

**A Chapter Of The
EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
Bult Field (C56) – Monee, Illinois**



UPCOMING CHAPTER 2024 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, November 11 th	IMC Club Meeting 6:00 P.M. Bult Field
Saturday, November 16 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. Bult Field
Monday, November 18 th	VMC Club Meeting 6:00 P.M. Bult Field
Friday, December 6 st	Chapter Christmas Holiday Party 6:00 P.M. See page 2

Meetings and Events for 2025 will be announced soon!

In 2025, to make these activities successful, volunteers are needed..support your Chapter!

In this Newsletter...these items and more!

- Joe Cirelli's President's Message
- Introducing the new manager for Bult field
- September Young Eagles Rally Re-Cap
- September Pancake Breakfast Re-Cap
- October Trivia Night
- RV project Update-Joe Cirelli
- IMC and VMC Clubs updates
- Chapter Board Nominations and upcoming Election

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY



Friday-December 6st , 2024

TIME: 6PM-10PM LOCATION: C56 BULT FIELD.
COST: \$25.00 per person*
BUFFET (AYCE): Catered by Jimboo's Catering, Thornton, IL

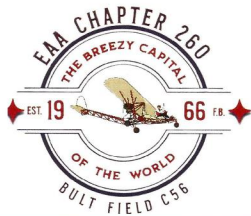
*Do not send any payments to Bult Field. Bring payment to the November 19th meeting and give it to Steve, **or** mail check payable to: EAA Chapter 260 and send to: Steve Sikorski 123 Highland Street Calumet City, IL 60409

Yes....it is only October. *HOWEVER*, the Christmas holiday season is fast approaching! So, it is time to mark your calendars and plan to attend. This year's Party is being planned to be an evening of fellowship and will get everyone into the holiday spirit.

The "cutoff date" for making a reservation by paying in advance will be Friday November 29th.

Note: All must pre-pay! No walk-ins at the door will be allowed the night of the party! For further information, contact: Steve Sikorski: 708.602.3086 steve4877@att.net

TOYS FOR TOTS



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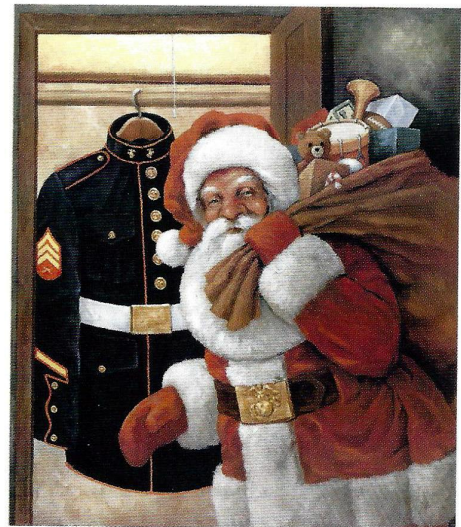
The donation box will be in the terminal until December 1st.

DONATE A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY BULT FIELD IN THE TERMINAL!



The toy drive was very successful last year, so we are doing it again !

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CHAPTER 260 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of EAA Chapter 260,

I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts over the past year! This past year we hosted two very successful events while making a tremendous impact on promoting aviation to area youth. By combining the pancake breakfast and Young Eagles rally together, we've reduced the days needed to volunteer. This has also resulted in less impact to the airport. Your Board of Directors will meet in January to plan the events for calendar year 2025.

We are excited to continue to support the mission of the Experimental Aircraft Association while promoting general aviation to our region. It is important that we, individually and collectively, become ambassadors for general aviation. We must highlight the economic impact general aviation provides the southland, and work with our state and local legislators to ensure that Bult Field remains a friendly resource for general aviation.

Much thanks to Jim Orange for his time serving on the Board of Directors. Jim had devoted his time and efforts on coordinating the annual Poker Run and assisting Dan with the IMC club. Jim and Laura recently moved to Myrtle Beach. Welcome Bob Bryan for his willingness to serve on the Board!

Finally, I want to thank the membership for their support and involvement throughout the past year. Without everyone's efforts, we would not be able to make our organization successful. President, Joe Cirelli



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Recently joining Chapter 260 are:

**William Sheerin
Travis Harpster
William Robertson
Lynn Vea**

Our Chapter continues to grow!

NEW BULT AIRPORT MANAGER



Hanson Professional Services Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Stefono Leonardi as the new Airport Manager for Bult Field, effective immediately. In this role, Mr. Leonardi will oversee all aspects of airport operations, facilities management, and project oversight, with a commitment to ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for tenants and travelers alike.

Mr. Leonardi brings valuable experience from his previous position as a Project Coordinator with Menzies Aviation in Sarasota, Florida. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Aviation/Aerospace and Master of Business Administration degrees in Project Management and Human Resource Management, all earned from Everglades University.

Under Mr. Leonardi's leadership, the team at Bult Field is poised to enhance operational efficiency and further support the aviation needs of the community.

EAA Chapter 260 welcomes Mr. Leonardi to Bult Field!

WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR!

Chapter 260 member and Director. Jim Orange has moved out of the area and resigned from the Board. To fill Jim's vacancy, Chapter member Bob Bryan was recently appointed to the Board. Bob has been an active member of our Chapter. *Congratulations Bob!*

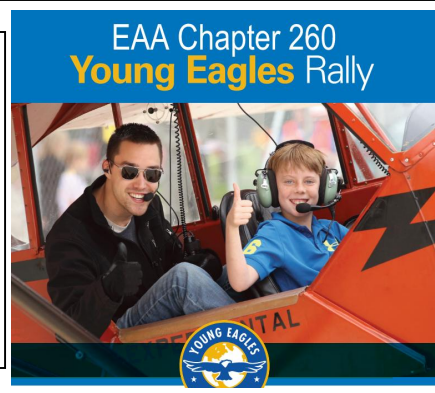


THE SEPTEMBER PANCAKE BREAKFAST and YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

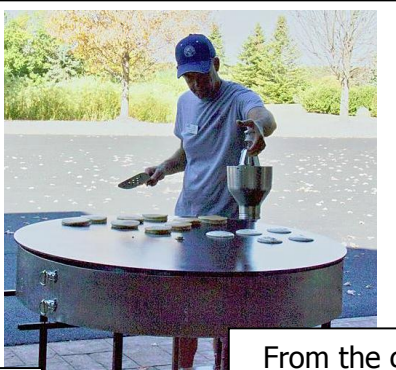


Welcome!!

On Saturday September 21st the Chapter's **SECOND COMBINED** event was held; Pancakes and Young Eagles. Once again, both were very well attended events. Having these two events on the same day, attracts many participants, be it for the breakfast, and/or the Rally.
A winning combination!



THE BREAKFAST



From the griddles..



...to the serving line...



STEVE'S SUMMARY
The Chapter served 73 adults, and 26 children for a total of 99 guests. Well attended!

A BIG THANK YOU!
To all of those who helped in the setup, on the griddles, and to the ladies on the serving line. Your efforts are appreciated!!



..to hungry guests...enjoy!



For a recap and photos of the Young Eagles Rally, see page 5..

SEPTEMBER 21st YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

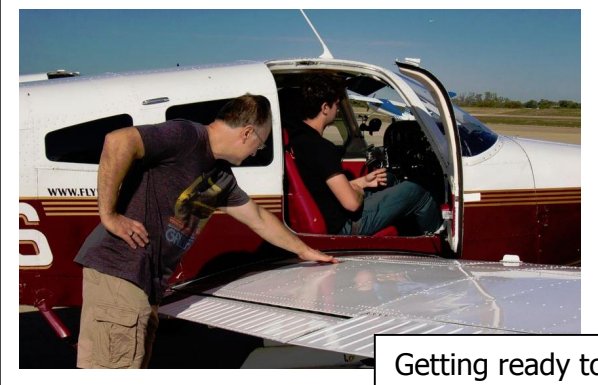
It was a great day to fly! The weather cooperated, and the Young Eagles soared!



Check-in took place at the terminal building.



Young Eagles were escorted to the planes.



Getting ready to fly.



Maintaining order on the ramp.

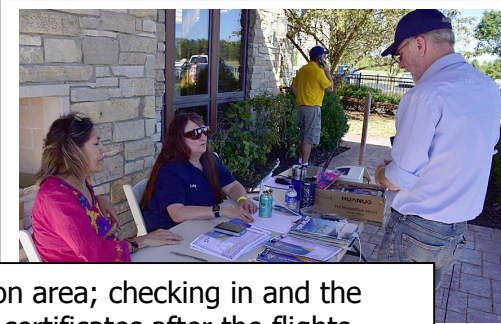


A brief summary:
12 pilots flew 50 Young Eagles. Numerous Chapter Members assisted on the ground with registration, escorting, and helping on the ramp. **Thanks to all!**

Thanks to Steve Preslin a friend of Jerry Pearson and Chapter Member Glenn Leszczak for taking photos of the breakfast and the Rally.

More Rally photos on page 6.

MORE YOUNG EAGLES RALLY PHOTOS



The registration area; checking in and the completion of certificates after the flights.



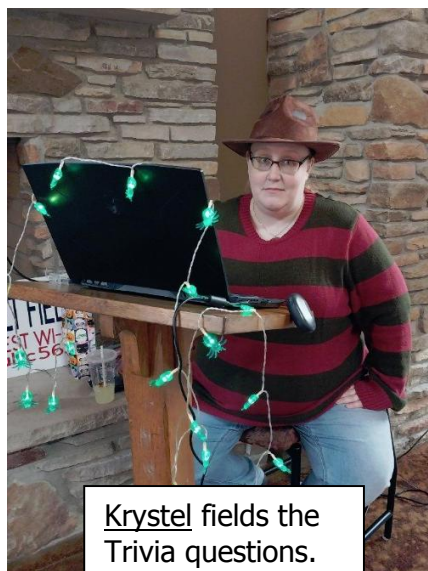
Several planes and pilots made the Rally a success.



Working the ramp in various capacities.

A RE-CAP of the FALL AVIATION TRIVIA NIGHT

Thanks to the combined efforts of Krystal McKean and Pamela Rose for organizing and hosting this annual event.



Krystal fields the Trivia questions.



"Worms" and "Eyeballs" were on the menu. A.K.A.... Spaghetti and Meatballs..yummy!

As always, the array of questions were thought provoking and fun. Some of the topics included: Midway Airport, Amelia Earhart, Planes in Museums, and Aviation in WWII. There was also a movie round.

The final trivia question was: Longest Flight Routes - As of May 2024, the longest flight route in the world departs New York's JFK Airport and lands at Changi Airport, in this Asian city-state. The answer:
What is Singapore?



The "winning team"
Dan and Sue Simanaitis, Ed Punjak



The "second place team"
Anderson Manly, Jerry Pearson, Jay View

A huge thank you to Ramirez Aviation at Bult Field for assisting in the setup and taking down of the tables and chairs for this event. They were amazing!

And...thanks to Pamela Rose for taking the photos!

CHAPTER 260 IMC CLUB

The most recent **IMC Club** meeting was held on Monday October 14, 2024. Topics covered included:

- Landing a twin-engine aircraft with an inoperative right engine entering the traffic pattern.
- Pan Pan and Mayday declaration.
- Electrical failure scenario.
- IFR emergency discussion, icing encounters, pitot static failure, and inadvertent (IIMC) conditions.



Dan leads the discussion



The next meeting is **Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** and will follow the above format leveraging different questions, scenarios, and a teaching topic of some type. Once finalized it will be sent out via email and posted to the Chapter 260 website. All current chapter members and their guests are welcome to attend regardless if you are IFR rated or not.

Please contact [Dan Simanaitis](#) if you have questions, want to be added to the email list, or have topics of interest you'd like to incorporate into a future meeting. *Fly Safely..... Dan*

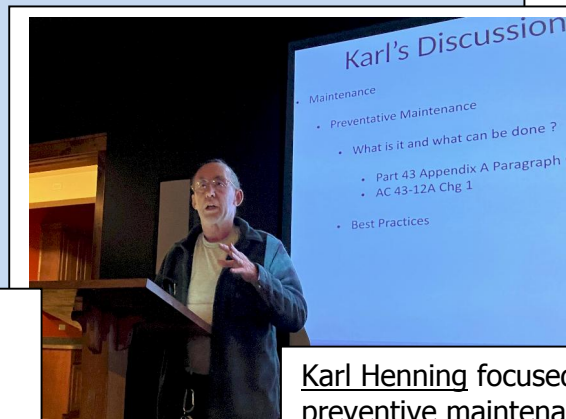
CHAPTER 260 VMC CLUB



Dan's presentation included:

- Flying over populated and sparsely populated areas.
- Bad landing scenario and decision making.
- Getting started with ForeFlight for VFR.

The most recent **VMC Club** meeting was held on Monday October 22, 2024. Several topics were covered.



[Karl Henning](#) focused on preventive maintenance and what can and cannot be done by an aircraft owner/pilot. He touched upon the various FAA regulations pertaining to maintenance.



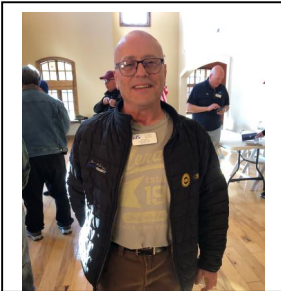
The next meeting is **Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** and will follow the above format leveraging different questions, scenarios, and a teaching topic regarding aerodynamics. The meeting agenda and topics once finalized and will be sent out via email and posted to the Chapter 260 website. All current chapter members and their guests are welcome to attend regardless if you are VFR rated or not.

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THE FRED BOOS MEMORIAL TOOL CRIB

The tool crib has been established in the Chapter hangar at Bult Field. The Tool Crib is named to honor **Fred Boos**. The Tool Crib will include various tools that Chapter Members can borrow for a short period of time in order to maintain their aircraft.

Several donations to date to the Tool crib have been made, however we are looking for additional tools. Our new Crib Coordinator is **Frank Barchi**. Thanks Frank for taking this on!



For further information, contact Frank at: fbarchi@sbcglobal.net



FRED BOOS
FIRST EAA 260 CHAPTER
PRESIDENT

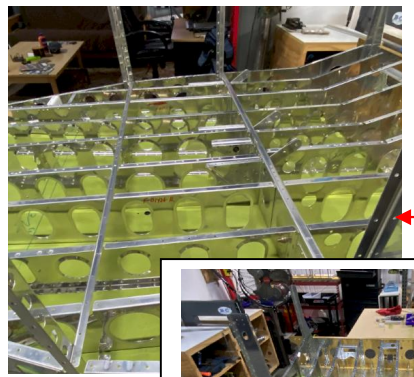
EAA Chapter 260 was initially formed in 1966 in Dolton, Illinois at the home of Fred Boos. Our Chapter has come a long way over the years to its present form.



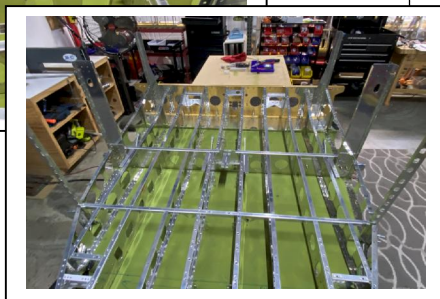
THE BUILDER'S CORNER

JOE'S CIRELLI'S RV 14A PROJECT UPDATE:

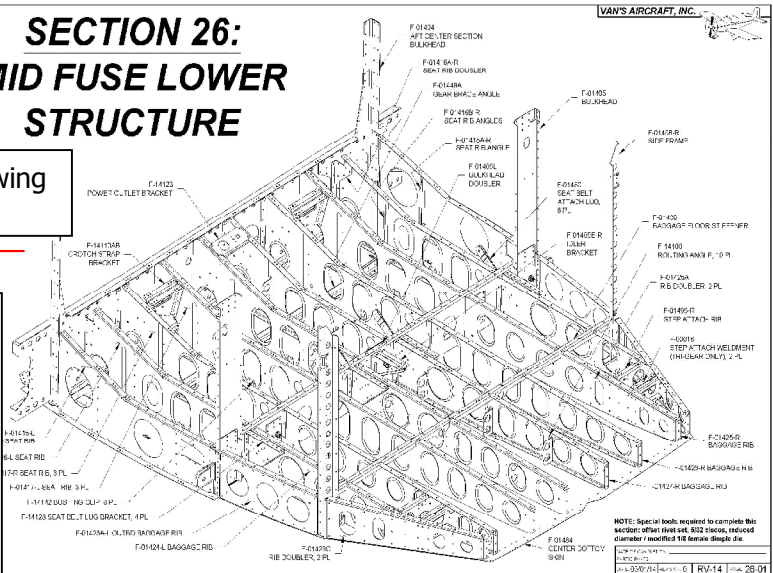
We began the assembly of the lower structure of the middle fuselage area. This includes the seat and baggage ribs, a spar carry through, and the bottom fuselage skin. This section took a lot longer than anticipated (you may notice a theme going there). I had hoped to have it completed by Oshkosh, but several distractions kept me from making any real forward progress. The section was finally finished on October 24th. The parts for the next section (firewall and tunnel) are deburred and prepped for assembly. I'm hesitant to put a timeline on when this section will be completed. But there are fewer piles of metal on the shelves, and bigger pieces of completed assemblies.



From a drawing to reality.



SECTION 26: MID FUSE LOWER STRUCTURE



NOTE: Special tools required to complete this section: offset front set, 802 die, reduced diameter modified 1/8 ferris die, etc.

SHOW YOUR EAA CHAPTER 260 PRIDE

There are a variety of items for sale to promote our Chapter. If you have not yet purchased something..consider doing so!



Bob Bryan previews the items for sale.



Update from Bob!
Our Chapter's "official" name embroidered polo shirts are now available at a cost of \$23.00. Place your order!



Quarter Zip Pullover
Augusta Sportswear
with Logo

Weatherproof Jacket
CoolLast Performax
with Logo

ORDERING IS EASY!

To purchase Chapter embroidered/printed items, go to: <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa260/260-merch>
It's accessible in the left navigation bar of the Chapter 260 web site, <http://eachapter260.org>.

JOIN EAA CHAPTER 260

Chapter Members who have paid their Chapter dues are considered to be in good standing and will be allowed to participate in Chapter Meetings and other Chapter events.

CHAPTER 260 DUES STRUCTURE

One Year = \$30.00 Three Years = \$75.00 Five Years = \$120.00

Save by joining or renewing for more than one year!

Note: For new members joining the Chapter, an additional \$10.00 is required to cover the cost of an engraved plastic magnetic nametag.

Note that National Membership in EAA is also required in order to be a Member of EAA Chapter 260.

National Dues are \$48.00 per year for Individual membership; \$60.00 for Family.

Chapter membership expires in December of each year.

EAA Chapter dues are indicated above.

2025 CHAPTER DUES WILL BE DUE SOON!

Support your Chapter so programs, food and other benefits can continue to be provided.

Electronic payment links: For **2025 new** Chapter member dues: <https://square.link/u/TF0b9u62> Click link

For **2025** Chapter member renewals: <https://square.link/u/SHOQgNSx> Click link

Detach and submit the form below

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Membership Application

Personal Information

Full Name :

Street Address :

City :

Zip Code :

Home Phone :

Cell Phone :

E-Mail :

E.A.A. National Membership Number :

Want to fill form online?



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Monee, IL 60449

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Joe Cirelli at: joecirelli66@yahoo.com

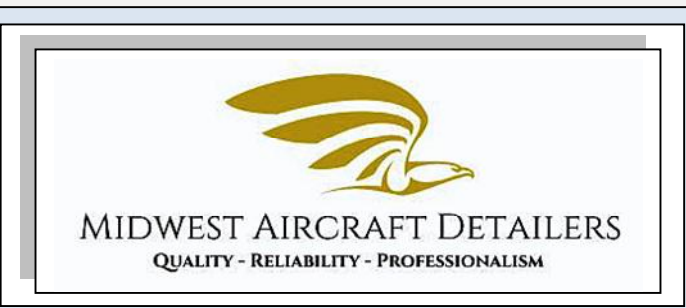
If not already a member...consider becoming one!

CHECK THESE OUT...

Open to all EAA Chapter 260 Members who have an affiliation with an aviation related organization. If you do, this page is for you!

These are free listings. Also, if you have any aviation related items for sale, this also applies to you.

Email information, JPEGs, write up etc. to:
Wayne Babiak, Newsletter Editor:
newsletter@eachapter260.org



Located at Bult Field in Hangar J-06, Midwest Aircraft Detailers is a budget friendly aircraft detailing service. Will Graves is a member of EAA Chapter 260 and is one of the owners.

For more information regarding their services, go to: <https://www.madetailers.com>.
Phone number 708.251.1045. Check them out!

RPM FLYING CLUB

Established in 1972

- Did you always want to "own" an airplane, but due to the high costs of single ownership, felt this was out of the question?
- Are you looking for an airplane that is reliable and well maintained?
- Are you looking for all of this at a "reasonable" cost?

IF SO.....READ ON!

The RPM Flying Club is based at the Lansing, Illinois Municipal Airport (KIGQ), just South of Chicago.



Cessna Skyhawk 172, N52062
"Dry" rate: \$85.00/Hour-Hobbs



Piper Cherokee PA-28-140, N2898T
"Dry" rate: \$75.00/Hour-Hobbs

Members are responsible for fuel costs.

Both planes are stored in private "T" hangars.

Garmin 430-WAAS GPS unit data card is updated regularly for instrument currency.



Garmin GTX 345 transponder with ADS-B In & Out.



Dual Garmin G5s.



SR-8A Engine Analyzer.

Please contact us for further information:
<https://rpmflyingclub.org/>



Also, check us out on Facebook.

Chapter 260 Members, your listing could appear here!!

Scan for further information. Also see EAA Chapter 260 & RPM Club Member **Wayne Babiak** at the '260 meetings for further information.

RPM is currently accepting new Members.

EAA CHAPTER 260

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EAA National Website: www.eaa.org



FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



EAA Chapter 260 meets generally on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M. at Bult Field (C56) in Monee, Illinois

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

For 2025, the positions on the Chapter Board for **Vice President** and **Treasurer** are due for election. Therefore, please submit the name(s) of a Chapter Member that one would want to nominate for these two positions. Submit these Nominations to Dave Vancina at: secretary@eaachapter260.org no later than November 9, 2024. Elections for these positions will be held at the November 16th Chapter Meeting.

Note that in 2026, the positions of President and Secretary will be due for election.

For further information regarding qualifications for these positions, refer to the By-Laws on the Chapter website.

2024 EAA CHAPTER 260 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President/Director:	Joe Cirelli
Vice President/Director:	Jay Vieaux
Treasurer:	Mark Wiater
Secretary:	Dave Vancina
Director:	Wayne Babiak
Director:	Bob Bryan
Director:	Tim Bryan
Director:	Jerry Pearson
Director:	Steve Sikorski
Director:	Dan Simanaitis
Director:	Rob Unger

Contact the Board Members via e-mail at:
c260board@gaggle.email

YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATORS

Jerry Pearson Dave Vancina Dan Simanaitis

- If you have items for future newsletters, please let me know. These can include:
- An aviation project you are working on.
 - If you flew to somewhere of interest; know of a good restaurant, let us know.
 - Building an airplane? Share your progress!
 - Have something to sell? List it for FREE!
 - Write a story..share your expertise!

Contact: Wayne Babiak, Newsletter Editor:
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