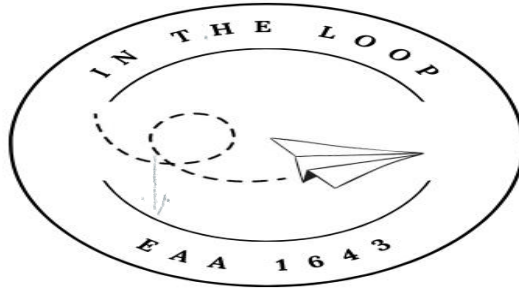


E.A.A. Chapter 1643



May, 2025

Upcoming Chapter Gathering Calendar

May 10	AirVenture 101 by Aaron Repp
June 14	Young Eagle Rally
June 19	VMC Club
July 12	(Possible BBQ)
July 17	VMC Club
August 9	(to be determined)
August 21	VMC Club
September	Stearman Youth Activities, no regular gathering

Chapter Gathering May 10

AirVenture 101. We invite you to come join us at our upcoming Chapter Gathering on Saturday, May 10th at 3pm in the Stearman Hangar for a fun discussion about EAA Airventure in Oshkosh, WI. Learn tips and discuss ideas to help plan your adventure! Aaron Repp will be leading a presentation about how to make the best out of your time at AirVenture and what's new for this year. Maybe you've been to AirVenture 20 times or you have never been at all, this discussion will get you excited to have a fun filled time in Oshkosh! Be ready to share stories and ideas!

VMC Club

There will be no VMC club meeting this month. The VMC club will be on hiatus through planting season, as our coordinator, Aaron Repp, is very busy farming. We plan to resume meetings in June.

Young Eagles

Last month, our Young Eagle event flew 17 youth from Wayne Morgan's Aviation Program at Alwood Jr./Sr. High School. Wayne reports that they all came home very excited and want to do it again. Some have expressed interest in pilot training. That's what it's all about!

We are planning our next Young Eagle Rally for June 14th, coinciding with International Young Eagle Day. Be ready to volunteer.

Peoria Air National Guard Mid-Air Collision Avoidance Flyers (MACA)

The 182nd Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard has provided us with flyers with information about their operations and avoiding mid-air collisions. These are included with this e-mail as separate attachments. We often see their C-130's conducting low level training flights in our area, so that's definitely a hazard we want to be aware of. Take a moment to open those attachments and look through them. They include contact information so you can call and find out if they are conducting operations in our area.

Other Aviation Activities - 'Tis the season for fly-inns.

Canton Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast - May 10, 2025, Canton Ingersoll Airport (CTK)

EAA Learn to Fly Week Returns May 13-17, 2025 - The week will consist of three straight days of educational and interactive webinars. Topics will range from how to get started in flight training to tips for passing the FAA written exam, how to save time and money in flight training, strategies for the checkride, pinch-hitter presentations, and so much more! **You can learn more and register at www.EAA.org/LTFWeek**

EAA Chapter 864 Pancake Breakfast - Saturday May 17, 2025, 7:30 - 11:30 am at St. Louis Regional Airport (KALN), 8 Terminal Dr, East Alton, IL 62024. \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 kids 4 - 12, Kids 3 and under free. All you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, coffee, juice, airplanes.

Havana Pancake Breakfast - June 14, 7:00 am to 10:00 am, Havana Regional Airport (910)

Macomb Municipal Airport (MQB) Heritage Days Fly-In and Open House - Sunday, June 29, 2025, Time: 0700 - 1200. Pancake and sausage breakfast will be provided by the Colchester Lion's Club. \$10 per meal.

Member activities/accomplishments

SUN 'n FUN Trip

Dave Scharfenberg and Aaron Repp recently traveled to SUN 'n FUN in Lakeland Florida! The weather was great while getting to KLAL and the Warbird Arrivial was smooth and seamless. Once at the Show, Aaron and Dave had a great time catching up with a few Chapter Members, friends and seeing the latest and greatest that aviation has to offer. Dave's L-39 even won "Best Jet Trainer"! After an extra day spent at the Show due to impassable weather between KLAL and KGBG, they found a way back home, albeit just a bit east to Beckley, West Virginia and north to Fort Wayne, Indiana to get around the storms. Anyone who hasn't had the chance to get to SUN 'n FUN should have it on their list of Airshows! Here's a couple of photos.



Humor/Quotes

From a Navy pilot: “Landing on the ship during the daytime is like sex, it's either good or it's great. Landing on the ship at night is like a trip to the dentist, you may get away with no pain, but you just don't feel comfortable.” – *LCDR Thomas Quinn, USN*

“Flying a plane is no different from riding a bicycle. It's just a lot harder to put baseball cards in the spokes.” – *Captain Rex Kramer, in the movie Airplane* (our readers under 50 probably won't get that joke)

“If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no vintage/classic helicopter fly-ins?” –*Anon*

That's all for this issue. Hope to see you all at the Gathering.

Until then, fly high and grease the landing!

Your newsletter guy,

Chris Mowrer