



August 2024 Newsletter

From the President

Sam

It has now been a few weeks since we lost Sam Battaglia; a sad time. In that period, a significant amount of activity has begun, both to solidify his memory and continue some of his activities.

First, most of you are aware of the chapter's effort to permanently memorialize him through a named scholarship at Rock Valley College, where he learned to be an A&P recently. The agreement with the college is now in process, as we have enough pledges to exceed the minimum amount required by the college for the endowment of \$10,000.

Once the agreement is finalized, each of you who have pledged will be asked to send your funds directly to the RVF Foundation, for the Sam Battaglia Memorial Scholarship for Aviation Technology.

You may note that we have not used his formal name. As everyone knew him as Sam, we're following the lead of his family.

Contact me directly with any questions.

Next, many of you knew Sam as the energy behind our long-running IMC/VMC program, recently primarily on Zoom. I'm happy to report that this significant program will quickly continue. Beth Rehm, CFII and member of both Chapter 414 and Chapter 932 at Galt Airport, has stepped up to continue this educational program. Beth is also a FAASteam representative, and should be able to register our events so they qualify for Wings credit. As she is a member of two chapters, and 932's president Bill Tobin and I have discussed joint possibilities, we have agreed to have both chapters involved, hoping for more attendance. Next scheduled event is Wednesday, 9/18 at 7 PM.



Last, but not least, is the position Sam held on our Board of Directors. He was elected late last year for a two-year term as Chapter Vice-President. The primary purpose of this position is to back up the Chapter President (me). Yet it is also a position in which one can learn much and possibly organize and run a specific committee, as well as possibly stepping up to be chapter president at some time. I have talked to a couple of individuals about stepping in to this, but as yet the position remains open. Anyone interested should give me a call..

This week

Yes, we will wind up having two gatherings this month!! The first was our post-Young Eagles cookout at the paired Piper hangers of Jeff and Don.

The second is a special monthly meeting this Saturday, at a different location, KENW. Topic for the month is Gyroplanes, along with an overview of the Feldman family adventures with them over the last year. There will be a look at the new generation of Gyroplane, along with a look at where they slot into the modern aviation landscape. Bring a friend!!

The specific location is the Feldmans' hangar, Foxtrot Aero, at Kenosha Airport. The hangar address is 9530 W 52nd St., Kenosha, Hangar 9. This hangar is on the south side of the airport. If coming north on the Tollway (Interstate 41) exit at 52nd Street (Highway 158). DO NOT turn into the airport at the traffic light at Ruth Harmon Drive. Continue east to about 250 yards east of the fire station, where Gate 21 is the entry point to the south side of the airport.

Arrive at 10am for coffee and donuts to replace our usual pizza. Program will begin at 10:45 and go to noon.

See the attached for map and parking.

If you don't have the entry combo call Dan's cell when you get the gate. 847-691-361



Epilogue

I've already had one question about whether there is a board meeting this week. We'll attempt to have our Zoom Board Meeting next Thursday, August 29th, at 7:30.

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

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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 or email Beth Rehm bethrehm27@gmail.com



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!

Chapter meeting

Sat 08/24, 10am, KENW

Board of directors meeting

Thu 08/29, 7:30pm

From the Web

[California wildfire helicopter rescue](#). "Helmet cam footage of a rescue made during firefighting operations during the Woolsey Fire on November 9th, 2018."



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