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MARCH IS HERE – EXCITING EVENTS AHEAD!

As we step into March, the excitement is building for what’s shaping up to be a fantastic year for EAA Chapter 123! We’re especially looking forward to our upcoming Young Eagles and Eagles Rally, which will be held in conjunction with the CAF’s Aviation Discovery Day. This is a great opportunity to introduce young and aspiring pilots to the world of aviation, and we can’t wait to see the smiles as we share the joy of flight.

In addition, we’ve been busy planning something brand new for our chapter—our first-ever Aviation Poker Run! Details are coming soon, but trust us, you won’t want to miss out on this fun and exciting way to enjoy flying while supporting our chapter. Stay tuned!

A big Thank You to everyone who has renewed their memberships—we truly appreciate your continued support. If you haven’t renewed yet, there’s still time to get on board for another great year of aviation camaraderie.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next gathering and out at the airport!

Blue skies,
EAA Chapter 123

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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Experimental Aircraft Association
EAA Chapter 123
Midland, TX
Chapter One Twenty-Three

Monthly Gatherings
Third Monday of the Month

- 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

Michael's Charcoal Grill

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What is an Aviation Poker Run?

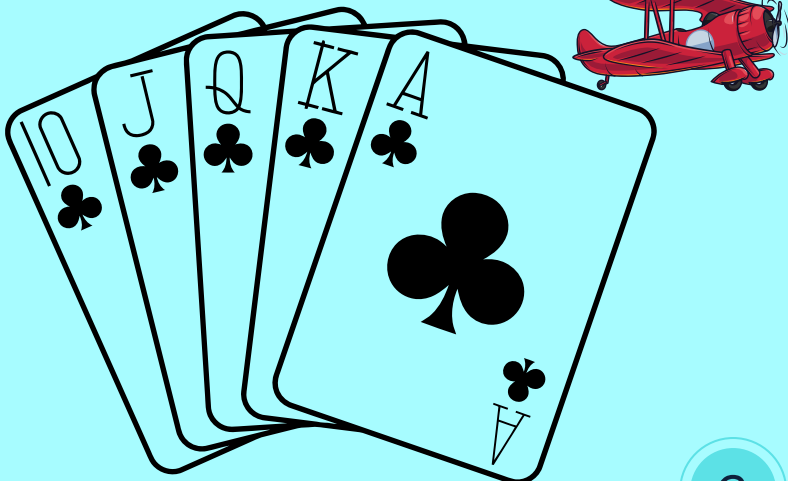
By now, you may have heard whispers about an exciting new event coming to our chapter — our first-ever Aviation Poker Run! But what exactly is a Poker Run, and how does it work?

A Poker Run is a fun flying event where participants visit multiple airports to collect playing cards. At the final stop, the best five-card poker hand wins! It's a great way to encourage flying, visit new airports, and enjoy camaraderie with fellow aviators.

How It Works:

- **Choose Your Starting Airport** – Participants can begin their hand at any of four designated airports.
- **Collect Your Cards** – Fly to the remaining designated airports to pick up additional playing cards.
- **Final Stop & Best Hand Wins** – Everyone will finish at a specified airport, where we'll reveal the hands, announce the winners, and enjoy some great food and fellowship!
- **Passengers Can Play Too!** – If you're bringing a passenger, they're welcome to join in on the fun! As long as they register separately, they can play their own hand.
- **This is more than just a game** – it's a fantastic way to support our chapter, promote general aviation, and have a little friendly competition along the way. We'll be sharing more details soon, so stay tuned!

Looking forward to seeing you in the air!



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Aviation Discovery Day – What’s It about?


EAA Chapter 123 is thrilled to be part of this year’s Aviation Discovery Day, an exciting event hosted in conjunction with our local Commemorative Air Force (CAF). This event is all about celebrating aviation, sharing our passion for flight, and inspiring the next generation of pilots.

At our EAA Chapter 123 booth, we’ll be:

 Signing up Young Eagles and Eagles flights for that day’s event.

 Taking sign-ups for future Young Eagles flights, so more young aviation enthusiasts can experience the thrill of flying.

 Providing promotional literature about our chapter, aviation programs, and opportunities to get involved.

 Talking aviation! Our members will be on hand to share what our chapter does and how people can be part of our aviation community.

Meanwhile, our friends at the CAF will be highlighting their incredible museum and the Sights & Sounds of WWII, offering a unique glimpse into aviation history. Whether you’re looking to introduce a young person to flying, learn more about our chapter, or just immerse yourself in aviation, Aviation Discovery Day is the place to be! We look forward to seeing you there!

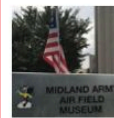
We are always looking for Young Eagle Pilots. If you have an Interest, we encourage you to follow this link ([YE Pilot Requirements](#)) to get Information on how to become a YE’s Pilot. It Is not difficult, but there are some requirements that **MUST** be met.



Aviation Discovery Day

Sponsored by 

Join the CAF High Sky Wing
Saturday, March 22, 2025
10AM - 3PM



Visitors are welcome to the Midland Army Air Field Museum to experience the sights & sounds of World War II. See historic aircraft, view a living history encampment, military vehicles, and tour the museum. Talk to pilots, mechanics, veterans and CAF members about history, being a docent, or a career in Aviation. Food trucks on site for lunch. Admission is FREE, donations are welcome. Aircraft are encouraged to fly-in.



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Calling All Volunteers & Young Eagle Pilots!

To make these events a success, we need your help! Here's how you can get involved:

- ◆ Aviation Discovery Day (March 22nd, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

We need volunteers to staff our booth, which includes:

- Handing out promotional material
- Signing up Young Eagles and Eagles for flights that day
- Collecting sign-ups for future Young Eagles events

We're planning two 2.5-hour shifts to keep it manageable for everyone:

- Shift 1: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Shift 2: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

- ◆ Poker Run – Final Stop Volunteers Needed!

We're also looking for volunteers at the final airport to help with:

- Food service and setup
- Assisting with event logistics and coordination

Your time and support make these events possible! If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out (chapter123eaa@gmail.com) or sign up at the next gathering.



Young Eagle Pilots



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February Gathering Highlights

Although we had a smaller crowd this month, the conversation and learning opportunities were top-notch! We were thrilled to have Scott Perdue from the popular YouTube channel “Flywire” join us. Scott gave an excellent presentation on Engine Failures, sparking great discussions and sharing invaluable insights on handling emergencies in the air. If you missed it, be sure to check out his channel for more great aviation content.

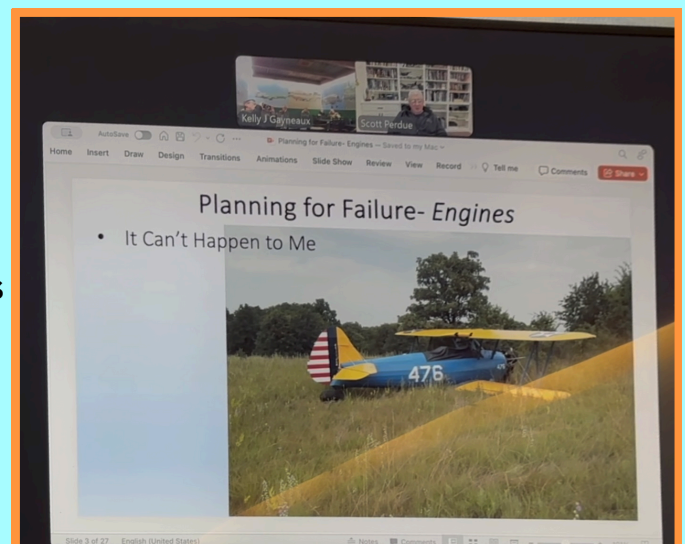
We also revealed our plans for the first-ever Poker Run, giving attendees an inside look at what’s shaping up to be an exciting event. The enthusiasm is building, and we’re looking forward to sharing more details soon!

In addition, we discussed the upcoming Young Eagles and Eagles event happening in conjunction with the CAF’s Aviation Discovery Day. This is always a fantastic opportunity to inspire the next generation of pilots, and we’re excited to see it all come together in March.

After the gathering, key planning members met to continue discussions on the Poker Run, ensuring we’ve got everything lined up for a successful event. More to come on that front!



Kelly continues to make slow but steady progress on the Grumpy Cub project, and John is patiently waiting for the delivery of his Zenith Quick Build kit.



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Final Flight Notes: Prioritizing Precision in Flight

Checklist Discipline: Follow It Every Time

Even the most experienced pilots can overlook details if they get complacent. Always follow your preflight, takeoff, cruise, and landing checklists—no shortcuts. A disciplined approach to checklists ensures no critical step is missed and builds good habits for every flight.

Fuel Awareness: Plan for the Unexpected

Never assume fuel calculations will be exact. Factors like headwinds, altitude changes, and delays can alter your burn rate. Always verify your fuel quantity before takeoff and have a clear alternate plan if conditions change. A good rule of thumb? Land with more than just minimum reserves.

See and Be Seen: Collision Avoidance Matters

As the skies get busier, maintaining traffic awareness is more important than ever. Keep your head on a swivel, scan for other aircraft, use ADS-B if available, and communicate position reports in uncontrolled airspace. Assume someone may not see you—extra vigilance can prevent a close call.

Get in the Habit of Personal Minimums

It's easy to be confident in fair conditions, but when faced with low visibility, gusty crosswinds, or marginal ceilings, your personal minimums matter more than regulations. Set realistic limits based on your skills, experience, and comfort level, and stick to them—don't let "get-there-itis" influence your decisions.

Spring Weather: Expect the Unexpected

As we move into the spring months, rapidly changing weather patterns become a factor. Strong winds, pop-up thunderstorms, and shifting temperatures can make for challenging flights. Stay ahead of the weather with thorough preflight briefings and in-flight monitoring, and don't hesitate to alter your plans when needed.

Fly safe, stay sharp, and we'll see you at the next gathering!

Thank you for reading this month's newsletter! We're looking forward to all the exciting events ahead and truly appreciate the support of each and every member in making EAA Chapter 123 a thriving aviation community. Whether you're flying, building, or just passionate about aviation, your involvement makes a difference.

Let's keep the skies busy, the conversations lively, and the hangars open. See you at the next gathering!