



October 2024 Newsletter

From the President

Sam

I'm sure many of us are still recovering from the shock of losing Sam Battaglia. It was eerie to see his name on the "Gone West" page of Sport Aviation. Yet his spirit lives on.

I'm very glad to announce that Rock Valley College Foundation is ready to receive our gifts that we have pledged to the Sam Battaglia Memorial Scholarship for Aviation Maintenance Technology.

Along with this newsletter is a form that will direct you to your preferred way of donating. If you have forgotten what amount you pledged, I have what I believe is a complete list of all the pledges of which I am aware, and amounts, if noted.

As before, contact me directly with any questions.

Filling the hole

Sam was a dedicated and active member of our chapter and its Board of Directors. He was the elected vice-president of the chapter, a term that would run until the end of 2025. In addition, he personally took on the role of running our IMC/VMC program. Beth Rehm has already taken on that program, and has brought her skills and professionalism to make it useful and popular. Thank you Beth!!



However, there is still the vacancy caused by Sam's passing on our Board of Directors, At present there is no Chapter Vice-President. The stated responsibilities of this office are simple, to back up the chapter president. Yet it is also a place for an experienced EAA member to be heard, to work on special projects (such as the visit of one of the touring EAA aircraft), or possibly to head up an expansion of the components of our Young Eagles program such as the Ray scholarship, or some other worthwhile project.

As I mentioned last time, it is also a position of authority and energy, in which one can learn much and possibly organize and run a specific activity they see as important. With 83 currently paid-up members, I would hope there is one motivated individual from that group who might see the value of finishing out the term of the position. Anyone interested, give me a call 312 524-2912.

Schedule change

If you looked recently at our on-line schedule, it shows our next Board meeting as October 31, (Halloween!), not the best time for a meeting. Since our last meeting was cancelled due to necessary members being away, this month's is significant to get us back on track. Rather than Thursday, October 31, the Board meeting is now scheduled for **Wednesday, October 30**. Details and agenda to follow.

Future activities

November – tower visit. Location and date/time to be determined. Most likely will not be on the usual Thursday meeting night. Details to follow.

Late November/early December – annual holiday party/gathering. Volunteers desired to help plan and execute.

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/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 10/10, 7pm

VMC/IMC meeting

Wed 10/16, 7:30pm

Board of directors meeting

Wed 10/30, 7:30pm

From the Web

[Rob Holland "What I see" at the Rhode Island Air Show](#). *"Helmet Cam video of the entire performance at the Rhode Island Air Show 2014. This is what I see when I'm performing in a show from takeoff till landing."*





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