



P1 Welcome Message

P2 Chapter Meeting Minutes

P3 Chapter Highlights

P4-5 Event Photographs

P6 Defining Moments

P6 On the Horizon

P7 Final Flight Notes

P8 Community Corner

*P9-10 YE Coordinator -
Description of Duties*

WELCOME

Welcome, fellow aviation enthusiasts, to our June edition of the newsletter! As the sun rises higher in the sky and the days stretch longer, we find ourselves embracing the spirit of adventure that comes with National Great Outdoors Month. It's a time to spread our wings, quite literally for some of us, and explore the beauty of the world around us. So buckle up and get ready for an exciting journey through the skies and across the landscapes as we dive into all things aviation and outdoor exploration. Whether you're soaring high above the clouds or simply enjoying a leisurely stroll through nature, this month is all about celebrating the wonder and freedom of the great outdoors. Welcome aboard, and let's make this June one to remember! ✈





Chapter Meeting Details

Meeting Minutes:

Many enjoyed a good meal before the meeting kicked off

HQ Chapter Video Magazine

Ford Tri-Motor Event Review

Discussed a Fly-Out to the Hobbs Soaring Society

Discussed Andrew stepping down as Young Eagle/Eagles Coordinator

Discussed how to provide more Eagle Flights

Discussed one of our future meetings being a Tower Tour at KMAF

...And a lot of flying stories



Chapter Highlights

Soaring through Spring

As the warm breeze of June sweeps over us, let's take a moment to reflect on the exciting events that have unfolded within our chapter these past few months.

In April, we had the privilege of hosting another successful Young Eagles Rally, where young aviation enthusiasts took to the skies for an unforgettable experience. The smiles on their faces as they experienced the thrill of flight reminded us all why we're so passionate about sharing the magic of aviation with the next generation.

April also brought us the incredible Ford Tri-Motor event, an unforgettable journey back in time as we marveled at the historic aircraft that once revolutionized air travel. It was a testament to the rich history of aviation and a reminder of the pioneers who paved the way for us to take to the skies today.

As we turn the page to June, let's carry the spirit of camaraderie and passion for aviation with us as we embark on new adventures and create lasting memories together. Here's to the journey ahead and the countless skies we have yet to explore!

Call for a Dedicated Volunteer

We are currently seeking a dedicated volunteer to step into the role of Young Eagles/Eagles Coordinator. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire the next generation of aviators and contribute to our chapter's ongoing success. Responsibilities include organizing rallies, coordinating with pilots and young participants, and fostering a love for aviation within our community. Andrew has provided a comprehensive document outlining the tasks associated with this role, which will be included in this newsletter. If you're passionate about aviation and interested in this rewarding position, please reach out to us for more details, mccarthy.ac@gmail.com. [Skip to the Responsibilities Document by CLICKING HERE!](#) ✈





Photo Courtesy of: Mike Woolson via Facebook



Photo Courtesy of: Mike Woolson via Facebook



Photo Courtesy of: Paul Valenstein via Facebook



The Ford Tri-Motor crew presented our chapter with this signed poster as a heartfelt "Thank You" for the support we provided during their visit to the Midland, Texas area.

We also want to extend our sincere gratitude to the Midland CAF team for their invaluable contribution to making this event a success!



Click on the picture below to see a short video of the Ford Tri-Motor taxiing around a P40 Warhawk.





Defining Moments

A Young Eagle's First Flight

At our last Young Eagles event, we had the pleasure of introducing a young aspiring aviator named Emily to the skies. Emily, a bright and enthusiastic 10-year-old, had always dreamed of flying but had never been in an airplane before. Her excitement was palpable as she climbed into the cockpit, eyes wide with wonder.

As we took off, her initial nervousness transformed into pure joy. We soared over the landscape, pointing out landmarks and sharing the magic of flight. Emily's smile grew with every minute, and her curiosity led to a barrage of questions about how airplanes work, how to become a pilot, and what it's like to fly solo.

By the time we landed, Emily was hooked. She hugged her parents, eagerly recounting every detail of her adventure. It was a reminder of why we do what we do – to inspire and ignite a passion for aviation in the next generation.

That day, Emily left with her first logbook entry, a certificate, and a dream that seemed a little closer to reality. Her experience was a defining moment not just for her, but for all of us who had the privilege to share in her first flight. ✈️

On the Horizon

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024 is just around the corner! The fly-in NOTAM has been published and released. You can download a copy [HERE](#). If you've never been, this is definitely a bucket-list event. Thousands of airplanes of all shapes and sizes will be on display. There are workshops on all aspects of building your own aircraft, perfect for those interested in hands-on learning. If you enjoy walking, this is the place for you!

For more information, visit our National chapter website: [EAA AirVenture](#).

As of this writing, we are 62 days, 13 hours, and 25 minutes away from the grand adventure known as Oshkosh! ✈️



Final Flight Notes

As we gear up for a summer filled with blue skies and boundless adventures, it's essential to prioritize safety in all our flying endeavors. With longer days and warmer temperatures, the allure of soaring through the skies or exploring remote airstrips is stronger than ever. However, it's crucial to remain vigilant and prepared for the unique challenges that summer flying can present. To help ensure a safe and enjoyable flying experience for all, we've compiled some essential safety tips tailored to the summer season. So before you take flight, take a moment to review these tips and make safety your top priority. Here's to a summer of smooth skies and memorable flights!

✓ **Stay Hydrated:** With warmer temperatures, it's crucial to stay hydrated, both on the ground and in the air. Make sure to drink plenty of water before, during, and after your flights to prevent dehydration.

✓ **Check Weather Conditions:** Summer weather can be unpredictable, so always check the forecast before heading out. Be particularly cautious of thunderstorms, high winds, and rapidly changing weather patterns.

✓ **Prevent Sunburn:** Don't forget the sunscreen! Pilots and passengers spend a lot of time exposed to the sun while flying, so protect your skin with sunscreen, sunglasses, and hats.

✓ **Be Mindful of Density Altitude:** As temperatures rise, air density decreases, affecting aircraft performance. Take into account density altitude when calculating takeoff and landing distances, especially if operating from high elevation airports or in hot conditions.

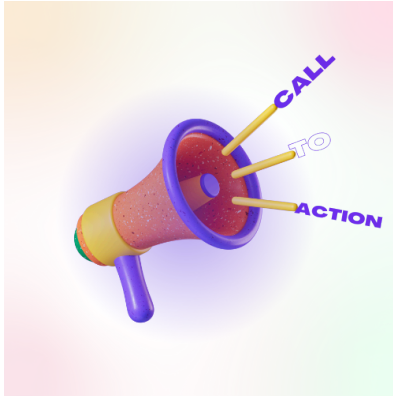
✓ **Watch Out for Wildlife:** Summertime means more wildlife activity, especially near airports and rural airstrips. Keep an eye out for birds, deer, and other animals on or near the runway, and be prepared to execute a go-around if necessary.

✓ **Stay Current:** If you haven't flown in a while, consider scheduling a flight review with a certified flight instructor to brush up on your skills and ensure you're current and confident in the cockpit. ✈



Community Corner

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!

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.

Stay updated with any last-minute changes, 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!





Young Eagles Coordinator – EAA Chapter 123 - Description of Role

General duties

1. Build and maintain a list of participants for upcoming events in the order that they registered (to avoid line-jumping). This pool of future participants is the basis of the local Young Eagles (YE) program. It allows you to quickly form a YE Rally with 15-20 participating kids.
2. Respond in a timely fashion via email, Facebook, text and phone to discuss YE and Eagles programs and direct participants to the appropriate sign-up location online or add them to the list for upcoming events.
3. Follow all EAA rules and guidelines for the EAA program

Pre-event

Refer to EAA's Rally Planning Checklist: [YE GeneralSupport 2023 Digital YEHandbook](#)

1. Choose a date for the next YE event, in consultation with chapter pilots and volunteers
2. Gather a list of pilots who are available and willing to fly kids on the selected date (be sure the pilots meet requirements to fly YE)
3. Obtain permission from the FBO or location where the Young Eagles rally will be held and confirm with airport that no other major events are planned that might impact the YE rally (we have used Floris Flight Services at KMDD for the last several events – John Carnett typically asks Floris for permission).
4. Create a Young Eagles event on the yeday.org website (when you are working from a pre-registration list, I highly recommend you create a “Private Event” to avoid line-jumping)
5. Apply for free YE event insurance through the EAA website at least 30 days before the event
6. Order supplies: ensure printed materials are available for the event (in case iPad app doesn't work, paper copies of waiver will be required). Extra copies are a good idea because of writing errors made by parents and by EAA volunteers.
 - a. Young Eagles Registration and Waiver Form (Rev 06/21)
 - b. Young Eagles Engagement Guide
 - c. Young Eagles Promotional Brochure
 - d. Young Eagles Logbook
 - e. Young Eagles Certificate
 - f. Parent Ride-along liability form
7. When the event is confirmed (# of pilots committed, weather looks ok), begin to fill the event by calling or texting YE parents and directing them to the yeday.org website to sign up. This is best done 1-2 weeks prior to the event.

Event

1. Arrive ~1 hour before the first scheduled YE flight and set up laptop, printer, and iPad. Log onto Wi-Fi.



2. Arrange paperwork on table
3. Greet arriving parents and YE's
4. Ensure parents sign the waiver(s) needed, either on the iPad app or on paper
5. Match each YE with a pilot
6. Fill out logbooks and YE certificates
7. Greet returning YE's and parents and hand over the logbook and certificate, and explain the benefits available for free (see back of logbook for code)

Post-event

1. If paper forms were used, confirm all info was filled out on the forms (pilot info including EAA #)
2. Mail paper forms to the EAA
3. Provide post-event statistics to chapter leadership

Description of Role by EAA Chapter 123 YE Coordinator Andrew McCarthy, 5/13/2024

The End