

# EAGLE'S PROPWASH

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CHAPTER 113 *"The Backyard Eagles"*



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AirVenture 2019

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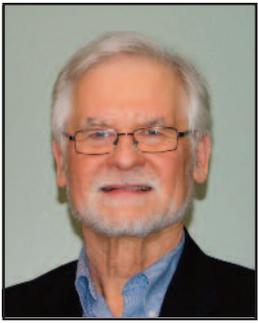
*“EAA Chapter 113’s major focus is on the relationships with people who have diverse aviation interests, centered around their love of flight, fellowship, learning, and fun.*”

*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.”*



## **PRESIDENT'S *PODIUM***

**Joe Kirik** (248) 872-3220  
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August 2019

### **AirVenture Recap**

Yes, the weather leading up to AirVenture was a nightmare. Those who got in early had to endure several storms with high winds and heavy rains. Many tents were flooded and some were destroyed. All the rain left the grounds saturated to the point that many areas had to be closed to aircraft arrivals. At first, only limited arrivals were allowed on Sunday, but that was expanded later in the day as soaked areas started drying out. Most of the EAA 113 group with spots in Vintage camping got in by Monday, but a few of the heavier aircraft were diverted to GA camping. Once all that got settled, the weather was near-perfect all week and everyone had a great time. Look for AirVenture stories and photos later in the newsletter and at the August 15 Chapter Meeting.

Unfortunately, one big thing was missing this year at AirVenture – for the first time in a long time we did not have our traditional Chapter 113 dinner. Nancy and Jim Trick hosted this event in their motorhome until two years ago when the vehicle was damaged in an accident, and then health issues led to Jim's passing last year. We were fortunate to obtain use of the Chapter Pavilion in 2017 and 2018, but it's no longer available for such functions, and we were not able to arrange a workable alternative. Hopefully next year someone with a camper or motorhome will step up and help us resume this great EAA 113 tradition.

### **Aviation Center Expansion**

Progress on the Don Zimmermann Aviation Education Center has nearly ground to a halt as subcontractor availability has become challenging. We're in regular contact with the contractor to try to keep things moving, but it's starting to get frustrating. Stay tuned...

### **Looking Ahead**

The "Flying Start" program, the equivalent of Young Eagles for adults, is coming up in just a few days on Saturday, August 10. If you know of someone who is curious about flying and wants to know more, please have them email Dan Jones ASAP at [djrv9a@gmail.com](mailto:djrv9a@gmail.com), or text/call (248) 310-6018.

And don't forget, the Chapter 113 Family Picnic is on Saturday, August 17 at 4 p.m. Bring family & friends for a fun time!

Enjoy the last blast of summer, and stay safe!

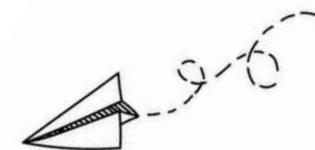
Joe

## *Congratulations to David and Tina Brent!*

Colin is a big brother to Catherine Marie Brent born on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

She is a healthy 8 lbs 8 oz. Everyone is doing very well . . .

except David who is still kicking himself for their timing and needing to miss Oshkosh this year!



## *Congratulations again to David Brent!*

(cuz that wasn't enough!)

Another bundle of joy arrived this month as David is the proud half owner a beautiful Cessna 170!



You are invited to:

# EAA 113's Annual Family & Friends Picnic

Will be

Saturday, August 17th, 2019

At the

EAA 113 Aviation Center

Gathering begins at 4:00 p.m.

Come early and stay late!

**Ice Cream Sundae Bar**  
Opens Following Dinner

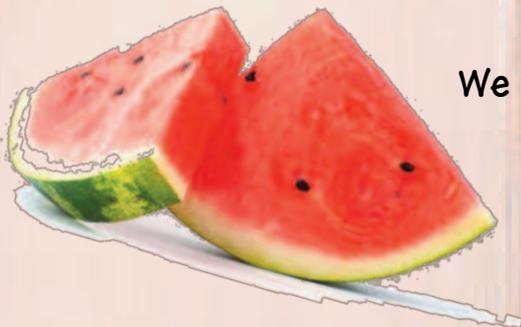
*EAA113 will provide the grilling meats, condiments and goodies for the Ice Cream Sundae Bar.*

*We will also have games for children, big and small! . . .*

*Including the Annual Water Balloon fight!*

*Bring your family and friends!*

**Please bring a Side Dish to share and your lawn chair.**



# AirVenture 2019: Facts and Figures for a Record Year



July 30, 2019 -

# HEROES AMONGST US

By Debbie Redding

The World of Aviation has always been considered to be a small family. AirVenture is thought to be the ultimate “family reunion” to encounter airplanes and fellow aviators. However, the experience is about the journey not just the destination.

On every journey we encounter people or situations that were chosen by a higher power to guide and protect us. Heroes can come in all forms and unsuspecting ways. When in a hurry, the doctor fueling his twin Beech slowly and deliberately seems like a curse. Yet, with more careful analysis he was a hero for protecting aviators from putting themselves and their airplane into severe weather due to his delay.

After a good night’s rest, the journey continued to Whitman Field, albeit wet . . . very wet . . . with more rain expected within the hour of landing. The thought of trying to carry belongings in humid 95 degree heat a few feet seemed unbearable, let alone carrying them a mile. Volunteers were overwhelmed and too busy to offer assistance. A car just happened by for the driver to see an airplane he has always been fond of. Wait, it is a familiar face of an airshow pilot, a hero at just the moment to get the aviators and their luggage to safe ground minutes before the rain arrived.

A mother of a precious baby on its first trip to Oshkosh is a hero for the care she provides her loving child. She makes sacrifices to keep her child safe and comfortable. Her time belongs only to that cherished life for years to come.

Several heroes in Oshkosh wear pink shirts. The air traffic controllers that do everything they can to keep the high volume of airplanes safe and efficient. They have the ability to adapt to Plan B when weather turns and to call for the go-around when certain pilots struggle with directions. The success of this event requires the skilled men and women in pink shirts.

AirVenture could never happen without the hundreds of volunteers that give their time to make the event thrive. Heroes prepare food, pick up trash, protect airplanes and people, clean bathrooms, teach classes, entertain children, drive trams and hundreds of other jobs to allow visitors to enjoy the Oshkosh experience.

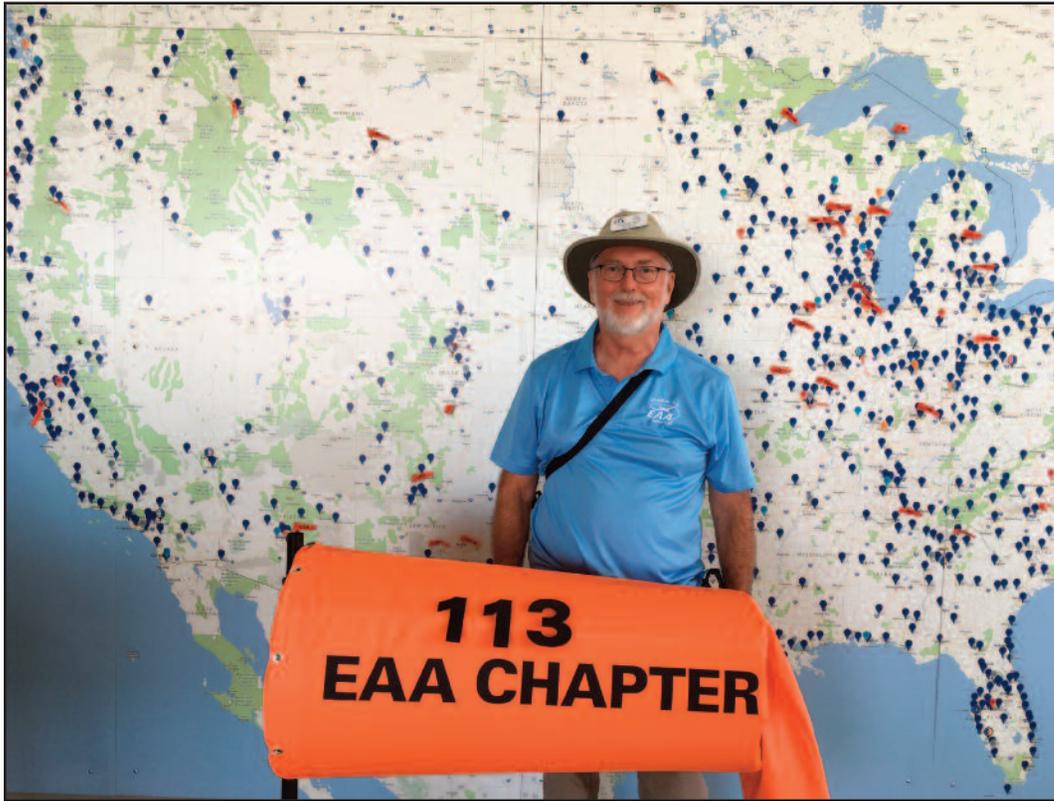
This year was the 50th anniversary of the Apollo program. Several astronauts spoke about their experiences to a crowd of hundreds. These men were heroes for exploring worlds unknown and enduring the risks while still allowing young children today to dream of future possibilities.

All week you can spot hundreds of true heroes at AirVenture. They are the real heroes . . . they wear ball caps that say “Vietnam Vet”, “USMC”, “World War II”, “USS Hornet”, etc. Applause echoes on Friday afternoon as the Veteran’s Parade makes their way to show center. Again on Friday evening, more applause rings out as the American Airlines 737 rolls under the water arch for the returning Heritage Flight home and the emotional Veterans walk. These men and women are the ultimate heroes.

With a grateful heart, we thank each hero we encountered along the Oshkosh journey.

*Debbie*

# TOM SMITH'S AIRVENTURE 2019



*Photos Courtesy of Tom Smith*

Sean Tucker, Tom, and Jessie Panzer



# ROB JOHNSON'S AIRVENTURE 2019

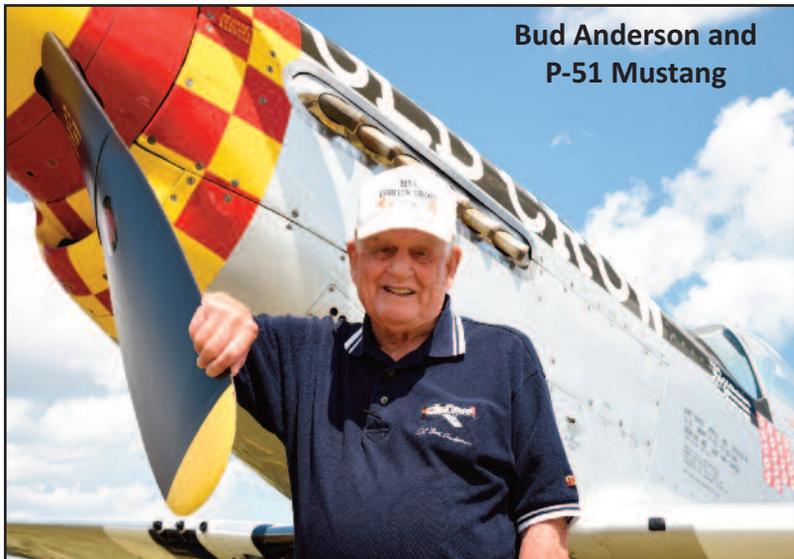
## Dinner With Colonel Clarence E. "Bud" Anderson and the Old Crow Charity Ford Mustang

Attending Oshkosh every year is always special for a variety of reasons. First and foremost, I get to spend a week with my boys who love aviation like I do. It's a great week to hang out and relax and forget about whatever else is going on in our lives at work, home or school. I also cherish the opportunity to see old friends from other EAA Chapters that I've been involved with as I have moved around the country with my job at Ford these past 26 years. There is also the opportunity to see aviation spectacles that always amaze me and keep me coming back like the fantastic nighttime airshow!

This year, I had the opportunity to do something special that I will never forget. Through my work at Ford, I got invited to attend a dinner with some VIP guests one evening at Oshkosh. I knew this was a small private dinner that would have special guests in attendance but I didn't really know what to expect, who specifically would be in attendance, etc. To my surprise and delight, I found myself sitting right next to none other than Colonel Clarence E. "Bud" Anderson, WW II Triple Ace, Test Pilot, American Hero, and all around gentleman. The connection that got me to this dinner was the Old Crow P-51 inspired Ford Mustang that was being auctioned off at the "Gathering of Eagles" charity event to benefit Young Eagles. Ford has been involved with EAA for many years and has been collaborating with them on the auction Mustangs for a majority of that time. This year's Charity Mustang was a tribute to Col. Anderson and his service to our country, and was a collaboration with Roush Racing/Jack Roush who has a long standing friendship with Bud. The vehicle is stunning and does a great job of highlighting key features of the P-51 Mustang's that Bud flew during WW II.

Dinner was fantastic and I really enjoyed speaking with Col. Anderson. He shared with me stories of some of the Ford vehicles he's owned over the years and noted that he really enjoys the Lincoln that he currently has. In attendance at the dinner was Bud's son Jim who is also an accomplished aviator having flown for the military, Airlines, and just recently retired from his 3rd career as a University Professor.

The Old Crow Ford Mustang sold for \$400,000 at the charity auction and proceeds will benefit the EAA Young Eagles Program. Being an aviation enthusiast and also working for Ford for 26+ years, I couldn't be more proud to sit at dinner with Bud and share conversations about the Old Crow charity Ford Mustang project. It was a special evening I will never forget.



**Bud Anderson and  
P-51 Mustang**



**Old Crow Ford Mustang**

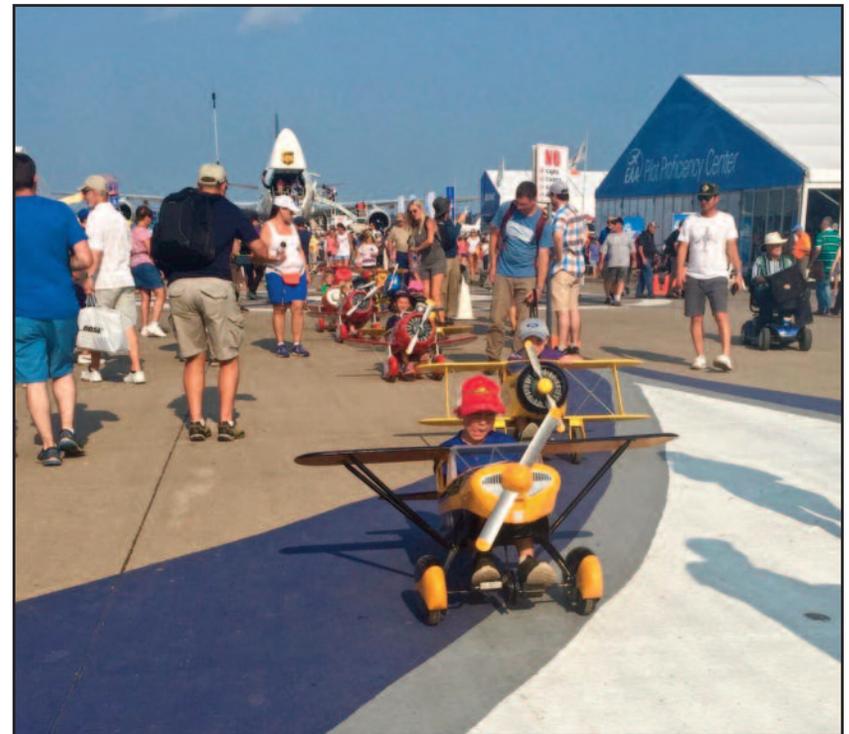


*Photos Courtesy of Rob Johnson*





*All Photos Courtesy of Nigel Thompson*



## JOE KIRIK'S AIRVENTURE 2019



My plane was a popular campsite. My tent, son Justin's tent, and Sanjay Dhall's tent.  
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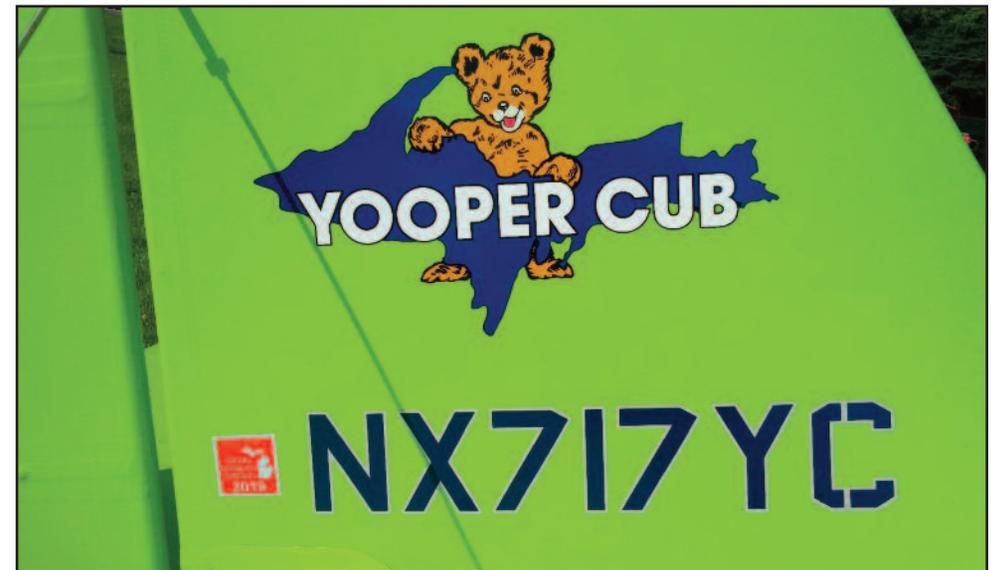


This was my favorite from the STOL competition planes, complete with a gun case on the wing struts.

I wonder how many outside Michigan got the "Yooper" name...

Registered to Richard Ness, Escanaba, MI Smith Super Cub (Experimental)

*Photos Courtesy of Joe Kirik*



SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE REDDING



*"How much stuff could an Aeronca Champ hold if an Aeronca Champ could hold stuff?"*

L to R: Mark Smokovitz and Sean Crooks

Photo courtesy of EAA Photo Staff

## RANDY HEBRON'S STAYCATION IN MICHIGAN



*Photos Courtesy of Randy Hebron*



# WHEN A U.S. CITY WAS BOMBED BY THE U.S. AIRFORCE

Your aviation history lesson submitted by Dave James

During the dead of winter, March 21st 1944; Miles City, Montana; local residents woke to their quaint little town being overrun and submerged by the rising frozen waters of the Yellowstone river. Ice jams were building quickly, raising the subzero river water levels over 16 feet. As the blocks of ice, slush and freezing waters flooded into the city, residents were forced to flee their homes for safer grounds.

Miles City Mayor L.S. Key knew immediate action must be taken, and brought in explosive experts from a nearby town. Two local pilots took a small aircraft over the river and attempted to drop and detonate 50 pound homemade bombs on the Yellowstone ice jam , but unfortunately it had little effect.

Mayor L.S. Key then decided to do the unthinkable, and placed an urgent request to the Governor's office. His request was short, and to the point "Send in the Bombers!"

At a USAAF base in Rapid City S.D., the crew of an Army Air Force B-17 were quick to accept the unusual mission, and preparations to bomb an American city were fast underway. The crew hastily began fusing and loading 250-pound bombs into the bomb bay of their USAAF Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress. Shortly thereafter, the loaded bomber with her crew of eight, took to the skies in a harsh blizzard and low ceilings.

The plan was to deliver the bombs to Miles City where the load would be transferred to a waiting Dive-Bomber to execute the bomb delivery. As the one B-17 was nearing Miles City, low clouds forced the plans to be changed. Under a blanket of 1000 foot overcast skies, the B-17 was then ordered to handle the bombing run themselves.

Originally planned to release the load at 10,000 feet, the low overcast forced the bomber crew to take their ship lower. At 1930 hours, in heavy snow, winds and cold, the bomber appeared over the river and executed two dummy bombing runs as crowds of locals watched in amazement. On the third pass, the B-17 released a test bomb that exploded precisely on target. Unsure of the effect, the crew brought their bomber around again.

Making a two more passes, releasing all six of the 250 lb. bombs. Hundreds of residents watched motionless, and none speaking a word. The entire town, their homes and their families future hung in the balance as they watched the bombs fall. Seconds later a huge plume of ice, mud and water exploded skyward from the frozen Yellowstone river.

The ice jam quickly broke apart, and the frozen waters slowly receded, saving the small town. The next morning, local residents were thrilled to watch as the water levels had dropped a full 10 feet from the day before.



That night the crew of the B-17 were welcomed by the thankful and relieved residents of Miles City Montana. The entire crew were put up at the local hotel, and each received a well-deserved steak dinner.

The next morning, the crew departed, and the B-17 made a final victory pass low over the town at 50 feet over the rooftops, rocking their wings as they flew back home to Rapid City SD... and so the story goes of the only time the continental United States was bombed.



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# Miles City Daily Star

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## SWITCHWEST ARMY AGAIN

between 250 and 500 U.  
Bombers Drop Explosives  
On Reich Homeland

BY AUSTEN BEALMEAR  
on, March 20—U.—American  
B, carrying forward the un-  
milited aerial offensive against  
Italy's continental borders,  
battered by 20,000 tons of  
in six days, struck targets in  
west Germany today.

attacking fleet described ef-  
fect of morning size—pr. (Kamp)  
The bombing—ramped Ameri-  
can on the Reich homeland for  
first time in the six-day, two-  
week.

great bombers were escorted  
by forces of Lightning, Thunder-  
bolt Mustang fighters of both  
armies and United States forces  
in Italy. This return, ahead  
Monday night the American at-  
tack through bad weather  
continued against the

# FLOOD WATERS REACH INTO CITY

WHERE BITTER-END BATTLE RAGES IN STORM

## YELLOWSTONE JAMMED WITH ICE GORGES

River Unable To Carry  
Burden Of Flood  
Waters From Tongue

# MASON AVIATION DAY

**SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2019**

**AT MASON JEWETT AIRPORT (TEW)**

Eden Road @ Kipp Road, Mason, MI ~ south of the Ingham County Fairgrounds

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ 7:30 am to 11:00 am**

("ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT" PANCAKES SERVED WITH EGGS, SAUSAGE, JUICE & COFFEE)

**LUNCH ~ NOON to 2:00 pm**

(PORK BBQ, HOT DOGS & BRATS AVAILABLE)



**HOME BUILT AIRCRAFT ~ CLASSIC AIRCRAFT ~ MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON DISPLAY  
PLUS AN OPEN HOUSE AT LCC SCHOOL OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY**

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# 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR EAA 113

Regular Monthly Meetings are on Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. These include:

Home Builder's Corner on the 1st Thursday

Board Meeting on the 2nd Thursday

General Meeting on the 3rd Thursday

IMC/VMC on the 4th Thursday



<b>August</b>	
10	Flying Start
17	Family Picnic
<b>September</b>	
21	Young Eagle Rally
<b>October</b>	
19	Young Eagle Rally
<b>November</b>	
9	Chili Fly-In
<b>December</b>	
19	Holiday Party

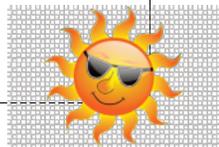
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# August 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1		3 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 8:15am
4	5	6	7	8 <i>EAA 113 Board Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	9	10 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 8:15am Flying Start 
11 Oakland County International Airport Airshow 10-4	12	13	14	15 <i>EAA 113 General Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	16	17 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 8:15am <i>EAA 113 Family PICNIC</i> 4:00 p.m. 
18	19	20 	21	22	23	24 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 8:15am
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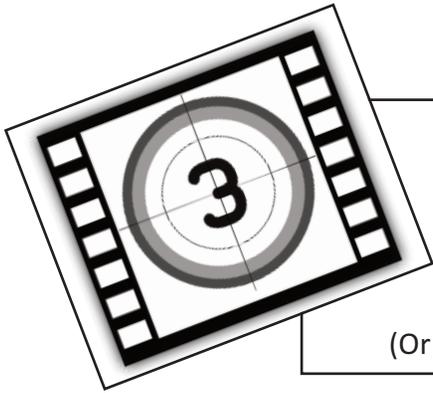




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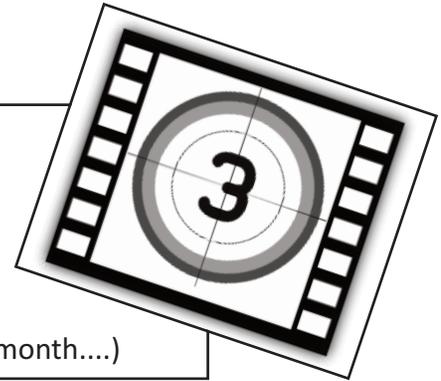
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>EAA 113 Homebuilder's Meeting 7:30 pm</b></p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7 <b>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 8:15am</b></p>
<p>8</p> <p>Fowlerville (65G) Pancake Breakfast</p> 	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p> <p><b>EAA 113 Board Meeting 7:30 pm</b></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 <b>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 8:15am</b></p> 
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<p>22</p>	<p>23 <b>1st Day of Autumn</b></p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>EAA 113 IMC Club Meeting 7:30 p.m</b></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 <b>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 8:15am</b></p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> 					



## Calling all video enthusiasts!

Submit your video of the month to Sanjay Dhall  
at [vicepresident@eaa113.org](mailto:vicepresident@eaa113.org)

(Or you might be watching someone's 60-year-old 8 mm home movies next month....)



EAA Chapter 113 member Mark French, FAA parachute rigger, offers his services to all members of the chapter at a special rate; \*FREE\* for any of their parachute needs. If anyone is in need of a pilot rig for testing or acrobatics, a number of pilot emergency parachutes are available for loan. Any questions related to parachutes and parachuting can be answered by contacting him at: [mark.r.french1@gmail.com](mailto:mark.r.french1@gmail.com) or by calling 734.260.7342.



# **Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, August 15, 2019**  
**7:30 PM**  
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