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# Springtime In The Skies

## Welcome to the April Edition



Welcome to the May Edition of Permian Wing!


As the spring season hits full stride, so does the excitement around EAA Chapter 123! Warmer days and calmer skies invite us to spend more time flying, building, learning—and most importantly—sharing our passion for aviation.

This month brings even more opportunities to get involved. Our much-anticipated Aviation Poker Run is just around the corner, promising a day full of adventure, camaraderie, and friendly competition. Whether you're participating in the event, volunteering behind the scenes, or simply cheering everyone on, your involvement helps make our chapter stronger.

Meanwhile, our Young Eagles program continues to inspire the next generation of aviators. Thank you to everyone who volunteers time, talent, and aircraft to keep this incredible program thriving.

We're grateful for the energy, generosity, and enthusiasm each of you brings to our chapter. Here's to more great flights, meaningful connections, and memorable moments ahead. See you at our next gathering or out at the airport!

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**Midland, TX**  
**Chapter One Twenty-Three**

**Monthly Gatherings**  
Third Monday of the Month

**Michael's Charcoal Grill**

- 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



# Aviation Poker Run

## New Details



**Join Us for Our First-Ever Aviation Poker Run Fundraiser!**

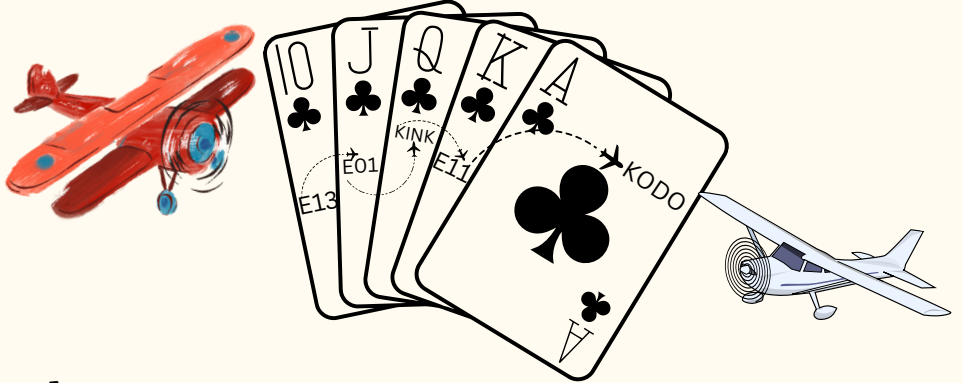
**Everyone is welcome to join the fun at our first—and hopefully annual—Aviation Poker Run Fundraiser for EAA Chapter 123!**

**Drive in, walk in, fly in, or ride in—it doesn't matter. However you get here, we're excited to have you!**

**Here's what's up for grabs:**

### **Poker Run Prizes:**

- **Best Hand: \$500**
- **Runner-Up Hand: \$200**
- **Third Best Hand: \$100**



### **Raffle Prizes Include:**

- **(2) \$75 Aircraft Spruce Gift Cards**
- **(2) RTIC Hard Case Ice Chests**
- **(1) Ford Tri-Motor Shadow Box**
- **(2) 50-gallon 100LL Fuel Gift Cards – KODO**

**Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event.**

**Bonus: Each poker hand registration includes one complimentary raffle ticket!**

### **Food and Drinks:**

**We'll be serving up hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks!**

**We kindly suggest a \$10 donation per plate to help support our chapter's programs and activities.**

**Come out, have some fun, enjoy great food, and support the future of aviation with EAA Chapter 123!**

**We can't wait to see you there!**

**Flyer Attached at the end of the newsletter!**





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# Member Spotlight & Appreciation



## Member Spotlight

What an incredible day for aviation and inspiration!

Our Young Eagles Rally, held alongside the CAF's Aviation Discovery Day, was a soaring success—and it's all thanks to our amazing volunteers!

Because of your dedication and passion, we proudly flew 13 Young Eagles and signed up 34 more eager future aviators for upcoming events. The smiles, excitement, and sense of wonder we shared that day will ripple through the next generation of pilots for years to come.

Whether you took to the skies, kept operations running smoothly on the ground, or helped welcome families and future aviators, your efforts made all the difference. You are the reason events like these leave a lasting impact!

Thank you for helping to make EAA Chapter 123 a place where aviation dreams take flight. We're proud to have such an incredible team of volunteers!

### Rally Highlights!

**13 Young Eagles flown**

**45 more signed up for future flights**

**9 incredible volunteers made it happen!**

**Thank you for inspiring the next generation of aviators!**



## Thank You

A Huge Round of Applause and Heartfelt Thanks to:

John Carnett, Eddie Buck, Tim Campagna, Kelly Gayneaux, Robin Donnelly, Joe Gamertsfelder, Jon Crain, Andrew McCarthy, and Macon McDonald.

## Builder Spotlight: John's Zenith Build Taking Flight!

We're excited to shine this month's spotlight on John Carnett and the fantastic progress he's making on his Zenith 750 build!

John has been hard at work, and it shows—both wings are coming together nicely, and the elevator is well underway. His dedication, attention to detail, and steady pace are bringing his dream closer to reality with each passing week.

Adding even more excitement, John recently took advantage of his trip to Sun 'n Fun this year to purchase his panel avionics—a big milestone that marks a huge step forward in the project! In John's own words: *"My wallet caught on fire when I ordered my Garmin instruments!"* 😂

We're proud to celebrate John's achievements and look forward to seeing more updates (and maybe even a first flight down the road!). Keep up the great work, John—you're an inspiration to all of us builders and dreamers!

Check out some photos of John's progress below!







# Final Flight Notes

## Springtime Safety Essentials



Arrivals

### Final Flight Notes: May Aviation Mindset

As spring gives way to early summer, it's a perfect time to fine-tune our flying habits and mindset. Whether you're logging more flight hours, brushing off some winter rust, or simply enjoying beautiful skies, here are a few reminders to keep you sharp and ready:

#### Weather Awareness: Stay Flexible

May often brings fast-changing weather—pop-up showers, building thermals, and gusty winds. Always double-check your preflight weather briefing and have an alternate plan in your back pocket.

#### Flight Reviews and Refreshers

Spring and summer flying seasons are busy! If your biennial flight review is coming up, or if you haven't flown much lately, consider scheduling a refresher flight with a CFI. It's a great confidence booster and keeps skills sharp.

#### Fuel Planning: No Shortcuts

Longer daylight hours can tempt us to stretch a flight a little too far. Stick to solid fuel planning habits—verify quantities before every flight, plan alternates, and land with healthy reserves.

#### Traffic! Traffic!

More pilots mean more mid-air traffic—especially near non-towered airports. Keep your head on a swivel, broadcast your position clearly, and assume others might not be looking or communicating perfectly.

#### Stay Involved, Stay Inspired

Whether it's attending a gathering, helping at a Young Eagles event, or sharing project updates, staying active with our aviation community keeps the passion alive—and makes us all better pilots and builders.



Departures



# Gathering Minutes

## Fairwell for Now

<b>Date:</b>	21 - April - 2025
<b>Time:</b>	06:30
<b>Location:</b>	Michael's Charcoal Grill
<b>Social Time:</b>	06:00 to 06:30, Food, Mingling, and great conversation
<b>Welcome:</b>	By Chapter President
<b>Discussion:</b>	HQ Video Magazine
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	No guest speaker this month. Time was utilized to finalize Poker Run Decisions
<b>Closing:</b>	By Chapter President



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**Thank You for Another Amazing Month!**

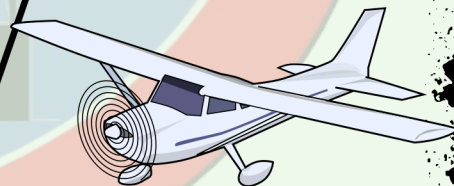
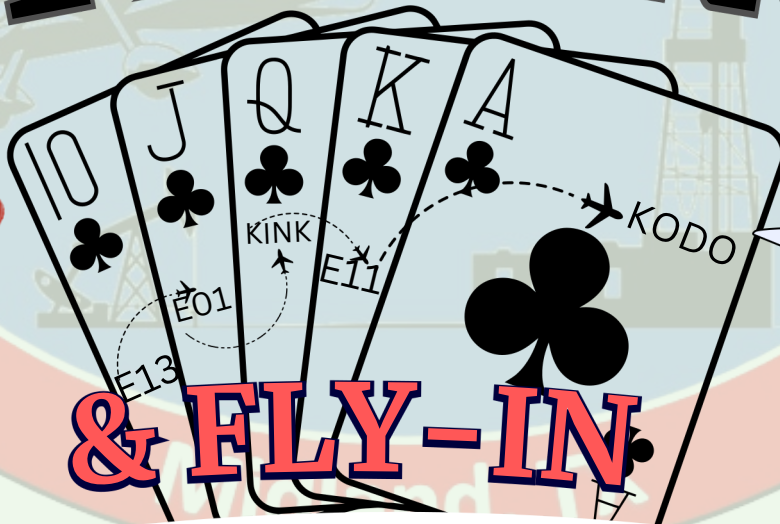
As we continue soaring into the year, we're grateful for each and every one of you who helps make EAA Chapter 123 such a vibrant and welcoming aviation family. Whether you're flying, building, volunteering, or simply sharing your love of aviation, your enthusiasm keeps our chapter growing and thriving.

With exciting events like the Aviation Poker Run and more Young Eagles flights on the horizon, there's no better time to stay connected, get involved, and keep the momentum going. Let's keep the energy high, share the joy of flight, and inspire even more future aviators along the way.

We look forward to seeing you at the next gathering, out at the airfield, or up in the skies!  
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# EAA AVIATION 123 POKER RUN



**& FLY-IN**

## MAY 3, 2025

### What & How

Fly to 5 designated airports in any order, collecting a card at each one. Finish at the final airport to collect your last card. The best poker hand wins! Want better odds? Buy multiple hands - up to 3.



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