

## WELCOME

Greetings, aviation enthusiasts! Buckle up for another exhilarating edition of Permian Wing, the official newsletter of EAA Chapter 123, where the skies the limit! We're thrilled to have you on board as we soar through the latest updates, thrilling stories, and upcoming adventures within our vibrant aviation community.

In this edition, expect to dive into a recap of last month's events, a highlight of 2024 key members, and what's coming in 2024! So, fasten your seatbelts and get ready for an exhilarating ride through the world of flight!

Happy reading, and here's to reaching new heights together!➔

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## Chapter Meeting Details

Join us for our upcoming chapter gathering on January 17, 2023, at 6:30 pm, where aviation enthusiasts gather to share stories, experiences, and a passion for flight. Our meeting spot is at Michael's Charcoal Grill, conveniently located at 723 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, TX 79705. Look for us in the cozy back room!

For those who fancy a meal, we recommend arriving a little earlier to savor the delights of Michael's Charcoal Grill before our aviation discussions take flight.

Stay updated with any last-minute changes by 'Liking' our Facebook group. Click the icon below to join the conversation and receive timely updates regarding our meetings and events.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and extending a warm welcome to newcomers! See you there!



I also encourage you to check out our Website at [chapters.eaa.org/ea123](https://chapters.eaa.org/ea123). ➔

## Chapter Highlights



We closed 2023 with a Holiday Gathering including Potluck dishes, Hamburgers, Brats, and good friends. Several airplanes flew in to join the fun at 7TX7, Ryan Aerodrome, Eddie Buck's Private Strip. Among the line-up

we had RANS aircraft, A Carbon Cub, and an RV. Great Food, Great Friends, and a Great Atmosphere to hang out, talk aviation, and mingle. Following the gathering, members joined together to discuss 2024 activities, key members to the organization and other business for the Chapter. ➔

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## Defining Moments

Our Chapter voted on key members for 2024. We will have the following leadership in place; President: Paul Valenstein, Vice President: John Carnett, Secretary/Treasurer: Tim Campagna, and Young Eagle/Eagle Coordinator: Andrew McCarthy.

Here is a little insight on our organization leaders. Paul is an ATC controller at KMAF (Midland International Air & Space Port) and was selected to work as such at the 2023 Airventure Oshkosh. John has held the position of Chapter President in the past and is happy to tone it down just a bit and work as the Chapter Vice President to support Paul. John has a Carbon Cub that he has flown to many different and exciting places across the country. He is currently thinking about another trip to the Bahamas in his Carbon Cub. Tim (a.k.a. Dr. Campagna) flies a fast Cessna Columbia 400 which he owns in partnership with John. Last, but not least, Andrew has been coordinating Young Eagle, and Eagle flights for some time. He would be more than happy to speak with you and

get you on our list for one of our upcoming events. His contact information can be found on our website at [chapters.eaa.org/eea123/contact-us](https://chapters.eaa.org/eea123/contact-us). He speaks of building, or owning an aircraft in the future, so we will be watching him closely to see where that might end up, and we will keep our community updated.

We look forward to an exciting 2024 and we are wanting to **grow our organization** to share aviation with more great folks in our community. We are currently updating our website, and I encourage you to check it out at [chapters.eaa.org/eea123](https://chapters.eaa.org/eea123). If you are not already a member of our Facebook group, I also encourage you to join there as well [facebook.com/groups/eea123](https://facebook.com/groups/eea123). ➔

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## On the Horizon

If you are not already a member, we want to invite you to become one. We meet once a month to discuss chapter events, share flying experiences, talk airplanes, and just enjoy the company of like-minded individuals. This is a great opportunity to help people get introduced to aviation. It can be daunting for someone to know where to start if they have an interest, and your mentorship could be an opening door.



We are planning our 2024 Young Eagles events. We will release the dates and times once they are finalized. Generally speaking we hold an event in the spring, and one in the fall. We will need volunteers for all positions including ground crew personnel to help with signing in participants, directing traffic, and pairing participants with a pilot. Pilots provide an aircraft and take the kids up for a ride they will never forget! The more pilots we have the more

participants we can support, and seeing the smile that cannot be wiped off of their faces is something of joy! ➔

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## **Final Flight Notes**

Thank you for soaring through this edition of the Permian Wing with us! Your engagement and enthusiasm fuel our chapter's success. Remember, the skies are always brighter when we fly together. Join us at our next meeting on January 17th for more exciting updates and aviation adventures. Keep an eye on your inbox for our next edition, and feel free to share this one with anyone that may have an interest in our chapter. Blue skies until we meet again! ➔