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MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Welcome to the February edition of the EAA Chapter 123 newsletter! As we soar into the new year, we're excited about the opportunities and adventures that lie ahead in the world of aviation. Whether you're building, flying, or simply enjoying the journey, we're glad you're part of our community.

This month, we're thrilled to share updates on upcoming events, workshops, and member highlights. We encourage you to get involved, whether it's attending our next gathering, supporting Young Eagles flights, or lending a hand on the workbench. Together, we continue to grow and build a stronger aviation family.

Thank you for being a part of this amazing chapter. Let's keep our passion for aviation flying high!

Blue skies,
EAA Chapter 123



Monthly Gatherings

Third Monday of the Month

Michael's Charcoal Grill

- 18:00 - 18:30
 - Meal/Social Time
- 18:30 - 19:00
 - Chapter Updates
 - Planning Ahead
 - Milestones & Celebrations
 - Educational & Inspirational
- 19:00 - 19:30
 - Guest Speaker(s)
- 19:30
 - Closing Remarks

Flying Together with our Sponsors

EAA Chapter 123 is *proud to partner* with organizations that share our passion for aviation. Their support helps us inspire the next generation of aviators and bring exciting opportunities to our community. We are deeply grateful for their generosity and commitment.



Floris Flight Services has been a cornerstone of our success, providing office space at Midland Airpark for our *Young Eagles* events. Their generosity allows us to create unforgettable aviation experiences for young aspiring pilots. Thank you, Floris Flight Services, for your incredible support!

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A Message from the Chapter President

As we move into 2025, I'm excited about what lies ahead for EAA Chapter 123. Our chapter is built on a strong foundation of passionate aviators, but like any thriving community, we know that in order to keep people interested and involved, we have to do something. Whether it's building aircraft, flying Young Eagles, or simply gathering to share stories and advice, we know that staying engaged is key to growing our chapter and keeping it vibrant.



In each of our monthly gatherings, we aim to create an environment where every member can find something to connect with. We start with some general chapter news and updates, followed by discussions on current projects, member achievements, and upcoming events. The informal, yet focused, nature of our gatherings is designed to allow everyone to get involved and make their voice heard. We want to create an atmosphere where members feel comfortable, inspired, and ready to contribute in any way they can.

One thing that's important to us as we move forward is ensuring that our roster is up-to-date and reflects our true chapter strength. We're cleaning up our membership lists and working on growing our presence. Whether you're a long-time member or a new face, we want you to feel that you belong here, and we want to welcome others into our fold. It's our collective energy and passion for aviation that makes this chapter so special.

To help keep the momentum going, we're also hard at work developing a 2025 activity schedule. Our goal is to have a wide variety of events, from hands-on projects to social events, that will keep everyone engaged and excited. We know that having clear activities and opportunities to participate will be a great way to keep the spirit of aviation alive in our chapter.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and for being part of this amazing community. Together, we can continue to build not just aircraft, but friendships, skills, and memories that will last a lifetime. Let's make 2025 our best year yet!

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A Message from the Chapter Vice President

It's a new year and along with the new digits on the calendar comes new roles and responsibilities. After nearly a decade (officially or unofficially) as the chapter's Young Eagles Coordinator, I've decided to pass the torch.

John Carnett has graciously picked it up and I think he will run with it. Over the last ten years our chapter has flown hundreds of Young Eagles. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that goes into a Young Eagles rally, with hours spent on the phone talking to parents (after convincing them I'm not a scammer). However, the real heroes of the Young Eagles program are the pilots who volunteer their time, aircraft and fuel to give kids a really great and unique experience.

With my new-to-me Aerotrek A240 ready to fly, I look forward to once again serving as a pilot at the Young Eagles rallies. In addition, I've taken on the Vice President role for the chapter. I look forward to supporting the vision of Kelly and the other chapter officers and members of an even more active, engaged, and fun club of aviation enthusiasts.

We are always looking for Young Eagle Pilots. If you have an Interest, we encourage you to follow this link ([YE Pilot Requirements](#)) to get Information on how to become a YE's Pilot. It Is not difficult, but there are some requirements that **MUST be met.**



Homebuilders Week



Hints for Homebuilders

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January Gathering Highlights



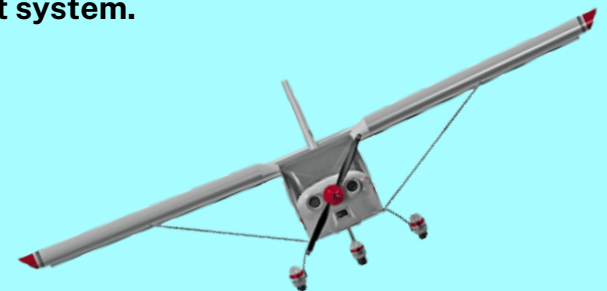
Many attendees arrived early to enjoy food and mingle before the presentations began. The meeting covered several topics, including the calendar dates for 2025 Young Eagles events, as well as discussions on upcoming flying events and fundraising opportunities for the chapter.

Our spring Young Eagles event is scheduled for March 8, 2025. This event is weather-dependent, so stay tuned for updates as we approach the date. One of our members proposed an exciting flying event, and we've penciled in May 3, 2025, as the primary date, with a backup date of May 10, 2025. Details are still being finalized, but we're optimistic about creating an engaging fundraiser for our local community. We don't want to give too much away just yet, so stay tuned for more updates!

Kelly provided an update on his Experimental Super Cub project, also known as the Grumpy Cub Project. John announced that he has ordered a Zenith 750 kit, with delivery expected within the next eight weeks.

Our guest speaker, Carollyne, co-founder of fly-inn.com, delivered an insightful presentation on their platform and shared the compelling "why" behind their mission. Be sure to check them out at fly-inn.com.

We've also made updates to our website! Chapter membership dues can now be paid online. If your email is in our system, you can easily complete the payment process using this [Membership Dues link](#). If you're not yet on our roster, use this [Add Me to the Roster link](#), and we'll get you added so you can take advantage of the online payment system.



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Final Flight Notes: Make Safety a Priority

Preflight Planning: Always Factor in the Weather The weather can change quickly, and it's easy to focus on the destination or the flight itself. However, thorough preflight planning should include an in-depth weather briefing, considering not just the conditions at departure and arrival airports but also en-route hazards like turbulence, thunderstorms, and icing risks. Check multiple sources and be prepared to adjust your plans if necessary.

Stay Ahead of the Aircraft: Maintain Situational Awareness A key component to safe flying is staying ahead of the aircraft. Constantly monitor your flight's progress, communicate with ATC as needed, and anticipate changes in altitude, speed, or course. Think a few steps ahead—what if there's a sudden change in weather, traffic, or a mechanical issue? Keeping situational awareness sharp helps you avoid surprises and make better decisions.

Emergency Procedures: Practice Makes Perfect It's one thing to read your aircraft's emergency procedures in the manual, but it's another to practice them. Regularly review emergency checklists and simulate emergency scenarios to ensure you can respond without hesitation. Whether it's an engine failure, electrical issue, or an emergency descent, practicing procedures will help keep you calm and clear-headed when things go wrong.

Don't Push Your Limits: Know When to Turn Back While pushing through a tough situation can be tempting, knowing when to turn back or divert is critical to safety. Whether it's bad weather, unfamiliar terrain, or unexpected technical issues, recognize when it's safer to cancel or reroute your flight rather than pushing on. Better safe on the ground than sorry in the air.

Avoiding Fatigue: Rest Before You Fly Fatigue is a silent hazard in aviation. It can impair your judgment, reaction times, and overall performance. If you're feeling tired, consider delaying your flight, even if you've planned it for a while. Get enough rest before your flight to ensure you're at your best. Remember, you're flying not just for yourself, but for your passengers and others in the airspace as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter. We're excited for all the opportunities ahead and appreciate your continued support in making EAA Chapter 123 such a great place for aviators of all kinds. Let's keep flying high and building our aviation community together. See you at the next gathering!