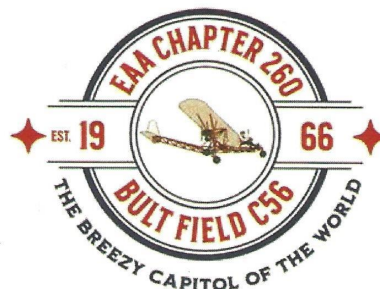


EAA CHAPTER 260

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



UPCOMING CHAPTER 2023 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

Saturday, July 8 th	Chapter Pancake Breakfast 8:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon.	
Saturday, July 15 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Monday, July 24 th to Sunday, July 30 th	<i>Oshkosh AirVenture, at KOSH-Oshkosh, WI</i>	
Saturday, August 19 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M and Family Day BBQ	
Saturday, September 9 th	Young Eagles Rally 10:00 A.M.	Event dates, times subject to change.
Saturday, September 16 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Saturday, September 23 rd	Chapter Pancake Breakfast 8:00 A.M.-12 Noon.	
Saturday, October 14 th	Aviation Photo Shoot (morning). Aviation Trivia 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.	
Saturday, October 21 st	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Saturday, November 18 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.	
Friday, December 1 st	Chapter Christmas Holiday Party 6:00 P.M.	

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

In this Newsletter...

- Trivia Night
- Young Eagles Rally
- Bluegrass "AirJam"
- IMC and VMC Clubs
- Upcoming Pancake Breakfast
- Ray Scholarship Update
- Member News
- The Builders Corner
- Oshkosh Fuel Stop at Bult

Also... see page 9 for information pertaining to the IMC and VMC Clubs.

***TO MAKE THESE ACTIVITIES
SUCCESSFUL, VOLUNTEERS
ARE NEEDED!***

COMING SOON

EAA CHAPTER 260 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

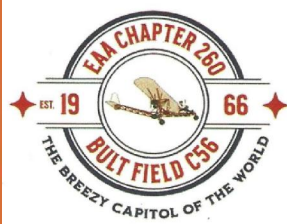
Saturday July 8, 2023 8:00 A.M. - Noon

Adults - \$10

Kids Under 12 - \$5



Fly-In or Drive-In



BULT FIELD (C56)
28261 S. KEDZIE AVE
MONEE, IL 60449



'260 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of EAA Chapter 260,

We are coming up already on the half--way point of 2023. With another successful Young Eagle Rally behind us, I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our fly-in poker run due to low volunteer commitment. We are however well staffed for our upcoming pancake breakfast on July 8th from 8:00 A.M. to 12 Noon. I do realize that everyone has many things to do, and I appreciate any time that can be given to our Chapter.

Our Chapter keeps growing in size and I couldn't be happier with the number of members that show up each month. Let's stay focused on our events coming up. I would again like to encourage you to sign up to help out where ever you can. Without you these things are not possible.

Thank you all for your ideas and input that makes this great (GOLD STANDARD) Chapter, a fun place to be.

Sincerely,
President, Rob Unger



WE ARE GOLDEN!!

Thanks to the persistent efforts of our Chapter President Rob Unger, our Chapter received GOLD STATUS. This is the highest status to be awarded to an EAA Chapter. Of course, all of our Chapter Members played a part in EAA '260 attaining this status...**well done!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Recently joining Chapter 260 are:

Joshua Jackson
Devon Puffer

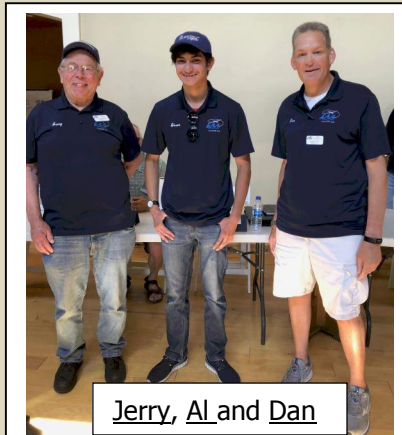
Duane Seitz
Eve Walker

Al is our 2023 RAY SCHOLAR!

Our Chapter recently received correspondence from EAA National Headquarters that our 2023 Scholarship Applicant Al Jacome, has been approved to receive Ray Scholarship Funds.

The Chapter has received the first payment to be utilized for Al's flight training. Al had selected Griffith Aviation located at the Griffith-Merrillville Airport (05C) for his flight training.

Since Al has a bit of a head start by logging 10 hours, a medical and his solo flight, he is hoping to get his check ride finished before Thanksgiving. Al has had, and will continue to have, wonderful support and encouragement from our many Chapter members helping him start his journey. Also thanks to Chapter Members Jerry Pearson and Dan Simanaitis for their assistance in helping to process the required "paperwork" and tracking the application process. Al will keep us updated on his progress. **Congratulations Al !!**



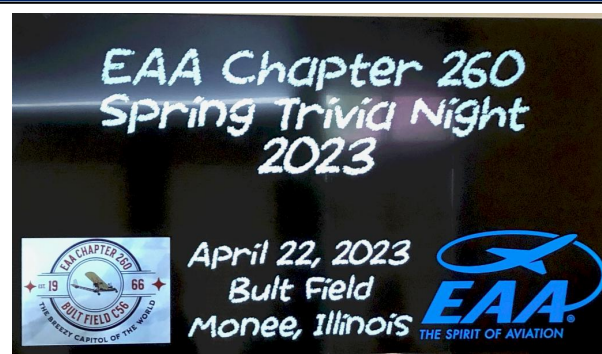
Jerry, Al and Dan

THE 2024 RAY SCHOLARSHIP

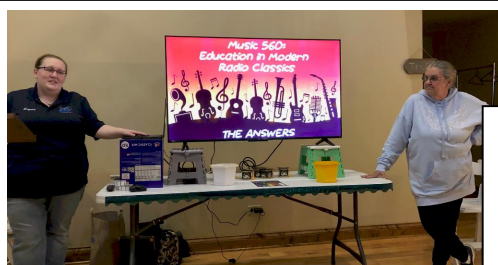
In 2022, Isabella Smith was our first Ray Scholarship Recipient who successfully earned her Private Pilot License. As indicated above, Al Jacome is underway to achieve the same accomplishment. Chapter 260 will be seeking out individuals for consideration as 2024 applicants. Contact Jerry Pearson or Dan Simanaitis for further information.

A RE-CAP of the SPRING AVIATION TRIVIA NIGHT

Well they did it again! Krystel McKean and Pamela Rose organized another fun filled Trivia Night. The format centered around a "school" theme, with Krystel as the "Teacher". Some of the following subject areas included: Aviation in Sports, and Art (colors) in Aviation, a school theme music segment, as well as other challenging areas appeared on the various "tests" given.



Teacher" Ms. Krystel gives the "classroom instructions".



Some of the "students"

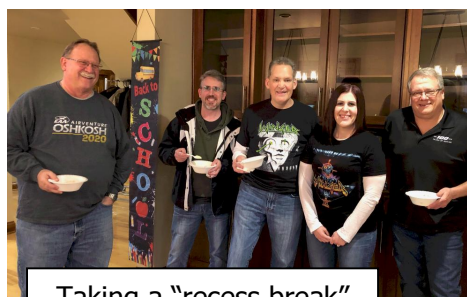


The "cafeteria lady", Ms. Pamela prepared the recess treats.



Team Name	1	2	3	4	5	W	Final
Winger	100 A	90 B	100 A	100 A	100 A	40	410
Flying High	90 B	80 C	100 A	80 C	90 B	200	220
Tri-Pacers	90 C	90 B	90 B	90 C	50 F	349	789

The "report card".



Taking a "recess break" from the tests.

Looking ahead to Fall for more Trivia Fun!



The **Tri Pacers** team was at the "Head of the Class", graduating with "honors".
Jerry Pearson, Jim "Wags" Wagner, Vanzell Jenkins, Jay Vieaux, Joshua Jackson.

FLYING YOUNG EAGLES

The Spring Young Eagles Rally initially was to be held on Saturday May 13th. However, the weather did not cooperate.

The Rally was rescheduled to take place on Saturday May 20th. THE WEATHER COOPERATED and another successful Rally occurred.

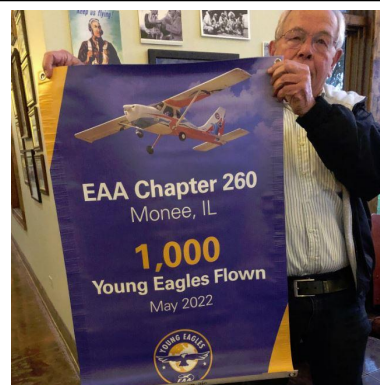
EAA Chapter 260 Young Eagles Rally



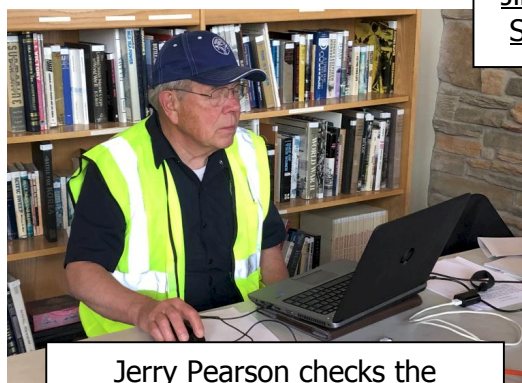
Dave Vancina gives a thorough pilot briefing.



Jim "Wags" Wagner and Steve Sikorski at the check-in desk.



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



Jerry Pearson checks the on-line registrations.



Pilot Anderson Manly checks out the paperwork with Krystal McKean.



Pilot Jim Orange signs the logbook of a Young Eagle after a completed flight.

Dick Henry gets ready to assist with the Rally.



See page 6 for more Rally photos.

MORE YOUNG EAGLES HIGHLIGHTS



Tim Campbell, Tim Bryan, Dan Simanaitis, and Rob Unger get ready to work the ramp.



Dan Simanaitis coordinates start-ups on the ramp.



Jim Orange (above) and Anderson Manly (below) do pre-flight briefings.



Dave Vancina explains the parts of an aircraft.



Young Eagles with Scott Brunson.



Victor Frankiewicz and his plane.



Jay Vieaux gets ready to board his plane for a Young Eagles flight.



The crew from the Crete American Legion served the hot dogs.

A brief summary:

48 Young Eagles were flown. 6 pilots flew Young Eagles. Numerous Chapter Members assisted on the ground with registration, escorting, and helping on the ramp.

Thanks to all!

BLUEGRASS "AIRJAM" - 2023

The weather cooperated...it was a perfect evening!
The **Bluegrass AirJam** was held on Thursday June 8th at Bult Field.

As at previous "Airjams", EAA 260 Chapter Member Tim Bryan and the **Bluegrassers** played a variety of Bluegrass music.



"Jamming" under the South Veranda.



The "jamming" was well attended....good music and food! Thanks to Tim Bryan for arranging the music for the evening. Nice job!

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



Steve Sikorski grilling the "vittles". Check out the "spread" below.



Taking a food break from the "jamming".



MEMBER NEWS

NEW FIRST OFFICERS

Dan Simanaitis will be flying with Spirit Airlines.

Jim Orange will be flying with SkyWest Airlines.

Congratulations and the best to the both of them on their new careers!



Dan and Jim discuss their upcoming First Officer training.

NEW PRIVATE PILOT

Chapter Member Ryan Doyle passed his Private Pilot checkride on May 30th.

Tail Winds and Blue Skies...Ryan!

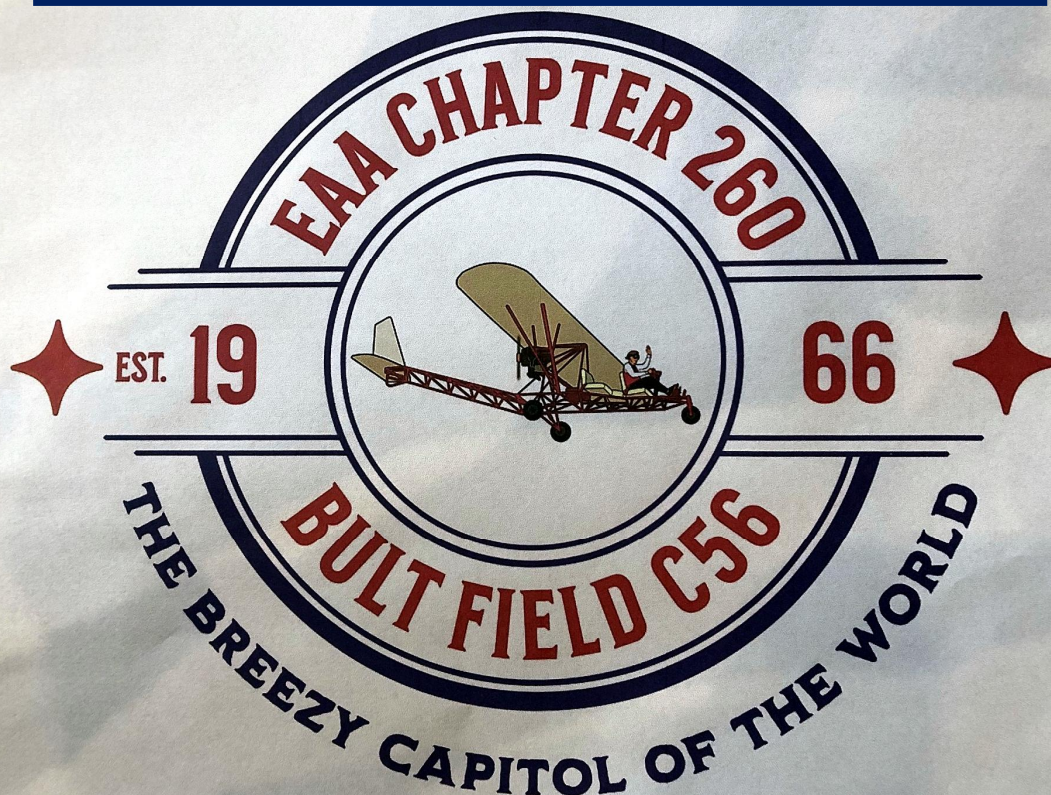


"ON THE MEND"

Longtime Chapter Member Dick Henry is recuperating. A get-well card was signed by those present at the June 17th Chapter Meeting
See you soon Dick!



OUR NEW CHAPTER EMBLEM/LOGO



The new Chapter emblem/logo is very symbolic. It indicates 1966 when the Chapter was formed. The Breezy in the center pays homage to Carl Unger and his contribution to aviation. Thanks to Ryan Doyle for designing the concept above. The design has been turned over to a graphic artist for further refinement. It is now being incorporated on Chapter communications and soon on "swag items" that will soon be available from the Chapter. Look for them!

CHAPTER 260 IMC CLUB

The IMC Club's purpose is to promote instrument flying, proficiency, and safety. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency in instrument flying. All chapter members who are interested in improving their flying skills, whether they are VFR or IFR rated are welcome to attend.



Dan leads the discussion



With the diverse level of experience amongst attendees - there have been shared stories of real-life emergencies, weather related events, and IFR flying experiences contributed and added value to the discussion topic at hand while providing insight as to how impactful IFR challenges or hazards can be.

The agenda for the upcoming meeting is being finalized and will be sent via email and updated on the Chapter Facebook page when available. In the meantime, if you have questions, comments, or improvement feedback, please contact **Dan Simanaitis**.

See you at the next meeting..... Fly safely!!! Dan

COMING SOON – A VMC CLUB



Mark your calendars: The **First VMC Club** meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** The August meeting date will be confirmed in late July. The agenda is being finalized and will be sent via email and updated on the Chapter Facebook page when available. All members and guests are welcome to attend the initial meeting. If you have questions, comments, or improvement feedback, please contact **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!

THE FRED BOOS MEMORIAL TOOL CRIB

The tool crib has been established in the Chapter hangar at Bult Field. Chapter Board Member Joe Cirelli is the coordinator.

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 include a Tig Welder have been made so far.

The Tool Crib is looking for *additional* donations of tools! We'd like to begin assembling a cache of aircraft tools for the tool crib. We have a nice space in the Chapter 260 hangar, we just need some tools to fill it. If anyone has spare clecos, rivet sets, or anything else that they'd like to donate..

please contact Joe at:

joecirelli66@yahoo.com



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.



CHAPTER HISTORY

I am continuing to work on a History of EAA Chapter 260. However, ***I STILL NEED*** additional feedback regarding the Chapter, especially from its earlier days. So far, I have received some photos from George Sanetra and a few others. I will be in contact with Glenn Leszczak, a Past President of our Chapter who has quite a few photos to share.

I have been digging back through some old newsletters from folders that I "borrowed" from file cabinets in our Chapter hangar. This is all very helpful.

But what is needed further, is for some of the members who have been around for awhile to give me some more information. If anyone knows the whereabouts of older members from many years ago, please give me their contact information so I can reach out to them; or give them my email so they can contact me.

Wayne Babiak web44aia@comcast.net

Some "blasts from the past".



The
"One Week Wonder"
October, 2015



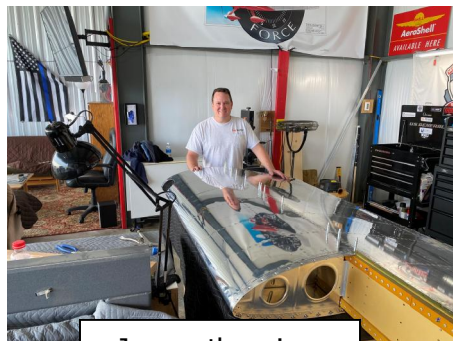
THE BUILDERS CORNER

Two of our Chapter Members are intensely engaged in aircraft building projects.

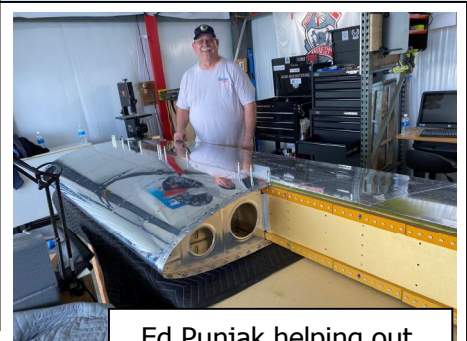
JOE'S CIRELLI'S RV PROJECT UPDATE:

The RV14 project has been progressing at a steady pace. The outboard leading edges are complete and attached to the main wing section - it finally looks like an almost complete wing. The inboard leading edges are actually the fuel tanks, and we are preparing those parts now. Almost all RVs use a "wet wing" where the builder builds the inboard leading edges as fuel tanks, similar to a Piper Cherokee. There is no fuel bladder, each aluminum part is sealed with fuel tank sealant before riveting. It's a messy process, and I anticipate it taking the balance of the summer to complete.

For now the completed wing sections are safely stored in a wing cradle borrowed from Bob Meyers. They'll stay there until the fuel tanks are ready to be installed.



Joe on the wing.



Ed Punjak helping out.

JAY VIEAUX'S TRAVEL AIR REPLICA PROJECT:

After our April Chapter Meeting, some of the attendees went to Jay's hangar to see his project. Jay indicated that he had to create pretty much from "scratch", most of the components of the aircraft since parts were not available. Jay furthermore indicates the following:

The Travel Air replica is being built with original drawings obtained from the Smithsonian. The plane was built in 1929 for the biplane class of air racers, to fly from Portland, OR, to Cleveland, OH. It placed 4th, being flown by Harri Emery. The economic depression caused liquidation of the Travel Air company assets, and the racer was sold as a sport plane to Doug Davis, a famous flier of that era.

The plane was modified by Doug in an attempt to make the plane even speedier. I am trying to be true to the original methods of construction with the replica. The engine is a Wright R-760, J-6-7, 240 HP, and is correct for the installation. The wings are wood and have an NACA 23012 airfoil section, (as did many racers of that time period).



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

THIS ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE SPRING CHAPTER 260 NEWSLETTER, BUT IT IS WORTH REPEATING AGAIN...

Chicago Midway Class C Expansion Mitigated

This article appeared in the April 3rd, 2023 edition of the **AOPA's**



Changes to the Class C airspace around [Chicago Midway International Airport](#) will be **implemented starting June 15th**. Expansion of the airspace will increase safety and efficiency, but the impacts to general aviation operations will be minimized because of AOPA's recommendations to the FAA.

The change was announced in a final rule [published on March 23rd](#) in the *Federal Register*. It extends the existing Class C airspace shelf to the east side of the airport, from the southeast counterclockwise to the northeast. The most notable change for GA pilots is the expansion that will follow the Chicago lakefront.

The purpose of modifying the airspace is to further separate arrivals to Chicago Midway's Runway 22L and GA aircraft flying VFR along the Lake Michigan shoreline. "The FAA is taking this action to reduce the risk of midair collisions and enhance the efficient management of air traffic operations in the MDW terminal area," the rule states.

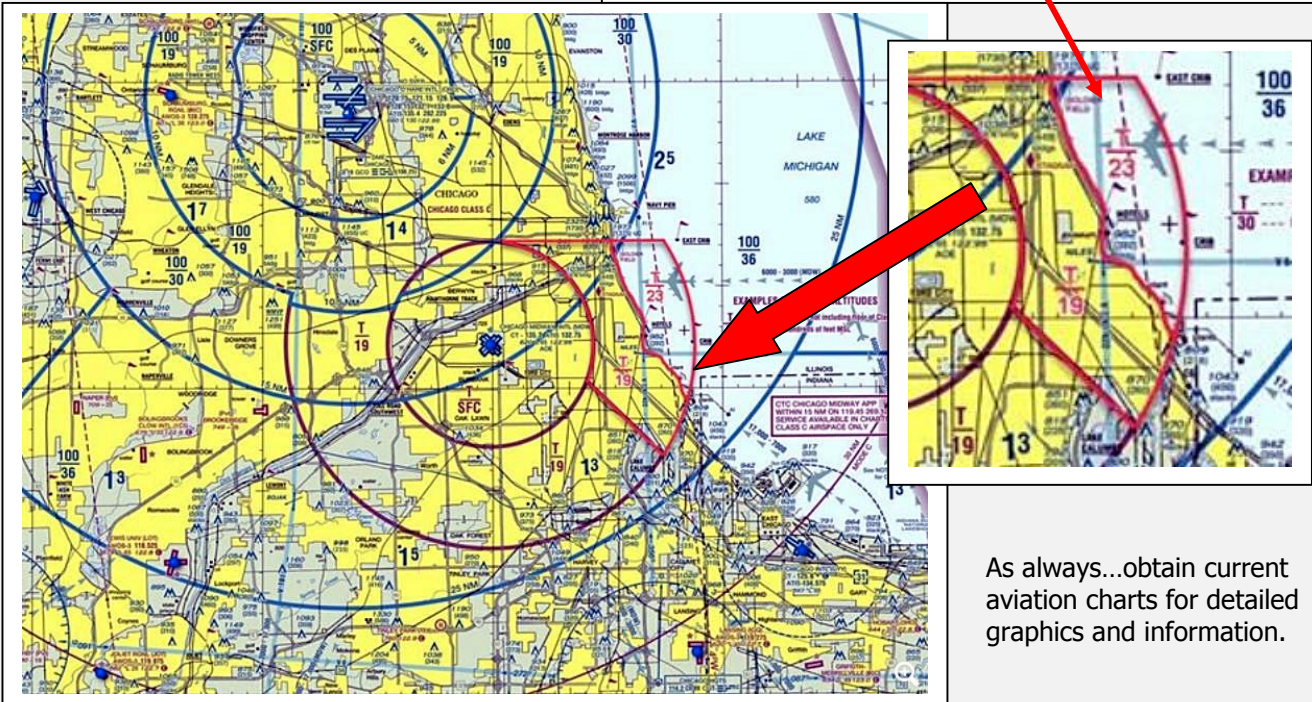
EDITOR'S Note...Make sure your electronic and/or "paper charts" are up to date so they include these changes.

AOPA was involved throughout the process of adjusting the proposed modifications to the existing Class C airspace surrounding Chicago Midway, first engaging in the issue as part of an ad hoc committee formed in 2020. The FAA agreed to multiple recommendations from AOPA, including an increase in the floor of the Class C over the water to 2,300 feet and changes in lateral boundaries of the outer shelf that utilize visual landmarks as reference points.

Most recently, AOPA—citing wake turbulence and traffic separation concerns—negotiated a change to the airspace modification that requires aircraft flying the visual approach to Runway 22L to remain at or above 3,000 feet until crossing the shoreline.

"Not only will this provide additional separation from VFR aircraft operating in the lakefront corridor, but it will also provide consistency with the other IFR approaches to Runway 22L," said AOPA Director of Airspace, Air Traffic, and Security Jim McClay in the [December 19 letter](#) to the FAA.

Pilots flying along the Chicago lakefront, or in or around Chicago Midway International Airport, should familiarize themselves with the coming changes, as they are significant. Additionally, with EAA AirVenture Oshkosh—the world's busiest aviation event—hosted shortly after the charts are updated, pilots flying to and from the event in Wisconsin should be aware of the new dimensions of the Class C.



As always...obtain current aviation charts for detailed graphics and information.

OSHKOSH FUEL STOP AT BULT

Bult Field and EAA Chapter 260 will be welcoming pilots enroute to and from the 2023 Oshkosh AirVenture. The following is posted on the EAA AirVenture website:

Monee, IL

Airport Name - Bult Field

Airport Code - C56

Offer - Attention Flyers! Stop at Bult Field on the way to or from AirVenture and save \$0.25 per gallon off our current self-serve price of \$5.90 on your fuel purchase. First come, first serve courtesy cars. Enjoy free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pop, etc starting on July 23rd thru July 30th. Not to mention, we are 187 nautical miles south of Oshkosh. **Discounts on fuel start July 21st and go through August 4th.**

Hope to see you soon!

Steve Sikorski will have the food items ready for grilling. However volunteers from our Chapter are needed to prepare and serve the food items. Steve will leave details as how to do all of this. Steve will not necessarily be available at Bult at all times during this event.

Please contact Rob Unger ASAP directly to volunteer for this aspect. He will need to know as to what days you would be available.

The food service time would be from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Rob's phone number is: 708.288.7525. His email is: rubreezy@msn.com

REGISTRATION FOR YOUNG EAGLE RALLIES

We have had very good cooperation and participation by our Chapter Members in helping with the Young Eagle Rallies. See pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter for a re-cap of our recent Rally. From the pilots who give the Young Eagle participants awesome plane rides, to the ground crew working the various positions, A BIG THANK YOU!

However, for all volunteers to be on the "same page" with this event, it is necessary to register on-line to volunteer. Many have done so, but some have not. Jerry Pearson, one of our Chapter's Young Eagle Coordinators is requesting the on-line volunteer registration to be done prior to our next Rally which will be held this coming September. Registering give Jerry an idea as to who is volunteering for a particular position...pilot, escort, registration, to name a few. Also, all can be contacted by email if updates or an event cancellation occurs. The only way this can be effective is if **all** are registered.

This is a simple process. Refer to the procedure steps below. To be a pilot or volunteer for the Rally, you will have to "sign up". Note that if even you are an EAA Member, you will have to create this separate registration and password.

Procedure for Ground Crew Sign-Up: Note if you are registering as a pilot, that is also there as well.

1. Go to <http://yeday.org> and select Young Eagle Registration
2. The pop-up page shows local rallies and click on '**Sign Up**' in upper right hand corner.
3. Fill in the upper portion with personal information which requires making a password. **EAA membership is not required for Ground Crew.**
4. Volunteer selection for **Ground Crew** provides for many options. Please pick an actual function rather than **Anything. Safety Person** is an **Escort**.
5. **Submit.** Once registered, always registered.

If there are any questions, contact Jerry Pearson. 219.923.1938.

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.

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

Electronic payment links: For 2023 new Chapter member dues: <https://square.link/u/TF0b9u62> Click link

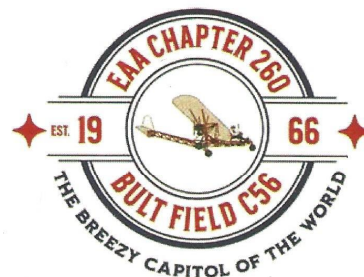
For 2023 Chapter member renewals: <https://square.link/u/SHQQgNSx> Click link

Detach and submit the form below

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CHAPTER 260

Membership Application



Personal Information

Full Name :

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Home
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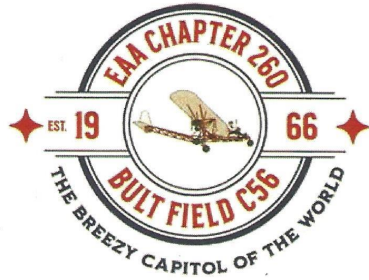
For Information about EAA Chapter 260 contact:

Rob Unger at: rubreezy@msn.com

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

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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!

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