

CHAPTER 153



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARCH 2025

Welcome to March and some warmer weather,

We hope to see you out at some of our upcoming gatherings.

The Feb Presentation by the FAA's David Koch called Airmanship 2.0 was interesting and was a catalyst for more practice, learning, common sense and adventure that could really carry through to many parts of our lives.



Coming up on Friday March 14th in our normal lower level meeting room at the beautiful Schaumburg Airport at 7:30(or earlier to hang out), we will enjoy popcorn, treats, beverages and good company as we learn how easy and fun it is to 'Fly Ultralights'. Then if we have some extra time, we can learn about possibly your fun new ultralight made by Badland Ultralights. Just unfold your wings and let er rip!

Afterwards, we will go around the room and share stories of how your plane or project is coming along, what other aviation stuff you want to tell us or maybe bring a cool show and tell item to explain. We will also try to broadcast it on Zoom and then you can make your own popcorn.

In April, we are planning on a presentation from the group 'Women in Aviation'. Their collective enthusiasm will probably rub off on you.

Please bring your friends and family to any of our little parties.

You can mail or hand me the new updated membership form with your check or cash at your convenience.

Thanks to all of you that put \$ in the food donation jars when we have food served.

You can attend a Thursday night monthly Zoom board meeting if you wish-just let me know.

Please submit any ideas you have for future hangar presentations, speakers, topics, social gatherings and please write an interesting, funny and/or helpful airplane story/article/tips for Madeleine to put in the newsletter. Be published and famous!

Also if you have your airplane photo and you would like it showcased on our website, then send Glenn or me a nice picture of it. Check it out!!

The Chapter has some aircraft hardware and handy airplane tools to loan out to our paid members for short term use.

We have flight advisors and technical counselors to consult with.

Maybe some friendly members would like to help you with building your project. Just ask during the Builder's reports.

Please also Visit, Share and Like us on our fun, educational, helpful EAA 153 Facebook page.

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

You will enjoy our hangar meetings, ice cream socials, picnics, sunset outdoor meetings-while we learn new things 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!

Thanks everyone. See you soon, have fun and stay safe.

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FEBRUARY EAA CHAPTER 153 MEETING PHOTOS

Did everyone leave their smartphones at home? I don't think so!
Otherwise, I might have had a picture of Valentine's goodies to post here.



In March, at the next meeting I challenge the members of EAA 153
to send in a photo for the next newsletter.

First one that arrives in my email inbox will earn a prize!

99mjm@sbcglobal.net or text it to 847-431-1847

The March and April meetings will have some very good photo opportunities
Look for one of these logos and take a picture .



MARCH MEETING OF EAA CHAPTER 153

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

7:30 PM

ULTRALIGHT AIRCRAFT—ARE THEY FOR YOU?



Lower Level Conference Room
Schaumburg Regional Airport
905 W Irving Park Road
Schaumburg, IL 60193



TRAINING AND SAFETY TIP: AN OPEN-AND-SHUT CASE

Repeat after me three times: An open door can't hurt me, but it can kill me if I let it distract me from flying the airplane.

Good. Repetition helps recall, as you know. And, so too, does understanding what you are repeating.

Here's the thing, sometimes an airplane door pops open in flight.

I'm sure your subconscious mind just conjured cups, napkins, clothing, and cellphones being sucked into a stratospheric whirlwind while the screams of terrified passengers are ripped from their lungs. Well, that simply cannot happen in nonpressurized airplanes, and it rarely happens that way outside of Hollywood in any form of aviation.

So, what happens when our training airplane's door opens in flight? Nothing. While there might be a small Bernoulli low outside the door from the flow of air along the fuselage, it doesn't change the aircraft's handling in any serious way and it is not an emergency. In fact, the relative wind of the airplane's forward motion is strong enough that it pushes a forward-hinged door almost closed again. It won't be open, so much as cracked. Things might get a little bit more noisy inside the airplane, and loose charts and notes may swirl around, but that's it. And as you're safely strapped in, you can't fall out.



Why would a door come open in flight? Occasionally the mechanism breaks or fails, but usually it's because someone didn't close it properly. Some airplane doors are tricky. Others are stubborn. And they vary from model to model, so procedures that work on one type won't necessarily work on another.

But because the most common cause of doors opening is a failure to close them properly, when doors do open, it tends to be on or right after takeoff. The proper procedure is to take a mildly breezy lap around the pattern, land, and close the darn thing properly.

So how can it kill you? If you get distracted trying to close the door in flight while operating at low altitude. It's the loss of situational awareness, followed by a loss of control, that can kill you while you deal with something that can't hurt you.

And that pretty much closes the door on this tip.

*Training and Safety Tip: An open-and-shut case
October 29, 2024 By William E. Dubois*



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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS EAA 153

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 2ND FRIDAY EVERY MONTH

Friday, March 14

Friday, May 9

Friday, July 11

Friday, September 12

Friday, November 14

Friday, April 11

Friday, June 13

Friday, August 8

Friday, October 10

Friday, December 12



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

[] _____ [] _____ [] _____

Other Comments (optional):

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

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