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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

# THE WINDSOCK

GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT 7G8 MIDDLEFIELD, OHIO

NAVIGATING  
THE NIGHT SKY  
**MONDAY MAY 19**  
DINNER 6PM GATHERING 7PM





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# PRESIDENT'S AIRSPACE

All of a sudden it's May and we have so much going on that it seems like we have just engaged the warp drive!

First up, after almost exactly 11 years, Brian Szuter made the first flight of his RV 14! It is difficult to over-exaggerate this momentous event!!

We drew the winner of our Paris air show raffle and celebrated with a French themed spring get-together instead of a Siesta Fiesta!

New aircraft have joined the chapter fleet and there are rumors of more to come. We now have an official Master instructor in our ranks.

The fly out season starts this weekend. We are going to try using **WhatsApp** to better coordinate open seats with members who would like a ride.

Also, our first pancake breakfast fly-in is less than a month away. Plan on joining other members at LNN to put on another successful event. Our first fly-in of Summer follows shortly at our own Geauga County Airport. And the development that I've said for 30 years would never occur in my lifetime, construction of a parallel taxiway will begin in less than a month.

Congratulations to the GCAA who have secured funding to build a second new T-hanger. This additional space will help relieve some of the demand for hangar space here at the Best Little Country Airport around. Construction is expected to begin later in the summer!



# NEW RATINGS

Well, it's not exactly a rating, but **RIC BLAMER** has been recognized for his high standard of accomplishment in flight training by The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). Ric has been awarded a coveted Flight Training Experience Award as a Distinguished Instructor; a title given to high scoring flight training providers from the 2025 Flight Training Experience Review. Rick has also been recognized as an associate Master Instructor by the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI).

# NEW AIRCRAFT



**JIM MAKEE** is now the proud owner of a Piper Cherokee Six. He expects to use it to visit friends and family across the eastern US.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **FIRST FLY-OUT** to **Carroll County Airport** for Breakfast **5/17**

We are starting our fly-out schedule as usual, with breakfast at Carroll County.

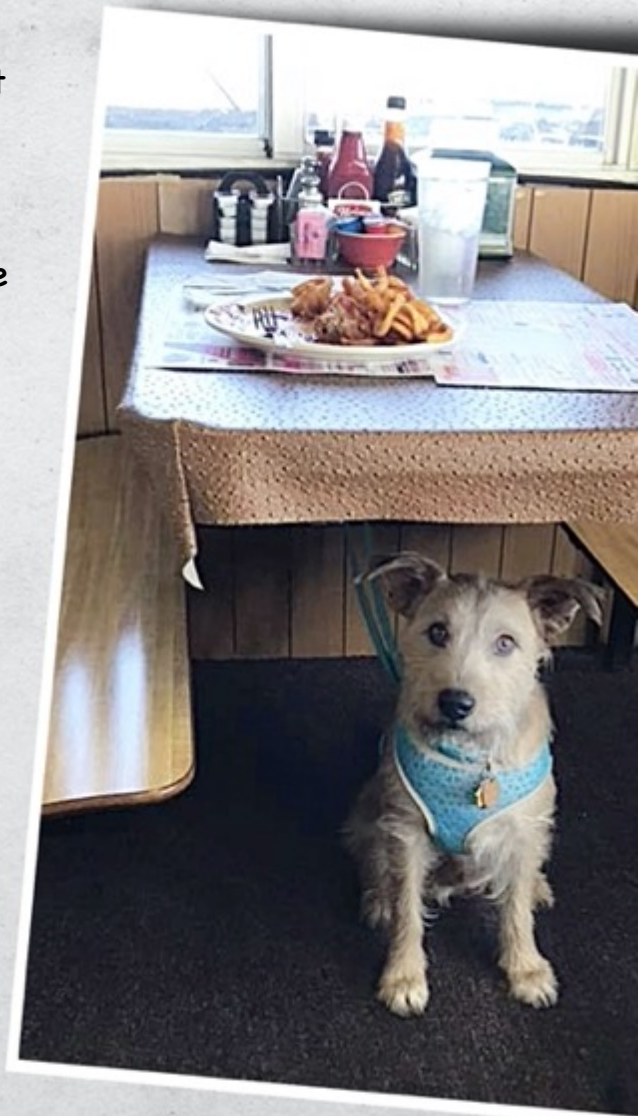
Most folks know it, but if you don't the Carroll County Airport (**KTSO**) has a restaurant right on the field. It's a nice short distance to fly for most, and manageable for a slower aircraft too! Choose one of their great aviation themed breakfasts, or a piece of their famous pie!

Join us **Saturday May 17th** for EAA5's fly out to Carroll County Airport for their famous breakfasts! (weather permitting)

The plan is to **ARRIVE** at **8:30am**, so that we can all get in and out before the potential lumps and bumps of a turbulent day, so plan the flight time for your aircraft accordingly.

The Chapter 5 Flyout Committee is using **WhatsApp** for group text communication to share updates on planned and last-minute flyout events. To join, install **WhatsApp** on your mobile phone, then send a **What's App** text to **John Yochum** (440-715-5662) with your associated phone number to be added to the group.

We will use **WhatsApp** to connect pilots and riders.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MAY GATHERING

We will hold our May gathering this coming **Monday, May 19.**

We'll start this evening with dinner beginning at **6pm.**

The usual summer menu will include burgers and brats from the grill.

EAA 5 will provide the meat.

Please bring something to go with if you can. We'll need salad, sides, chips, and desserts.

At **7pm, Marty Mullet** from the Chagrin Valley astronomical Society will present:

### NAVIGATING THE NIGHT SKY

We will use the big dipper to find the brightest stars in the night sky and, along the way, learn a few things about the constellations.

Those who participated in our previous **Flying Start Events**, and their Mentor Pilots, have been invited to attend this Chapter Gathering.

We're planning a little reunion to hear what may have transpired since last we met.

*Pointers*

Dubhe Merak

*Big Dipper*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## IMC VMC CLUB

Our May IMC/VMC Club meeting happens

Thursday, May 22nd – 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 aviation stories.

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

Our topic for this meeting is:

Special Use Airspace: MOA's (Hot or not?),

Restricted/Prohibited/TFRs/Advisory, the DC SFRA

The discussion of **Special Use Airspace** will feature the "Niagara Falls Flight Restriction Area."

This is in preparation for our May 28th Buffalo fly-out to fly the Niagara Falls area.





# LOGBOOK

## BRIAN SZUTER

On March 10, 2014 I drove my tractor down the drive to collect my Vans Aircraft empennage kit for the RV-14 that I intended to build. In the years that followed I made that trip down the drive a good number of times to bring the rest of the kits up to my workshop. As the years went by, let me tell you, the estimates of the time to build the kit can be wildly optimistic for us regular folks, I tapped into the amazing community that is EAA 5 and with help and advice, lots of advice, from a number of very patient good friends/members over the years I completed my project and obtained the airworthiness certification for my RV-14 in November of 2024.



# LOGBOOK

The first flight finally followed on April 22, 2025, a breezy lumpy day with a ground crew consisting of my wife **Cathy**, **Tim Connor** and **Mark Atwood**. What a feeling of accomplishment, sitting up there looking down at the airport in something you built and then the slow realization, probably like on your first solo, of "oh boy, now I have to land it!"

No parts fell off, the airplane is still usable after landing and I still haven't been able to wipe the grin off of my face!

My sense of gratitude to my friends who helped me accomplish this is at times overwhelming but their only comment has been "just pay it forward". I will.





# RECENT EVENTS

## DINNER, DRAWING AND DERBY EVENT

To celebrate the conclusion of our Paris AirShow Raffle we held a Dinner, Drawing & Derby Event in the Hangar on May 3rd. The chapter provided French Dip sandwiches and attendees brought side dishes that fit the French theme of the Kentucky Derby. Thanks to the creative chefs who made this an authentic event!

A Chinese auction contributed to the excitement of the evening. The winners are:

**Two weekly wristbands to OSH AirVenture** - Anita Kazarian

**Popcorn machine and supplies** - Lin Deister

**EAA 5 membership 2026** - Lily Hartman

**\$30 worth of Aviation fuel** - Tim Oberdoerster

and **Kentucky Derby** betting winners:

**Win** - Marcy Bucci, Curtis Cook, Anita Kazarian, Beverly Dahms, Laura & Austin Carosello.

**Place** - John & Austin Rayle, Brian & Cathy Szuter.

**Show** - Tim & Karla Oberdoerster, Bill Tenney, Bruce & Lin Deister.





# RECENT EVENTS

## DINNER, DRAWING AND DERBY EVENT

Merci Beaucoup to Sherry Niederkorn, host and organizer thanks Patty & Dave Fulop, Marcy Bucci, Curtis Cook, Tim Niederkorn, and all the volunteers who made this event a night to remember!





# RECENT EVENTS

## APRIL GATHERING



Fox8 meteorologist **Alexis Walters** joined us via Zoom to discuss all things wind including considerations for take off, navigation, and landing – Where it comes from, where it goes to, how it is forecast, seasonal variations, and reading isobar charts.

## IMCVMC CLUB

At last month's meeting **Tim Niederkorn** and **Chris Mars** shared their personal testimonies with chapter members as they discussed "what would you do" if you were in the same situation.



# TAKENOTE



## Paris Air Show Raffle

Just in case you hadn't heard . . .  
The air show raffle was won by  
**Todd Rader's** friend **Sunil Shamlal**.  
We will have extensive coverage in  
next month's newsletter.

## Love is in the Air

Celebration of Marriage  
Curtis and Marcy



June 13, 2025  
4 – 10 p.m.  
Open House Cookout  
Swine Creek Reservation Lodge  
16004 Hayes Rd., Middlefield, OH

Food and drinks are provided



## Celebrate - Dance to the music!

Two of our chapter members  
will soon be a "flight of two."  
Congratulations to

**Marcy Bucci** and **Curtis Cook!**

Chapter members are invited  
to a small celebration . . .

**IMPORTANT: No gifts allowed!**



# 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.

**Ray Aviation Scholarship Applications are due Friday, May 26th.**

Turn in the application even if you haven't taken the FAA Written Exam yet.

Indicate on the application the scheduled date of your test.

Applications should be emailed in a clear, clean scanned PDF.

No photos please.

## SUMMER YOUTH AVIATION CAMP 2025

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. We need both pilots and non-pilots.

All are welcome. You will need to complete the Youth Training Protection Program available online at <https://www.eaa.org/eaatrain/youth-protection-training>.

Please check to see that your certificate is current.

The time for the next staff meeting has been changed to 1:00 pm on **Sunday, July 6th** 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 your intentions. This is a private event for the campers only.

All flights will be one-on-one.

# TAKE NOTE

## Mook's Bday

All are welcome at this event hosted by Rob Miller at Gustavus International Aerodrome - OH33.



## Build and Fly

The maiden flight of the recently completed LT-40 Kadet remote control airplane was weathered out, It is rescheduled for May 20. You are welcome to join us at Corsair Field in Ravenna at 5:00 pm 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 through the construction and first flight of their RC model.





# TAKENOTE

## **New Taxiway construction**

Geauga County Airport will get a new taxiway this summer. Great Lakes Construction Company will begin work on the new taxiway on or about June 2nd. Over the course of the summer, there will be two, 10-day closures of the runway while the taxiway is connected to the runway. They are currently scheduled for **August 1st through August 11th** and **August 26th through September 6th**. As with any construction project these dates are subject to revision. Any changes will be communicated as soon as available.

## **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

## **Pancake Breakfast / Fly-Ins**

Mark your calendars for our summer fly-ins.

**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.

**Wanted:** Photos of airplanes built by EAA5 Members.

Many EAA5 members are airplane builders. To show off these achievements we would like to display photos of every single plane an EAA5 member has built themselves, whether it was done at home or in the shop here at the airport. Please send the photo/s and your name/s, type of aircraft, N#, and year of completion. If you have it digitally, please email it to **Becky Wiegman** at [thedragonhorse@hotmail.com](mailto:thedragonhorse@hotmail.com) and if you only have a real photograph you can stop by the Burton Public Library and Becky will scan it there. If you don't have a picture at all, just email the information and we'll improvise. Pictures are needed ASAP! If you have any questions, please email **Becky** at [thedragonhorse@hotmail.com](mailto:thedragonhorse@hotmail.com)

**For Sale** Pietenpol Air Camper: 80 TTAF, A-65-8,

Hegy 72"x 32" wood prop, excellent construction, airframe and engine logbooks, complete construction drawings and POH.

Offered by EAA Chapter 50 at 88D, Huron, OH.

Contact **Ed Beer**, [elb511@hotmail.com](mailto:elb511@hotmail.com) or Call 419/610-3560.



# 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>

## MAY

Air Show Drawing 03-May  
**Dinner, Drawing, and Derby**  
Business Meeting 12-May  
Program Meeting 19-May  
**Celestial 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!**





# 2025 CALENDAR

## 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**

## OCTOBER

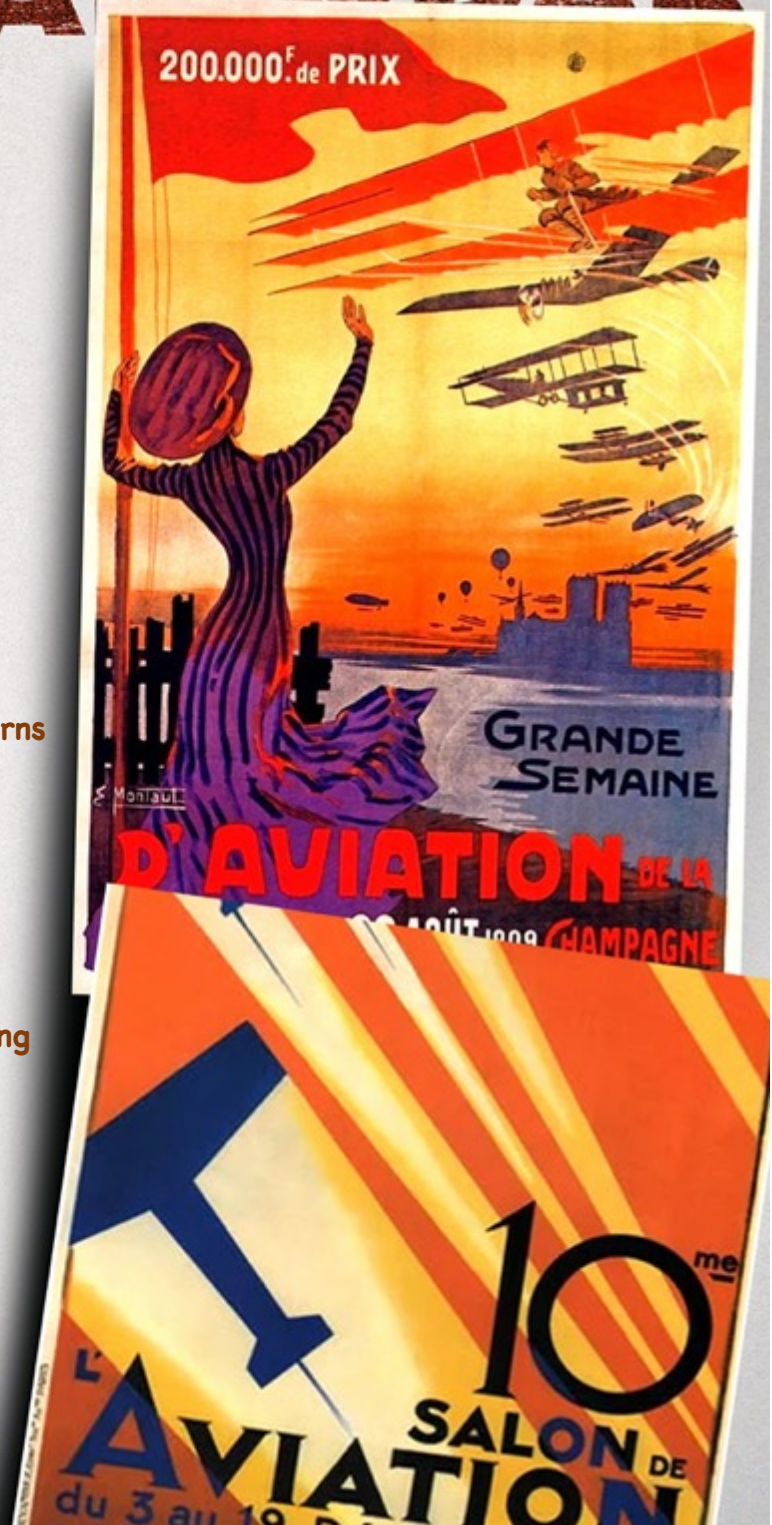
Clambake 05-Oct  
Business Meeting 13-Oct  
Program Meeting 20-Oct  
**Wings-Creating your personal SMS**  
VMC/IMC Meeting 23-Oct  
**Collision Avoidance and Tight patterns**

## 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"***

**BRIAN SZUTER SOLOS HIS FINISHED RV12**

Photos: Tim Connor

