



APR 2025 NEWSLETTER

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GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT 7G8 MIDDLEFIELD, OHIO

**WIND- EVERYTHING YOU
ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW
MONDAY APRIL 21
DINNER 6PM GATHERING 7PM**





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It's mid-April and the flying season is fast approaching! We have a busy schedule of events and the fly-out team has prepared a full roster of fly-out activities.

Big news this month is that our raffle prize has been updated to include IRS taxes.

This drawing will occur in approximately 2 weeks so if you intend to buy a ticket, don't procrastinate any longer.

Thanks to everyone's hard work, we have again been designated as a gold level chapter. You may notice that we have rebranded our monthly meetings, they will now be known as monthly gatherings.

Our activities are starting to pick up.

Our April gathering this month features a

Fox8 Meteorologist who will discuss everything you ever wanted to know about wind.

We've been awarded a Ray Aviation scholarship this year. And are looking for qualified candidates.

Summer camp registration is now open.

Big thanks go out to **Frank Mecklenburg** who recently donated a large cache of fiberglass materials and supplies.

Be sure to check out our schedule of events at the end of this newsletter.

Please put the chapter phone number in your contacts - **440 836 3225**.

Don't forget, we need your favorite flight stories. This is a picture or two from a memorable flight you've made along with a paragraph to describe that flight. We put these in this newsletter.

NEW RATINGS



JOHN FISHER

Congratulations go out to John Fisher who soloed his C-172 back on April 1st. He will continue working with Ric and soon have his license complete.



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL GATHERING

We will hold our April gathering this coming **Monday, April 21**. Dinner at 6:00pm and gathering at 7:00.

We will serve the first burgers and brats of the season.

EAA 5 will provide the meat.

Please bring something to go with if you can.

We'll need salad, sides, chips, and desserts.

At 7:00pm,
**Fox8 meteorologist
Alexis Walters**

will join us to discuss all things wind. **Wind** is critical to pilots from planning, to take off, navigation, and landing. Where does it come from, how is it forecast, seasonal variations, how do you use the isobar charts, Northeast Ohio trends, turbulence, and all things wind.

This presentation will be available via Zoom – here are the meeting credentials.

EAA 5 – April Gathering

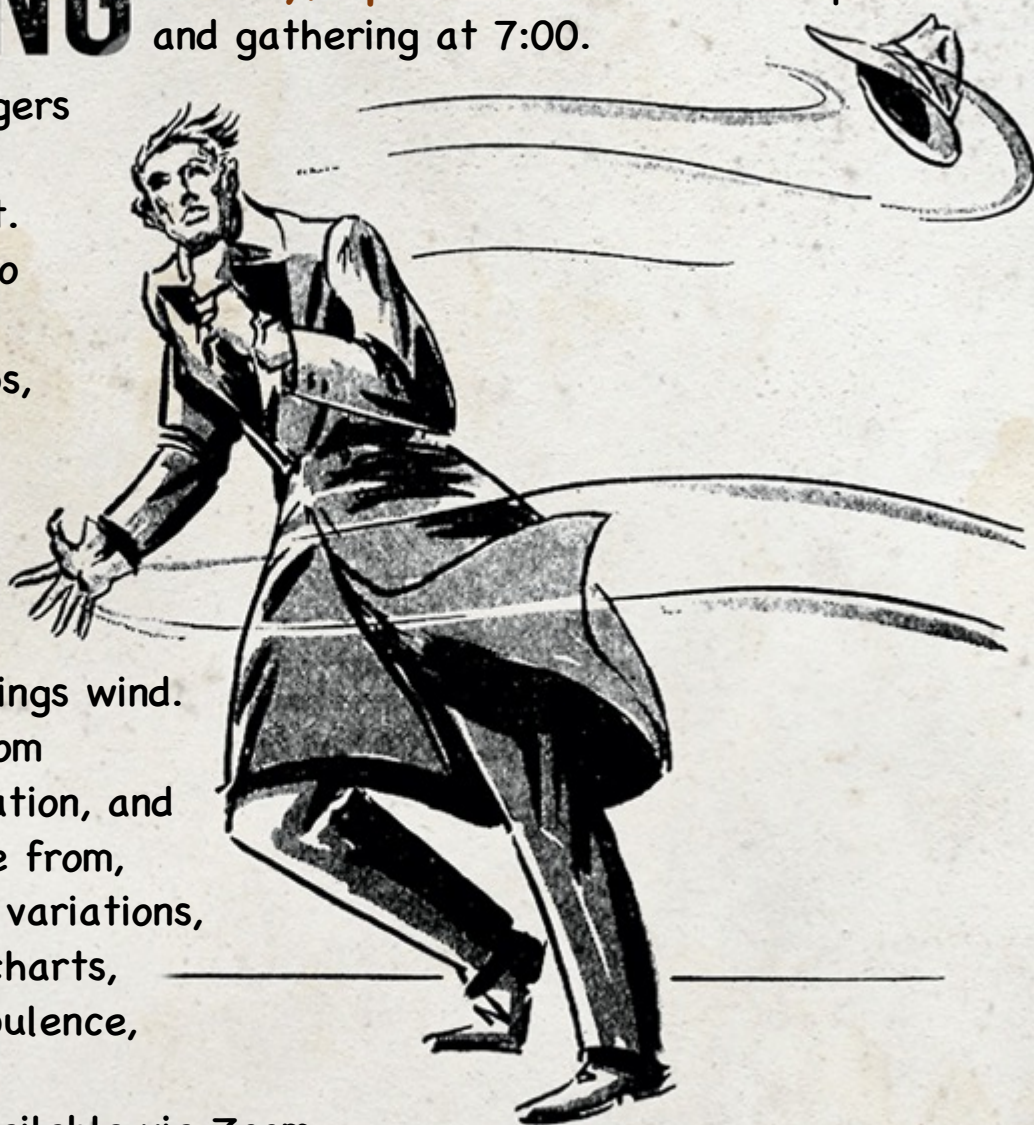
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Join Zoom Meeting at:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

IMCVMC CLUB

NOTE: We change to our summer schedule this month. Our April IMC/VMC Club meeting happens **Thursday, April 24th** - Donuts at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00.

Meet over coffee and donuts with other pilots to discuss scenarios they have experienced and work through real-world IMC stories.

If you were in this situation... What would you do?

Our topic for this meeting is:

Testimonies from Chapter members:

Hear about real life events and their outcomes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PARIS

DINNER, DRAWING AND DERBY EVENT!

To celebrate the conclusion of our **EAA Chapter 5 Paris Air Show Raffle** we will convene in Hangar 3 at 4:30 pm on **Saturday, May 3**, for a **Dinner, Drawing & Kentucky Derby Event!**

The chapter will provide the French dip roast beef. Please bring a side dish with a French theme, that might be found at the Kentucky Derby.

Possibilities include Crepes, Croissants, Baguettes, Brie cheese with puff pastry, French Onion soup, Escargot, Quiche (Lorraine, mini quiches), Ratatouille, Beef Bourguignon, Eclairs, Macaroons, Derby Pie, Mint Juleps and more.

All are welcome to attend but a kind **RSVP** to: sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com or 440-477-1198

by Sunday, April 27th at 2 pm would be appreciated.



UPCOMING EVENTS



You ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO ATTEND
THE EAA CHAPTER 5
**DINNER, DRAWING
& DERBY EVENT**

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025
4:30PM

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT
HANGER 3
15421 OLD STATE ROAD,
MIDDLEFIELD, OH 44062

- SOCIAL TIME & DINNER
- MAIN COURSE PROVIDED BY EAA 5
- BRING SIDE DISH TO SHARE, IF POSSIBLE
- DRAWING FOR PARIS AIR SHOW RAFFLE WINNER
- WATCH KENTUCKY DERBY ON THE BIG SCREEN
- WEAR FANCY DERBY HATS, IF YOU WISH

RSVP TO SHERRY NIEDERKORN AT
SHERRY.NIEDERKORN23@GMAIL.COM
OR 440-477-1198
BY 2PM SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025



RECENT EVENTS

MARCH GATHERING

Our speaker for the evening was NOAA Corps Officer Lt.j.g. **Sarah Cozart**. She is a Hurricane Hunter pilot on the Gulfstream IV-SP platform and also flies the Twin Otter supporting other missions. She explained how NOAA tracks and reports hurricanes as well as some of the other NOAA research projects.

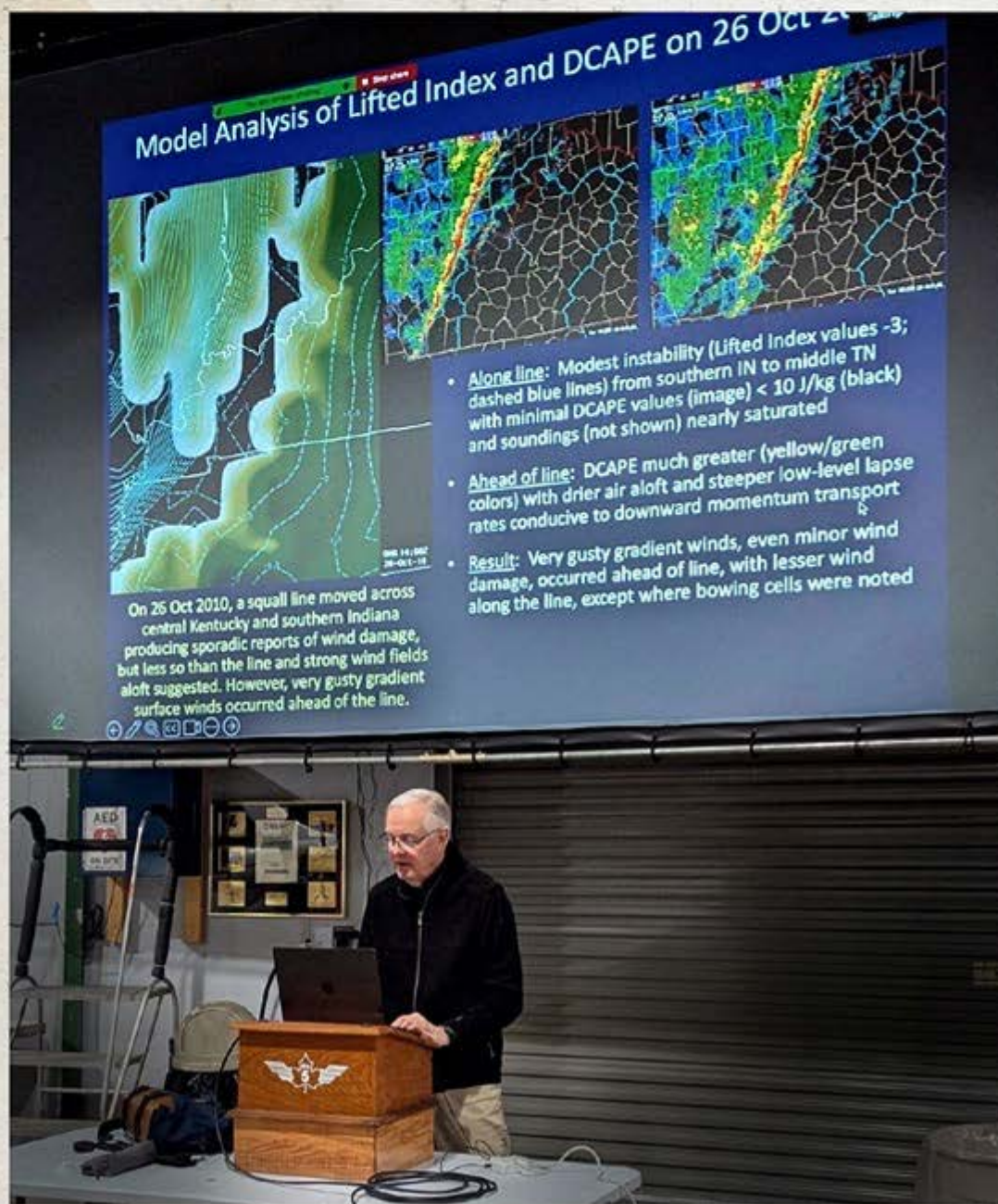


RECENT EVENTS

IMCVMC CLUB

Our March IMC/VMC Club meeting happened Saturday, March 22nd.

Tim Callahan explained how to look for the **CAPE: Convective Available Potential Energy** on the fabled skew-T chart.



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FIRST-CLASS TRIP to

PARIS

AIR SHOW

RAFFLE!

PRIZE
INCLUDES
ALL IRS
TAXES!

Just in case you hadn't heard -
the air show raffle prize has been upgraded to
include IRS taxes. There's no excuse now...
time is running out, there is less than 2 weeks
until we draw the lucky winner's name! It's
your turn now! Step up and support the outreach
programs of the chapter with your \$100 ticket
purchase and receive a chance to win a first
class luxury trip to the Paris Air Show in June!

The outreach programs you will benefit include:

- Local and national summer camps for students
- RC model build & fly programs for young people
- Learn to fly programs for interested adults
- Safety programs for pilots
- Educational programs for aircraft builders
- Local school aviation programs
- Young Eagles flight experiences

The deadline to purchase your ticket
is **noon on Thursday, May 1st.**

TAKE NOTE



RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP



We were granted a Ray Aviation Scholarship for 2025 and are now seeking qualified applicants. The Ray Aviation Foundation provides a scholarship worth \$12,000 to obtain a Private pilot's license. A qualified applicant must be between 15 and 19 years of age, be an active participant in chapter activities, demonstrate a desire to earn the Private Pilot License, and have passed the FAA written exam. Additional requirements are listed in the application. Application forms are available upon request by contacting The scholarship chairman, **Tim Niederkorn** by email: tim.niederkorn@gmail.com

TAKENOTE



SUMMER YOUTH AVIATION CAMP 2025

The deadline for Campers to apply to the Summer Youth Aviation Camp is **Thursday, May 15th**. If you know any students going into grades 7 thru 10, please direct them to the website for the application, flier, and camp video. The dates are July 7 to 11, 2025.

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea5/summer-youth-aviation-camp>

If you are interested in being on the Volunteer Staff for SYAC 2025, please let **Sherry Niederkorn** know your availability and the area in which you would like to help. Having pilots in the flight simulator lab really helps, but we need non-pilots in other areas of camp as well. All are welcome.

If you do volunteer, you will need to complete the Youth Training Protection Program available online at:

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/training/youth-protection-training>.

Please check to see that your certificate is current.

The next staff meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27th at 2:00 pm in **Hangar 3** to go over the details for camp.

Pilots are needed to fly Young Eagles on **July 12 or 13** (depending on the weather). Please let **Ric Blamer** know If you are available.

This is a private event for the campers only. All flights will be one-on-one.

TAKE NOTE

BUILD AND FLY

The maiden flight of the recently completed LT-40 Kadet RC airplane is scheduled for 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 29 with May 20 as the raindate. You are welcome to join us at Corsair Field in Ravenna to witness this feat by our Build and Fly team, who worked very hard this past winter to build this aircraft.

A big "thank you" goes out to John Ashley, Hugh Polack, and Charlie Cross for guiding our students to this momentous occasion.

CHAPTER 846 RAFFLE


Our sister chapter, EAA 846 at Skypark, is raffling off pairs of tickets to use the EAA Aviators Club during Oshkosh this year. If you would like an air-conditioned vantage point to watch the air show from, this is a great option! All the details are available at the following link.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ea-airventure-aviators-club-raffle-eaa-chapter--846>



TAKE NOTE

NEW TAXIWAY CONSTRUCTION



County Airport will get a new taxiway this summer. Great Lakes Construction Company will begin work on the new taxiway on or about May 5th. Over the course of the summer, there will be two, 10-day closures of the runway while the taxiway is connected to the runway. Dates for this will be announced as the time approaches.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FLY-INS

Mark your calendars for our summer fly-ins.

They are:

June 7 (8-12 noon) @ KLNN

June 21 (7-11 am) @ 7G8

September 20 (7-11 am) @ 7G8



Volunteers are needed to help with the Summer Pancake Breakfasts, Young Eagle flights and Youth Stations.



LOGBOOK

As you might have heard the **Martin Mars Bomber** made its Final Flight on Monday February 11, 2025. It landed on Lake Pleasant (because it is not amphibious). They have pulled it out of the water and parked it in the parking lot of the boat marina.

Tim and I took a drive to Lake Pleasant to see it and share this with you. It is a very impressive aircraft with a beautiful paint job. The plan is to disassemble the flying boat and transport it to the PIMA Air and Space Museum in Tucson, AZ for its final resting place. They told us they will take the wings off (in two sections), the tail and elevators off (3 sections) and transport the fuselage as one piece. We had some unanswered questions like... How is it going to travel to PIMA when it's so tall? (Maybe over 30 feet?) Is there a route that doesn't involve going under bridges? What is the hot Arizona sun going to do to the beautiful paint job? Hmmm...

While we were standing there gawking, we met two guys from the CAF (who have worked on B-25's). They were there to offer their services, but the Mars crew didn't even seem interested. The guys sure were interesting to talk to though.

At the rate they were moving today (very slowly), it's going to take a week (or more) to dismantle it. They also looked like they could have used more help. Maybe we'll go back in a week to see the progress they have/have not made.



*Sherry & Tim
Niederhörn*



FLYOUT SCHEDULE

May 17 - Saturday **8:30am** - KTSO Carroll County Breakfast Fly-out

May 28 - Wednesday - **TBD** - Buffalo day trip and Fly the Falls

May 31 - Saturday **5pm** - KBTP - Serventi's Restaurant at Butler

June 7 - Saturday **8:30am** - KLNN - Chapter 5 Pancake breakfast at Lake County

June 15 - Sunday **8:30am**- 2D7 - Beach City - Father's Day Fly-In

June 24 - Tuesday **5:30pm** - KGKJ - Summer Solstice Fly-out

June 28 - Saturday **8:30am** 7G8 "Hangar Fly" Oshkosh planning

July 5 - Saturday **12pm** - KPOV - Portage Afternoon Hangar Picnic

August 2 - Saturday **5pm** - KFKL - Primo Barrone's Dinner Flight at Franklin

August 6 - Wednesday **8:30am** - 3W2 - Put-In-Bay Day

August 17 - Sunday **2pm** - OH33 - Ice Cream Social at Rob Miller's

August 30 - Saturday **12pm** - KTDZ - Toledo and Tony Packo's

August 31 - Saturday - KGKJ - hot dogs Labor day weekend

September 6 - Saturday **5pm** - KBKL - Burke Dinner

September 10 - Wednesday **10am** - I74-Urbana Grimes Museum and Restaurant

September 26-28 - **TBD** - New York Hudson VFR Corridor



2025 CALENDAR

IMPORTANT: These dates were accurate when they were published.

Always check the EAA 5 online calendar for last minute changes at:

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea5/chapter-calendar>

APRIL

Business Meeting 14-Apr

Program Meeting 21-Apr

Wings-All About Wind

VMC/IMC Meeting 24-Apr

Testimonies from Chapter members:

SYAC Planning Mtg #2 27-Apr

MAY

Air Show Drawing 03-May

Dinner, Drawing, and Derby

Business Meeting 12-May

Program Meeting 19-May

Astro photography

VMC/IMC Meeting 22-May

Special Use Airspace: MOAS/TFRs/SFRAs

JUNE

YE & Pcakes @ LNN 07-June

Business Meeting 09-June

Program meeting 16-June

YE & Fly-In @ 7G8 21-June

Solstice Fly-Out 24-June

JULY

Hangar party 05-Jul

Barker/Atwood hanger at POV

SYAC Staff Meeting 06-Jul

Business Meeting 07-Jul

Summer camp 07/11-Jul

Program Meeting 14-Jul Wings -

Oshkosh(AirVenture) 21/27-Jul

AUGUST

Business Meeting 11-Aug

Ice Cream Social 17-Aug

Program Meeting 18-Aug

Celestial navigation

VMC/IMC Meeting 28-Aug

Running on Empty: Don't be that guy!

SEPTEMBER

Business Meeting 08-Sep

Program meeting 15-Sep

FAA Medical Issues update

Airport day @ 7G8 20-Sep

IMC/VMC Meeting 25-Sep

Washington D.C. SFRA



2025 CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Clambake 05-Oct

Business Meeting 13-Oct

Program Meeting 20-Oct

Wings-Creating your personal SMS

VMC/IMC Meeting 23-Oct

Collision Avoidance and Tight patterns

NOVEMBER

Business Meeting 10-Nov

Program Meeting 17-Nov

Annual Meeting

IMC/VMC Meeting 22-Nov

Too Far to Glide: Emergency planning

DECEMBER

Program Meeting 06-Dec

Xmas party

Business Meeting 08-Dec

VMC/IMC Meeting 13-Dec

LOCI: Upset Training & Loss of control



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*"...worth a
thousand words"*

INTERNATIONAL PARIS AIR SHOW AT LE BOURGET

