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Springtime In The Skies

Welcome to the April Edition



As the days grow longer and the skies clearer, springtime presents the perfect opportunity to take to the air and enjoy all that aviation has to offer! Whether you're a seasoned pilot, an aspiring aviator, or simply an enthusiast who loves the world of flight, there's something for everyone this month at EAA Chapter 123.

We're gearing up for an exciting lineup of events, including our much-anticipated Aviation Poker Run! This is a great way to get in some flying, visit new airports, and enjoy some friendly competition—all while supporting our chapter. If you haven't signed up yet, now's the time!

Additionally, our Young Eagles program is in full swing, with more opportunities to inspire and introduce young minds to the joy of aviation. If you're a pilot interested in volunteering, or if you know a young person eager to take their first flight, we'd love to have you join us.

Thank you to all our members and supporters who continue to make this chapter a vibrant, welcoming community. Your enthusiasm and participation keep our chapter thriving!

We look forward to seeing you at our next gathering, at the airfield, or in the skies!

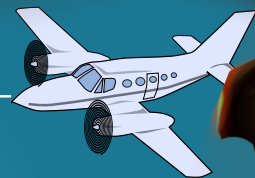
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Chapter One Twenty-Three

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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Member Spotlight & Appreciation



Member Spotlight

As we continue soaring into 2025, we want to take a moment to recognize and thank our dedicated members who have renewed their memberships and generously supported EAA Chapter 123 through donations in the first quarter of the year. Your commitment keeps our chapter thriving, enabling us to host events, fund programs, and foster a strong aviation community.

Keeping Our Roster Current

As of April 1st, we will be updating our chapter roster. Members who have not renewed their memberships or responded to chapter communications will be moved to “inactive” status. If you intended to renew but haven’t yet, there’s still time! We encourage you to visit our website and renew today so you can continue to enjoy all the benefits of membership.

Invite a Friend – Grow Our Chapter!

One of the best ways to strengthen our chapter is by bringing new faces into our aviation family. Do you know someone who is passionate about aviation, enjoys flying, or wants to learn more about building and aircraft maintenance? Invite them to our next chapter gathering! Our gatherings are a great opportunity for new faces to see what we’re all about and consider becoming a member.

Easy Online Sign-Up

Joining or renewing your membership is easier than ever! Visit our chapter website, where you can quickly sign up, pay dues, and stay connected with all our latest news and events. Whether you’re a long-time aviator or just getting started, we welcome everyone who shares a love for aviation.



Thank You

Thank You for Being Part of EAA Chapter 123!

Our chapter is built on the enthusiasm and dedication of its members. Whether you’re flying, volunteering, mentoring, or simply supporting from the sidelines, every effort makes a difference. Thank you for being a part of this journey—we look forward to seeing you at the next gathering, in the hangar, or up in the skies!

Volunteer Recognition



We hosted our first Young Eagles Rally of 2025 in conjunction with the CAF's Aviation Discovery Day, and it turned out to be an outstanding success!



A total of 12 Young Eagles took to the skies before the winds picked up later in the day. In addition, we signed up 45 more Young Eagles to our backlog for future flights. It was a fantastic day filled with aviation enthusiasm—from historic aircraft on display to free airplane rides that left smiles all around. We had the opportunity to meet so many amazing people and share our passion for flight with the next generation.



Of course, none of this would have been possible without the time, dedication, and generosity of our incredible volunteers. I want to take a moment to personally recognize and Thank each of them here.



- John Carnett - Young Eagle Coordinator
- Andrew McCarthy - Vice President & Y E Pilot
- Kelly Gayneaux - President & Y E Pilot
- Tim Campagna - Sec/Treas & Ground Crew
- Eddie Buck - Member & Ground Crew
- Macon McDonald - Member & Y E Pilot
- Robin Donnelly - Member & Y E Pilot
- Jon Crain - Member & Y E Pilot



A Special Thank You

We'd also like to extend a Heartfelt Thank You to the KMAF ATC Controllers for their patience and gracious accommodations during the Young Eagles flights. Your support made a big difference in helping everything run smoothly and safely. We truly appreciate your professionalism and partnership in making this event a success.





Final Flight Notes

Springtime Safety Essentials



As we move into April, changing weather patterns and increased flying activity make it a great time to refresh our safety mindset. Here are some key considerations to keep your flights smooth and secure this season:



Arrivals

Spring Winds: Expect the Unexpected

Spring often brings gusty conditions and unpredictable crosswinds. Always check the latest weather reports and be prepared for sudden wind shifts. Practice your crosswind landing techniques and use proper control inputs to maintain stability on the ground and in the air.

Thunderstorm Season Is Here

Warmer temperatures mean convective activity is on the rise. Keep an eye on rapidly developing storms, and don't rely on just one weather source. Use multiple tools—radar, METARs, TAFs, and in-flight weather services—to stay ahead of the conditions. When in doubt, give storms a wide berth and have an alternate route planned.

Density Altitude Awareness

Springtime temperatures can climb quickly, and so can density altitude. Higher temperatures reduce engine performance and climb rates, especially at high-elevation airports. Make sure to calculate takeoff and landing distances accordingly, and be mindful of your aircraft's load.

Watch for Increased Traffic

With better weather, more pilots are out flying. Stay alert, use proper radio calls, and maintain good situational awareness, especially around uncontrolled airports. Assume there may be pilots who are not broadcasting their position, and always scan for traffic visually.

Shake Off the Rust

If winter weather kept you grounded for a while, now is the perfect time to brush up on your skills. Consider a refresher flight with a CFI, practice emergency procedures, and review checklists to ensure you're flying at your best.

Get Involved & Stay Informed

Spring is also a great time to participate in local aviation events, whether it's a safety seminar, a fly-in, or a Young Eagles rally. Engaging with the aviation community helps keep safety knowledge fresh and fosters connections with fellow pilots.

Stay safe, fly smart, and enjoy the skies this spring!

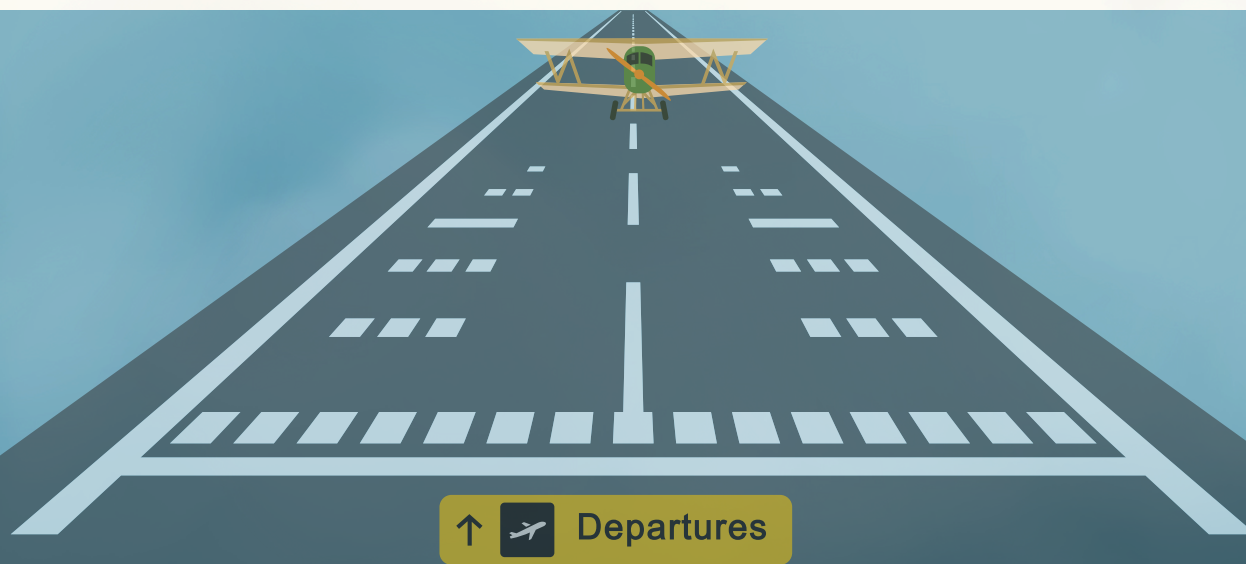


Departures

Gathering Minutes

Fairwell for Now

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| Date: | 17-March-2025 |
| Time: | 06:30 |
| Location: | Michael's Charcoal Grill |
| Social Time: | 06:00 to 06:30, Food, Mingling, and great conversation |
| Welcome: | By Chapter President |
| Discussion: | Upcoming Events |
| Guest Speaker: | Daniel Vengen, Lubbock FSDO, Experimental Maintenance & Operations |
| Closing: | By Chapter President |



Thank you for being part of another exciting month with EAA Chapter 123! As the skies get busier and our chapter continues to grow, we appreciate each and every one of you who contributes to making our aviation community strong. Whether you're flying, building, mentoring, or simply sharing your passion for aviation, your involvement keeps our chapter thriving.

With great events ahead—including our Aviation Poker Run and upcoming Young Eagles flights—there's no better time to stay engaged. Let's make the most of the season, enjoy the journey, and keep inspiring the next generation of aviators. See you at the next gathering, at the airfield, or in the skies!

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