



# The CHAPTER 221 FLYER

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## President's Message



### Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting, December 13, 2021

President Robert Aardema called the meeting to order at 1945 EST. The board meeting was held in person.

Directors in attendance: Robert Aardema, Dan DeVillers, Ginger DeVillers, Kevin Mazer, Ron Ryan and Bill Wilson.

Guest: Dave Hull.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Wilson reported a balance of \$3,218 on 11/12/2021 in our ARBOR Financial Credit Union checking account and a balance of \$5 in savings.

Our Chapter Dues fee of \$100 and Aviation General Liability Insurance Allocation of \$298 with EAA Headquarters for the year 2022 is due before the end of this month.

Members adopted a resolution to create a new financial account through Harrison Financial Services for future investments beginning in 2022.

Committees: Members discussed and established the following committees and President Aardema appointed committee chairs:

- Activities Committee:  
Kevin Mazer
- Donations/Letters of Thanks:  
Bob Aardema
- Education/Young Eagles Committee:  
Ginger DeVillers
- Membership/Roster Committee:  
Bill Wilson
- Website/Newsletter Committee:  
Dan DeVillers

Committee Chairs were granted the authority to solicit and appoint additional committee members.

Board Meetings: The Board decided that there should be a minimum of two board meetings per year. A planning meeting should take place at mid-year and a business meeting should be held each December after November officer elections have taken place. Additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary.

President Robert Aardema adjourned the meeting at 2045 EST.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Aardema  
President  
EAA Chapter 221

Unless otherwise specified, our chapter meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Airzoo Flight Center Classroom on the west side of the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport.

## Next meeting:

### Winterfest Dinner

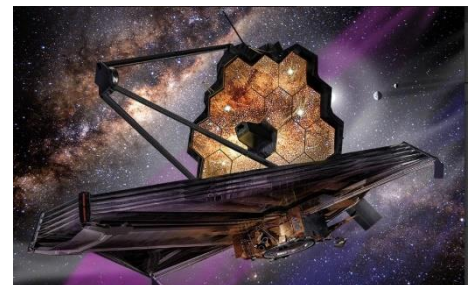
Featuring:

Lisa Wininger

NASA MIRO Specialist

Presenting:

*Seeing the Universe: the James Webb Telescope Mission*



January 15 at 5:30 PM

The Main Street Pub

in

Vicksburg

[208 E Prairie St](#)

Vicksburg, Michigan 49097

5:30 'till 9:00 pm

Coming up February 2<sup>nd</sup>

WMU College of Aviation tour

237 Helmer Rd N, Battle Creek,  
MI 49037

Meeting will be at 1900



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## Ray Scholarship Newest Pilot SARA VELDERMAN

**Tuesday METARS at 8:00 AM EST**

**KAZO 281332Z 0000KT 10SM SCT120**

**Tuesdays METARS at 3:32 PM EST**

**KAZO 282032Z 10007KT 1/4SM R35/2800V3500FT  
SN FG BKN003 OVC008 01/M01 A2971**

Sara Velderman, EAA Chapter 221 Ray Scholar for 2020, completed her check ride just in time to watch the snow fly.

Sara began her aviation journey with an intro flight from Virgil Williams and the Plainwell Aviation and STEM Academy (PASA). Sara knew she wanted to fly and Virgil said she was a natural. Her next flying adventure was to attend the Youth Flight Camp at PASA four years ago and the rest was history.

Sara joined the Youth Pilot Program held at the Plainwell Airport through PASA and began taking flight lessons. Sara is a senior in high school this year. She began flying when she was a freshman. She was also working 5 part time jobs. When the Ray Scholarships were approved for 2021 it was obvious that Sara would be an excellent candidate. She completed her paperwork in record time and wrote a great essay. She was approved with the stipulation from Ginger DeVillers, Ray Scholarship Coordinator, that she drop two of her part time jobs to be able to focus more on flight. She agreed since she no longer had to work as much to earn money to fly. When a mechanical issue grounded the PASA Airplane, she asked if she could continue her flight training at Ottawa Exec at L'Avion Air in Zeeland. Phil Cook agreed to take her on as a student and she has been a flying fiend ever since.

Sara continued to attend the Youth Pilot Program at PASA where she volunteered helping the younger youth classes and summer camp students. She has also volunteered at Young Eagles events and last year she and her mom volunteered all week at AirVenture Oshkosh. She has been persistent and obtained an intern position at Duncan Aviation for next summer. While she loves to fly, she would also like to get her Airframe and Powerplant Certificate (A&P) and eventually an Inspector Authorization (IA).



Weather and mechanicals caused five check rides to be cancelled but on Tuesday December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 14:00 local Sara passed her check ride. Check the METARS again to see how close the weather was to putting her on hold again. Can you bust a check ride if you are below minimums if the weather comes down on you during your check ride? I believe you can. Congratulations Sara on being persistent and working hard. Thank you to all that made this possible. If you are a member of our chapter, you made this possible. More good things are coming our way.


Ginger DeVillers - EAA 221 Ray Scholarship Coordinator


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