



## May 2024 Newsletter

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### From the President

It is May 2nd, that time of year where, if you are a pilot, your eyes have been on various weather apps to determine if a given day will be appropriate and safe for some sort of flight. Coming out of winter and into spring, rain, winds and seemingly especially gusty days are limiting our (or at least my) flying opportunities. Hopefully the weather will continue to improve!



### Meetings

Our April meeting at Kathy's Kitchen, with many people traveling, was more intimate and perhaps interesting than usual.

Approximately 20 individuals, including a fair number of newer people, were in attendance, along with a couple of individuals who very seldom come to meetings. Conversations were wide-ranging, with a newer member who had just purchased a plane kit connected with and learned from a member pilot who recently completed and is now flying his home-built. Another newer member declared his wish to participate in a specific activity of the Young Eagles ground crew, and has since contacted others doing the same and also completed the youth safety protocol. And so forth.

Our next gathering, Thursday May 9th, will focus on Young Eagles, as our very first event is the following Saturday, May 11th. The gathering will be an overview of the program and some of what happens at our rallies, to both interest and orient newer members who have never participated, and as a reminder for the experienced crew. Chapter 414 is one of only a limited number of chapters who have flown children every year since the program's beginning over 30 years ago, so we have the organizational memory of how to do the rallies. Yet one item that will be stressed, that we have not specifically done, is that Young Eagles is not a stand-alone, one day event just for fun, just to "baby-sit someone's kids" as has been stated, but rather the beginning of a process where an interest in aviation is created and nourished, possibly resulting in the chapter doing Young Eagles workshops and ground schools in colder months to nourish that interest, and eventually leading to participation in the Ray Aviation Scholarship program, which will pay for an eligible and deserving

youth's flight schooling up to \$11,000, at no cost to us. Over 200 chapters currently participate at this level, and recently EAA reached 500 private pilot licenses earned through this process.

Note that our Young Eagles Rally on 5/11 will be at KUGN, but in a different location than the past couple of years. We will be holding it at the Stick and Rudder Flying Club. Instead of using the south entrance on McAree Road, continue east on Yorkhouse Road to Lewis Avenue. Turn left, heading north on Lewis, until you reach West Beach Road. Turn left on West Beach Road, and follow, turning left again to Stick and Rudder Flying Club at the end of the road.

The final item under the heading of meetings is an agreement with Margie Freeman to use the vacant areas of her Waukegan hangar along with associated spaces, including a classroom, smaller meeting room, kitchen and other space as our regular aviation-focused meeting location. There are still some details to work out, including our "library" at WHF and storage of some items. Yet, in fact, one of the office suites has been set for our use, and the chapter is on the exterior mailbox. The official address is now Suite 206, 2860 Plane Rest Drive, Waukegan, IL Thank you, Margie!! Everyone, when you see her, be sure to acknowledge and thank her for her generosity and support of Chapter 414!

## Miscellany

A fair number of us have magnetic signs at our hangars, to show our membership in 414 at both KUGN and KENW. I thought I gave the last one to Arkady, our membership coordinator, but I have discovered I have a box with approximately 11 more in a corner of my hangar. If you would like one, see me at our next meeting (5/9) or at our YE event on 5/11.

## From Oshkosh

Anyone interested in Chapter Camping at Airventure, having a space with other chapter members, we would need to request before June 14.

Since I volunteer at the Blue Barn, the chapter headquarters at Airventure, I would like to have a Chapter 414 directional sign to add to the collection there. Is anyone a reasonable carpenter who could make a simple (or fancy) wooden arrow with our chapter number, location and the distance from us to Oshkosh? (Google for images of others.)

### 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/ea414/vmc-club](http://chapters.eaa.org/ea414/vmc-club) or email Sam Battaglia [jmc-vmc@ea414.org](mailto:jmc-vmc@ea414.org)



## Membership

We are maintaining our size of membership, currently at 81 paid members, and 14 expired (2023) members. Three existing members have renewed in March, 2 in April. We have some new people, as well, yet I don't have their names. If you see someone at a gathering or YE next weekend that you don't know, say hello, introduce yourself and welcome them as new, or connect if they are current long time members!

We're all part of the membership process!!

See you Thursday, May 9!!

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## Upcoming Events

See [chapters.eaa.org/ea414/event-calendar](https://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!

### **Chapter meeting**

Thu 05/09, 7pm

### **Young Eagles**

Sat 05/11, 10am

### **Board of directors meeting**

Thu 05/23, 7:30pm

## From the Web

[Tense moments for the Connie over Sun N' Fun.](#) "During the Sun N Fun airshow routine with the Connie, it was discovered that there was a front landing gear issue. Watch the tense moments in the air as these experienced pilots troubleshoot the issue only to discover another issue seconds after landing."



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