



# Hangar Talk

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## Can You Identify This Aircraft



Send your Answer to [sdthatcher@bellsouth.net](mailto:sdthatcher@bellsouth.net)  
The answer will be in Next Months Hangar Talk

## Participate in VMC Club

Since 2015 and 2017, respectively, EAA members have enjoyed participating in organized hangar flying through EAA's VMC clubs.

VMC Clubs are extensions of local EAA chapters and offer monthly VMC program meetings where pilots can network and share knowledge and experiences. The purpose of EAA Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) Clubs build proficiency when flying under visual flight rule conditions.

**New Website.** Go to <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea203> to see the new look! New Category called EAA 203 Events Calendar. See current and future activities.



## Find the Air Speed Indicator

Hidden somewhere within the pages of this newsletter is an ASI similar to the one shown here (will be smaller). All you need to do is find the page on which it appears, specify article or photo and send to [sdthatcher@bellsouth.net](mailto:sdthatcher@bellsouth.net) to win. Winning Entries will be published in the newsletter.

**ASI Location: One Prize Only awarded for correct ASI location.**

**ASI Winners:** Located Drivers Cap of Barntoons. It was hard to find. No Winners.

**Aircraft Winners:** No winners. See Page 2 for Identification.

## Calendar of Events

### March 9th

Board of Directors 8:30am

EAA203 9:00am, General Meeting with sausage, pancakes, and coffee!

VMC Club following General

### VMC Club Meeting

The VMC club is an opportunity to share knowledge and experience while discussing real-world scenarios. The next meeting is this Saturday after the General Meeting. Be sure to attend this Saturday!

## Last Month's Aircraft Identification – Flea Triplane

It sure does look like a Fokker DR-1, but it's an experimental American Flea Ship (Flea Triplane).

It is a triplane design of the early 1930s. It is one of the first examples of a female-designed-and-built aircraft. One example is displayed at the Wings of a Dream Museum.

### Development

The Flea Triplane is a homebuilt variant of the French-designed Mignet Flea licensed by American Mignet Aircraft, and later Universal Aircraft

company of Ft Worth, Texas. The aircraft was given away by Universal as a marketing effort when a Universal motor was purchased to power it. Later, the fuselage sold for \$695. The kit version of the aircraft was designed by Lillian Holden. Ace Aircraft Manufacturing Company maintains the rights to the American Flea Ship and Heath Parasol.

### Design

The Triplane aircraft does not have ailerons, and uses variable incidence wings for roll control.

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### Young Eagles



**curious how airplanes even work. You might even dream about being a pilot.**

If you're nodding your head "Yes" and are between the ages of 8 and 17, you're ready to take a free Young Eagles flight and see what real pilots do on the ground and in the air.

**Ever wondered what your neighborhood looks like from the sky? Or maybe you're**

Since 1992, more than 2 million Young Eagles have enjoyed a flight from EAA's network of volunteer pilots.

**For more information contact Rick Golightly, metro9100@aol.com.**

### Meeting Directions

The next EAA Chapter 203 meeting will be held at the hangar located at North County Airport (F45). The EAA Hangar is found by going to the junction of the Beeline Highway (SR710) and PGA Blvd (SR786). Then go 2.6 miles NW (from PGA); turn left at the airport sign, and cross the train tracks. Follow the road to the hangar, which is on the left-hand side before you get to the FBO terminal, hangar 11250-5.

### Barntoons



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## Photo Montage from February Meeting



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### General Characteristics

- Capacity: 1
- Wingspan: 20 ft (6.1 m)
- Empty weight: 460 lb (209 kg)
- Powerplant: 1 × Universal , 40 hp (30 kW) Later models used a 65hp Continental

### Performance

- Maximum speed: 87 kn (100 mph, 160 km/h)

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### Meetings

The Chapter normally meets monthly at 9:00 am on the second Saturday of each month at hangar 11250-5 at North County Airport. Guests are welcome to attend two meetings but are expected to join the Chapter at the third. Dues are \$35 per year.

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### Newsletter

Contributions need to be in the editor's hands by the last Wednesday of the month preceding publication, unless the moon is full, in which case the deadline is the Thursday preceding the first Wednesday prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Editor's staff. **Be an Author!! Send us something.**

## Other Stuff

### Board of Directors Meeting

Please contact President Bill Siegel for time and place of each monthly meeting.

### Editor's Report

**March 2024 Newsletter.**  
**117 Email Notifications Sent.**

### Membership

37 Current Paid Members  
03 Honorary Members

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