

# The Flypaper

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## May Meeting

Thanks to Chef Paul for cooking the burgers, brats and dogs and to all who brought dishes to pass for the meeting.

Our speaker was Alan Shackleton, Account Executive at Aircraft Spruce and Specialty. He served 25 years as President, Newsletter Editor and Technical Counselor for EAA Chapter 579 in Aurora, Illinois and currently serves on the EAA Board of Directors. He served on the original EAA Strategic Planning Committee and was the first Chairman of the EAA Chapter Advisory Council.

Alan reported on current activities at EAA including the new Pilot Proficiency Center being built at the EAA Museum which will house 14 Redbird full motion simulators, a new Kids Academy, additions to the EAA Museum and the 75th anniversary of Airventure.

From the Aircraft Spruce and Specialty perspective, Alan discussed the shortages they are experiencing in materials, including batteries, oil filters, aviation grease, tires, Garmin products, zinc chromate, paint stripper, chrome moly tubing, engine oil and Lycoming engines to name a few.

Many thanks to Alan for taking time to share his experiences and knowledge.



## You Have Information June!

### June Membership Meeting

**Thursday, June 16 at 6:00 PM**

Thursday is the first day of the EAA Tri-Motor visit. Come by for a BBQ event and an up close visit with this first of a kind 1929 airliner.



**Bring a dish to share!**

## Ford Tri-Motor coming to BMI June 16 to 19



### Volunteers needed!

We still need a few volunteers to fill out our schedule each day, to brief and escort passengers for each flight and provide security. We will need BMI AOA badge holders for each shift (2 shifts per day) to secure the area per TSA requirements.

Thursday, June 16 is media day where local media folks will be offered an opportunity for photos, interviews with Captain Bill and a free ride. Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will offer rides to the public from 9 am to 5 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering any of the days, please send an email to [eachapter129@gmail.com](mailto:eachapter129@gmail.com). Tanya Leahy is managing the schedule and will get you assigned to a shift.

### Like a Good Neighbor



Through the Good Neighbor Grant Individual Program, the State Farm Companies Foundation awards a \$500 grant on behalf of each eligible State Farm employee, agent, or retiree who volunteers a minimum of 40 hours per calendar year to an eligible nonprofit organization.

This year, EAA Chapter 129 was awarded \$500 for the volunteer efforts of one of our chapter members who asked to remain anonymous.



### EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022 Notice Released

There are several important FAA-approved changes in the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022 Notice (commonly referred to as the Oshkosh NOTAM), featuring arrival and departure procedures for EAA's 69th fly-in convention on July 25-31 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh. These changes are based on pilot feedback and FAA review of arrival procedure recommendations.

The document is in effect from noon CDT on Thursday, July 21, until 6 a.m. CDT on Monday, August 1, and outlines procedures for the many types of aircraft that fly to Oshkosh for the event, as well as aircraft that land at nearby airports. The Notice was designed by the FAA to assist pilots in their EAA AirVenture flight planning.

*"The most essential information for any pilot flying to Oshkosh involves reading and thoroughly understanding the 2022 AirVenture Notice to ensure safe operations on arrival and departure."* said Sean Elliott, EAA's vice president of advocacy and safety. "Although the designation may have been changed by the FAA, the document still states the official requirements and expectations for pilots. We also urge all pilots to log appropriate cross-country time prior to their trip to Oshkosh so they have the proficiency and confidence to fly safely."

EAA is also hosting a webinar on June 22 at 7 p.m. regarding [flying to AirVenture 2022](#) and changes in this year's Notice. Pilots are encouraged to participate to build their knowledge prior to their flights to Oshkosh.

This year's Notice cover features a Heritage Flight formation over Oshkosh. Pilots can download a digital version of the Notice at [EAA.org/NOTAM](http://EAA.org/NOTAM), or order a free printed copy via that website or by calling EAA Membership Services at 800-564-6322.



Here is a link to the June/ July issue of Midwest Flyer:  
<https://midwestflyer.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a323c3fd0b6550d7276e0ac7&id=8a70057c3c&e=2e1e9cb02d>

## Chapter 129's YE Notes



**Rachael Henderson**  
YE Coordinator

**DATE CHANGE!** Please note that the July Young Eagles date has been moved to July 9<sup>th</sup> but remains at BMI from 9-11am. Please make adjustments to aircraft reservations. Charlie has been working on making the necessary changes for our insurance, hangar space, and notifying the airport and ATC. We hope you can join us.

**WE WILL NEED ALL AVAILABLE VOLUNTEERS.** Ch 129 will be hosting EAA's Ford Tri-Motor at the same time Ch 29 is hosting EAA's B-25 and a young eagle event. June 18<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day. Please volunteer at one event or both. The Young Eagle event will be from 9-11 on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Willard airport.

If all goes as planned, I hope to give a WWII B-24 pilot a flight in the B-25. George Hawthorne lives in Sidney, Illinois and celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 22, 2022. When I found out about George, I couldn't wait to meet him. George has since welcomed me into his home and tends to call me at odd hours (like 1:30am) to tell more stories. He has lots of original WWII gear including his many headsets in leather and cloth. George may not be as sharp as he once was but he still gets around pretty good and lives in his own home with one of his sons. George wrote a wonderful 15 page bio with pictures that I would be happy to share if anyone is interested. In addition to flying the B-24, George is also rated as a B-17 pilot and has some right seat time in a PBY Catalina. The plan is to give him a ride on Thursday during the media flight. Who knows, he may likely be on the news!. Until then, clear skies and tailwinds. Please contact me if you have any questions. 217-778-3900 or [rhenderson797@gmail.com](mailto:rhenderson797@gmail.com)

~Rachel Henderson

**P**resident's  
**C**orner

Charlie  
Bates

## Making it all happen

I am getting lots of notices for fly in events popping up all over the calendar and the midwest landscape. It's great to see so much GA activity and opportunities to get out and fly or volunteer at events in support of aviation.

Pancake breakfasts, hotdog and burger cookouts, the EAA B25 at CMI and the EAA Ford Tri-Motor at BMI on the same weekend. And we still have five Young Eagle events through the end of summer. Note the change in the July YE event at BMI to July 9 on your calendars.

And there is the WINGS Safety Seminar and Lunch coming up real soon at KAAA on June 11. Planning is underway for another WINGS event at BMI sometime in August - stay tuned.

It sure feels good to have GA in full swing again, to the point that we may be having to choose between events to attend on any given weekend.

As we gear up for our Ford Tri-Motor visit June 16 to 19 it occurs to me how all of these events happen at the hands of volunteers. It's what makes EAA work and has from the beginning. It happens at many levels. I have seen chapter members rally to help our homebuilders with professional advice and donating parts and have worked with the thousands of volunteers at Airventure. It's what we do.

So be sure to thank the burger and pancake flippers, the dish washers and everyone who volunteers to make these events happen for us. It is truly the spirit of aviation.

Blue Skies,

~Charlie



### EAA Young Eagles 2022 Proposed Schedule

Date	Proposed location	Time
March 19	CMI - Champaign	9-11
April 9	CMI - Champaign	9-11
May 14*	BMI - Bloomington	9-11
June 18	CMI (w/B-25)	9-11
July 9	TIP BMI - Bloomington	9-11
August 6	KIT - Rantoul (scouts)	9-noon?
September 17	MTO - Mattoon	10-noon?
October 15	MTO - Mattoon backup date	10-noon?

## Builders Update - Bill Thacker's 195 Project



Finally finishing up the new interior install on a friends 195 N1001D. We got the leather interior from Airtex Products ([airtexinteriors.com](http://airtexinteriors.com)) Like any custom install it takes a bit of work here and there but if you are careful and take your time Airtex is the way to go. While deep in the bowels of the 195 I asked the owner Mike Pratt, fellow EAA member from Louisville and owner of aviation insurance company Foundation Risk Partners, why a 195 like his with an

Avidyne 540 and an Aspen IFD1000 didn't have an AutoPilot? He asked if we could do it. So we did. I think the correct term is project creep. I think that happens anytime I start working on an airplane. We chose the Trio ProPilot AutoPilot, the same one I put in my 172. Still working the test flights but happy so far! Look for Mike with his 195 and Widgeon at Oshkosh, he will be parked with the MetroWarbirds.



Trio ProPilot  
AutoPilot  
Installation

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## Favorite Places



My college roommate and his family were planning a trip to Mackinac Island with his family to celebrate his wedding anniversary and I had planned on meeting him there for the weekend. Mackinac Island has a very nice little airport (KMCD) in the center of the island with an east-west runway (8-26) of 3200 feet.

We, my wife Jennifer and I, had planned on departing Saturday around noon. Checking the weather indicated scattered storms moving across northern Michigan that day. It did not seem like a no-go until the last check indicated possible hail !! That was a definite no-go. We waited until Sunday morning and departed around 8:00 AM. The front had moved through and it was a good day. We flew to Michigan City, east of Gary Indiana and then direct Mackinac Island. The entire trip we had a 32 knot cross wind coming off lake Michigan all the way.

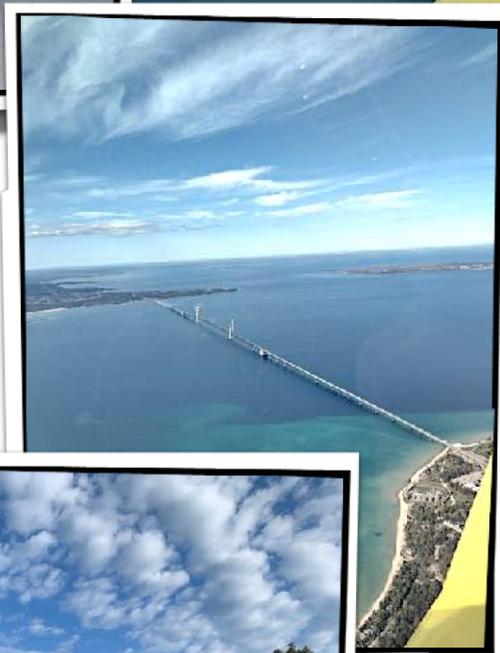
However the 9 to 10 hour drive it would have been was a pleasant two and one half hour flight. That's why I just LOVE to fly. We arrived at Mackinac Island, entered a left down wind to runway 26 with winds out of the west, squeaked the landing and taxied to a parking spot. My college friend, Larry, met us there with a horse taxi which took us to the hotel.

We spent the day, that evening and the next day eating, visiting, exploring and just having fun. While there I took Larry and his grand son up flying around the island and upper Michigan area. His grandson, Maverick, (age 5) said the best part of his whole trip there was the plane and flying.

We departed the island around 4:00 PM on Monday the 16th, flew fifteen miles south to Pellston Michigan (KPLN) where we stopped for fuel. We departed, Pellston where we flew through some rain and got the plane washed and headed back, again, with a 32 knot cross wind coming off Lake Michigan. We arrived back at Bloomington, entered a right base for runway 29 and proceeded to make one of the worse landing in I don't know how long. I look at it as a humbling learning process,

and try not to repeat it. All in all, it was a great week end and get away, where, if I was not flying it would not have been possible. Again, that's why I LOVE flying.

~ Dr. Phil Bolton



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## Webinars, Podcasts, Videos!

Be sure to check out these great podcasts!  
Interviews with A10, U2 bush pilots and  
astronaut homebuilders.

### THE GREEN DOT

A podcast for those who fly for the love of it or are simply fascinated by the world of flight. The Green Dot features EAA news, general aviation topics, history, personal experiences from the hosts and a variety of guests, and anything fun, interesting, or cool in and around the world of flight. <https://www.eaa.org/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-aviation-news/eaanews-the-green-dot-podcast>



### Chapter Video Magazine

June 2022



#### What You Can Expect

In June's Chapter Video Magazine, Charlie Becker discusses:

- Recap on EAA Learn to Fly Day.
- Add your Flying Club to the new [Flying Club locator tool](#).
- Volunteer ambassadors are needed for [One Week Wonder](#), and last chance to pick the [paint scheme](#).
- AirVenture [Chapter activities](#) and volunteer needs.
- Kick-off to [Young Eagles 30th Anniversary Celebration](#) at AirVenture.
- Learn to Fly Center returns to AirVenture.

Find EAA's Chapter Videos at:

[http://  
eaa.brightcovegallery.com/  
chapters/detail/videos](http://eaa.brightcovegallery.com/chapters/detail/videos)

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**6/14/22 7 p.m.** CDT Aviation Museum staff members Chris Henry and Ben Page as they discuss the history of EAA's B-17, N5017N.

#### [Aluminum Overcast, the history of EAA's B-17](#) Museum Webinar Series

Chris Henry and Ben Page

*The B-17 is an icon of World War II, and the legendary bravery of the combat crews is still talked about today. EAA's B-17 tours the country to educate and inspire. Join EAA*

**6/15/22 7 p.m.** CDT Dr. Scott Dennstaedt

#### [Getting Started With the Skew-T Weather Diagram](#) Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

The Skew-T log-P diagram is the best-kept secret in aviation weather forecasting if you know how to unlock its secrets. Learn from Dr. Scott Dennstaedt the basic principles and concepts of weather by also learning how to interpret the Skew-T diagram. This tool will enhance your preflight weather briefing in a way that few other tools can.

**6/22/22 7 p.m.** CDT Fred Stadler

#### [Tips for Flying Into EAA AirVenture 2022](#) Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

*Learn all about the 2022 AirVenture NOTAM arrival procedures. EAA's volunteer NOTAM Chairman, Fred Stadler, describes FAA required procedures and shares useful tips for reducing pilot workload when flying into Oshkosh for AirVenture 2022.*

**6/29/22 7 p.m.** CDT Rick Larsen and Dennis Dunbar

#### [EAA AirVenture 2022 Features and Attractions](#)

*Rick Larsen, EAA vice president of communities, member programs and AirVenture features and attractions, and Dennis Dunbar, director of airshow operations will discuss the latest news on what to expect at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022.*



## **BMI - On the Field**

Check your BMI NOTAMS carefully in June. BNAA reports that runway 2/20 will be closed May 31 through June 24 for an FAA project to update the PAPI system. Please direct any questions to Airport Operations at 309-834-7396.

## **2022 Calendar of Events**

**June 16-19** - Ford Tri-Motor at BMI

**July 2** - Pancake Breakfast at Paxton Airport

**July 9** - Young Eagle Rally BMI **-note date change!**

**July 25-31** - AirVenture at Oshkosh!

**July 27** - Chapter 129 Gathering at Airventure  
- Noon photo at the Arch  
- Dinner at the Doornbos camp

**Aug 6** - Young Eagles Rally at Rantoul

**Aug 18** - EAA Chapter 129 Member Meeting

**Sep 17** - MTO Mattoon (Oct 15 backup)

**Every Saturday 7 to 9 AM** - Gathering of Eagles at EAA Chapter 129 hangar F-15

Join us at the EAA Chapter 129 hangar for our Gathering of Eagles breakfasts Saturday mornings 7:00 am to 9:00 am for some great food and some hangar flying at its best.



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## **Wanted**

Your stories, events, travel adventures, builder updates for our next issue of **The Flypaper**.

Email them to: [cmbates50@gmail.com](mailto:cmbates50@gmail.com)



## **2022 Annual Dues**

Thanks to members who have paid their 2022 dues. If you haven't paid yet, please send your check to:

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