

President's Message



Hello fellow EAA'ers

April's chapter meeting was held at the Air Zoo restoration center. The meeting was handed over to our guest speaker Phil LaVoy. Phil is one of the leads on the FM2 Wildcat restoration. He did a great job filling the chapter in on the long process of trials and tribulations of such a labor of love project.

I have to say the whole team did an excellent job bringing an aircraft back to museum quality from a relic that sat on the bottom of lake Michigan. Hats off to Phil and the crew.

Well, I think spring is maybe here; Now if we can just turn the wind machine down that would be great.

That's it for the prez says.

Breaking right

Brian Klenoski

April Meeting

Sun N Fun Recap

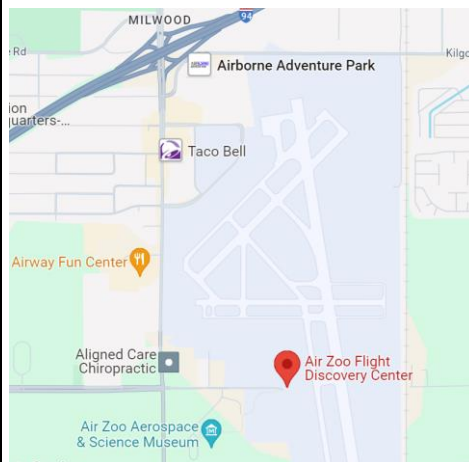
at the Air Zoo

Wednesday May 1st
7:00 PM

(Gates open at 6:30)

Join us as members recall their adventures at Sun N Fun 2024. Kevin will fill us in about what it takes to be a judge.

AirZoo Flight Discover Center
[3101 E Milham Ave, Portage, MI](https://www.airzoo.org/3101-E-Milham-Ave-Portage-MI)



See the event calendar [here](#).



VMC Club Meeting

The next VMC Club meeting is on May 8th, 2024 at the Travelers Craft BBQ and Whiskey Bar, 5225 Portage Rd, Portage, MI. Show up at 6:30 if you want to order dinner. Meeting starts at 7.

Our [VMC Club monthly meeting](#) is where local pilots can network and share their knowledge and experience flying in the SW Michigan area. The meetings use real-world scenarios to engage members, and encourages a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. We look forward to seeing you there.

Log in to volunteer for Young Eagles events here:
<https://youngeaglesday.org/?yemainmenu>





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Upcoming Young Eagles Events

AirZoo Flight Discovery Center at AZO
May 18th from 9 - 12

Plainwell Municipal Airport 61D
June 15th from 9 - 12



April 20, 2024

From the desk of: Ginger DeVillers
Young Eagles/Ray Scholarship Coordinator

Hello to all!

First, thank you to all who have supported our youth who are interested in aviation over the years. This year's events are coming upon us fast. We have two Young Eagles rallies scheduled:

Rally one

When: Saturday May 18th
Where: Kalamazoo Airport AZO at the AirZoo *Fight Discovery Center* (AKA restoration Center)
Time: 9 - 12

We already have over 40 youth signed up through the online registration process. The AirZoo donates the use of the FDC (Thanks Troy!) and admission into the FDC is free on rally day. If people want to go to the main building, they have to pay admission but it is free to come in to the FDC for the young eagle rally. Last year we flew 96 youth at the rally.

Rally Two

When: Saturday June 15th
Where: Plainwell Municipal Airport 61D
Time: 9 - 12



So far, we have 34 youth registered through the online registration process for this rally. Last year we flew 71 youth at the Plainwell Rally.

Through our partnership with Plainwell Aviation and STEM Academy (PASA), youth who have attended our Young Eagles rallies have gone on to pursue flight training and earn their Private Pilot Certificate. Six of those youth are currently working for major airlines and are serving in the USAF. A half dozen more have attended aviation summer camp and are currently working on their Private Pilot Certificate. These PASA youth also return to serve as pilots and ground crew for current Young Eagles rallies.

Please help by [signing up](#) to be either a pilot or a ground crew for our upcoming events. You are making a difference in the lives of our youth.



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Dues are \$20 yearly, due in December for the following year. Please pay a chapter officer at the next meeting or you can send a check made out to EAA Chapter 221 to: Chapter 221

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