



# The CHAPTER 221 FLYER

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## President's Message



Our March movie night at the AirZoo featured a video about B-24 Liberator production at Willow Run during World War 2. It was amazing to think that Ford was producing a B-24 bomber every 55 minutes! The video started by explaining that the land at Willow Run was originally used to teach young men how to farm. As the war raged in Europe and before the US entered the conflict, Ford built a plant for aircraft manufacturing.

Sticking to the movie theme, we watched the latest EAA HQ update video which highlighted EAA's work with the FAA on third-class medical requirements, an interview with Bearhawk LSA aircraft designer Bob Barrows and coverage of the Oshkosh EAA museum "family flight fest" weekend.

Our April meeting will be back at the AirZoo. Andy Millin built a Velocity (it is a beautiful airplane) and struggled with nosewheel shimmy. For our program Wednesday evening Andy is going to present his nosewheel shimmy damper solution. You will be amazed and might be able to use his solution in your project. Hope to see you Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM.

Fly Safe,

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## Next Meeting

Wednesday April 2nd, 2014

**7:00 PM**

**Andy Millin Velocity Shimmy Damper**  
**Airzoo East Campus Classroom**



Hydraulic Shimmy Damper



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*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.*

## Young Eagles Update

In 2013, twelve of our chapter's members flew 165 Young Eagles.



For 2013 our chapter earned \$635 in Young Eagle credits. No potential campers had been identified as of the March meeting. At that meeting, Ginger DeVillers, who teaches at West Michigan Flight Academy based in Jenison, said there were deserving students at WMFA. I contacted Dick Foster of Chapter 145 in Jension and learned they had \$1525 in credits. By combining our credits, two students from WMFA (Joesph Rauch and Tyler Friend) will be able to attend Basic Air Academy camp together this summer.

Scout troops like to visit the Air Zoo to complete some of the requirements for the Aviation Merit Badge. A Young Eagle flight counts towards the merit badge. So a couple of times this winter the scouts and the Air Zoo have coordinated with us and we have done a mini rally. Usually there have been just 10 or 15 kids so a few pilots have completed the rides in an hour or so. I expect this to continue and I'll send a blanket email to all members looking for volunteers when needed. If you like to have more time to spend with a Young Eagle or don't care for the chaos of our May rally, try one of these.

One of these groups is coming to the Air Zoo on April 26. This group was coming in January but that was the weekend that I-94 was closed in Indiana due to the traffic pileup caused by the

weather. Look for my email for this group.

I'm also working with the Air Zoo to set up a way for casual Young Eagle flights. What we're thinking is a way for a pilot to taxi up to the ramp at the Air Zoo and have an announcement made on the PA that a limited number of Young Eagle rides are available. The kids and parents would fill out the forms and the pilot would do the flight and send in the forms to EAA. The idea is that on a nice day if someone is looking for something to do other than flying for a \$100 hamburger, this would be an option.

Our annual rally will be on May 3 this year. Like the past two years, we are trying to use reservations as much as possible. I will be sending out invitations for both ground volunteers and pilots using a package called Volunteer Spot. Just fill in the time slots and jobs you would like to do. Especially note if you want lunch so we can let the Air Zoo know how much food to get! There was a reporter from Encore magazine at the rally last year and that article will appear in the April 2014 issue so I'm hoping it will spark a good turnout for this year's rally.

Thanks for all your help.

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### **EAA, FAA Reach Agreement on AirVenture ATC Costs**

EAA and the Federal Aviation Administration have signed two agreements - a Settlement Agreement and a nine-year Reimbursable Agreement - that provide EAA with assurance of air traffic control services on a consistent basis through 2022 for the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh® convention. This ends the uncertainty that began with the FAA's sudden assessment of ATC fees for the 2013 event and the potential that air traffic support might not be provided this

year or in the future unless such fees were paid.

After EAA was forced to sign a one-year ATC agreement under protest in 2013, the organization filed a petition with the U.S. Seventh District Court of Appeals, arguing that the FAA has no legal right to charge for ATC services without clear Congressional authorization. That petition was still on the court docket with an uncertain outcome when agreement was reached. EAA was facing the same uncertainty for the 2014 event that air traffic services potentially might not be provided if the matter remained unsettled in the courts, as the FAA's plan was to continue to charge for AirVenture ATC services in the future.

"Our ultimate goal was to bring certainty and stability for AirVenture, for EAA and our fellow members," said Jack J. Pelton, EAA's chairman of the board. "Every possible option, from contract and volunteer controllers to canceling AirVenture entirely, was considered. EAA thoroughly explored the contract controller option and concluded that it was not available for 2014 or for the foreseeable future. There was also no assurance that, had EAA prevailed in its court case, the FAA would have agreed to provide ATC services at any price. No alternative solution was found that would permit AirVenture to continue in its present form. The stability of the organization on behalf of its membership mandated this difficult decision."

FAA will provide air traffic control and other personnel for AirVenture as in past years, with EAA covering the cost of travel, accommodations, backfill overtime, and other miscellaneous expenses. At the same time, the FAA agrees that if EAA does find a better solution to provide a high standard of ATC services at Oshkosh, EAA may move to that option with full FAA support.

EAA received support from other GA organizations for the amicus curiae briefs that they filed in support of EAA's court petition. There also was bipartisan backing in Congress including direct contacts from the House and Senate

demanding that FAA explain and justify the new fees.

"We had an excellent legal argument within our court petition that no doubt moved the FAA to discuss a long-term solution," said Pelton. "We maintain that the FAA does not have the authority to assess fees for ATC services, but the absence of a permanent political solution left EAA and all participants and exhibitors vulnerable to FAA non-participation in this year's event and potentially in succeeding years. On balance, we had to take this action in order to assure the continuation of AirVenture in the best interest of our members and their investment in EAA."

### **No Triple H Fly-In for 2014**

Hello Friends and Family of Triple H Fly-in!!!

It has been a very long winter and we are all looking forward to the arrival of Spring soon!

At this time of the year we normally start thinking about the Triple H Fly-in and all the fun activities associated with the warmer weather. Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to host a Fly-in event this year. This has been a very difficult decision to make since the Fly-in has been such a fun event and has brought joy to so many people.

It has been a blessing to have known so many wonderful people and to have been part of this special event for over 20 years.

Even though we will not be able to see you all at the Fly-in, I do hope we will still be able to get together for a visit soon.

Thanks for your friendship and support!!!

Lots of love,

*Annie & Jim ☺*

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