

WELCOME

Ah, February - the month when love is in the air, and so are our dreams of soaring through the endless skies. Get ready to embark on another exhilarating journey with us as we dive into the latest happenings, thrilling updates, and captivating stories within our aviation community.

In this edition, expect to uncover exciting insights into recent adventures, upcoming events to mark on your calendar, and heartfelt tales that capture the essence of our shared passion of flight. There is a special edition at the end of this newsletter just beyond the Final Flight Notes. Check it out!

Fasten your seatbelts and prepare for an unforgettable ride through the skies of February! Let's take flight together and embrace the wonders of aviation!

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

Chapter Meeting Details

Join us for our upcoming chapter gathering on February 21, 2024, 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.

Our January meeting was a success with several members, friends, and newcomers showing up. We discussed several chapter topics, enjoyed good food, and lots of great conversation revolving around aviation adventures.

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. ➔

Chapter Highlights

At the start of the year, we proudly launched our revamped website, aiming to provide you with an enhanced user experience. Discover the new features—we showcase a different aircraft each month on our dynamic 'Home' page! Dive deeper into our 'Events Calendar,' where you'll find up-to-date information on upcoming activities. We strive to keep it current, with direct event links for more details.

Explore our '2024 Newsletter' page, where you can download the latest newsletters and delve into a wealth of information on other pages catering to our Chapter's interests and the aviation community at large.

Your feedback matters! Head over to our Chapter group page on [Facebook](#) and share your thoughts on the website. What do you love? What would you like to see more of?

Despite January's weather challenges, the enthusiasm among our members for the coming months is palpable! Some are already charting thrilling journeys to Sun-N-Fun in Lakeland, FL, with plans to extend their adventure to the breathtaking Bahama Islands! ✈️ Stay tuned for more exciting updates! ➔



Defining Moments

In a spirit of giving and fostering the future of aviation, our chapter proudly closed out the previous year with impactful donations to some remarkable causes. We believe in investing in the dreams and opportunities that aviation brings to individuals and communities. Here are the organizations we supported:

Midland College's Aviation Maintenance Scholarship: Sponsored by the Commemorative Air Force, this scholarship plays a crucial role in shaping the next generation of aviation maintenance professionals. We're honored to contribute to the education and growth of aspiring individuals in this field.

EAA Scholarship Fund: Supporting a variety of scholarships, the EAA Scholarship Fund is a cornerstone for aspiring pilots and those pursuing diverse careers in aviation. Our donation aims to empower individuals on their journey in aviation, fostering a vibrant and skilled community.

Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF): We stand behind the mission of the RAF, an organization dedicated to developing public-use airstrips around the country and safeguarding existing ones. By supporting the RAF, we contribute to the accessibility and preservation of these vital aviation resources.

These contributions represent our commitment to not only our local aviation community but also to the broader aviation landscape. Together, we are shaping the future of flight and fostering a passion for aviation that extends far beyond our chapter. Thank you for being a part of these defining moments.

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. If you are not already a member of our Facebook group, I also encourage you to join there as well facebook.com/groups/eea123. ➔

On the Horizon

A special THANK YOU to each of you supporting our organization; we are grateful! Our member registration/renewal form is now available on our website and Facebook group. While we don't accept payments online, the form provides contact information for submissions. Membership fees for the year are \$10.00 for a single member and \$15.00 for a family membership.

Exciting news: Our website calendar is now interactive! Easily navigate upcoming months, change views, and even print schedules. Click on any event for additional

details and a link to the event's website. Note that we post various aviation events, not just those related to our EAA Chapter. ➔

Final Flight Notes

As our February journey through the skies comes to a close, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each aviator and enthusiast who has made this month's newsletter an exhilarating flight.

As we land this edition, let's carry the spirit of camaraderie and passion for aviation with us. Remember, the skies are not just a place to fly; they're where dreams take flight and friendships soar.

Stay tuned to our next edition as we continue to explore the boundless horizons of aviation and the joys it brings to our lives. Until then, keep your eyes on the skies and your spirits high.

Wishing you blue skies and tailwinds until we meet again on our next adventure! ➔

Plane Fun: Special Edition

Macon, one of our active members, has recently purchased a new Carbon Cub NX he refers to as "Flying Molly II". We are featuring Flying Molly II on our Chapter Website Home Page. Check it out! Macon was gracious enough to share pictures (below) of the sights he experienced on his trip home from the factory with his new bird. Macon says "the pictures do not do it justice compared to seeing it from a general aviation flight". Macon has been active in our past Young Eagle Rallies so you might get a chance to experience this fine machine in the future!

This special edition section can appear as often as we have a story to share, so, if you have a story similar to this one, please contact me via email, kjgayneaux@gmail.com, with pictures and a write up, and are more than happy to share it here in our monthly newsletter. ➔

