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WELCOME

As we enter the month of May, we are reminded of the solemn significance of Memorial Day. It is a time for us to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have served our country, particularly those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom.

As aviation enthusiasts, we are deeply grateful for the contributions of those who have served in the armed forces, many of whom have played vital roles in shaping the history and progress of aviation. Their courage, dedication, and selflessness inspire us to honor their memory and uphold the values for which they fought.

This Memorial Day, let us take a moment to remember and honor the fallen, to express our gratitude to those who have served, and to reaffirm our commitment to preserving their legacy. May we never forget the sacrifices made on behalf of our nation, and may we strive to honor them in all that we do.

On behalf of EAA Chapter 123, we extend our deepest gratitude to all who have served, and our thoughts are with the families and loved ones of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Their memory will forever remain in our hearts. ✈️





Chapter Meeting Details

Meeting Minutes:

Many enjoyed a good meal before the meeting kicked off

HQ Chapter Video Magazine

Young Eagle Event Review

SNF/Bahamas Trip Overview

Ford Tri-Motor Event - Call for volunteers

Introduction of New Members

Discussions:

Andrew McCarthy (Young Eagles/Eagles Coordinator) announced after 10 years of coordinating he would like to relinquish that position, but would still support anyone who would be interested in taking the position. We are now looking for a volunteer for this position. If you, or someone you know would like to help, please see our website for Andrew's Contact information.

Upcoming Young Eagle/Eagle rallys

...And a lot of flying stories

Stay updated with any last-minute changes by 'Liking' our Facebook group. Click [HERE](#) 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 at our future meetings! See you there!



We also encourage you to check out our Website at chapters.eaa.org/ea123. ✈️






Chapter Highlights



Sun-N-Fun/Bahamas Adventure 2024


What an adventure it was! Our journey from Sun-N-Fun to the beautiful Bahamas was nothing short of exhilarating, filled with excitement, challenges, and unforgettable memories. 

Despite starting with eight planes expressing interest, we embarked on our journey with four planes, ready to conquer whatever came our way. And conquer we did, facing down some seriously challenging weather, meticulous planning for reservations, customs clearance, and fuel stops. But through it all, the spirit of camaraderie and the thrill of exploration kept us soaring high.  




We kicked off our trip at Sun-N-Fun surrounded by a dazzling array of aircraft, from vintage classics to cutting-edge innovations. The air show was nothing short of spectacular, and being a part of it was an experience we'll never forget. The sights and sounds of aerobatic displays, precision flying, and stunning aerial performances left us in awe and inspired us to reach new heights in our own flying endeavors.  

Before leaving Sun-N-Fun, we made sure to collect a souvenir or two to remember our time at this aviation extravaganza. Whether it was a model airplane, a t-shirt, or simply a photograph, these mementos serve as reminders of the incredible experiences we shared and the bonds we formed during our time at the event. 

With our hearts full of excitement and our planes fueled and ready, we set our sights on the next leg of our adventure: the Bahamas! Despite facing some challenging weather and logistical hurdles along the way, our spirits remained high as we embraced the thrill of exploration and the promise of new horizons.  

In the end, every member of our group returned home with more than just memories—they returned with a treasure trove of experiences for their logbooks and hearts. From the stunning vistas of the Bahamas to the bustling excitement of Sun-N-Fun, each moment was a testament to the boundless possibilities that general aviation offers. 

Our trip covered approximately 3016 nautical miles, and the Pilot in Command (PIC) times varied between 20 to 40 hours, reflecting the diverse range of aircraft and experiences on our journey.

This adventure served as a reminder that in the world of aviation, every challenge is an opportunity for growth, every setback a chance to learn, and every destination a new chapter waiting to be written. Thank you to everyone who joined us on this incredible journey, and to all who continue to support and embrace the magic of flight. Here's to many more adventures in the sky!   







Defining Moments

April's Young Eagles Event Soars to Success!

We're thrilled to report that our recent Young Eagles event was a soaring success! Thanks to the dedication and generosity of four incredible pilots—John C., Dan D., Jason H., and Joe G.—and the support of our amazing volunteers, 16 young eagles took to the skies for an unforgettable experience. ✈️👏

Despite not advertising the event publicly, we were able to provide these flights thanks to the overwhelming enthusiasm of our previous participants. With a backlog of eager young aviators waiting for their turn in the sky, our team makes it a priority to ensure that every child on our list has the opportunity to fly before opening registration to new participants. Your patience and understanding as we manage this process are truly appreciated! 🙏

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who volunteered their time, aircraft, and resources to make this event possible. Your commitment to inspiring the next generation of aviators is what makes our chapter so special. Together, we're shaping the future of aviation, one flight at a time! 🚀🌟

Stay tuned for more exciting updates and events from Chapter 123! Until then, blue skies and tailwinds to all! ✈️☁️

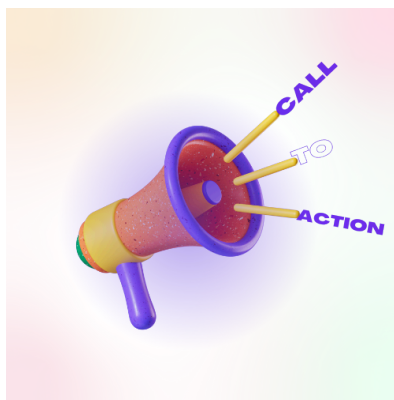
We look forward to an exciting 2024 and we are wanting to **grow our organization** to share aviation with more great folks in our community. We are currently updating our website, and I encourage you to check it out at chapters.eaa.org/ea123. If you are not already a member of our Facebook group, I also encourage you to join there as well

facebook.com/groups/ea123. ✈️





On the Horizon



Call for Contributions: We're always looking for fresh ideas and perspectives to enrich our EAA chapter community! Whether you have a story to share, an event to announce, or an aviation-related topic you're passionate about, we invite you to contribute to our newsletter. Your input helps us create content that resonates with our members and fosters a sense of belonging within our aviation family. Have a suggestion for a future event, workshop, or project? Want to share your aviation journey or highlight a fellow member's accomplishments? We'd love to hear from you! To submit your contributions or ideas, please email kjgayneaux@gmail.com. Let's soar together and make our EAA chapter's future as bright as the skies above! ✈️



Final Flight Notes

As we bring this month's newsletter to a close, we're reminded of the incredible sense of camaraderie and passion that defines our EAA chapter. Together, we've shared stories, embarked on new adventures, and celebrated the joy of flight. As we look ahead, let's continue to foster this spirit of community, supporting one another as we pursue our shared love of aviation. Thank you for being a part of our journey, and here's to many more memorable flights together!"

As we eagerly anticipate the improved flying conditions ahead, it's essential to prioritize safety above all else. With that in mind, here are a few fundamental safety reminders:

Pre-flight Checklist:

- ✓ Before every flight, take the time to meticulously go through your pre-flight checklist. Ensure that all systems are in working order and that the aircraft is airworthy.
- ✓ Prioritize safety by conducting a thorough pre-flight inspection. Verify the condition of key components such as control surfaces, tires, and fuel levels.

Weather Awareness:

- ✓ Stay informed about weather conditions along your route of flight. Check forecasts and updates regularly to anticipate any potential hazards.
- ✓ Make weather assessment a priority before taking off. Be vigilant for changes in weather patterns and always have a backup plan in case conditions deteriorate.

Fuel Management:

- ✓ Calculate your fuel requirements carefully, accounting for factors such as distance, altitude, and reserves. Ensure that you have enough fuel for the entire flight, including unexpected diversions.
- ✓ Maintain a keen awareness of your fuel levels throughout the flight. Monitor fuel consumption and be prepared to adjust your flight plan if necessary to conserve fuel.



Communication:

- ✓ Communicate clearly and effectively with air traffic control and other aircraft in the vicinity. Use standard radio phraseology and listen attentively for instructions.
- ✓ Prioritize effective communication in the cockpit and with ATC. Be concise and precise in your transmissions to avoid misunderstandings and ensure safe operations.

Emergency Procedures:

- ✓ Familiarize yourself with emergency procedures for various scenarios, including engine failure, loss of communication, and inclement weather encounters.
- ✓ Review and practice emergency procedures regularly to maintain proficiency and confidence in your ability to respond effectively to unexpected situations.

Currency and Proficiency:

- ✓ Stay current and proficient in your flying skills through regular practice and training. Schedule regular flight reviews and instrument proficiency checks to maintain proficiency.
- ✓ Commit to ongoing training and education to enhance your skills and knowledge as a pilot. Seek opportunities for recurrent training to stay sharp and confident in the cockpit. ✈

CHECKLIST



- ✓ Pre-flight
- ✓ Weather Awareness
- ✓ Fuel Management
- ✓ Emergency Procedures



Plane Fun: Special Edition

A Glider's Journey: The Schweizer 1-26

In 2019, amidst the challenge of restoration following damage by a microburst, a remarkable tale of perseverance and dedication unfolded. Randy, one of our active members, drawn to the allure of soaring, embarked on a journey that led him to Perry, South Carolina, where he acquired a gem from the hands of Wayne Robinson – a Schweizer 1-26. This iconic glider, boasting a rich history and restored to its former glory by the skilled hands of Hank Nixon, now graces our skies with renewed vigor and splendor.

The **Schweizer 1-26** holds a distinguished position as the most numerous sailplane in the United States. Originally conceived as a low-cost kit for "one design" competition, its simplicity of construction and undeniable allure quickly captured the hearts of aviation enthusiasts. From 1954 to 1979, demand soared, with 700 gliders taking flight under its graceful wings.

Characterized by its low weight, easy assembly, and respectable performance, the 1-26 serves as a stepping stone for countless pilots transitioning from two-seat trainers to the exhilarating realm of solo flight. Even today, its popularity endures, attracting enthusiasts eager to build experience, earn soaring badges, and compete in "one design" events.

Among its many accolades, the Schweizer 1-26 boasts a rich tapestry of records and achievements. Notable flights, such as Wally Scott's legendary 443.5-mile journey from Odessa, Texas, and the pioneering adventures of Charles and Joann Shaw of Hobbs, New Mexico, stand as testament to its enduring legacy.

Specifications:

- Span: 40'
- Length: 21' 6"
- Gross Weight: 575-700 lbs
- Redline: 114 mph
- Glide Ratio: 23:1
- Rate of Sink: 178 fpm

Registered under N77728S with serial number 428, this Schweizer 1-26 embodies the spirit of adventure and the timeless pursuit of the skies. As it takes flight once more, let us celebrate its legacy and the countless journeys it has yet to embark upon.



Schweizer 1-26

The End