



# THE CHAPTER 221 FLYER

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## President's Message



Hello fellow AV8R's

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*Please stand by*

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(editor's note: Brian missed the April meeting)



### 2025 Officers

Brian Klenoski – President  
Kevin Mazer – Vice President  
Ron Ryan – Sec/Treasurer



## Next Meeting

**May 7, 2025**

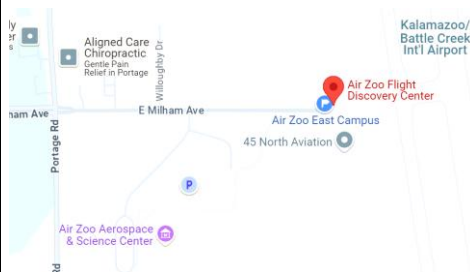
**Sun n Fun  
Recap  
and  
Hangar Flying**

[Air Zoo Flight Discovery Center](#)  
[3101 E Milham Ave, Portage, MI](#)

**Gate opens at 6:30**

**Meeting starts at 7.**

Bring your Sun n Fun stories. Join us for a night of hangar flying. Get ready for summertime flying.



Hope to see you all there!

**See the event calendar [here](#).**

EAA Webinar videos

<https://www.eaa.org/videos/6366186205112>

## VMC Club Meeting

We had a great meeting in April. Hope to see you at [A la Ferme](#) for the next meeting on Wednesday May 14<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.

## Upcoming Young Eagles events

[May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Air Zoo](#). The Air Zoo is opening up the FDC for this event and it draws a lot of folks.

[June 14<sup>th</sup> at Plainwell Municipal Airport 61D](#). This event supports and promotes the Plainwell Airport for the local community.

As always, all volunteers are welcome. Please stop by and lend a hand. These are great events that present general aviation to the public, in many cases for the first time. Click the links above to sign yourself up, or just show up.

Pilots, be sure you are signed up and logged in under the <https://eaachapters.org/> website



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## EAA Learn to Fly Week Returns May 13-17, 2025

There is no doubt, whether it was at the barbershop or doctor's office, when you've talked about your love for aviation, you've been met with this response: "I have always wanted to learn to fly, but..." Or "I started my ground school years ago and took a few lessons, but..."

It is a story as old as time: Aspiring aviators have the desire, but there are extenuating circumstances that are preventing them from pursuing their dream of flight. Here at EAA, we know there is an opportunity to turn these dreamers into doers.

EAA's mission is to "grow participation in aviation by sharing The Spirit of Aviation." This mission is fully embraced by EAA's 300,000-plus members and 900 local chapters. Though we can't break down every barrier, it is hard to find an organization and group of members more well-equipped to help aspiring aviators find their place in the sky.

Through EAA's vast library of educational materials and local chapter advocates, the organization is perfectly placed to help grow the pilot population.

To further the efforts of growing the aviation community, EAA Learn to Fly Week, supported by Sporty's Pilot Shop, is returning on May 13-17, 2025!

The week will consist of three straight days of educational and interactive webinars. Topics will range from how to get started in flight training to tips for passing the FAA written exam, how to save time and money in flight training, strategies for the checkride, pinch-hitter presentations, and so much more!

Representatives from EAA, Sporty's Pilot Shop, Redbird, TakeFlight Interactive, and designated pilot examiners from across the country will be presenting this wide range of webinars. Following each presentation, attendees will have time for Q&A with the presenters.

The final day of Learn to Fly Week, May 17, 2025, will play host to chapter Flying Start events across the country. Flying Start events are open house-style activities that introduce local aspiring pilots to the local knowledge, tools, and connections that they need to accomplish their goal of becoming a pilot.

During the Flying Start event, chapter members will break down the perceived barriers common to the nonaviation community that prevent people from pursuing their pilot certificate.

Following a short presentation from the chapter and local flight instructors about learning to fly, Flying Start attendees are paired with an Eagle Flight mentor pilot for a free introductory flight. At the conclusion of the flight, the attendee will be provided with a free six-month trial EAA membership!

Flying Start participants will walk away from the event with an "I can do this" point of view, and a clear understanding of "how flying can fit into my life," and "what I can do with this hobby."

Whether you're in the midst of your flight training journey, or just thinking about getting started, we know you'll value in EAA Learn to Fly Week

You can learn more and register at <https://www.eaa.org/ltfweek>





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## EAA Chapter 221, Inc.

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Supporting the recreational builder/flyer with technical, social, and political news to promote flying safety and enjoyment.

### Chapter Officers

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### Volunteer Safety Pilots (let us know if you would like to be listed here)

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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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Comstock, MI 49041**

Articles are solicited from all members. If you have a story, we want to hear it.

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