



## **Welcome Back!**

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This feature coming soon!

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Ted Gobel and Bob Weeks will recap their incredible adventures to Oshkosh, and share their thrilling experiences at this epic summer event during the September Chapter 404 Gathering.

In addition, Bob Nelson and Martin Spencer will relate their experiences from the AirFest and the Lynden Open House events. They connected with a rich blend of attendees during both events.

[Chapter Activities](#)

A [Young Eagles](#) event will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at the Bellingham International Airport starting at 10:00 a.m. We'll gather at the Whatcom Young Aviators location.

Please ensure that your EAA Background Check and Youth Protection Training are current.

Volunteer pilots are needed, for there are numerous sign-ups that were gathered at AirFest.

This event should conclude around 1:00 p.m.

Project builds...

Technical presentation...

Skill Building...

Updates are needed for the newsletter!

### Lynden Airport Open House Update

The July 20th Lynden Airport Open House event was a big success.

There were over three hundred people that attended the open house.

Thanks to all the Chapter 404 members who helped make this event a success.

How wonderful it was for Chapter 404 to share their enthusiasm with all of the open house attendees!

### VMC Club

The next VMC Club meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at the Whatcom Young Aviators (WYA) classroom, 4121 Mitchell Way, Bellingham, WA 98226.

Please park outside of Gate 14 in front of the WYA building.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m.; the materials are provided at no-charge to you.

Non-instrument rated pilots who want to improve their proficiency now have an excellent new resource through EAA's VMC Club.

The VMC Club is modeled after the popular IMC Club concept which provides organized "hangar flying" focused on building proficiency in instrument flying.

The VMC Club will do the same, but for pilots who are not instrument rated and fly primarily under visual flight rules and under VMC.

The VMC Club is a monthly meeting in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experience.

The meetings use real-world scenarios to engage members, and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills.

The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency.

## Monthly Gatherings

The next Chapter 404 Gathering will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at the Lynden Jansen Field (38W) in the pilots lounge.

The hangar talk begins at 08:15.

## Chapter 404 Websites

<https://www.404.eaachapter.org>

Check the Chapter 404 Calendar feature for upcoming chapter events.

Explore Chapter 404's Facebook page; the name of the Facebook page is EAA Chapter 404.

You may post pictures of your project build, adventures, or share techniques that others might find interesting and helpful.

The EAA Calendar of Events can be found at <https://www.eaa.org/ea/events>.

You'll find more than 1,000 listings, so this is a very comprehensive listing of aviation activities.

## A Challenge for Chapter 404

Invite a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker to a monthly Chapter 404 gathering or an event.

Help them to discover our incredible world of aviation that we enjoy so much!

## EAA Launches the New SkillScore Tracker Benefit

EAA released — at no charge to its active members — the first proficiency tracker for flying skills.

The EAA SkillScore Tracker is a resource that allows pilots to measure flying proficiency on an EAA web portal or their mobile devices.

Working through the CloudAhoy mobile app, pilots can track flying

consistency and stability. Using this data, the EAA SkillScore Tracker will generate a comprehensive, personalized, and confidential SkillScore, confirming a pilot's overall strengths or need for additional work.

"The principles behind this feature are very similar to the fitness trackers millions of people use for exercise," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs. "Using this app with every flight measures flying skills in several categories to determine where a pilot stands. These scores are easy to track and establish a way for pilots to be more proficient in the sky."

Some of the scoring measurements include:

- ~ Quality of flight (stability of landing approach, maintaining altitude in straight-and-level flight and in turns, and quality of FAA-standard maneuvers such as steep turns)
- ~ Number of takeoffs and landings within 90 days
- ~ Number of flights with a flight instructor
- ~ Time spent in the air

"Every flight is an opportunity for pilots to improve their skills, but we can track improvement only if we can measure it," said Mike Goulian, Red Bull Air Race champion, air show performer, and flight instructor, who participated in the project's development.

"When coupled with CloudAhoy's standard app, EAA SkillScore Tracker is the best way to track your progress, without the time and expense of unnecessary effort, so you can continually build your abilities with every flight."

While the EAA SkillScore Tracker is free to all EAA members, CloudAhoy also offers more in-depth and detailed analysis for premium account holders.

Load the CloudAhoy application onto your smart phone; its logo is silver-, black-, and gold-colored.

Then, create a username (typically, your email address) and a password.

Do you want to learn more about how to take advantage of this fantastic membership benefit?

Sign up for the EAA CloudAhoy webinar that will take place on Wednesday, September 25, 2019; it starts at 5:00 p.m.

Here are the actions that need to be taken on your part, so that you can sign up for the CloudAhoy webinar:

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

Sign-in to your account with your username and password

From the pulldown menu at the top, choose News & Publications

Select EAA Webinars

Scroll down to the date of 9/25/19

Click on the blue-colored text “How to use EAA’s SkillScore Tracker to Maintain Proficiency”

Populate the three blank fields with your first name, last name, and email address.

Submit the form.

You’ll receive a webinar confirmation notice via email in about ten minutes, and you are all set-to-go.

Best of all... it’s free!

### Chapter 404 Tool Crib

Do you have you a tool that could be shared with another Chapter 404 member?

If so, let the newsletter editor know about its availability, so that the tool can be utilized in a cost-effective manner with other members who are in need.

Don’t spend more... spend smarter!

### Newsletter Submissions

If you have an item for sale, or want to share some information with other chapter members, or you would like to suggest a program topic for an upcoming chapter gathering, submit them to:

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## Other Opportunities

### AOPA Safety Seminar

Monday, September 23, 2019

"Difficult Decisions - What would you do?"

Presented by: John McGonagill

Begins at 7:00 p.m.

Heritage Flight Museum  
15053 Crosswind Drive  
Burlington, WA 98233-5320

Receive a certificate of attendance and FAA WINGS credit.

This seminar is available to you at no charge; it's free!

"That's all Folks!"