

## President's Message



Hello fellow AV8R's of EAA chapter 221.

Last month's meeting was the Winterfest banquet, and what a turn out we had!

Awards were handed out, and top honors went to Ginger D with all she does for Young Eagle's.

Many thanks to Andy Cotyk for setting up the venue.

Stay tuned for notices of next meeting as I'm doing the same.

Breaking right.  
Prez out



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## Next Meeting

February 5, 2025

**Air Zoo Briefing  
at the Air Zoo Flight  
Discovery Center (FDC)**

**3101 E Milham Ave, Portage,  
MI**

**Gate opens at 6:30**

**What gave the turbo compound R3350 that extra boost? Does it have anything to do with the F1 engine that helped send mankind to the moon? Join us as Airzoo expert Keven Kenz gives us a history lesson about some of the engines on display around the FDC. The meeting should be a blast!**

**Meeting starts at 7.**



## VMC Club Meeting

We had a nice meeting at the old Beacon Club which is now called [A la Ferme](#). We plan to have the next meeting there on Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Watch for the announcement.

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.



See the event calendar [here](#).

Watch for an announcement about the new Young Eagles website. We will be introducing new tools to help streamline the registration and training process. Coming to a meeting soon..

## Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 27th

30 online sessions to expand your  
knowledge of building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and end on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Each day, we offer six live webinars running back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

The topics cover something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on, January 30<sup>th</sup>, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week follows immediately after the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1953. I can't think of a better way to recognize our organization's founding than to spend 5 straight days learning about homebuilding.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, and Van's Aircraft.

Visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to sign up.





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