

EAGLE'S PROPWASH

JUNE 2025 ISSUE

CHAPTER 113 *"The Backyard Eagles"*



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the 3rd Thursday of each
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EAA 113 AVIATION
EDUCATION CENTER
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Dave Groat's RV-10 in front of the EAA Chapter 113 Aviation Center at 1D2, Monday, May 9, 2025.

Photo Courtesy of Martin Filiatrault

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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 June 2025

Greetings Chapter 113 members and friends.

First, a word of thanks to everyone that helped with last month's Young Eagles Rally. The weather was great, as we safely flew 28 kids. Our next event will be in August, once the kids return from vacations.



The annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast is next up. It's our largest event of the year and best opportunity to share our passion for aviation with the local community. It's also a major fundraiser supporting Chapter Scholarships. Breakfast Chairman, Jim Brown asks that we all show up on Saturday the 14th at 9am for the event set up.

Speaking of Scholars, congratulations to our Ray Scholarship recipient, Joshua Dubnicka, who completed his first Solo flight on June 7th! Watch for his article later in this newsletter. As a bonus, Joshua is now eligible to receive a new headset from Lightspeed. Keep up the good work Joshua!

I'd like to introduce a new member to the Chapter this month. Dave Buonerba is a Delta Airlines pilot, that had attended a Chapter 113 builder meeting a few months ago expressing interest in building an RV of some type. To get his skill set started, Dave has been working on the Van's Airfoil practice kits and attended a 1-day workshop at Synergy Air near Atlanta. His airplane of choice is the RV-14. The tail kit should be arriving anytime now, so we're looking forward to his progress reports soon.

Also, new in the area is the re-activated EAA Chapter 457 located at Grosse Ile Airport. Originally started in the mid 70's, Chapter 457 eventually disbanded as interest waned and its meeting place vanished. With new interest in promoting and sharing sport aviation in the area, Chapter 457 holds their meetings at 10 am on the first Saturday of the month in the Township Offices which are at the airport (KONZ). Some of our Chapter members are also active in 457.

AirVenture Oshkosh is Next Month! For those flying there, the NOTICE, or NOTAM if you prefer, has been published and is available for free, either by download or print at www.eaa.org/notice. There are two good webinars coming up that will go over this year's changes to the arrival and offer insights on arriving at the world's busiest airport safely. FAA Safety Team's "Pro Tips for Pilots Air Venture 2025 Briefing" is on June 11th and EAA's webinar is on June 18th.

Our June Gathering speaker is still being finalized. Watch for an update soon, 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 MAY 8, 2025

Attendance: Rick Karaschin, Jim Brown, Dave Buck, Al Bosonetto, Debra Redding, Dave Steiner, Randy & Liz Hebron, John Maxfield (electronically)

Absent: Jack McClellan, David Edmonds, Dan Jones

Treasurer's Report: Spending at routine maintenance level. Final sewer waste pump not installed, so not paid for yet - expect \$4K to be spent this spring on new waste pump.

Secretary's Report: no report

Builder's Meeting Report: Held meeting on topic of using bore scope. No July or August meetings.

IMC/VMC Club Report: Next meeting May 22. No July or August meetings. Rick Karachin would like to get pilots from other airports involved, and not just EAA members.

Newsletter Report: Liz requests continued support with submittals before end of month.

Library Report: The library will be open will Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm, and the third Thursday of each month from 7-7:30 pm before the monthly gathering. The library computer is reporting that the Windows license has expired. When that issue is fixed, I need to get with ResourceMate tech people to figure out why that program isn't functioning properly. A new 27" computer monitor has been purchased for the Librarian's computer for \$158.99.

Events: The next Young Eagles event will be in August.

Pancake Breakfast: Jim Brown has the temporary food permit, and will send out emails asking for volunteers. Mike Scovel is reaching out to the Fire Department, Helicopter, etc. to get them to come. Someone suggested contacting the Wayne County Airport Authority.

Young Builders: The next Youth Workshop will be Saturday, May 31st, with a picnic afterward.

Scholarship Committee: There were 11 applicants (2 disqualified for not all information provided). The three winners names withheld until they have been notified. Two of the scholarship awards are for \$4,000, and one at \$2,000. Our Ray Scholar, Joshua soloed May 8th!!

Building: There is space available in the hangar, announced in the May newsletter with no response. Will be advertised again in the June newsletter. David Edmonds recommended rekeying the hangar, and to make the door at the library be locked with a coded lock by August.

Membership Gathering: Nicole gave a presentation about her experiences at Sun 'n Fun and Oshkosh. Need meeting speaker suggestions and volunteers from members? Let John Maxfield know.

Chapter Camping at Oshkosh 2025: Due to lack of response, this endeavor has been dropped.

EAA 113 Goals for 2024

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

Next meeting: June 12th.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:49 pm.



EAA 113'S Annual



FATHER'S DAY



Dan's Cafe
BREAKFAST



JUNE 15TH, 2025
7:00 ~ 11:00 A.M.

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For more information visit our website: www.eaa113.org

Young Eagles News

It might have appeared that May 3rd was just a cold and cloudy day. However, thanks to the many volunteers that turned out to help, we were able to make it a bright and happy day for the 28 Young Eagles that attended.

Thank you to all the great EAA 113 volunteers!



Photos courtesy of Dave Steiner

UPDATE FROM JOSHUA DUBNICKA, CHAPTER 113's RAY SCHOLAR

Going on my first solo flight was really exciting and a little scary. The plane felt different without my instructor it was lighter and faster, and it responded to my controls more quickly. I was nervous at first, but I kept telling myself that I knew what to do. I had practiced a lot and was ready. Once I took off, everything went smoothly, and I started to feel more confident. The flight went by so fast, and before I knew it, I was landing for the third time. It was one of the coolest things I've ever done so far in my training and I look forward to what is yet to come.



UPDATE ON WILLIAM YOUNG'S AVIATION PROGRESS

Dylan and I are graduating officially from ground school class, at the Tuskegee Airmen Museum, at the end of May and will be taking out FAA Glider written knowledge test in June. But we had the ceremony a little bit ago. My goal is to get my Glider PPL by next year, when I turn 16, then can focus on getting my Single engine PPL.

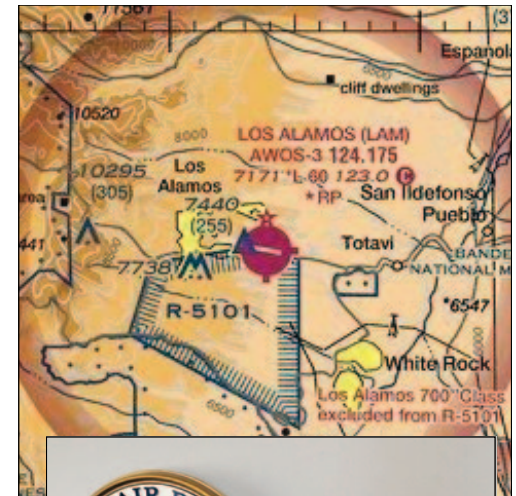
I'm started gliding again at the Sandhill Soaring Club, working on more soloing and gaining confidence in the air. I'll be doing a 7 day cross country camp in Euphrates, Washington in July. They have ridge soaring and all kinds of stuff there. Here is a picture of me and Dylan at the ground school graduation and a picture from last month's Young Eagles on the 12th.



Editor's Note: William is a Youth Workshop participant, and frequent volunteer at Chapter 113 events.

LAM, Los Alamos (of Oppenheimer/A-Bomb fame) - Dave Steiner

Just one runway, 9/27, on top of the 7171 foot mesa at KLAM. Something different is that for noise abatement over town and to keep you from flying over the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) restricted zone, R-5101, there is this restriction: LND W, TKOF E. No matter the winds. Due to this, Santa Fe is a much easier place to get into and out of and only about a 45-minute drive. A docent at the local National Parks office told me that although a G 550 could get into LAM, most dignitaries visiting Los Alamos go to SAF. Military brass fly into Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque and are helicoptered to a LANL heli-pad south of town. After walking around town and seeing some of the historical areas where the movie “Oppenheimer” was shot, we actually drove through the gated LANL south of town. The guard at the gate told us to not take any pictures. We complied and had a very nice drive to Bandelier National Monument. Much different than anything you see in Michigan.



Above & Below: BIG SKY country. 300+ days of sunshine a year. No action on the ramp, but in the distance in the photo it appeared someone was changing an engine out on a Cessna. LAM is known by local pilots as USS Los Alamos as the mesa is sort of like landing on an aircraft carrier. Santa Fe, in the high desert, is curiously in the same growing Zone 6 as southeast Michigan, but they have to irrigate to keep their gardens, ornamental and fruit trees, etc. alive.



Left: EAA presence Chapter 691.

Above right: CAF Composite Squadron, a nod to the 509th Composite Squadron. Headed by Col. Paul Tibbets, the 509th was tasked with dropping the A-Bombs on Japan, although they trained in Wendover, UT. Tibbets visited LANL several times to confer with Gen. Groves & Dr. Oppenheimer. Probably flew his personal C-54 into SAF, built in 1942. LAM was not built until 1948 for the AEC and not available to GA (with restrictions) until 1960. And not officially civilian until 2008.

Mystery Airport - Santa Fe (KSAF)

No one guessed the mystery airport in the May issue sent in by Dave Steiner. SAF is a small regional airport with scheduled service by United and American. We connected through Denver. As the weather is nearly perfect most of the time, no jet way is needed. Perhaps it is the only airport with an adobe terminal. Getting through TSA takes about five minutes, the baggage claim is a two minute walk from the gate and the AVIS rental car pickup/return is only a few hundred feet outside the small terminal. Almost like your own executive FBO. Elevation is 6,348 ft with two good condition runways about that same length, and a longer of 8,366 ft is listed as poor. Curiously there's an F-111F Aardvark "City of Santa Fe" parked on display outside. I wasn't able to get a photo.



Left: Unique adobe terminal, with CT.

Right: Outdoor, up close and personal ramp viewing area. There is an indoor lounge too.

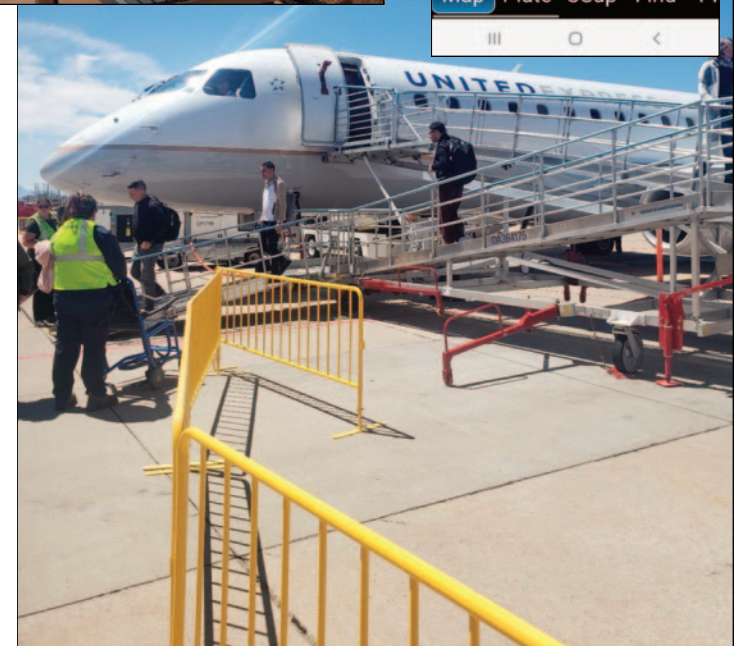
Far right: Not sure why the AVARE app showed the MSL at 9983 ft. in this screenshot.

Lower right: Embraer ERJ175 handles DEN to SAF



Left & above: Easy to find your bags, the building is outside the small terminal

Right: Perfect wx, so no jet way needed



MARTIN FILIATRAULT: BAD NEWS / GOOD NEWS

First, the bad news:

I was saddened to learn of the devastation of London, KY when a tornado struck the town on May 15. London is the home of Kolb Aircraft Company and its employees; the London/Corbin Airport took a major hit, with many hangars and aircraft completely destroyed and the Kolb facility very badly damaged. Given the content of my last newsletter article, the terrible irony of the name of the other aircraft I've recently considered makes me wince every time I think of it. My heart goes out to all the people of London and the Kolb Aircraft factory. I'm told they intend to rebuild and I will keep you apprised of any further news as I get it.

In other bad news, the reinstatement of my 3rd Class Medical Certificate has been pushed back somewhat indefinitely. The last requirement left for me to do was to undergo a complete Neuropsychological Evaluation. That process began on January 3; I completed the test battery on April 22. I was initially told that the scoring would take about a week, after which I would get a date for a consultation conference on the results. After hearing nothing for nine days I called the facility and was told that the scoring would take another two weeks to complete. I wasn't happy about that, but I could do nothing other than wait. After two weeks I called again and was told that it would be another three weeks before my scoring would be completed. So that's six weeks just to get the scoring done, making the entire process take as long as six months or more. And even after all that is completed and submitted to the FAA, along with hundreds of pages of other test results and medical documents, who knows how long it will take for a final determination to be made. I find all this somewhat disheartening, to say the very least.

But life is nothing without hope, so here's some good news:

In order to keep my spirits up and motivated, I scheduled a trip to visit EAA Chapter 5 in Middlefield, Ohio and attend their general meeting on Monday May 19 at Geauga County Airport (7G8). I had spoken with Chapter President Tim Connor on the phone and learned that two Titan Tornado (wince) aircraft are based there and I was able to make contact with one owner, Chris Hering, who would be attending the Chapter meeting.

I drove down that morning and checked into the stately Punderson Manor Lodge and Conference Center located within the confines of the Punderson State Park in Newbury Township, OH.



I explored the area a bit and did some computer work at the Lodge before heading over to 7G8 to enjoy the hospitality of Chapter 5 during their barbecue dinner and general meeting. Note that I was wearing the correct uniform.



I was greeted by Tim Connor who introduced me to Chris Hering before dinner. They had a nice collection of aircraft at their home base in Hangar 3; several attendees flew in for the meeting. I was granted permission to take photos.



I sat by Chris and spoke with him and other Chapter members during dinner. After dinner and before the meeting started, Chris and I walked over to his hangar so I could check out his Titan Tornado (wince) and see if I would actually fit into it. It was tight, but I fit. He owns an early model; subsequent models are larger, so I know I can get into those as well.



I was introduced to the group at the beginning of the meeting and the presentation that night was on astronomy. After chatting a bit after the meeting and watching some of the visiting aircraft take off, I returned to the lodge to connect my computer to the TV and watch some of my RV-8 movies (sigh...). And yes, my new computer wallpaper is no longer my RV-8 or a Kolb Firestar II, it's now a Titan Tornado II (wince).



I managed to get three hours of sleep before departing at 3 a.m. Tuesday morning to meet up with Dave Groat and do a photo shoot of his RV-10 at 1D2. Weather precluded any ground-to-air work but I managed to get some decent photos with the plane poised in front of the Chapter 113 hangar; here are a few samples. I was able to do all the photo processing at the hangar and gave Dave a thumb drive of the finished photos before I made my way home.



All in all, it was a good trip. And of course I had to make a road trip video. It's mostly time lapse driving footage, but there are good bits in the middle and in the other middle. Here's a link: <https://youtu.be/xGgFO0ZnloA>

Thanks to the gang at Chapter 5 for their hospitality and to Dave Groat for the photo session opportunity.

A few days later Chris Hering put me in contact with the other Titan Tornado (wince) owner at 7G8. The aircraft is a newer model but it was built in Canada, it hasn't flown in about 15 years and the current owner can't find the logbook so there's probably no paper trail. Sigh. So close, yet so very far, in so many ways.

More later. Maybe. Bye. MJF

P.S. Here's the link to the sim video I mentioned last month that wasn't included in the newsletter. <https://youtu.be/MJEOuWoCBjs>

EAA'S SONEX WAIEX "ONE WEEK WONDER" ARRIVES AT NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

From [AVIATIONPROS.COM](https://www.aviationpros.com), May 16, 2025

More than 2,200 people were part of the aircraft build over the seven-day period, as they could place a rivet and have their names recorded as a builder.



The Experimental Aircraft Association has delivered a Sonex Waix-B aircraft, built in one week at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum for display at its Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C. The airplane will go on display there as an example of amateur-built and recreational aircraft.

"Thousands of people participated in the building of this 'One Week Wonder' at Oshkosh just a few years ago to show that building your own airplane is attainable," said Charlie Becker, EAA's director of chapters, communities, and homebuilt community manager, who accompanied the aircraft on the journey to its new home.

Becker continued, "Now as many as a million people every year will see this aircraft as an example of a modern kit aircraft that can be built with simple hand tools by just about anyone."

More than 2,200 people were part of the aircraft build over the seven-day period, as they could place a rivet and have their names recorded as a builder. The airplane received its airworthiness certificate and taxied on the final day of EAA AirVenture 2022 and made its first flight a few weeks later.

It has since been part of the EAA's aircraft collection until an agreement was reached this year with the National Air and Space Museum for it to be a permanent part of its displays at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, which range from historic personal aircraft to the legendary Concorde and the Space Shuttle *Discovery*.

"This airplane will impress visitors with the innovation and technology that is everywhere in the homebuilding movement and recreational aviation," said Russell Lee, curator of homebuilt aircraft at the National Air and Space Museum.

Lee added, "Although one of the smallest airplanes displayed at the Udvar-Hazy Center, its power to excite visitors about the freedom of flight equals the largest aircraft displayed here."

The Waix-B went on display as soon as it arrived in the Boeing Aviation Hangar at the museum's Udvar-Hazy Center.

The Waix-B is a two-place, Y-tail aircraft designed by Sonex Aircraft of Oshkosh and powered by a Rotax 912iS engine. It is available as a kit and can be built for just over \$50,000. The aircraft can reach speeds of up to 170 mph, depending on its engine, and can fly more than 500 miles on a tank of fuel.

SUMMER CAMP

Victors Aviation will host our first Summer Camp at Oakland/Troy Airport,
with sessions starting in July 2025 for grades 3rd—12th.

Our summer camp will include:

- Top-notch STEAM curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Aviation, Mathematics)
- Daily hands-on flight practice in our simulators
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- Lunch, snacks, and drinks are provided

Pricing starts at \$895.00 per student with discounts available.

Camp operates Monday-Friday 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Camp Sessions run:

July 7, 2025 – July 11, 2025

July 14, 2025 – July 18, 2025

July 28, 2025 – August 1, 2025

August 4, 2025 – August 9, 2025

August 11, 2025 – August 15, 2025

To receive more information on the Summer Camp and reserve your student's spot, please email:

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before the general gathering, and by appointment – Liz Hebron.***



Come in and see what's new!





June 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pancake Breakfast at Branch County (KOEB) 	2	3	4	EAA 113 Homebuilder's Gathering 7:30 pm		7 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am
8 Pancake Breakfast at Ann Arbor (KARB) 		10	11 Ford Eagles 7:30 p.m.	EAA 113 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	13	14 Pancake Breakfast Set-Up 9-11 a.m. 
15 EAA 113's Father's Day 		17	18 	EAA 113 General Gathering 7:30 pm	20 Happy Summer! 	21 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am
22 Pancake Breakfast at Flushing (3DA) 	23	24	25	26 EAA 113 IMC Club Gathering 7:30 pm 	27	28 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am Pancake Breakfast at Ray (57D) 
29 Pancake Breakfast at Niles (3TR) 	30					



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 where 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!



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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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JUNE 19, 2025

7:30 PM

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(First day as a pilot...)

CONTROL TOWER: Can you give me your position?

ME: I'm next to a cloud that looks like a lion

CONTROL TOWER: Can you be more specific?

ME: Simba

