

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



UPCOMING CHAPTER 2024 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Meetings and Events below at Bult Field (C56) unless otherwise

Saturday, April 20 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, May 18 th	Chapter Meeting <u>and</u> Poker Run
Thursday, June 6 th	Operation "Airjam" 6:00 P.M.
Saturday, June 15 th	Pancake Breakfast, Young Eagles Rally (Rain date Saturday June 22nd)
Tuesday, June 18 th to Friday, June 21 st	Air Race Classic
Saturday, July 20 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Monday, July 22 nd to Sunday, July 28 th	<i>Oshkosh AirVenture, at KOSH-Oshkosh, WI</i>
Tuesday, July 23 rd (tentative)	At Oshkosh AirVenture in the evening- Chapter dinner
Saturday, August 17 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, September 21 st	Pancake Breakfast, Young Eagles Rally (Rain date Saturday Sept. 28th)
Saturday, October 12 th	Aviation Trivia 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 19 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, November 16 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Friday, December 6 th	Chapter Christmas Holiday Party 6:00 P.M.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE EVENTS...

**The IMC Club meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M.
The VMC Club meets the third Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M.**

Specific details regarding these events will appear in upcoming newsletters, emails, on the Chapter website and on Facebook.

Event dates, times are subject to change.

TO MAKE THESE ACTIVITIES SUCCESSFUL, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

CHAPTER 260 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With winter officially over and the summer months ahead, we can look forward to fun flying weather, our Young Eagles/Pancake Breakfast events, and AirVenture '24! I am excited for our first combined Young Eagles / Pancake Breakfast event. By combining the events, we should see an increase in breakfast attendance – while reducing the number of events that we need help with. We'll need everyone's assistance to make it a success – if you haven't signed up for a spot yet, please do so as soon as possible at <https://signup.com/go/fCTNcpN> - without your assistance, these events won't be possible.

This year at AirVenture, the E.A.A. will be honoring the **60th anniversary of Breezy!** Rob Unger is coordinating events with the EAA to appropriately honor this important milestone.

With the weather breaking, the activity is increasing around the airport. Soon, we'll see Chuck Meyer in the flying boat doing splashes at Cedar Lake, the Breezy contingent out buzzing the corn fields, Mark Kirchman and his new Aerolite 103, and hopefully engine start-up on the Bellanca project. We're fortunate to be based at such an active general aviation airport with a community of aviators who share the same passion. In order to maintain (and grow), it is our job to share the passion, knowledge, excitement and experiences with new people – young and old. I encourage you to bring a friend along to one of our meetings or events, to help spread general aviation.

Finally, I would like to thank Steve Sikorski for his continued dedication and hard work in cooking for our meetings and events. Steve spends hours planning, preparing and cooking delicious meals for us, and I know that we are all very grateful for his efforts. *Thanks, Steve!*

President, Joe Cirelli



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*Recently joining
Chapter 260 are:*

Duane Bruinsma
Timothy Crivits
Jeff Frantz
Kevin Geiser
Mark Kirchman
John Limbach
Brad Massengill
Russell Pavlock
Victoria Szewczyk

*Our Chapter continues
to grow!*

THANK YOU ROB!

At the January 20th Meeting, outgoing Chapter President Rob Unger was recognized for his leadership by incoming President Joe Cirelli.

Thanks Rob for your dedication!

Rob will continue on the Board as a Director.



Joe Cirelli and Rob Unger.



A VISIT TO THE OSHKOSH AIR MUSEUM

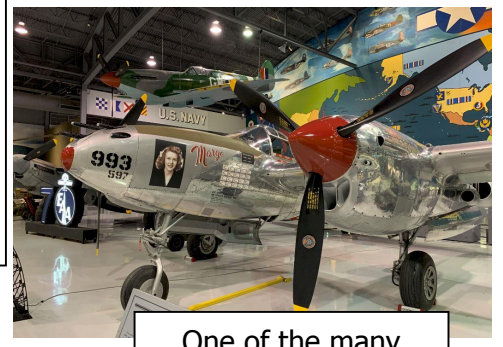
On Saturday, April 13th, several EAA Chapter 260 members made a day trip to the EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Some of the attendees flew, others arrived via IFR (**I Follow Roads**). Either way, the trip was worth it. There is quite a bit to see at the Museum.



Bud Vancina in the left seat.



Dave and Bud Vancina at Basler Flight Service.



One of the many aircraft on display.



One of the highlights of the tour was a visit to the Breezy display.



Attendees listen to a presentation.



After the Museum tour, the group went to Ratch & Deb's Pizza <https://ratchanddebspizzas.com/>. Apparently, this is an old haunt of the Unger family – Rob Unger can give you more background on that. It was good, *but*, there was a disturbing amount of Packers paraphernalia on display. *Go figure.*

Thanks to Dave Vancina for contributing to this article.

POKER RUN - 2024

This event which has been held over the last few years, is a lot of fun.
No need to register in advance. Make plans to attend.

EAA Chapter 260 Poker Run May 18th - 11:00



C56 - KRZL - KVPZ - C56
BONUS CARD - KGYG

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE BREEZY

BULT FIELD (C56)



**CHECK-IN AND WEATHER BRIEF
10:30**

LAST PLANE OUT 12:00



\$25 Entry fee includes:

- Five cards (Buy a sixth for \$5)
- Food Truck
- Winner Announced at 3:30 (MUST BE PRESENT)



THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

OPERATION "AIRJAM"

18:00 (6:00 PM) - DURATION

BULT FIELD

28261 S. KEDZIE AVE

MONEE, IL 60449



"Cheer-up, Uncle Willie!
The boys at 260 Squadron are havin'
a Bluegrass Airjam at Bult Field on
Thursday, June 6, starting at 6:00!
Great music and vittles!"

SPONSORED BY EAA CHAPTER 260



Photos from the
2023 AirJam



The music will take place under the south veranda, with adjacent lawn seating, so bring your own chairs. In event of rain, the "Airjam" will move inside.

***This was a well attended event held last year...
it's back again!
"Vittles provided"***

Contact: Tim Bryan - "Captain Timmy"

Tbryan24@comcast.net

Fun Fact: Tim is one of the members of the Bluegrassers group and will be playing for the evening.

Thanks to Chapter 260 for furnishing the food.
Also thanks to Mark Thompson at Bult for the use of the facility!

A DUAL EVENT!

Plan to attend on Saturday June 15th.
On the ground...pancakes, sausage and more!
In the air...Young Eagles will fly!



Young Eagles Rally & Pancake Breakfast

FREE airplane rides for kids ages 8-17. Parent/legal guardian approval and signed waiver is required.

Pancake Breakfast - \$10/adults, \$5 kids under 12

Location Bult Airport
28261 S. Kedzie Ave, Monee, IL

When June 15, 8:00 AM
First flights 9:00 AM

Register: www.YEDAY.ORG

More Information: youngeagles@eaachapter260.org
or Jerry Pearson (219) 923-1938



For other important information regarding the Rally, see page 7.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

WE NEED ASSISTNACE IN MAKING THE YOUNG EAGLES / PANCAKE BREAKFAST A SUCCESS!

Please scan the QR code and sign up for an available spot!

THANK YOU!!

FLYING YOUNG EAGLES

Our EAA Chapter 260 Young Eagles Rallies has always been a great success. Our upcoming Rally in June should be another one to add to the list. See the flyer on previous page 6.

So..if you are interested in helping out..that's great! However, a few things to be aware of.

If you want to fly Young Eagles, you just can't "show up" that morning and say, " I want to fly". You must pre-register to fly Young Eagles.

Also, if you intend to fly Young Eagles or be a ramp escort bringing Young Eagles out to the planes, you must have completed EAA's Youth Protection Policy and Program. This is a short on-line course offered by EAA. This verification is valid for three years from the date of completion. The link is below:

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program/ypp-for-young-eagles>



Young Eagles Coordinator Jerry Pearson shows the banner from EAA National recognizing Chapter 260 for flying over 1,000 Young Eagles over the years.

Young Eagles



Founded in 1992, the Young Eagles program is dedicated to giving youth ages 8–17, an opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane. These flights are offered free of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers.

It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation.

Today, the Young Eagles program has flown over 2 million kids.

For more information from EAA headquarters about the Young Eagles program,

visit www.youneagles.org

Young Eagles Coordinator

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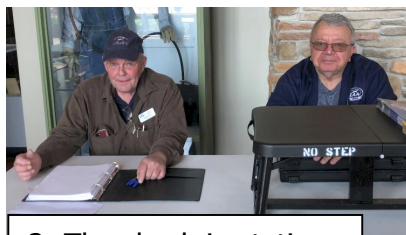
Name: David Vancina
City: Monee
Phone: 815-7151955
Email: vancinad@yahoo.com

For further information, check out:
<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea260/young-eagles>
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www.youneagles.org
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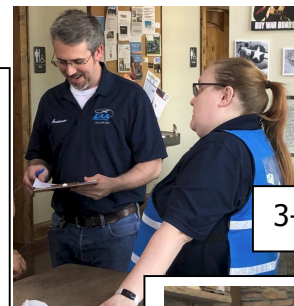
THE DAY OF THE FLIGHTS..



1- Attendance at a pre-flight route briefing for the pilots on the morning of the Rally is required. At the last Rally, Dave Vancina gave the briefing.



2- The check-in station.



3-Pilot assignments.



4-Going flying.



5-Post flight: Certificate issued and log-book signed.

CHAPTER 260 IMC & VMC CLUBS



The Chapter 260 **IMC Club** meets on the **second Monday** of the month at 6:00pm at Bult Field.

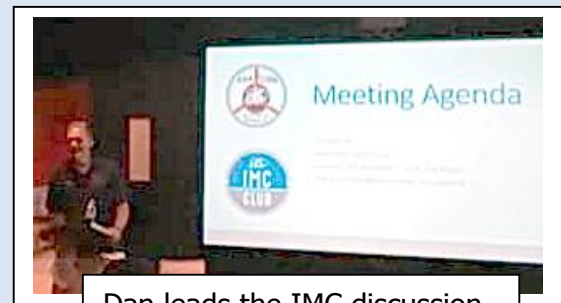
The Chapter 260 **VMC Club** meets on the **third Monday** of the month also at 6:00pm at Bult Field.



The next IMC Club meeting is Monday, May 13, 2024 and the next VMC Club meeting is Monday, May 20, 2024. The meeting format for both meetings leverages different questions, scenarios, and a teaching topic of some type. Meeting agendas are sent out prior to the meeting and posted on the Chapter 260 Facebook Page. All current chapter members and their guests are welcome to attend regardless if you are VFR/IFR rated or not.

The IMC Club meeting agenda for May includes –

- Monthly Question – EAA and Dan's
- Discussion Scenario – Going Low
- Holding Patterns Discussion



Dan leads the IMC discussion.

As of March 2024 – Jim Orange and Karl Henning have been leading the VMC club discussions and will continue to do so unless there are scheduling conflicts. Meeting agenda's will be published shortly.

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

VERIFY YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Keeping Chapter Members informed is a priority of our Board. HOWEVER, this cannot be done effectively if we do not have updated accurate contact information. Newsletters, event announcements and other items are conveyed by email.

Without current email addresses and phone numbers, this cannot occur. It is understandable that email addresses are sometimes changed. So, **PLEASE**, at the next Chapter meeting, there will be email change sheets for this purpose.

STAY IN THE LOOP!

AIR RACE CLASSIC

At the March 16th Chapter Meeting, our guest speaker was Maddi Johnson. Maddi and her flying team partner Lindsay Turner participated in the 2023 Air Race Classic.

The Route

- 9 legs total and we crossed 12 states
- Total distance was 2,334 NM or 2,865 SM

THE 2023 RACE

The 2023 route includes stops at: GRAND FORKS, ND (KGFK); MANKATO, MN (KMKY); ASTINGS, NE (K0S0); OTTUMWA, IA (KOTM); HERINGTON, KS (K0RL); FLYOVER ONLY; PONCA CITY, OK (KPNK); JONESBORO, AR (KJBR); PELL CITY, AL (K0PR); SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX (KSLR); CROSS CITY, FL (KCTY); and HOMESTEAD, FL (K5S1).

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Air Race Classic
June 20-23 2023



Jack Walter, Maddi Johnson and Maddi's dad, Tim Johnson.



Maddi gives a presentation on her participation in the 2023 Air Race Classic.



Maddi and Lindsay and the Cirrus that they flew in the Air Race.

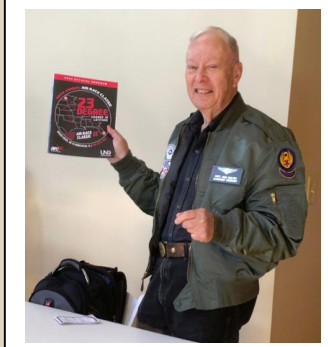
Thanks to '260 Member Jack Walter for inviting Maddi to speak to our group.

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Air Race Classic
June 18-21 2024

THE 2024 RACE

The 2024 route includes stops at: Owatonna, MN (KOWA); Cadillac, MI (KCAD); Monee, IL (C56); La Porte, IN (KPPD); Newark, OH (KVTA); Carbondale, IL (KMDH); Bartlesville, OK (KBVO); Dodge City, KS (KDCC); Moberly, MO (KMBY); and Loveland, CO (KFNL). A flyover stop is also indicated.

C56 will be one of the stops. The tentative stop at C56 will be between Tuesday June 18th and Wednesday June 19th.



At the April 20th Chapter Meeting, Jack Walter gave an overview of the 2024 race.

Since Bult Field will be one of the stops for the Air Race, local volunteers are needed to assist on the ground in various capacities. One of these is driving the participants to local hotels for their overnight stay. To volunteer, you must go to this link:

<https://www.airraceclassic.org/how-to-volunteer.htm>

ABOUT THE ARC: Air Race Classic, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to:

- Encouraging and educating current and future women pilots
- Increasing public awareness of general aviation
- Demonstrating women's roles in aviation
- Preserving and promoting the tradition of pioneering women in aviation.

Note that the Air Race Classic is not an EAA Chapter 260 event. For further information on this event, go the Air Race Classic website.

SHOW YOUR EAA CHAPTER 260 PRIDE !

The "store is open". There is a variety of items for sale to promote our Chapter.



Bob Bryan previews the items for sale.



Tumbler Mug



Quarter Zip Pullover Augusta Sportswear with Logo

Weatherproof Jacket CoolLast Performax with Logo

These and other Chapter '260 items can be purchased on line at: <https://www.shopcapstees.com>



Go to this location and click on here.



What are you looking for?

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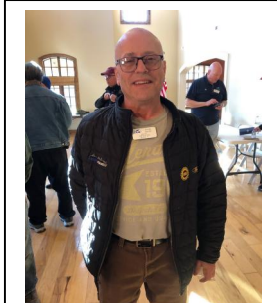
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- EAA**
- GLOW BINGO
- ANIMAL CONTROL
- LEADING THE WAY
- KANKAKEE FIRE SCHOOL SHIRTS
- FIELDSTONE CREDIT UNION
- TRAVEL WITH STARLIGHT DANCE

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.



BREEZY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS!

Can you believe it...it has been 60 years since the Breezy made its debut.

Charley Roloff, Carl Unger, and Bob Liposky designed and constructed the Breezy in 1964.

To commemorate this milestone, a celebration will be held at **Oshkosh AirVenture** this summer. Make plans to attend!



Carl Unger

BREEZY ACTIVITIES AT AIRVENTURE

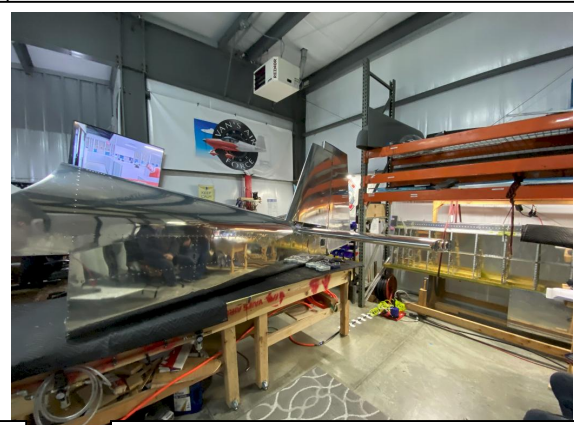
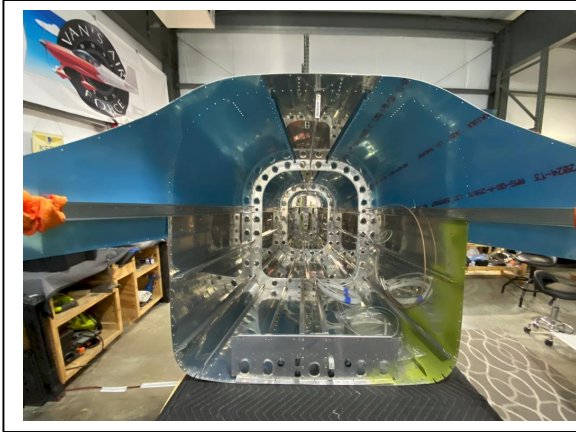
- Breezy 60th Breezy fly-by.
- Group BBQ.
- Breezy group parking.
- Breezy showcase at Home Builders dinner.
- Breezy 60th T-shirt.
- Breezy award for workmanship.

Additional details to follow prior to AirVenture.

THE BUILDER'S CORNER

JOE'S CIRELLI'S RV PROJECT UPDATE:

The empennage has been completed and placed on the shelf for storage, and the forward fuselage assembly has begun. This represents a huge step forward in the construction. While other family activities have interrupted some of the building, we've been making good progress on the fuselage. Within the next few weeks the small parts should become larger, easily identifiable parts. That's been the most fun – when someone visits the hangar and can identify the large part (wing, tail, etc.) that we've assembled. The building has generally slowed down during the summer months, as it often becomes uncomfortable working in the heat, but I am hopeful to be able to finish the current section before it gets too hot out.



CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED!!

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:
newsletter@eachapter260.org

AN INVITATION.....

We have been following Joe's RV Project progress. Thanks Joe for your updates; keep them coming.

If other Chapter Members are engaged in aircraft projects, please email information and photos to the newsletter editor for including in upcoming newsletters.

Please include a write-up of your project along with photos.

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. ALSO...they may partake in the delicious lunches at our Chapter meetings. *A great deal for the price!*

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.

2024 CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE

Dues statements were emailed out. If you did not pay as of yet, please pay at the next Chapter Meeting.

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

Detach and submit the form below

**EXPERIMENTAL
AIRCRAFT
ASSOCIATION**

**CHAPTER
260**

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?



For Information about EAA Chapter 260 contact:
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If not already a member...consider becoming one!

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EAA Chapter 260 Website: www.eaachapter260.org

EAA Chapter 260 Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/EAA260/>

EAA National Website: www.eaa.org



SPRING 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

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:	Tim Bryan
Director:	Jim Orange
Director:	Jerry Pearson
Director:	Steve Sikorski
Director:	Dan Simanaitis
Director:	Rob Unger

Contact the Board Members via e-mail at:
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YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATORS

Jerry Pearson Dave Vancina Dan Simanaitis



MIDWEST AIRCRAFT DETAILERS

QUALITY - RELIABILITY - PROFESSIONALISM

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!

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