

CHAPTER 153



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JANUARY 2025

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Hello Holiday Revelers,

Hope you're not overdoing it and staying healthy!

Our **December Holiday Pot Luck Party** was lots of fun, with all very nice people attending and we had some great food brought in by all of you. This was a popular time to renew friendships and memberships, as we have lots of new and repeat members to hang out with. Forms will be available to renew at the presentations.

At our next presentation on **January 10th** in the lower level meeting room at Schaumburg Airport, we first start with our now famous **Chili Cook Off at 6:30**. Come hungry! Perhaps you want to be remembered for your excellent chili or some great dessert and walk away with a thank you gift for your creation. Some great chefs have got their start here over the years! In case you do decide to make chili, it is best to use a crock pot so we can plug it in and make enough for about 6-8 people. After we have sampled all the great chilis, drinks, desserts and given away the rewards, then we will briefly have an EAA award presentation to the hard workers that keep your Chapter 153 moving. Finally at about 7:30, **Ron Liebmann(Tech Counselor) will discuss the Technical Counselor Program** and how you can benefit from it as you build or restore your aircraft. How does it work, qualifications, what is done, why, the logbooks, forms and general advice on this great program. Our Chapter is lucky to also have Bob Meyers and Joe Lienau as our 2 other Tech Counselors and they may assist with the presentation and share some stories. Come in person or watch on Zoom with the link.

Masks at our events are optional. In case you feel any unhealthy symptoms, please stay home and get better. Please practice social distancing and use the hand sanitizer. Let's all stay healthy!

We hope you enjoy our airplane hangar meetings, ice cream socials, great topics and fun meetings-while we learn new things at our great presentations and have fun with our friends....

Thank you all for your ideas, support and for being part of our 62 year new EAA Chapter 153!

Madeleine, our Newsletter Editor, has once again organized the social and learning event of the season. The annual Chicago 99s Aviation Expo IFR/VFR **seminar** event will be Saturday, January 27, 2024 at the Renaissance Chicago-Glenview Hotel, 1400 Milwaukee Ave **Glenview, IL**.

EAA has their Homebuilders seminars coming up and there are on-line IA courses to learn aircraft systems. Let's commit to always be learning.

See you soon and bring your friends,

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Bob & Susan Brandt Fly to Mackinac Island, MI-Trip Report

Bob and I departed from DPA, DuPage County Airport in West Chicago, IL, on Saturday, September 19, 2009 for a weeklong, around Lake Michigan, flying, biking and camping adventure. We made a fuel stop at MNM, Menominee-Marquette Twin County Airport in Menominee, MI, before spending the night camping under the wing of our 1954 Cessna Skywagon at ISQ, Schoolcraft County Airport in Manistique, MI, before reaching our final destination, MCD, Mackinac Island, MI. It was beautiful flying low the short distance, while dancing around a few low clouds. Our intention was to camp, then stay in a hotel for a couple days and then fly onward for some more camping.

Our Sunday morning departure from Schoolcraft airport was delayed by fog, heavy dew and a wet tent, but the sky finally cleared to reveal a sunny, mild September day. Earlier, while eating a simple breakfast of hard-boiled eggs and toaster pastries, we were thrilled - despite safety concerns - to see three Sandhill cranes moving through the fog along the side of the airfield. Later, just prior to take off, another pilot radioed to let us know that there were several deer running across the airfield. Again, a wonderful but potentially dangerous wildlife sighting.

We landed on Mackinac Island around 1pm. Because the island is a popular travel destination, there was a lot of activity at the airport with visitors and pilots leaving, as well as new arrivals. Our tie-down neighbor and his wife had just flown in from Montana and planned on staying on the island for a few days before heading home to Boston. We chatted about the planes - our Skywagon tail dragger and his twin with a pressurized cabin and our folding bikes - our Cadenza models by Dahon and his Bike Friday which actually disassembles and folds into a suitcase. Once we loaded our gear into our bike saddle bags, we road into town to find a hotel room, with our tie-down neighbor as our personal tour guide.

We took our chances and didn't book a hotel reservation, which gave us the opportunity to get our bearings and check out the hotels first before making a decision. This is not recommended during the busy season, which is Memorial Day through Labor Day. However, we got what we thought was a good off-season mid-week rate at the Windermere Hotel, which has a water view from the front porch and is located across the street of the public library. We also enjoyed the peace and quiet in the evenings as the hotel was far enough away from the shops, bars, cab stands, and ferry landing. There was a television in the common area of the hotel lobby.

Since automobiles are banned from the island, with the exception of emergency and public works vehicles, Mackinac Island is the perfect pilot get away. No worries about how to get around once you arrive since everyone has the same four choices: walking, biking, horseback, or riding in a horse drawn cab.

Frankly, we didn't miss riding in a car or having to worry about being run over by one. However, you need to be alert and learn to navigate around the horses as well as other bike riding tourists, as many of them wobbled along like they hadn't been on a bike since they were children.

Since one of our outdoor activities is biking, we were in our element getting around the island by bike. We saw some birds and hiked a little. We took full advantage of the 8-mile trail along the lakeshore, riding it once in the morning, and then again late in the afternoon finishing just in time to stop along the lake to watch the sunset.

The first night of our visit there was a steady rain that continued into the morning, which can be relaxing as we watched from inside the sunflower yellow walled quaint sitting room of the hotel. We began the morning looking through the shops on the main drag, until we made our way to Fort Mackinac.

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JANUARY MEETING OF EAA CHAPTER 153

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

Chili Cook Off Bring Yours or bring a Dessert

6:30 PM

Lower Level Conference Room

Schaumburg Regional Airport

905 W Irving Park Road Schaumburg, IL 60193



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We loved the restaurants, fudge shops, bike trails and beauty of the non-motorized island, so we stayed a few extra days instead of going camping to a more primitive nearby island with an airport. It was easy to convince Bob.

On our departure for home, it was windy, and the low ceiling slowly raised up so we could fly low across the lake channel, while waves and whitecaps were right below! The weather going down the east shoreline of the mitten slowly lifted and cleared up for our gas stop at Traverse City. After take-off, we heard a clunking noise, so we landed, Bob thinking it was a gas cap bouncing around on the safety chain. It seemed Bob had let his camping shirt sleeve hang out when he closed the door, and it really was flapping loudly against the aluminum.

We are lucky to have Lake Michigan, all the Great Lakes and the many airports that can take us the great destinations awaiting.

A sidebar about the airports:

MNM is very well maintained and is located in a quiet setting in a residential area. Along with fuel, they have an impressive waiting area with a television and spacious tables, a pilot's lounge, flight planning computer, clean restrooms (no showers), a vending machine for cold drinks, coffee pot, and snacks available on the honor system. We were greeted by someone with the FBO who offered us the use of bicycles that are kept for guests. Unfortunately, camping is not available at this airport.

ISQ Schoolcroft allows camping, but the airport is located on a very busy highway, so it's noisy. The waiting area has a flight planning computer, seating and coffee tables with magazines, but no television. There are clean restrooms (no showers) and a vending machine for cold drinks. There was a flyer posted in the waiting area with a phone number to call for a shuttle to a local casino that advertised a buffet, which we should have advantage of. Walking along the beach was probably better....

MCD on the island is very well maintained with a waiting area, restrooms, and a flight planning computer. A State Park employee is on site to man the radio and check in and check out visiting pilots and will assist you with contacting one of the horse-drawn cabs. There's a landing fee and a daily tie-down fee, which we found to be reasonable considering we stayed five nights.

Susan and Bob Brandt



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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS EAA 153

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 2ND FRIDAY EVERY MONTH

Friday, January 10

Friday, March 7

Friday, May 9

Friday, July 11

Friday, September 12

Friday, November 14

Friday, February 7

Friday, April 11

Friday, June 13

Friday, August 8

Friday, October 10

Friday, December 12

The Chicago Area Chapter 99s

CHICAGO AVIATION EXPO



IFR/VFR Safety Seminar

Flying Companion Course

Aviation Vendors

Saturday, January 25, 2025 8a to 4p

Renaissance Suites Chicago-Glenview Hotel

1400 Milwaukee Ave, Glenview, IL

IFR CLASSROOM

Weather Wisdom Aircraft Icing
IFR Review Practices Procedures
"y tho" Common ATC Practices
All Things Aviation Medicine

Jerry Seckler
Michael Baraz CFII
Eddie Trujillo
Gregory Ostrom, MD

VFR CLASSROOM

Weather Wisdom Aircraft Icing
How to Make Exquisite Landings EVERY Time
Now What PPL Accomplished, What's Next
Aircraft Systems & Problem Solving Malfunctions
Here Be Dragons!

Jerry Seckler (with IFR group)
Mordecai Levin
Marc Epner
Joe Standley
Eddie Trujillo

FLYING COMPANION CLASSROOM

Knowledge to Improve Your Comfort in the Cockpit

Program presented by Chicago Area Chapter 99s

Aerodynamics—What Makes it Fly??

Communication Basics

Navigation Process

Stay Calm and Carry On!

Classes presented by 99s Jen Markovska & Jamie Swanson

EXPO AREA VENDORS

Vendors available all day—Before and after, between classes, during lunch and breaks.

Rentals, training, art, books, jewelry, airports, education, supplies, simulator, weather equipment, and more.



Chapter 153

Schaumburg Illinois

Membership Application

EAA National Membership is REQUIRED for all Chapter 153 members.

Chapter 153 dues are \$30 per year payable on January 1st each year.

Quarterly prorated reductions in increments of \$5.00 are made for those joining for the first time later in the year.

Return this form to the Treasurer or President.

Date _____ [] New Member [] Update

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Prefer to be called _____ Partner's name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Your EAA Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Are you currently building/flying an aircraft? [] Yes [] No

Model _____ N-Number _____

Check areas of interest [] Young Eagles [] Antique [] Classic

or other interests: [] Ultralight [] Homebuilt [] Powered Chute

[] War Birds [] Rotorcraft [] Sky Diving

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Other Comments (optional):

Please return completed application to a meeting or mail with payment to address below.

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