

# Ohio Region Chapter News

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**As always, Some News from National.**

**(Just in case you have not checked out the website)**

**AirVenture dates 2025: July 21 – 27**

**Centennials for Fairchild, Travel Air Aircraft to Be Celebrated at AirVenture 2025**



Two iconic aircraft types from the golden age of aviation, Fairchild, and Travel Air, will celebrate their centennial years during activities at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2025, held July 21-27.

The 100th anniversary year for each aircraft will welcome those airplanes to the AirVenture flightline, with additional programs and activities held in conjunction with the Fairchild and Travel Air type clubs. All owners of Fairchild and Travel Air aircraft are invited to be part of the centennial activities.

“Each of these aircraft companies were founded in 1925, but took very different paths through their histories,” said Rick Larsen, EAA’s vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. “Each of these aircraft types made

unique contributions to the world of flight, especially the momentous era from 1920 until 1940.” Fairchild Aircraft was founded in 1925 as a builder of aircraft stable enough for aerial photography and mapping. While the company created a significant number of civilian passenger airplanes in its first 15 years, it was during World War II that the company turned to military aircraft production, especially trainers and transports. It continued that focus through acquisitions of Hiller Aircraft and Republic Aircraft in the 1960s. Its final major production aircraft was the legendary A-10 Thunderbolt II, also known as the Warthog, from 1972 through 1984.

The EAA Aviation Museum currently has the oldest Fairchild aircraft in existence, a 1927 FC-2W model. It is in early American Airlines markings as it served as an early carrier after flying for Interstate Airlines.

The Travel Air Manufacturing Company’s short history was a partnership of three famous names in aviation history: Walter Beech, Clyde Cessna, and Lloyd Stearman of Wichita, Kansas. The three men were part of the Swallow Aircraft Company but in 1925, struck out on their own to create versatile biplanes in a 30-by-30-foot space in downtown Wichita. After some early success, the partnership separated with Stearman and then Cessna moving to their own businesses. The company was eventually absorbed into the Curtiss-Wright Corporation in 1929 and ended production in 1931 during the Great Depression.

EAA continues the legacy of the company with its Travel Air 4000, which is one of the oldest aircraft in the world offering passenger flights with its seasonal operations at the EAA Aviation Museum’s Pioneer Airport.

### **The Goal: Me 262 to Oshkosh**



The Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach, Virginia, has a big goal in mind for an “Only at Oshkosh” moment in 2025: The arrival of its Messerschmitt Me 262 fighter jet reproduction at Wittman Regional Airport in July. If it occurs, it would be a first for one of the few aircraft types that has not made an appearance at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

“We can think no place better to bring the Me 262 reproduction than to Oshkosh, because of the great appreciation EAA members and attendees have for historic aircraft,” said Keegan

Chetwynd, the Military Aviation Museum's director and CEO. "We all know the story with old airplanes, however – they have their own schedules regardless of what plans we might set. We're investing in this project to make it happen, so any result won't be for lack of trying."

The work to create hyper-accurate, new-build Me 262s began in 1993, using an original airframe as a template to work from – this being the National Naval Aviation Museum's Me 262B-1a/U1 WNr.121448. To solve the powerplant's reliability issues in the original aircraft, the replica Me 262s all feature modern, de-rated General Electric CJ610 jet engines. The Military Aviation Museum's aircraft first flew in 2011.

"This magnificent Me 262 would fit perfectly with our 2025 programming that is focusing on the remarkable leaps of aviation technology that occurred between the end of World War II and the early days of the Korean War," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. "We understand the challenges of not only preparing this reproduction for a trip to Oshkosh, but the logistical needs along the way. We appreciate the Military Aviation Museum's efforts to make it happen and will eagerly follow its steps on the flightpath to Oshkosh."

EAA and the Military Aviation Museum will track the progress of the Me 262 reproduction as it prepares for the historic journey. Those updates will be available through social media and regular web updates.

The Messerschmitt Me 262 was the world's first operational jet-powered fighter aircraft. Its initial conception actually predates World War II, but problems with the engines delayed its Luftwaffe service until mid-1944. The aircraft's design was perhaps the most technologically advanced of the war. It had two primary roles: the Me 262 A-1 Schwalbe (Swallow) served as a defensive interceptor, while the Me 262 A-2 Sturmvogel (Stormbird) acted as a fighter-bomber.

The background of the reproduction's historical markings is available through the [Military Aviation Museum's website](#). It recognizes Hans Guido Mutke, who in April 1945 landed the original aircraft in neutral Switzerland as the war was nearing its end.

## **EAA Joins Letter Supporting “Safe, Resilient, and Modernized” ATC System**

EAA joined with 33 aviation and aerospace associations in expressing support for a continued safe, resilient, and modernized air traffic control system (ATC) in the United States. In a letter addressed to Congressional transportation and appropriations leadership, the associations stated:

“To maintain a best-in-class ATC system that is globally competitive, it is our unified objective to work with the U.S. Congress and the Administration to find common ground to ensure the operational safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System (NAS). To achieve this, we must support air traffic controller workforce hiring and training, modernize and deploy state-of-

the-art air traffic control facilities and equipment, implement procurement and program efficiencies and facility realignment, and address budget reforms for the Airport & Airway Trust Fund (AATF).”

The associations also expressed their opposition to the privatization of ATC, stating “We are aligned on not pursuing privatization of U.S. air traffic control services and believe it would be a distraction from these needed investments and reforms.”

The associations highlighted five key priorities in the letter and noted that addressing these areas will reduce costs, inefficiencies, and strengthen American competitiveness.

1. Robust emergency funding for critical air traffic control technology and infrastructure and controller staffing and training
2. Direction to FAA to achieve prudent divestment from legacy NAS elements and utilize new and innovative procurement methods to facilitate the deployment of state-of-the-art technology
3. Realignment and modernization of ATC facilities to improve operational efficiencies
4. Additional financial mechanisms to more effectively utilize AATF balances including through multi-year budgeting
5. Exempting the FAA from government shutdowns to ensure a predictable funding stream to ensure continued safety and air traffic control personnel hiring and training

The letter was signed by the following aviation organizations:

Aeronautical Repair Station Association	Aerospace Industries Association
Air Line Pilots Association, International	Air Traffic Control Association
Aircraft Electronics Association	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Airlines for America	Allied Pilots Association
American Association of Airport Executives	Association of Flight Attendants-CWA
Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International	Aviation Technical Education Council
Experimental Aircraft Association Inc.	General Aviation Manufacturers Association
Global Business Travel Association	International Air Transport Association
International Council of Air Shows	National Agricultural Aviation Association
National Air Carrier Association	National Air Traffic Controllers Association

National Air Transportation Association	National Association of State Aviation Officials
National Business Aviation Association	NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots
Professional Aviation Safety Specialists, AFL-CIO	Recreational Aviation Foundation
Regional Airline Association	Southwest Airlines Pilots Association
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO	Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO
Travelers United	U.S. Travel Association
Vertical Aviation International	Vertical Flight Society

“Our organizations are ready to work with you to ensure the FAA is more capable and prepared to deliver economic growth, foster American innovation, adapt to challenges, and continue to be the safest, largest, and most complex air traffic control system in the world,” the letter concludes.

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT EAA’S WEBSITE FOR MANY GREAT ARTICLES AND NEWS. IT’S A GREAT WEBSITE.**



**Do you download and set EAA’s wallpaper as your desktop?**

**As an EAA member it is one of your benefits. Check it out on the website.**

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**Thanks to EAA for organizing this for us.**

## EAA Webinars

March 5	Engine Temps Gone Wild?	Mike Busch
March 11	Earnest Gann Collection	Chris Henry & Amelia Anderson
March 12	Start Your Own Flight School	Prof. H. Paul Such
March 13	Grow Your Chapter & the Aviation Community	David Leiting
March 26	Aircraft Engine Compression Testing	Bill Ross
April 2	Worth the Squeeze	Mike Busch
April 8	The T-6 Texan	Chris Henry & Ameila Anderson

EAA Webinars sponsored by



**All webinars are at 7:00 pm CDT unless otherwise noted.**

Webinars are free, but registration is required as space is limited. You can also review any of the previous webinars.

To register for one of the webinars go to: [Webinars \(eaa.org\)](http://Webinars(eaa.org))

### **EAA Chapter 1625 Chillicothe (SE Ohio) Ross County KRZT**

Check out our website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa1625>

Our Chapter dues are \$ 10.00 per year. Checks (made out to EAA Chapter 1625) can be mailed with your information such as Name, address, email, phone, EAA National #, aviation interests to Darlene Ford 2776 Kenilworth Rd. Columbus, OH 43219.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 8. We will be meeting at James A Rhodes Airport (KJRO) located at 1800 Keystone Station Rd. Jackson, OH. Meeting will start at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend. You do not need to be a pilot to be part of EAA. Come find out what we do and how easy it is and how much fun it can be.

You can email us at [FirstCapitalAviators@gmail.com](mailto:FirstCapitalAviators@gmail.com) or call us at 614-557-1170. Current officers are.



President – Robert Anderson  
Treasurer – Joe Sattler  
Board – Kristi Sattler  
Web Editor – Andrew Hale

Vice President – Don Lewis  
Secretary – Darlene Ford  
Board – Ed Chinn



Our next meeting is Saturday, March 8 at the Zanesville Municipal Airport (ZZV). We will start gathering around 5. We will have refreshments and aviation fellowship. Our meeting will start immediately afterwards. All are welcome to attend. Come on out to see what we do and hopefully you will join the Chapter. You do not have to fly Vintage Aircraft or even be a pilot to join. Please think about coming out to join us. We are an aviation friendly club where there are no strangers.

If you do not have an email address on file to receive the newsletter 'Tailwinds' and would like to, please send me an email at [DAFord1957@gmail.com](mailto:DAFord1957@gmail.com)

Officers for the coming year are.

President – John Morozowsky  
Treasurer – Terry Baker  
Newsletter Editor – Darlene Ford

Vice President – Anthony Morozowsky  
Secretary – Nick Crate  
Web Editor – Chris Calhoun



## EAA Chapter 1629, Marysville, OH Union County Airport (KMRT)

We are in the process of planning some member/community meetings for the year. Stay tuned. I believe our first one will be in April. Details will be here, our website and our Facebook page.

As always you can visit our website at <http://eaa1629.org> for the latest up to date information. You can also check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MarysvilleEAAChapter1629/>

**Also if you would like to renew your membership or join the Chapter, you can do so in one of three ways:** To renew your membership with a credit card or PayPal go to the following link: <https://eaa1629.org> and click the Join or Renew link on the left. You can also mail a check for \$10.00 made payable to The Marysville EAA Chapter 1629 to Marysville EAA Chapter 1629 760 Clymer Rd. Marysville, OH 43040 Or you can bring a check for \$10.00 made payable to the Marysville EAA Chapter 1629 or \$10.00 cash (Correct Change preferred) to any of the Marysville EAA 1629 functions.

Our officers for the coming year are:

President – Mike Stretanski  
Vice President – Andrew Hale  
Board – Steve Koenig

Secretary – Darlene Ford  
Treasurer – Mark Wesner  
Board – Bruce Atherton



AeroEducate is a free resource filled with age-based activities and clear pathways to aviation and aerospace industry careers where K-12 students can discover and ignite their curiosity in aviation.

Just go to the EAA website and look for it at: <https://www.aeroeducate.org/>



## Excite Your Chapter Youths with STEM Challenges



Get ready to take flight with fun and learning! November 8 is National STEM Day, and we've got something special just for you! To celebrate, we've put together an exciting collection of STEM challenges that are perfect for a Young Eagles rally or any chapter youth event.

What is a STEM challenge? We're glad you asked! A STEM challenge is an activity designed to encourage creative thinking, collaboration, experimentation, and hands-on learning while discovering concepts in science, technology, engineering, and math. Participants are encouraged to follow the engineering design process, which involves brainstorming, planning, building, testing, and refining solutions to a given problem.

Check out these fun and engaging STEM challenges that are sure to spark curiosity and inspire the next generation of aviation enthusiasts!

AeroEducate is a way for students, teachers, parents, and EAA chapters to interact with aviation in a whole new way. By signing up for a FREE AeroEducate account, you can find awesome web-based projects, experiments, and experiences that can earn points toward progressive AeroEducate Badges. <https://www.aeroeducate.org/>



### **New officers for 2025 are**

President – Katie Wright

Vice President – Dennis Dangelo

Treasurer – Sharon Puschmann

Secretary – Joelle Dorsainvil

YE Coordinator – Dave Dennis

EAA Chapter 382 meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at Greene County Airport (KGDK) in the terminal building. (which is very nice inside) It is located at 140 N. Valley Road, Xenia, OH 45385 Stop in for one of their meetings. They are a friendly bunch of aviators, and you will be welcomed.



## Fort Wayne, IN



2025 Officers are:

President: Tim Carrier  
Treasurer: Mike Barden

Vice President: Dan Cisco  
Secretary: Blossom Bardon



EAA's local Chapters 1095 is about people, bringing together individuals interested in learning more about aviation as well as sharing their own knowledge. Chapter members participate in a variety of social and educational activities, including Young Eagles rallies, fly-ins, building seminars, and more, to build awareness in the community.

**EAA Name Tags.** If you would like to order name tags for your members or at least your officers, please check out Chapter 1095's website. These name tags are very professional looking and hold up well. <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1095/ea1-name-tags>



## JP's Barbecue Bolton Field

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### *EAA Chapter 421 Urbana Ohio*

#### **Monthly Chapter Gatherings:**

First Saturday of Each Month at 10:00 AM Grimes Field Airport - I74, 1652 N. Main St. Urbana, OH 43078 **EAA Chapter 421** has a new meeting place. Please check the Facebook page for location. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chapter421>.

Urbana Grimes Airport 1636 N. Main St Urbana OH

**GRIMES FIELD (174) URBANA, OHIO**

**Grimes is the only Airport in the U.S. with three museums.**

- 1. Mid America Flight Museum of Texas Restoration Shop** – currently with a New Standard they have restored and are now finishing. Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm) They now have a Beechcraft B-18 on site. Volunteers are always welcome!
- 2. Grimes Flying Lab Museum**, which has one of Grimes’s original Beech C45 aircraft that flies at special occasions, events, July 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. and examples of many of the lights and equipment that Grimes built (Hours – April thru November Saturdays 10 to 1)
- 3. Champaign Aviation Museum** – Building B-17 Champaign Lady, flying B-25 Champaign Gal, Stinson, Fairchild, COD1 (Hours Tuesday thru Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm)
- 4. Grimes Airport Café** – New Owners Mindy & Chat Orahood – same great food, adding some new dishes. Still making pies 100% from scratch, crust, filling, etc. (Hours – Tuesday thru Saturday 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am to 2:30 pm)
- 5. Champaign County Pilots’ Association** meets first Wednesday monthly at Champaign Aviation Museum, library/training room – All are welcome



Meetings: 2nd Wednesday 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Delaware Municipal Airport (DLZ) Terminal Building  
1075 Pittsburg Drive Delaware OH 43015

Hope to see you there.

Bernie Rifkin, President EAA Local Chapter 1600 @ KDLZ



## Got an aviation item you want to sell?

Just a note – if you have an airplane or an airplane project that you would like to sell, please send me details and pictures if you have them. I will place them in the newsletter here for those that are interested. There is no cost to advertise tools, planes, parts etc. in the newsletter. We are here to help you sell, give etc. whatever to others that may have a need for it. You never know what you may find for sale or give here. This is a way to help others.

## Event Planning

If you are not sure you will have enough members in your Chapter to do an event, think about inviting a nearby Chapter to join in the event. A pancake breakfast, barbecue, field trip, Fly out. Remember, you can do these joint ventures with fellow EAA Chapters. They are a fantastic way to get to know your fellow members in EAA. A fantastic way to make new friends! This is a fantastic way to make an adventure more worthwhile. Just reach out to a nearby Chapter.



### **CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL AEROBATICS DAY!**

Enjoy the skill, beauty, and excitement of aerobatic flights as it is celebrated around the world and at an airport near you. Come out to the Bellefontaine Regional Airport (KEDJ) on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

IAC 34 will host a practice day and lunch for all participants.

Not flying? Come on out and observe the flying and have some rib-stickn' BBQ with us!

**Check our website for details as they are updated.**

<https://chapters.eaa.org/iac34/event-calendar>





We are a local chapter of Women in Aviation International, based in Dayton, Ohio – where it all began.

To learn more or if you have questions, email us at [womeninaviationhuffmanprairie@gmail.com](mailto:womeninaviationhuffmanprairie@gmail.com)

"WAI members seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! If you are a lover of all thing's aviation and aerospace, and enjoy sharing your passion with others, we would love to have you" ~WAI.

Our local chapter is a network of women and supporters in the aviation industry. We are engineers, pilots, maintainers, supply chain, and more with a passion for aviation. We enjoy social events like painting nights, hangar parties, and airshows. Other events include tours, community events, the annual conference and the big GIAD! WAI also offers connections to careers and scholarships. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. Also, please see links below for how to sign up at WAI and to check out our chapter. We look forward to helping you pursue your aviation career and network.

<https://www.wai.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/huffmanprwai>

WAI offers free student membership, and our chapter offers free participation as well. If interested in membership please reach out to our chapter, WAI offers many benefits to students and young adults entering the aviation industry.

Our Chapter meets quarterly.

Do you have a need for someone to come talk about Women in Aviation? Please reach out to us. I am the outreach coordinator for this chapter. It might be possible for us to come to your event and set up a table.



EAA 284 Chapter Monthly Meeting

Sunday, March 9, 2025

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Address: 4925 N. State Route 42 Waynesville, OH 45067

Contact: Tim Carrier Phone: 937-760-3669 Links: [Email](#)

EAA 284's monthly chapter meeting. Held at Red Stewart Airfield, in the FBO when it's cold, and in the hangar when it's not.



Chapter 333, Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc.

The *Flying Stinkers* (named after the famous *Little Stinker* airplane)

4322 S State Rd Ann Arbor MI 48108-9774

Eric Gettel, President

[chapters.eaa.org/ea333](http://chapters.eaa.org/ea333)

[ea333president@gmail.com](mailto:ea333president@gmail.com)

**Facebook** -- For broadcast announcements

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/eaachapter333/>

### Chapter Gathering

Thursday, March 13, 2024, 7pm, @ Airport Terminal Basement,

The feature presentation will be announced.



EAA 67

Noblesville, IN

President: Nick Boland

[eaachapter67@gmail.com](mailto:eaachapter67@gmail.com)

Meetings: Every 1st Monday 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Noblesville Airport Office

14782 Promise Road Noblesville IN 46060

Programs: IMC Club, VMC Club, Young Eagles, Technical Counselors, Flight Advisors, Ray

Aviation Scholarship

Website: [eaa67.org](http://eaa67.org)

### **C172 For Sale**

N1449F - 1966 Cessna 172H

It has a Continental O-300 with 145 hp. Larry says it is a low time engine and a nice airplane for IFR. The paint and interior are very nice. Asking \$84,900.

For more details, contact:  
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Larry Jacobi

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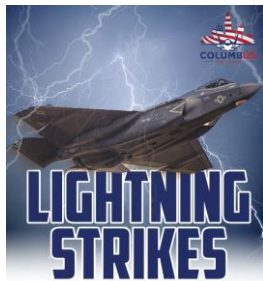


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The U.S. Navy F-35C Lightning II Airshow Demonstration Team is coming to the 2025 Columbus Air Show on Aug. 22-24 at Rickenbacker International Airport!

## Props and Pistons Festival to Host Ohio's First-Ever AOPA Fly-In Event in 2025



Michael Damron

Aviation enthusiasts, get ready for an unforgettable weekend! The Props and Pistons Festival is making history by hosting Ohio's first-ever [Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association](#) (AOPA) Fly-In. This exciting event is set for August 16-17, 2025, at Akron-Fulton Airport, where hundreds of aircraft—an estimated 400 to 500—will take to the skies for a spectacular display of aviation excellence.



**EAA 117**

**Warren, OH**

President: Anthony DeGaten  
Meetings: Every 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM  
4059 North River Rd Warren OH 44484  
Website: [Chapters.EAA.org/ea117](http://Chapters.EAA.org/ea117)

[atom-matic@neo.rr.com](mailto:atom-matic@neo.rr.com)  
Meeting Location: Sloas Field  
Programs: [Young Eagles](#)

**2025 EAA Chapter #117 Calendar**

March 4: Board meeting- 7:00pm at Panera Bread, Warren. All are welcome Young Eagle Build at PIA Thursday's from 5:30pm to 7:30pm March 18: Get Together -Josh Prest-Executive Director of EOMAC (Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Communications)



**Mason, MI**

President: Frederick Laub  
Meetings: Every 2nd Saturday 9:30 AM  
643 Aviation Drive Mason MI 48854  
Programs: [Young Eagles](#), [Flight Advisors](#), [Ray Aviation Scholarship](#)  
Website: [www.eaa55.org](http://www.eaa55.org)

[EAA55.President@gmail.com](mailto:EAA55.President@gmail.com)  
Meeting Location: EAA Hangar

EAA Chapter 55 at Mason Jewett Field (KTEW) in Mason, MI meets the second Saturday of each month in our (heated) hangar meeting room on Mason Jewett Field (KTEW). We serve a complimentary breakfast (free will donations accepted) from 8am-9am. We will have a short business meeting at 9:30am, generally followed with an aviation themed program.

**EAA Chapter 55** Fly-in and Drive-in Visitors are always welcome to attend the breakfast, the meeting, or both. Aircraft parking is available at our hangar and at the terminal ramp.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Mar 21 – Rosie the Riveter Day  
Jun 21 – EAA55 Dawn Patrol (DP)  
Aug 16 – EAA55 Mason Aviation Day (MAD)

Apr 1-6 – Sun N Fun  
Jul 21-27 – AirVenture Oshkosh





## Motts Military Museum Inc

Motts Military Museum, Inc., South Hamilton Road, Groveport, OH, USA

Phone: [\(614\) 836-1500](tel:6148361500) email: [info@mottsmilitarymuseum.org](mailto:info@mottsmilitarymuseum.org)

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2260 International Pkwy, North Canton, OH 44720

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Whether you have an hour or an entire day, there is something for you at MAPS.



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[\(937\) 335 9226](tel:9373359226)

**Monday & Tuesday: 9:00AM - 3:00PM**  
**Thursday & Friday: 9:00AM - 3:00PM**

**Wednesday: CLOSED**  
**Sat. & Sun. - Noon - 5:00PM**

The WACO Aircraft Company was the largest manufacturer of civil aircraft in the country in the late 1920's and early 30's and this museum is dedicated to the plant and the employees that made it great.

With the help of the WACO Historical Society (founded in 1978) members and many generous donors and supporters, Historic WACO Field opened in 1997. The field consists of a 77-acre site and features a 2200-foot runway (2000 feet usable) south of Troy, Ohio. Historic WACO Field is maintained by WACO volunteers and is constantly receiving upgrades and improvements, but we are always in need of additional volunteers to assist in the upkeep of the site.



\$100,000 Grant from Hartzell-Norris Charitable Trust Awarded to WACO  
Wings and Dreams Campaign

**Friday, February 14, 2025**

**Information Contact: Nancy Royer, 937-**

**335-9226**

The WACO Historical Association is pleased to announce a \$100,000 grant contribution to the ongoing Wings and Dreams Campaign from the Hartzell Norris Charitable Trust.

The \$1.7 million campaign was initiated in September 2024 to fund the completion of the partially completed WACO Education Center/Robinson Wing building which is located on the WACO campus, on the south edge

of Troy. The Hartzell Norris grant will be acknowledged by the naming of the Hartzell Family Robotics Lab in the new building.

Students will be introduced to basic robotics principles here, including mechanical design, electronics, and programming. This space is uniquely intended to foster student collaboration as they design, select materials, assemble, and write code to control their robots, including enabling autonomous movement. Students will methodically test, troubleshoot, and design their creations, all part of the engineering design process. These activities will prepare them not only for competitions but also help develop essential life skills like problem-solving, communication, and innovation. The Hartzell Family Robotics Lab will provide a dynamic, hands-on environment where students acquire real-world STEM skills that are applicable across various fields, including aviation and aerospace.

In making the grant, the Hartzell Family underscored the importance of giving back to the community which it has been doing so for generations through the Trust. The charitable trust committee reviews various causes aligned with the family's values, including early childhood education and development. The Wings and Dreams Campaign supporting the new WACO Education Center will allow the organization to expand and grow its education programs and activities which will have a lasting positive impact in the community, according to the Hartzell Family.

Nancy Royer, WACO Executive Director, said that with the Hartzell Norris grant, the WACO Wings and Dreams campaign is about halfway to the goal, and construction will soon begin on the Education Center. "WACO is so appreciative for the important Hartzell-Norris Charitable Trust support," Royer said, acknowledging the long-standing aviation relationship that Hartzell and WACO have had.

Since 1923, WACO and Clayton Bruckner have been a high-profile part of the local community, representing innovation, creativity, and excellence...and Hartzell was part of that legacy, Royer emphasized. "And now WACO and Hartzell will continue the legacy through the STEM-related programs offered in the new Education Center," she said.

Royer also pointed out the current WACO education programs were developed years ago on that rich aviation history to meet a significant

need for STEM-related learning...and quickly filled to capacity. The increased enrollment and limited space created the need for the new building.

Robert Kaebnick, Hartzell Family Member and CEO of the Hartzell Companies, said “After reviewing the Wings and Dreams Campaign and touring the new Education Center, the Hartzell Family was extremely excited to get involved with this project. Given our ties to the community, the family history with aviation, and the WACO Education Center’s STEM-related education and positive childhood development, it was a no-brainer.” “This project directly aligns with our values and the opportunities the new Education Center will provide will change lives,” he added.

More information about the new WACO Education Center/Robinson Wing and the Wings and Dreams Campaign can be obtained through Nancy Royer, Executive Director, at 937-335-9226, or [execdir@wacoairmuseum.org](mailto:execdir@wacoairmuseum.org)

#### **Our Contact Information**

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**2025**

**[B-29s to Again Reunite at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#)**

The world’s only two flying examples of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress will be back this summer at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2025, July 21-27, supporting the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II and post-war aviation technology.



Stay tuned for EAA Chapter 5's events! Or check out their website.

# TAKE NOTE

## **EAA AIRVENTURE CONCERT BAND 2025**

The **EAA AirVenture Concert Band** will return to the stage **Wednesday July 23, 2025** at the Theater in the Woods and is enlisting brass, woodwind and percussion players. With so many musicians in chapter 5, wouldn't it be fun to have a significant presence in this concert band.

If this sounds like fun, sign up here.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6YhttDQKSXLhWwyUB1E327z6hVHgeYN\\_j2CEUIfzYf-sXbHg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6YhttDQKSXLhWwyUB1E327z6hVHgeYN_j2CEUIfzYf-sXbHg/viewform)

The music and rehearsal schedule will be emailed to you. Those of us chapter members who are not musically inclined, can attend the concert at **4:00** on **Wednesday afternoon**.





## 2025 Bowling Green Aviation Safety Standdown

Join us at the Bowling Green Aviation Safety Standdown for an exciting in-person event focusing on all things aviation safety!

### Bowling Green Safety Standdown"

Topic: Artificial Intelligence In Aviation, Q&A With Toledo ATCT, Elevating Safety Through Professionalism, and Various Other Topics.

On Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 09:30 Eastern Daylight Time

Location: Bowling Green State University - Olscamp Hall  
1002 Ridge St Room 101 Bowling Green, OH 43403

**REGISTER AT:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-bowling-green-aviation-safety-standdown-tickets-1236453418459?aff=oddtcreator>

Register now for the 2025 Bowling Green Aviation Safety Standdown on March 13! Join aviation experts for a day of insightful sessions, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities. Topics include AI in Aviation, elevating Safety Through Professionalism, a Q&A with Toledo ATCT, and other topics. The event runs from 9:20 AM to 3:45 PM at Bowling Green State University. Register by March 8th to secure your spot!

To Learn More: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-bowling-green-aviation-safety-standdown-tickets-1236453418459?aff=oddtcreator>

To view further details and registration information for this seminar, [click here](#).

The sponsor for this seminar is: **FAASTeam**

The FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) is committed to providing equal access to this meeting/event for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please communicate your request as soon as possible with the person in the 'Contact Information' area of the meeting/event notice. Note that two weeks is usually required to arrange services.

The following credit(s) are available for the WINGS/AMT Programs:

Basic Knowledge 3 - 1 Credit



Click the button below to get your tickets today.

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**About The Ohio Air & Space Hall of Fame and Learning Center:**

**The Ohio Air & Space Hall of Fame and Learning Center (OAS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to permanently preserving the inspiring legacies of this state's outstanding pioneers of flight, prominently heralding their achievements as a point of pride and to foster continued innovation and a skilled aerospace and technology workforce. The OAS will additionally educate the public about the rich history of Ohio's aviation and aerospace industries, and its airports, including that of the OAS's future home in the soon-to-be-renovated original Port Columbus Air Terminal, located at John Glenn International Airport (CMH) in Columbus, Ohio.**

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**If you have pictures of your events and would like to share them, please send them to me along with a write-up! Let others know what you are doing.**



- Location Renaissance Downtown Columbus
- To Register [Ohio Aviation Association - 2025 Annual Conference](https://www.ohioaviation.org/event-6008006/Registrion)
- [www.ohioaviation.org/event-6008006/Registrion](https://www.ohioaviation.org/event-6008006/Registrion)

**(there is a cost to attend)**





# CLEVELAND NATIONAL AIR SHOW

Featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds

August 30, 31 & September 1 - Labor Day Weekend  
Burke Lakefront Airport



*Save the Dates!*

The 2025 Cleveland National Air Show dates are:

August 30, 31 & September 1, 2025

Labor Day Weekend



*Thunderbirds Headline!*



Hot Streak II Jet Truck



Danny Clisham



Lake Erie Drone



Across North America every year, there are hundreds of air shows that don't get the chance to have EITHER the US Navy Blue Angels or the USAF F-22 Raptor Demo...

And yet, during the weekend of June 20-22, fans of the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show will get to see BOTH!

These two action-packed demo teams are going to absolutely ROCK Willow Run Airport and create an excitement that will be felt for months after by anyone that experiences it.

Join us for what is going to be a truly memorable show, filled with so much more than just these two epic performances, but these alone will be worth every minute you spend there.





EAA Chapter 9 Columbus, Ohio

IMC Club Meeting (March 2025)

Date and Time: Thursday March 13, 2025, at 7pm EST.

EAA Chapter 9 Monthly Meeting (March 2025)

Date and Time: Thursday March 20, 2025, at 7pm EST.

All our meetings are held at:

Lane Aviation, Columbus John Glenn Airport, 4389 International Gateway, Columbus, OH 43219.

We provide pizza, snacks, and fruit at our meetings to feed our hungry aviators.

RV12 Build: Like January, progress on the RV12 in February was limited by the low temperatures forcing us to cancel a number of our Tuesday evening build sessions. Hopefully, warmer temperatures in March will allow us to regain momentum. In summer we had as many as fifteen people turn up at OSU, many actively participating, along with some just taking the opportunity to enjoy conversation with other aviation enthusiasts. It's a great opportunity to learn about what's beneath the skin of our aircraft; we've had people aged 9 to 90+ riveting! Anybody who is interested in getting involved please email: [build@eaa9.org](mailto:build@eaa9.org) for further information.

February Chapter Meeting: All our monthly meetings have a theme and for February it is ATC, which is always popular with our members. With forty-seven people present, we had an open discussion with controllers from Columbus John Glenn and Ohio State airports. Importantly, we heard what we as GA pilots can do to work better with ATC. For example, Matt from CMH told us that staying clear of their approach lanes in uncontrolled airspace would help reduce the number of times controllers have to instruct airliners to go around. This can happen several times per day when CMH is landing to the east because the controllers cannot ensure separation from GA traffic that they are not in radio contact with. Beforehand we had a presentation from Ned Parks on the serious risks to GA aircraft from helicopter rotor wash. Ned likened rotor wash to a microburst, the effects of which, even from a light

helicopter, persist for much longer than most people at the meeting realized. Ned showed video of the fatal accident at Wadsworth which he had witnessed. As a helicopter pilot himself, it is clearly a topic he is passionate about. Truly instructive.

This newsletter goes out to the EAA Chapters in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. It also goes out to the FBO's in those states. So, if you are planning to host an event and would like to get the information out there, this is one of the places to do so. There is NO cost to advertise your events or your Airport Restaurant.

We would like to put your events or happenings in the Ohio Region Chapter Newsletter. So please feel free to get the article to me about a week before the end of the month. This way it can be included in the following month's newsletter. If you have an interesting story you want to share, send it.

Please share this with your fellow Chapter members, aviator friends and your local FBO's. You never know who would be interested in one of the articles/events in the newsletter. Or if you received this from a friend and would like to receive it directly, please let me know.

Send in your comments as to what you would like to see in the newsletter. We like those human-interest stories, especially those with pictures.

**Send articles for the next newsletter to me by 20<sup>th</sup> if possible. Email them to [Daford1957@gmail.com](mailto:Daford1957@gmail.com)**

**Thanks again and enjoy the newsletter.**

*Darlene Ford*



*Happy St. Patrick's Day*