

EAA CHAPTER 260

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



UPCOMING CHAPTER 2025 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

Saturday, January 18 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, February 15 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, February 22 nd	Movie Night 5:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 15 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, April 19 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, May 17 th	Chapter Meeting <u>and</u> Poker Run
Thursday, June 12 th	Bluegrass "Airjam" 6:00 P.M.
Saturday, June 21 st	Pancake Breakfast, Young Eagles Rally (Rain date Saturday June 28 th)
Saturday, July 19 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Monday, July 21 st to Sunday, July 27 th	<i>Oshkosh AirVenture, at KOSH-Oshkosh, WI</i>
Tuesday, July 22 nd (tentative)	At Oshkosh AirVenture in the evening- Chapter dinner
Saturday, August 16 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, September 20 th	Pancake Breakfast, Young Eagles Rally (Rain date Saturday Sept. 27 th)
Saturday, October 11 th	Aviation Trivia 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 18 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, November 15 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.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.

The Chapter Board of Directors meets on the second Thursday 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

Dear Members of EAA Chapter 260,

While it may not seem like it, spring is right around the corner. And with spring comes our regular events! Please take note of the calendar of events listed on the cover page of this newsletter. Our events in 2024, specifically the Young Eagles / Pancake Breakfast events, were very successful because of the participation and support of our members. In order to support your organization, I respectfully ask you to explore the available committees and sign up for one that interests you. We need your assistance to be successful!

As spring approaches, we'll be seeing more of our members' projects come to life. The Bellanca restoration looks to be progressing very nicely; it is very exciting to see how far along that project has come. You'll notice an article on Mark Kirchman's Aerolite 103 that should be flying soon, and there are plenty of other projects that are in the works. It's an exciting time to be in Chapter 260!

We've got another great year ahead of us, and I know that Chapter 260 will continue to advocate for general aviation while supporting the introduction of flight to new pilots, young and...maybe not so young.

President, Joe Cirelli



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**
*Recently joining
Chapter 260 are:*

Mark Tuma
Mike Schwentor
Kevin McGee
Dennis Wyman

*Our Chapter
continues to grow!*

JOIN A COMMITTEE!

As Joe Cirelli indicates above in his President's Message, the continued success of our Chapter is active member involvement in the various committees. We are looking for members to assist on the various committees. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the next Chapter Meeting. **GET INVOLVED!**

Young Eagles: Assist current coordinators Jerry Pearson, Dave Vancina, Dan Simanaitis.

Ray Scholarship: Assist current coordinators Jerry Pearson, Dan Simanaitis.

Pancake Breakfasts: Assist in set-up for this event which will be held twice a year in conjunction with the Young Eagles Rallies.

Food and Beverage: Assist current chairperson Steve Sikorski.

Many other events that will occur during the year.

IT'S MOVIE TIME!

It's back this year! The EAA Chapter 260 **MOVIE NIGHT**. It will be held on **Saturday February 22nd** in the theater room at Bult.

The schedule for the evening is:

- 5:30 P.M.- social gathering.
- 6:30 P.M.- 8:30 P.M. Movie.
- 8:30 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. cleanup.

The movie to be determined will be of an aviation theme. Watch for an email "Chapter Blast" announcement for further information.

Thanks to Dan Simanaitis and Ed Punjak for organizing this event. Also, thanks to Steve Sikorski for arranging for the refreshments.

For other upcoming Chapter events, see the next page of this newsletter.

MORE UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

In addition to the monthly Chapter Meetings, IMC and VMC Club meetings, several other events will be taking place in the upcoming months.

More information on these events to follow at the Chapter meetings, email blasts, and in the Spring newsletter.

POKER RUN Saturday May 17th 10:00 A.M.

This popular flying event consists of flying to several airports in a predetermined route, drawing poker cards to see who has the winning hands.



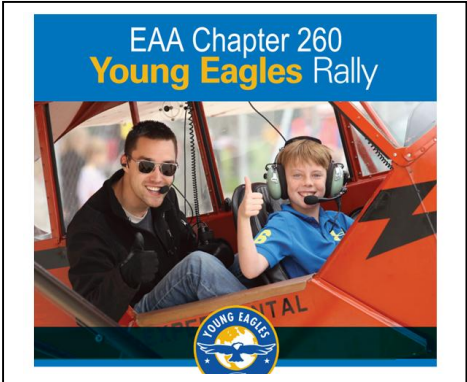
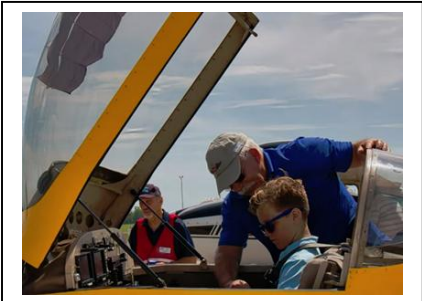
Last year's route.

BLUEGRASS AIRJAM Thursday, June 12th 6:00 P.M.

An evening of good music, food and getting together.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST and YOUNG EAGLES RALLY Saturday June 21st



A CHANGE IN THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Beginning February 10th, YEDay.org and YoungEaglesDay.org will redirect to EAAChapters.org. There will no longer be access to the current YEDay.org site. Your login credentials for the EAA Digital Signature App will change and sync up with the new EAA Chapter Events tool. The username/password used for EAAChapters.org will now be used to log into the iPad app.

More information will follow shortly in separate Chapter Blast emails. This is one of our very successful events. Plan to participate as a pilot or helping on the ground.

ANOTHER FLYING MILESTONE ACHIEVED

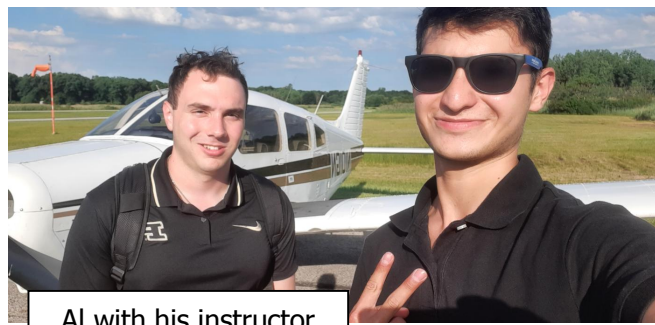
Friday the 13th, specifically December 13, 2024, was a great day for our EAA Chapter 260 Member **Al Jacome**. He didn't need to rely on luck or superstition...his skills came in into play. **Al passed his Instrument Checkride.**

A little history: Al was our 2023 Ray Scholar. In November 2023, Al passed his Private Pilot Checkride.

Regarding his Instrument Training and Checkride, Al shares the photos on this page.



Al at Purdue (KLAJ), Lafayette, IN. where he took his checkride.



Al with his instructor Elias Sewell-CFII.

Al shares with us:

Started my IFR training beginning of August, 2024 at Griffith (05C). It was a rewarding experience with unforgettable moments such as taking my cousin up in IMC, shooting a Radar approach, cloud surfing, flying to new airports and much more. On my way back from my checkride at Purdue, I got a pop-up IFR clearance.

I am now working on my complex/high performance endorsements with Dan Simanaitis and plan to start Commercial soon afterwards.

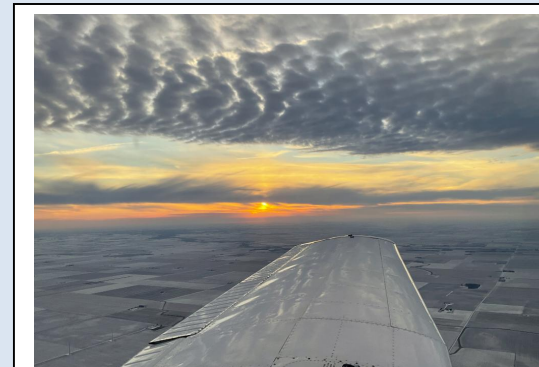
Thank you for all the support, Chapter 260!!



Al with Jim Paulsen, DPE-Flight Examiner.



In the clouds and on the gauges.



Flying back at sunset from the Checkride.

Congratulations Al, from EAA Chapter 260 on your latest accomplishment!

CHAPTER 260 IMC CLUB

The most recent **IMC Club** meeting was held on Monday January 13, 2025. Topics covered included:

- Discussion on Minimum Safe Altitudes (MSA), and Terminal Arrival Areas (TAA) using RNAV IFR approaches at Millinocket Airport in Maine (KMLT).
- John Turnbull's sharing his tip about SkyVector functionality to compare changes on approach plates. The recent changes to the ILS 4 approach at Greater Kankakee (KIKK) was used as an example.



Dan leads the discussion



The next meeting will be **Monday, February 10, 2025 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:

- Dress warmly.
- Cold temperatures affect everything- you, aircraft and runways.
- Conditions resulting in frost formation and ice conditions.
- Aircraft preheating.
- Determining runway braking action.

The most recent **VMC Club** meeting was held on Monday January 20, 2025. Several topics were covered.



[Karl Henning](#) included a discussion on Winter flying which included:

- Physics of cold air.
- Aircraft performance when cold.
- Carburetor ice conditions and temperatures.
- Aerodynamics effect with ice.

The next meeting will be **February 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** and will follow the above format leveraging different questions, scenarios, and a teaching topic of some type. 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.

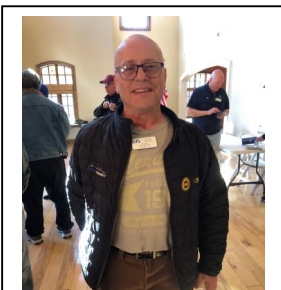
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THE FRED BOOS MEMORIAL TOOL CRIB

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.



'99s AVATION EXPO 2025

On Saturday, January 25, 2025 – a bunch of Chapter 260 members attended the annual Aviation Expo sponsored by the Chicago Area Chapter of the Ninety Nines. The event was held at the Renaissance Chicago-Glenview Hotel and featured IFR, VFR, and Companion Flying sessions along with several vendors showcasing their offerings from flight training, maintenance, charitable organizations, representatives from several Chicago area airports, and representatives from the FAA Great Lakes FSDO.

IFR sessions included topics like structural icing, ATC practices explained, and all thing aviation medicine. The VFR sessions included how to make exquisite landings, aircraft systems & problem solving, adding ATC context to VFR charts, and now that you're a pilot – what's next.



The photo above highlights several '260 members and guests in between sessions. From left to right – Carson Roe (Guest), Al Jacome, Lyn Vea, Vicki Szweczyk, Dan Simanaitis, TJ Crivits, Matt McDonald (Guest), and Eve Walker.

If interested in joining us next year for the annual Aviation Expo event – please discuss further with Dan Simanaitis.

Thanks to Dan for the article and the photo!

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.



Quarter Zip Pullover
Augusta Sportswear
with Logo

Weatherproof Jacket
CoolLast Performax
with Logo



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

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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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?



E.A.A. Chapter 260
28261 S. Kedzie Ave
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For Information about EAA Chapter 260 contact:

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@eaachapter260.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.

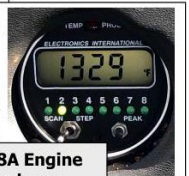
Garmin 430-WAAS GPS unit data card is updated regularly for instrument currency.



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/>

SCAN ME

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.

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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



WINTER 2025 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

2025 EAA CHAPTER 260 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President/Director:	Joe Cirelli
Vice President/Director:	Rob Johnson
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

Welcome to the Board.

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@eaachapter260.org

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

YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATORS

Jerry Pearson Dave Vancina Dan Simanaitis

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This is a further update to this event.

MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday February 22nd 5:30 P.M.
In the theater room at Bult

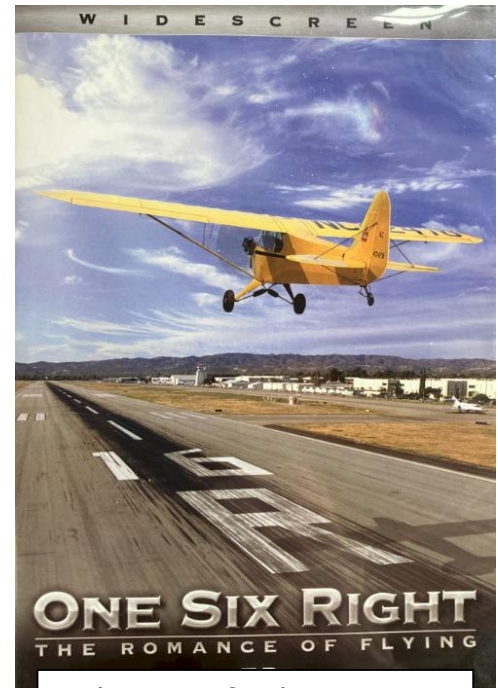
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Hot dogs, chips and beverages will be served.

We need to know who will be attending. Look for a Chapter Blast email to come out soon. Please respond ASAP if you plan to attend.

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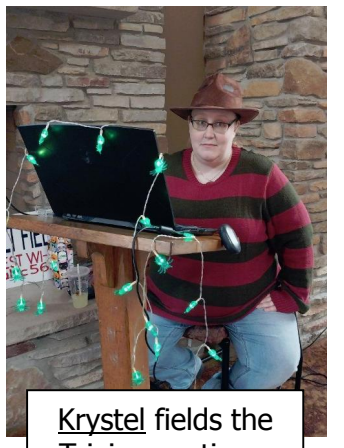
The movie for the evening.

The following event is added to the activities list for our Chapter.

SPRING AVIATION TRIVIA
Saturday April 12th 4:00 P.M.

Another great late afternoon of fun is being planned by Krystal McKean and Pamela Rose. As with the previous Trivia events, it will consist of challenging and educational questions pertaining to aviation related topics. Light refreshments will also be served.

More details to follow in upcoming Chapter Blast emails.



Krystal fields the Trivia questions.



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

These photos are from the last Trivia event held on October 12, 2024.



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

So...are you up to the challenge to become the next winning team? If so, mark your calendars to be at Bult, Saturday April 12th!