



January 2024 Newsletter

From the President

Greetings all; long-term members, new members, and prospective members!

Dues and membership

Much is happening, and needs to happen. I'll make my first pitch as the now-retired treasurer, about 2024 dues. Roughly two-thirds of the chapter is current, having paid their 2024 dues before the end of the year, or at our year-end gathering. That means roughly 35 individuals are not current. If you have been a member through 2023, or joined in the first three quarters of last year, send your check for \$25 individual or \$35 family to our new treasurer, Matt Koshack. (His address is at the end of this message.) If you are one of a group of seven members who did not reup in 2013, if you decide to rejoin, we'll allow you to pay 2024 dues to come back aboard, only through the short month of February. Otherwise, you will become an "inactive" member.



For everyone who has resisted writing a check, or shelling out cash at a meeting or an event, you will be happy to know that our bank now has an on-line payment device called Clover, which is similar to Square. We are in the process of activating same, but as yet do not know when it will be available for use, although it will be very soon.

Call to action

Yes, there are some new faces, and some stirring of jobs. My hope is that others in the chapter will also be willing to step up and help with many small or not so small tasks. One significant task that never goes away is finding or creating programs for our monthly gatherings. Virtually anything might be interesting, especially if it has some relationship to aviation, even in an indirect way.

Another task is establishing planning for possible future efforts. A big one is to have up-to-date Facebook pages and web sites, where some work has begun. Possibly under consideration would be to apply for a Ray Scholarship for one of our older Young Eagles (we've missed the deadline for this year), expanding Young Eagles to some of the non-flying components now available, organizing fly outs/drive outs to KOSH to utilize the Education facility and its simulators, organizing a fly-in at a

smaller local airport, our now-expected outdoor movie night, and perhaps even having regular, non-aviation oriented social events in the area. Anyone interested in either, finding (or doing) programs or special, longer term tasks should contact me. And expect conversations or calls from me or others, as well.

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So far

Last weekend four of us attended EAA's Chapter Leadership Academy. It was my 3rd time, the first for our treasurer Matt, and Tim & Janet Buckley. There are always new things to learn, and also continuing things to emphasize. I believe we are all energized.

Last Thursday was our first board/business meeting of the new year, where much was discussed. The implementation of "Clover" was approved, as it is not free. Another significant item was viewing the

beginnings of work on our website, and the inclusion of a connection of our Facebook page.

New content is needed, and much remains. But it is a beginning. Go to www.eaa414.org, and send your thoughts to Mike Rogers and Pete Russell.

Until next month,
John L. Cecilia, Chapter President

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/eaa414/vmc-club or email Sam Battaglia imc-vmc@eaa414.org



Upcoming Events

See chapters.eaa.org/aaa414/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 02/08, 7pm

IMC/VMC Club meeting

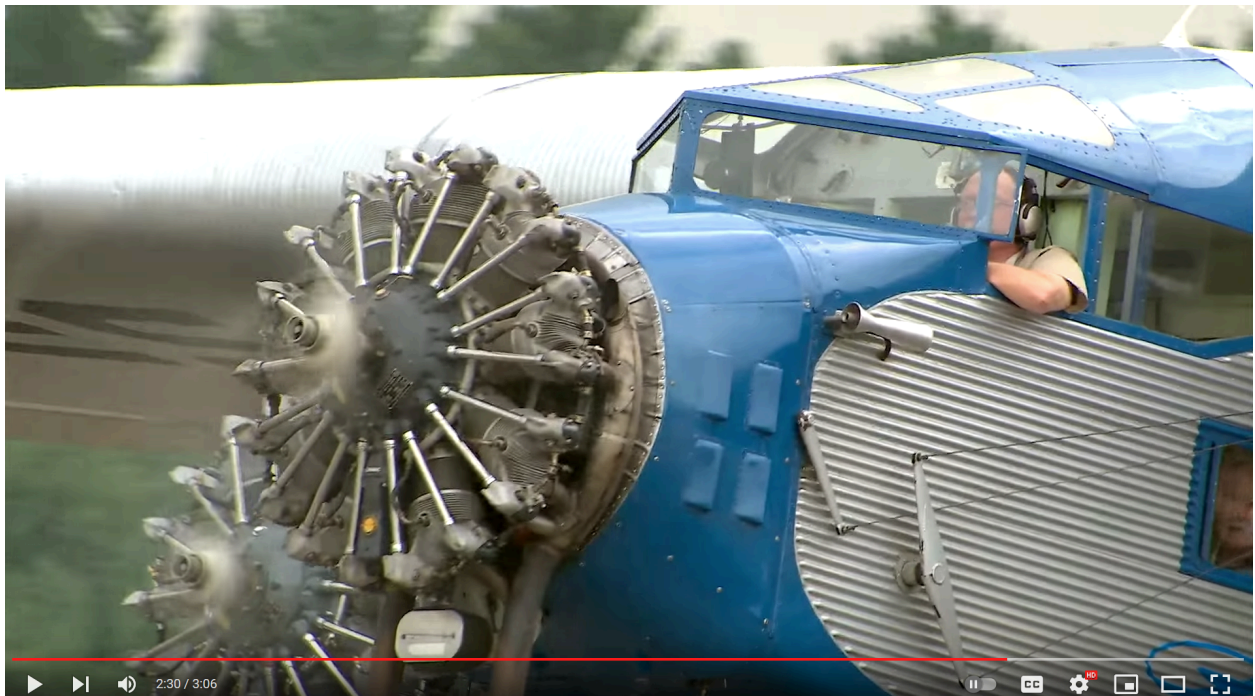
Wed 02/21, 7pm

Board of directors meeting

Thu 02/29, 7:30pm

From the Web

See behind the scenes with the [EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor](#). *"A flight aboard this beautifully restored aircraft will have you recalling the energy, passion, and excitement of the Roaring '20s. Affectionately known as the "Tin Goose," this was the largest civilian passenger aircraft of its time."*



New Officers

If you were not at the year-end gathering, you may not be aware of the changes in leadership. There has been some shuffling around, and there are some new faces, as well. You may remember I was treasurer and membership coordinator together for some years. The jobs have now been divided, with Matt Koschak as treasurer, and Arkady Spevak as membership coordinator. Working with Mike Rogers on web and newsletter items is Pete Russell, a new member this past year. More later on that.



Ileana Parker continues being the very efficient and helpful secretary she has been for the past several years. Also continuing is Patty Ramsdell as Young Eagles Coordinator, a job she has excelled at since taking it on, and our Eagle Flight Leader, who effectively organized our very first Learn to Fly Day last year, Margie Freeman. The new chapter vice president is Sam Battaglia, now back from his A&P schooling. Sam will also serve as IMC and VMC Coordinator. Our continuing Technical Counselors are Dale Severs, Dave Smith and Bob Lasecki. And that leaves the president, me, John Cecilia.



DUES & MEMBERSHIP

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