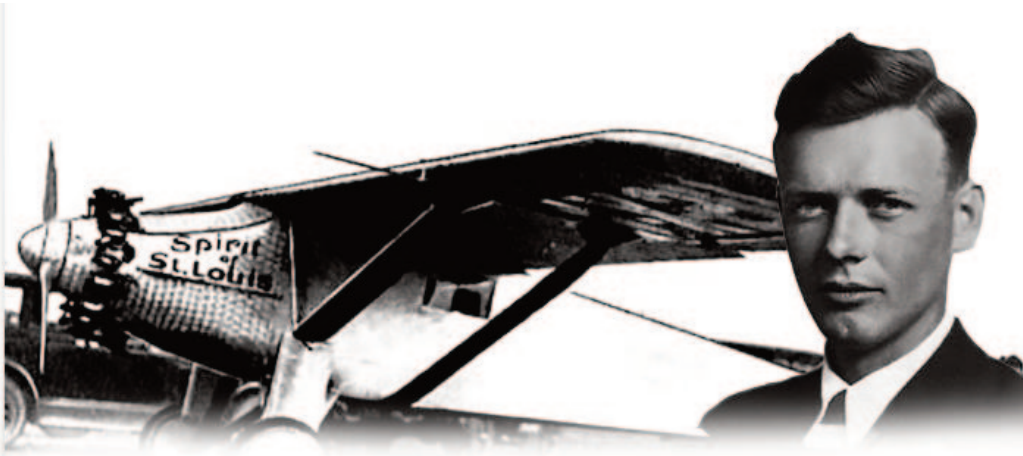
Another incredible trip in the books. Since then, I've been a lot of photo and video processing. Eventually I will post videos on my YouTube channel in 3 parts covering 7 days. I'll keep you posted!





# CHARLES LINDBERGH

## HANA HAWAII



**CHARLES AND HIS WIFE ANN LIVED THEIR FINAL YEARS IN A REMOTE AREA ON MAUI, HAWAII OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE OF HANA.**

**HE PASSED AWAY AUGUST 27, 1974 FROM LYMPHATIC CANCER AND IS BURIED EVEN FURTHER SOUTH IN A VERY REMOTE PART OF THE ISLAND CALLED KIPAHULU THAT WE VISITED THIS SPRING WHILE HIKING ON VACATION.**



# LAPALA HO'OMAU CHURCH IN KIPAHULU LOCATED 11 MILES PAST HANA

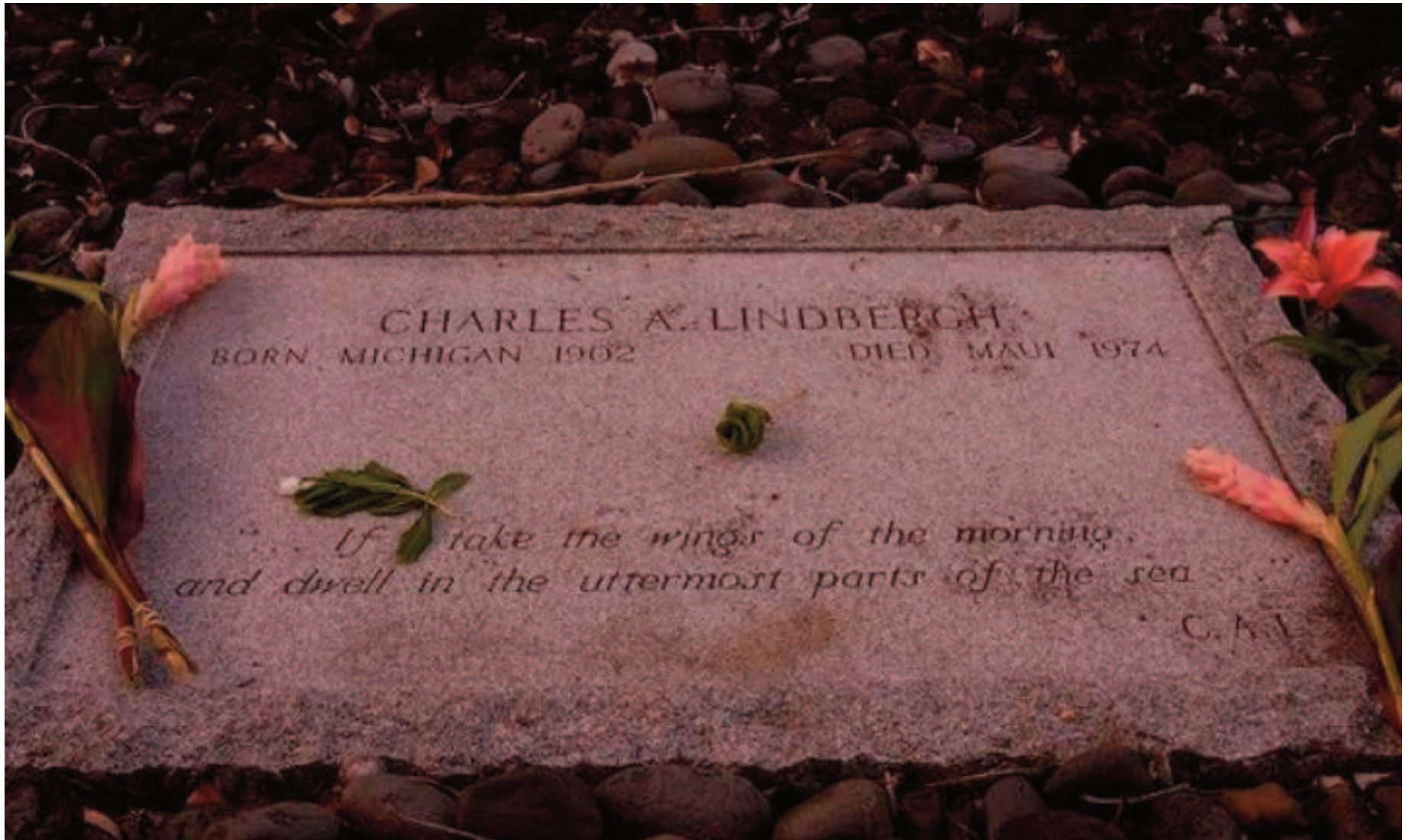


**THE CHURCH AND GROUNDS ARE AN AMAZING HAWAIIAN JUNGLE – SITUATED RIGHT ON A CLIFF OVERLOOKING THE OCEAN**

**THAT'S ME AT THE GRAVE SITE  
HONORING THE GREATEST AVIATOR  
OF ALL TIME!**



# CHARLES FINAL LANDING WAS A PEACEFUL ONE













**NOTE THAT HE WAS BORN IN MICHIGAN IN 1902!**



# August 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Breakfast @ 3 9:00 am</i>
4	5 	6	7	8 <i>EAA 113 Board Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	9	10 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am</i>  <i>Brighton Airport Fly In/Cruise In 11-3</i>
11  Oakland County International Airport Open House 9-4	12	13 	14	15  <i>EAA 113 Picnic &amp; General Gathering 6:00 pm</i>	16	17 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am</i>   Mason Aviation Day 7:30-2:00 (TEW)
18	19	20	21 	22	23	24 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am</i>   EAA 113's Flying Start 9-11:00
25	26 	27	28	29	30 	31 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am</i>



The Zimmerman Shop is in need of 3 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.



### **ATTENTION PLEASE:**

Will **Ken Burger** and **Luis Diaz** please email Dan at [secretary@eaa113.org](mailto:secretary@eaa113.org) and provide updated contact info - your email address that we have is not working.

The following new members bring us to 113 total active!

Jason Kuczynsky  
Eric Keesler  
Drew and Nara Krall  
Leigh Fraker

*Welcome to Chapter 113!*

### **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 must be kept). ***PLEASE PROOF READ YOUR PDF DOCUMENT CAREFULLY!***
3. The deadline for the newsletter will now always be the 28th of every month.
4. Please send material to: [newsletter@eaa113.org](mailto:newsletter@eaa113.org) or [Roogey.Batoon@gmail.com](mailto:Roogey.Batoon@gmail.com).

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

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

# Family Picnic & Chapter Gathering:

**AUGUST 15, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**at the EAA Chapter 113 Aviation Education Center**

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Come and enjoy dinner with friends followed by stories  
and photos of AirVenture 2024!