## EAGLE'S PROPWASH



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Gatherings: 7:30 PM
the 3rd Thursday of each
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EDUCATION CENTER
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# MAY 2025 ISSUE CHAPTER 113 "The Backyard Eagles"



Jack McClellan's EuroFox on a Young Eagles flight.

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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 May 2025**

Greetings Chapter 113 members and friends.

Our Chapter's next Young Eagles rally is This Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The online registration is full as usual, so we'll need all hands-on deck to introduce even more youth to the joy of flight. If you haven't already volunteered for this event, please let Debbie know your availability ASAP. Call or text her at 734-751-5871 or email <a href="mailto:events@eaa113.org">events@eaa113.org</a>. Last month's event was safe and successful after a one-week rain delay. Hopefully the weather will be good this time around.



Our annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast is approaching fast. Jim Brown has things pretty well lined up for the June 15<sup>th</sup> event. But as with everything EAA, success depends on lots of help. He has space for your name on his sign-up list if you'd like to help. Give him a call at 313-570-6374

Next time you're in the EAA Hangar, you'll notice that there is space available for another airplane. We're looking for the right sized plane as typical Cessnas or Pipers are too large to fit comfortably. Keep in mind also, that along with the opportunity to keep one's plane in the hangar, comes the commitment to the Chapter to vacate from time to time for events like pancake breakfast, chili fly-ins, etc.. Feel free to call if you'd like more information.

As you know, we do our best to keep our Chapter's building and equipment in top shape. Recently, we discovered some tables are badly stained and one has a deep gouge, to the point that we're considering relegating them to shop only use. Please help keep all Chapter equipment, including tables and chairs nice by protecting the top during their use.

AirVenture Oshkosh is less than 90 days away. This is the last call to for anyone interested in Chapter Camping and for one member to coordinate this with EAA. It's not a difficult task and the sooner we alert EAA headquarters, the better the Chapter 113 camping area is likely to be. Let me know if you are interested and can help.

Our Ray Scholarship student, Joshua, is on the verge of his first Solo. We're watching the weather along with him, waiting for just the right time. Keep up the good work Joshua! EAA's Learn to Fly Week is May 13 – 17. A week of online webinars covering all aspects of learning to fly. Be sure to pass this along if you know someone interested in becoming a pilot.

Our May Gathering speaker is still being finalized. Watch for an update soon, don't miss it! Stay up to date with EAA 113 at <a href="https://www.eaa113.org">www.eaa113.org</a> and follow us on Facebook! Happy Landings Everyone! - John Maxfield

#### **EAA 113 BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 10, 2025**

Attendance: Rick Karaschin, Jim Brown, Dave Buck, Al Bosonetto, Debra Redding, , Dave Steiner, John Maxfield, David Edmonds

Absent: Jack McClellan, Randy & Liz Hebron, Dan Jones

**Treasurer's Report:** Spending at routine maintenance level. 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 Stewart covering system on actual sample part - this will be continued at next meeting.

**IMC/VMC Club Report:** Continue to host meetings and looking to include opportunities for youth participation.

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

**Library Report:** Regular hours when the library will be open will be posted in the newsletter and the hangar.

**Flight Simulator:** Agreed that team needs to consider location options, access, security and use guidelines further before a decision can be made.

**Events:** Eagles events planned for May 3rd - need more pilot volunteers!!!

Young Builders: - need to schedule last session in May.

Membership Gathering: Need meeting speaker suggestions and volunteers from members? Let John Maxfield know.

#### **EAA 113 Goals for 2024**

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

**Next meeting:** May 8th **Meeting Adjourned:** 



### **Young Eagles News**

Next Event: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Our next event will be held this **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please VOLUNTEER! 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. (Youth volunteers will need their parent present.) The mandatory Safety Briefing held promptly at 8:30 a.m. for all volunteers.

Contact Debbie for information or questions and to VOUNTEER.

Our April event was a success after a week's weather delay. We flew 30 youth with almost half being first time flyers! There were many excited young people that were full of great questions about aviation. Sparks were definitely ignited for them. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that stepped up to make the event possible. Hope to see our Chapter members again on Saturday.



#### YOUNG EAGLES APRIL 12, 2025 - A PHOTO ESSAY BY MARTIN FILIATRAULT









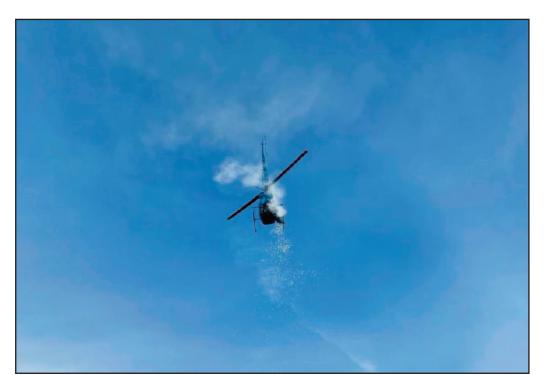
Many of the Chapter 113's Youth Workshop volunteered for ground crew positions, helping to ensure safety for all participants.







#### DAVE JAMES AND THE COUNTY PARKS GOOD FRIDAY MARSHMALLOW DROP







#### **OWOSSO LUNCH FLY-OUT**



Jim Brown & Dave James (Comanche, YIP), Paul Nickes (Champ, Lowel), Randy & Scott Hebron (Cessna 180, 1D2), John Wier (Maule, Sparta), and Scott Antilla (Stinson).





### **FATHER'S DAY**



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

Everyone is Welcome.....

Fly In or Drive In!

\$8

For adults



\$4

For children

**Mettetal Airport (1D2)** 

**EAA 113 Aviation Center** 

Canton. MI

Proceeds help fund the EAA 113 Youth Education and Aviation Scholarship programs

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



#### **MARTIN'S MAY MUTTERINGS**

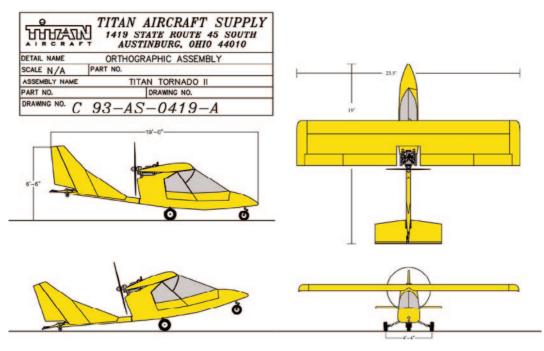
Lotsa muttering going on lately... trust me.

Last you heard from me was my Kolb content (parts 1 & 2 for Chapter 194 newsletter; presentation for Chapter 113).

Since then... I got nuthin.

Ok, well, nothing of any consequence. Some of you already know that (for reasons unknown) I'm being ghosted by Kolb. I made a video about it that I won't share to the public, but if you're really interested send me a text or an email and I'll send you a link. The bottom line is that they don't seem interested in communicating with me and I've decided to stop trying. My head hurts from bashing it against that wall, and since I'm still capable of learning lessons, I learned to stop.

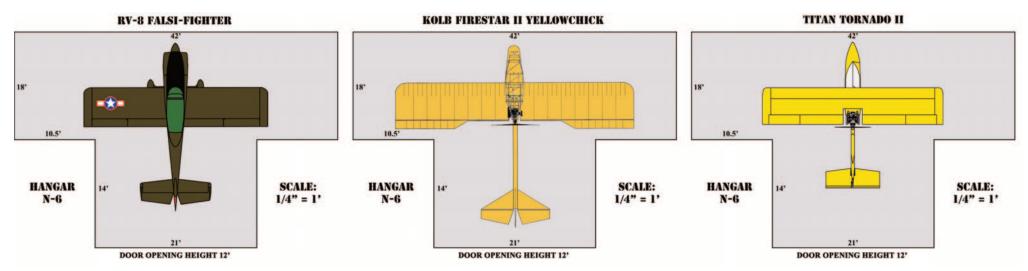
I revisited other manufacturers of similar designs and allowed myself to dream about possibly owning a Titan Tornado II:





I visited the Titan Aircraft Company in Austinburgh, Ohio back in April 2018 when I went there to pick up the Whirl Wind prop for my RV-8; both companies shared the facility, in addition to a tech company. I saw numerous T-51 Mustangs but didn't see any Tornados during my visit.

Further investigation revealed that after the loss of founder John Williams in a T-51 during a post-maintenance flight last year, the company has been sold to Air Cover Engineering. They are currently in the process of building a new manufacturing plant in Missouri and will not be taking orders until they are ready to resume production. The Tornado II is an attractive alternative to the Kolb; all-metal fabrication, a shorter wingspan and higher wing loading will allow a performance envelope of +6/-2 g and aerobatics are approved. Because I've nothing else to do, of course I drew up some scale comparisons and saw how each would fit in my hangar.



The Tornado II doesn't really compare to the RV-8, but it's faster and more nimble than the Firestar II. It's probably not as good of a STOL aircraft as the Kolb and it isn't a taildragger (unless you count the tiny caster wheel mounted on the tail). But it is quite a bit faster. Based on what I've seen and heard in videos and online, I'm not sure I would fit in it. I'm also not sure that during the company's current transition period, I would be able to see one in person at the Austinburgh facility.

All of this remains a moot point because I still don't have my 3rd Class Medical Certificate yet. I've completed all the necessary testing and am awaiting one final batch of results to send along to the FAA. Who knows what will happen after that? After all this time, I still have no clue.

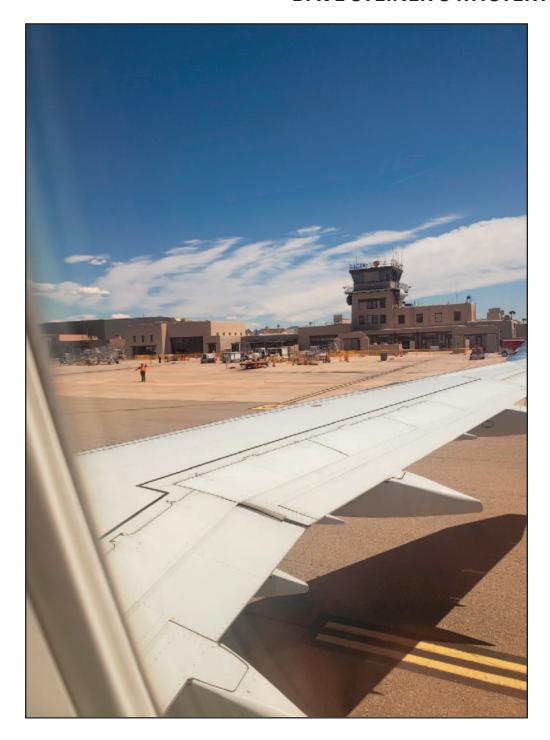
Still, I keep trying to find ways to eke forward toward the goal of flying again. I've made two more flight sim videos; that makes a playlist of three. The first was made in February 2024, the next two were made in March and April of 2025. If you're really bored and find my videos unboring, check them out here:

It's best if you watch all three in order. Or at least that's what my own OCD keeps screaming inside my brain. In total, it's less than 48 minutes of your precious time, aside from the time you'll spend pondering whether or not you should call Adult Protection Services. But of course that hotline has probably been recently abandoned, so don't worry about it. I certainly don't.

That's all I got. If you have any suggestions for getting out of the brain swamp of doldrums I'm currently swimming in, let me know. Or at least throw a life preserver at me. Aim for my head.

See you all at the next meetings and the Young Eagles events!

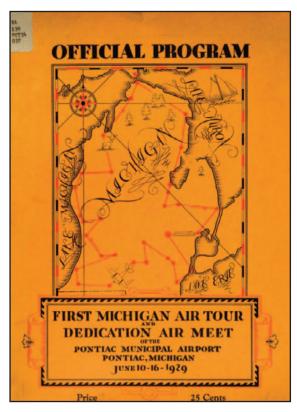
#### **DAVE STEINER'S MYSTERY AIRPORT CHALLENGE**



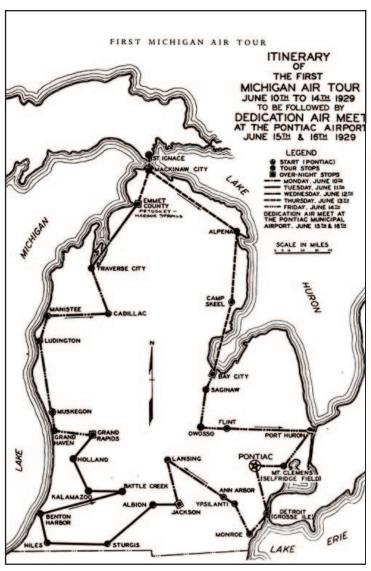


Can you identify this airport?

#### A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY



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First Michigan Air Tour video:

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#### WACO "165"



WACO offers for 1929, a complete line of threeplace open biplanes ranging in price (at the factory) from \$2.885 to \$10,000

Water-cooled OX-5 90 horsepower and Hissos of 150 and 180 horsepower are included in the list of Standard Models.

The new line of Wright engines, the J-6 series, will be featured in the WACOS powered with new

production, air-cooled engines. From 165 to 300 horsepower is available with these motors. The WACO "165," pictured above, powered with the Wright J-6, is entered in the first Michigan Air

Tour. The WACO "220" Taper-wing has caused more favorable comment than any commercial airplane. It combines stability, speed, and maneuverability to an

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## Paulson Aviation Library

Now Open Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM before the general gathering, and by appointment – Liz Hebron.









## May 2\*25



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Saul Saul	I  EAA 113  Homebuilder's  Gathering 7:30 pm	2	EAA 113's Young Eagles 8:00-11:30 am
4	5	6	7	8  EAA 113 Board  Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am
Happy Mother's Day	5	13	14	EAA 113 General Gathering 7:30 pm	16	17 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am
18	19	20	21	EAA 113 IMC Club Gathering 7:30 pm	23	24 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am
25	MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER & HONOR	27	28	29	30	31 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am



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.

<u>Some POH books for typical training planes would be greatly appreciated</u> 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! <u>They are thrilled by your support!</u>

Donations can be left on the workbench in the main hangar – you'll see a marked box or contact Dan Jones at <a href="Secretary@eaa113.org">Secretary@eaa113.org</a> 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!

## Chapter Gathering: MAY 14, 2025 7:30 PM

at the EAA Chapter 113 Aviation Education Center

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