



CHAPTER 613

Franklin County State Airport (KFSO)
Swanton, Vermont

December 2024

Message from the Chapter President by John Fitzgerald

Greetings all!

Another holiday season and we have so much to be thankful for. It's so nice to see the Airport back up and running like it should.

On another note, what a great time at our first pancake breakfast of the season. It was wonderful to see so many folks come together to enjoy the great food and fun.

I am looking forward to next Sunday's Holiday Breakfast. I hope you can join us.

I want to thank our Officers, Directors, Committee Members, and Volunteers for a great year! Safe travels this Holiday Season.

Shirley and I would like to wish all of our Chapter members, families and friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

John FitzGerald



Holiday Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, December 15th!

Please join us for our Annual Chapter 613 Holiday Pancake Breakfast.

Where: EAA Chapter 613 Aviation Center, Franklin County State Airport (KFSO)

When: Sunday, December 15th, 9:00—11:00 AM

Who: Chapter 613 members and guests are warmly invited to join us

What: Pancakes (with or without blueberries), sausage, bacon, maple syrup, scrambled eggs, coffee, orange juice.

Prices: Breakfast: \$8.00,

Breakfast with Three 50/50 Raffle Tickets: \$10.00.

Raffle Tickets only: \$1.00 each or Six for \$5.00.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!



Yum, Pancakes!!!!



Jeez, we almost missed it



First Chapter Pancake Breakfast of the Season

By Marge Butterfield

The kickoff for our chapter pancake breakfast season was off to a good start. The November 24th breakfast had a record turnout. We were fortunate to have Shirley Fitzgerald cooking the scrambled eggs, with the help of her granddaughter, Caitlyn. Dave Witkowski and Disa Tatro cooked up the sausages and made the pancakes. Marge Butterfield cooked up bacon at home and brought that and some cranberry bread. The cooks were busy every minute. It was Disa Tatro's first time serving as a cook and she had a great time. Youth scholar, Aubrianna Mayette, stepped right up to wash and dry the dishes. Special thanks to Shirley Fitzgerald who is the one who always seems to stay to help out with the cleanup after the pancake breakfasts. It is so appreciated. As always, many thanks to all our volunteers who make the pancake breakfasts such a success.

The next pancake breakfast will be held on December 15th. The cooks who volunteered are Disa Tatro, (Disa had so much fun that she volunteered to help cook again in December!), Steve Grimsley and Maria Grimsley. Abrianna Mayette also volunteered to help out where needed.

Following the breakfast, President, John Fitzgerald, held a short meeting. The highlights are as follows:

- John welcomed new members and guests to our chapter gathering
- Thanks were extended to all the volunteers and cooks
- There will not be chapter elections this year. The next elections will be held in November 2025
- John spoke about Don and Earl Taylor and the family's generosity. Thanks to proceeds from the Taylor estates, the chapter was able to buy a new stove and vent hood for the kitchen. We also discussed a fund for the future of Young Eagles and Youth Aviation
- Annual chapter dues for 2025 are due and members were asked to please pay dues to treasurer, Bethany Fronhofer. Please contact Bethany (bfronhofer@gmail.com) if you have any questions on how to pay your dues.
- We are cleaning up the Chapter Membership Roster and want to get name tags for everyone in 2025
- In January, VMC/IMC meetings will be starting up again. Youth scholars are welcome and encouraged to attend
- Officers, present and not present, were recognized.
- Cliff Coy spoke about the new appointment of Vermont Aviation Positions and the reorganization that will become effective in December
- 50/50 Raffle. David Witkowski was the lucky winner, who donated his half (\$39.00) back to the Chapter
- After the general meeting, there was a Board of Directors meeting upstairs. Officers directors and committee members were presented with a draft of the proposed Youth Aviation Policy. The policy was discussed and members offered their comments.

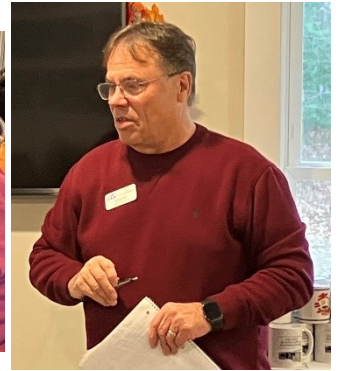
Minutes of the November 21 & 24 Chapter 613 Board Meetings

Minutes of these Chapter Board Meetings are posted on the Chapter 613 website and can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

[241121 EAA Chapter 613 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Members are encouraged to review these meeting minutes and contact any officer for more information. The decisions made by the Chapter Officers will be considered final after the next Board Meeting, unless a member requests that decisions be tabled at the meeting for further discussion by the entire membership.

Memories From Our November Pancake Breakfast!





Are You Thinking About Purchasing a New Headset?

EAA Chapter 613 Youth Aviator Program is honored to be an affiliate of Lightspeed Aviation. This means, with every Delta Zulu sold through our dedicated URL or QR code, EAA Chapter 613 will receive a donation of 10% of the headset value for our youth programming. Please share this far and wide and help our youth access opportunities to fly! (<https://tinyurl.com/EAA613Lightspeed>)

Scholarships Available

- AOPA FOUNDATION AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP High School Students: The AOPA Foundation has earmarked 80 scholarships of \$10,000 each for students ages 16-18 to earn their private pilot certificate. Additional criteria apply. <https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/learn-to-fly/aviation-scholarships>
- Sporty's Flight Training Scholarships: Apply for three \$2500 flight training scholarships annually (available with annual membership) <https://obap.org/outreach-programs/scholarships/>
- Capt. Sax scholarships, given in honor of Capt. John J. Sax, USMC: <https://capsaxfoundation.org/>
- Lyons Aviation Scholarship: <https://lyonsaviation.org/application/>
- Aerial Tribute Project: <https://aerialtributeproject.org/sky-scholars/>
- Organization for Black Aerospace Professionals Fall 2024 Scholarship Application is open! <https://obap.org/outreach-programs/scholarships/>
- Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation: <https://www.taisf.org/scholarship-information.html> Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation



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