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## Breaking News

- **New Website.** Go to <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea203> to see the new look!
- **Bob Fleck Presentation** (this Saturday) Comparing the P-51, F-86 and CF-104 (Starfighter) to the RV8.

## 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

## Find the Air Speed Indicator

Hidden somewhere within the pages of this newsletter is an ASI similar to the one shown here (may be smaller). All you need to do is find the page on which it appears, specify the article or photo and send to [sdthatcher@bellsouth.net](mailto:sdthatcher@bellsouth.net) to win. If **Multiple entries, only one winner** will be selected from those submitted. Winning Entries will be published in the newsletter. **One Prize** Only will be awarded for correct ASI location.

**BIG ASI Winner:** the ASI was on page 3 bottom of the map.



**Aircraft Identification:** No winners last month.

## Calendar of Events

### April 12th

EAA203 8:30 am, General Meeting  
with sausage, pancakes and coffee!

Bob Fleck Compares RV8 & P51  
VMC Club following Meeting

## VMC Club Meeting

The VMC Club is an opportunity to share knowledge and experience while discussing real-world scenarios.



## Saturday's Presentation by Bob Fleck

### Our presenter this Saturday is Bob Fleck who will present the following:

Comparing the P-51, F-86 and CF-104 (Starfighter) to the RV8.

Rob flew the P51 and F86 after his military career in the air show circuit and the CF-104 and CF-18 in the RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force).



Rob and Larry (another chapter member) also flew the CF-104 in Ger-

many and both instructed on the CF-18 on the same squadron.

**L to R: RV8, F86, P51**



## Young Eagles



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

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.

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.**

## 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; 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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## April 12th Meeting Agenda

### 7:00 – 8:00 Meeting Setup

- move airplanes
- setup Youth project tables
- cooking
- 8:15 start pancakes

### 8:00 – 8:30 Meet and Greet

- name tags
- register guests (on-going)

### 8:30 – 9:30 Breakfast – fund raiser

- Topic tables
- general conversation
- talk with guests

### 9:00 – 9:30 General Business

- aviation activities around the airport/community/TFRs
- builder projects
- EAA national, FAA, F45 activities

#### Young Eagles

- Rick
- individual progress

### 9:30 – 10:30 Program Bob Fleck

- 20-30 minute presentation followed by Q & A

### 10:30 – 11:30 VMC –



# EAA203 Young Eagles Fly in Belle Glade

Photos thanks to Anita Mixon



Over 50 Young Eagles flew from Belle Glade, some for the first time. As you can see from the photos, there were numerous aircraft, Pilots, Escorts and Young Eagles! And Willy and company provided Locally grown Vegetables for the Pilots and others.



Willy and Cousin on Flight Line



One of the many escorts taking a group to their next flight



A nervous smile prior to flight



A popular flight for some of the Young Eagles



Waiting patiently for next flight. Notice burning in background...



## EAA203 Presented TFR Navigation for Area Surrounding PBI

### This seminar was presented by the Palm Beach area FAA and Controllers on March 8th, 2025

The Mar-a-Lago Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is a restricted airspace around the Florida residence of the President of the United States. The TFR includes an inner core and an outer ring.

#### Inner core

- A 10 nautical mile radius from the surface to 17,999 feet MSL
- No aircraft operations are permitted, with some exceptions

#### Outer ring

- Extends from 10 to 30 nautical miles from Palm Beach International Airport (PBI)
- Aircraft arriving or departing local airfields are allowed
- TSA pre-screening is not required



#### TFR impact

- TFRs can impact air traffic control, weather, and crew duty time
- During VIP arrivals, there is typically a runway sweep and freeze that lasts about 10 minutes
- There is a similar freeze on departures

## National Survey – What our members want from EAA Chapter 203

The following chart identifies areas where our chapter can improve as well as where we excel. Note that “Building/Restoring/Maintenance” are identified as important by 87% of our members. By utilizing the results of this survey, your Chapter officers plan to implement or improve on those areas identified as “Very Important”.

How important is it that your chapter participates in the following areas?	1: Not at All Important		2		3: Somewhat Important		4		5: Very Important		Total	Weighted Average
Fly Ins/Pancake Breakfasts	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	20.00%	3	20.00%	3	60.00%	9	15	4.4
Fly Outs	0.00%	0	6.67%	1	13.33%	2	60.00%	9	20.00%	3	15	3.93
Young Eagles	6.67%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	20.00%	3	73.33%	11	15	4.53
Other Youth Activities (e.g. day camp, teen build, etc.)	13.33%	2	0.00%	0	46.67%	7	6.67%	1	33.33%	5	15	3.47
Presentations on flying skills/safety	6.67%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	26.67%	4	66.67%	10	15	4.47
Presentations on history/general aviation news	6.67%	1	0.00%	0	46.67%	7	13.33%	2	33.33%	5	15	3.67
VMC Club	13.33%	2	0.00%	0	20.00%	3	33.33%	5	33.33%	5	15	3.73
IMC Club	13.33%	2	13.33%	2	33.33%	5	20.00%	3	20.00%	3	15	3.2
Flying Start - Learn to fly presentation and Eagle Flights for adults	6.67%	1	0.00%	0	33.33%	5	20.00%	3	40.00%	6	15	3.87
Presentations on aircraft building/restoring/maintenance	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	6.67%	1	6.67%	1	86.67%	13	15	4.8
Presentations on learning to fly	6.67%	1	0.00%	0	20.00%	3	33.33%	5	40.00%	6	15	4
Chapter aircraft building and restoration projects	6.67%	1	0.00%	0	20.00%	3	20.00%	3	53.33%	8	15	4.13
Social Events to connect with local aviation enthusiasts	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	13.33%	2	20.00%	3	66.67%	10	15	4.53
Educates local community about general aviation	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	13.33%	2	13.33%	2	73.33%	11	15	4.6
RC Modeling/Control Line	20.00%	3	40.00%	6	26.67%	4	6.67%	1	6.67%	1	15	2.4
Tool Crib (i.e. Specialty tools to loan to members)	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	53.33%	8	13.33%	2	33.33%	5	15	3.8
Flight training scholarships (i.e. Ray Aviation Scholarships)	6.67%	1	0.00%	0	33.33%	5	6.67%	1	53.33%	8	15	4
Hosting EAA's tour aircraft (B-25, Ford Tri-Motor)	6.67%	1	20.00%	3	53.33%	8	6.67%	1	13.33%	2	15	3

## Last Month's Aircraft Identification — Uetz Pelikan

The Uetz Pelikan is a Swiss four-seat cabin monoplane designed for amateur construction by Walter Uetz.

### Design and development

The Pelikan is a four-seat development of the earlier Uetz U2V which had been based on the Jodel D.119. The prototype U3M Pelikan had four-seat cabin with a long transparent canopy. The fixed tail-wheel landing gear U3M is powered by a 135 hp (101 kW) Lycoming O-290 engine and the prototype first flew 21 May 1963, it was followed by a further prototype.

The production variant was designated the U4M which was re-engined with a 150 hp (112 kW) Lycoming O-320-A2B engine and the addition of flaps. The company built two aircraft and one other was amateur-built.

### Variants

#### U3M Pelikan

Prototype with a 135 hp (101 kW) Lycoming O-290 engine, two built.

#### U4M Pelikan

Production version with a 150



hp (112 kW) Lycoming O-320-A2B engine, two factory-built and one amateur-built.

## Specifications (U4M Pelikan)

### General characteristics

Crew: 1  
Capacity: 3 passengers  
Length: 24 ft 7 in  
Wingspan: 31 ft 6 in  
Height: 6 ft 8 in  
Wing area: 142 sq ft  
Empty weight: 1,248 lb  
Max takeoff weight: 2,205 lb  
Fuel capacity: 40 US gal  
Powerplant: 1 × Lycoming O-320-A2B air-cooled flat-four, 110 kW (150 hp)  
Propellers: 2-bladed McCauley MGM-7460 fixed pitch

### Performance

Maximum speed: 136 mph  
Cruise speed: 120 mph (econ cruise)  
Stall speed: 641 mph  
Never exceed speed: 180 mph  
Range: 1620 mi with max fuel  
Service ceiling: 15,700 ft  
Rate of climb: 700 ft/min  
Take-off run to 15 m (50 ft): 1,480 ft  
Landing run from 15 m (50 ft): 1,250 ft

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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 Stephen Sinclair for time and place of each monthly meeting.

### Editor's Report

April 2025, Newsletter.  
117 Email Notifications Sent.

### Membership

38 Current Paid Members  
03 Honorary Members

### Advertising

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