



March 2025 Newsletter

From the President

First Things, First.

Now that we have a decent (and growing) schedule of meetings and events, it is time to pay attention to another very important component of our chapter, membership. Our membership coordinator did something different this year, which revealed one of the major challenges of any EAA chapter. What he did was to change for any member not current for 2025 dues from “active” to “inactive”. The prior person in this slot depended on the concept of expiration in the membership roster, the date through which dues are current.



What happened is that we discovered we only have **56** current members who are active and have paid their chapter dues. In addition, there are **44** additional members who have not paid their chapter dues for 2025. Included in this group of 44 are a number of active Young Eagles and Eagles pilots, active Young Eagles registration and ground crew, one or two individuals on the Board of Directors, and a member of the Harbor Board which oversees KUGN. I did not bother to see whether any of these people also need to pay national EAA dues, knowing in fact that some are lifetime EAA members. Oshkosh does a pretty good job of keeping tags on that. But you may get the picture. It is also required.

In addition to dues, a number of people (both “active” and “inactive”) who participate in Young Eagles will need to redo their Youth Protection training. It only lasts for three years, and then has to be repeated. It is mandatory for YE pilots. Check your records.

So, what to do? You might want to look at your accounts or checkbook, to see when you last paid chapter dues. Or, you might want to check with our membership coordinator (Arkady) or treasurer (Matt) to determine if you are a current active member.

Dues paying is easier, with our Clover direct link for payment. Individuals are still \$25, families (couples, children under 18), \$35.

These are the links:

- Family dues: <https://link.clover.com/urlshortener/HwYmgd>
- Individual dues: <https://link.clover.com/urlshortener/tBdYNB>

If you have trouble with either, contact our treasurer, Matt Koschak, 847 630-8281, or send your payment as a check made out to EAA Chapter 414 to Matt at 23391 Birchwood Lane, Deerfield, IL 60015-1256. As a last note, if perhaps you were a member whose membership expired in 2023, you are still in the system, and paying the 2025 dues will reactivate your chapter membership!

Activities – Past, Present and Future

Our February meeting activity, movie night to see “The Great Waldo Pepper” was fun, with hot dogs, salads, cookies, etc. and then actual bags of popcorn and movie style candies to nibble on as Robert Redford and cast relive WW1 air combat for the cameras. Thanks to Jill Feldman and Ileana Parker, and the crew who made all the projection work!!

Our March meeting, tentatively set for Monday, March 17, will welcome Matt McCormack of AirplanesUSA, a significant airplane broker, to give us an idea of what needs attention in both buying and selling an airplane. Our usual pizza will also be presented. (Unusual day based on speaker's schedule.)

EAA 414 VMC/IMC CLUB



Chapter 414 VMC/IMC clubs are monthly meetings where real scenarios are presented followed by group discussion, with the goal of promoting safety by sharing knowledge and experience.

Meetings held **third Wednesday of the month**. All skill levels welcome. For information, visit

chapters.eaa.org/aaa414/vmc-club or email Sam Battaglia imc-vmc@aaa414.org



Current Additional Activities Scheduled

- April: **Rusty Pilots** (Barbara P.)
- May: **Stick & Rudder Safety Day** (5/3, 8:30 am to 12:30, lunch (contribution accepted)
- May: **Learn to Fly** – adults (Margie F. & Arkady) (5/17, 9 am to noon)
- May TBD – **Young Eagles**
- June 14 co-event – **Pancake Breakfast w/Chapter 932/Fly Out to Galt (10C)**
- June: **Surviving CO Poisoning** (Peyton M.) AND **EAA Museum** (Don & Arlene)
- June TBD – **Young Eagles**
- July: **Hangar BBQ & Airventure** (Don/Jeff)
- August: **Northern Illinois Airshow** (Margie & Peyton)
- August TBD – **Young Eagles**
- September: **Instructors** (Beth R.)
- September possible, TBD – **Young Eagles**
- October: **Aircraft Owner Maintenance/Oil & Spark Plugs** (Andrew)
- November: **Airplane Builders** (Matt K.)
- December: **Holiday Party**
- 2026 - ?

Other Significant Changes/Issues/Programs

Ray Scholarship/Youth programs

Amazingly, our application to become a chapter eligible to receive a Ray Scholarship was approved by EAA!! Even more amazing, we have also been approved to receive a scholarship!! Now the work begins, as we will need to assemble an appropriate group to find and choose our Scholar, and will also need to recruit an individual to be the mentor for the chosen scholar, along with managing the payment of finances to the flight school used. More to come.

Sam Battaglia Memorial Scholarship for Aviation Maintenance Technology

We have passed our necessary goal for initiating this memorial for our late member, with donations totaling over \$10,000! Thanks to all who contributed. As the scholarship payments themselves will be based on investment results, and funds were only invested very recently, the first actual scholarship will not be made until the 2028-2029 academic year. The school suggests a possible 'jump start' annual scholarship for fall 2025, for which funds would be needed by April 1. We might consider this, or alternately some amount for some time added to the original investment. Let someone on the board know if you have any thoughts on this matter.

As always, comments or suggestions on anything are always welcome.

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Upcoming Events

See chapters.eaa.org/ea414/event-calendar for event details. All are welcome at our chapter meeting and IMC/VMC Club events regardless of skill level. New or prospective chapter members are especially encouraged to attend!

IMC/VMC Meeting

Wed 03/19, 7pm - 9pm

Chapter meeting

Thu 03/17, 7pm

Board of directors meeting

Thu 03/27, 7:30pm

From the Web

[Cessna Citation Flight to Chicago Midway](#). "Flying the Cessna Citation XL private jet from Spirit of St Louis airport to the Chicago Midway International Airport"



DUES & MEMBERSHIP

[Pay online](#) or send dues to

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