



Hangar 13 News

Chattahoochee Valley EAA Chapter 677
Columbus, Georgia
since 1979

Calendar

VMC Club

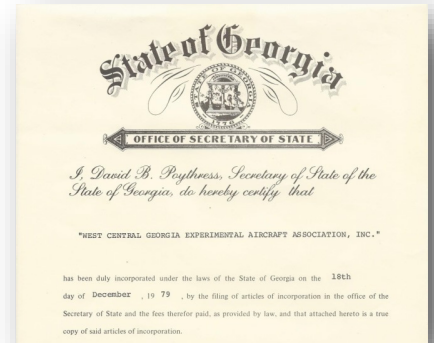
January 3
6:30– 8:00 pm
Hangar 13

Young Eagles Rally

January 28
8:30-11:30
Flightways Columbus

Forty-Three Years in the Chattahoochee Valley!

Our chapter was established as the West Central Georgia Experimental Aircraft Association December 18, 1979. Our EAA charter was approved on February 6, 1980. In 2012 we changed our name to the Chattahoochee Valley EAA Chapter 677



The Year in Review!

Those who serve

EAA Founder Paul Poberezny often said, “There would be no EAA without the dedication and leadership of our Chapter membership. Thank you to those who served in 2022: Mike Smith, Ernie Kelly, Charlie Sikes, Marty Flournoy, Bill Buck and Dan Busenbark in the administration of the chapter, our growing Young Eagles staff of Ken Sines, Ainsley Busenbark, John Hart, Aaron Lewark, Tom Morpeth, Brian Kornett, Rickey Lawrence, William Moon, Isaac Tillotson, Dennis Lanier, Bryce Kornett, Kevin Owsley, Kelly Sasser, Jesse Lange, Dorinda Morpeth, Piper Surber, Wyatt Surber, Alicia Green, Evelyn Willmon, Andy Cottle, Josh Owsley, Jake Owsley, Matthew Bourguignon, Chris Cook, Mac Molnar, Joe Surber, and Michael Henley.

Young Eagles



This year marks the 30th year of the Young Eagles program. The program was introduced at Oshkosh in 1992 and we’ve had chapter members fly Young Eagles in all but the first year. Fifty-eight chapter members have flown more than 6000 area youth since the inception of the program. After a challenging two years, we reinstated our monthly rallies and despite four weather cancelations, we managed to fly 229 area youth in 2022, 68 percent of them for their first GA flight.

Ray Scholars Jake Owsley, Ainsley Busenbark and Josh Owsley even flew some Young Eagles with their fresh pilot certificates. We had 36 members & friends volunteer in our Young Eagles program in 2022. Eight of our regular pilots achieved 10 for 2022.

Air Academy Scholarships



We awarded two scholarships to the Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI this year. Bryce Kornett attended the Young Eagles Camp in June and Ainsley Busenbark the Advanced

Air Academy in July.

Since 2012, we've awarded 14 full ride (tuition and airfare) scholarships totaling \$23248

Ray Scholarship Program



The EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship is a scholarship program that is funded by the Ray Foundation, managed by EAA, and administered through the EAA Chapter network. In the two years since the program was founded, our chapter has administered five scholarships and is currently working with our sixth scholar. We have the distinction of being the only EAA chapter that has five scholars completed and a sixth in progress.

Ainsley Busenbark completed her private pilot check-ride June 15, followed by John Barber on the 21st. Our 6th scholar, Ross Webster, is scheduled to complete his check ride on January 16.

Chapter Recognition



state of Georgia.

In 2019, EAA rolled out the 10-criteria Chapter Recognition Program as a way to recognize its most active and engaged chapters. In April we were notified that we had achieved GOLD level status for 2020-2021. Chapters are scored on 10 criteria consistently found in active and highly engaged chapters. Of the over 900 chapters in the EAA network, only 72 have been recognized with GOLD level status. Our chapter and EAA 690 in Lawrenceville were the only two chapters in the

Presentations



We've had a number of opportunities to promote aviation safety in the community, with seven WINGS credit presentations this year. We met with CSG Air Traffic Controllers and Wright Brothers Award recipient Fred Houston, DPE, CFII. Matthew Bourguignon stepped up to lead a reboot of our VMC/IMC Clubs and has delivered several well received presentations. In the coming year, we'll alternate between IMC and VMC events.



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Looking Ahead

EAA Leadership Training

The Chapter Leadership Academy is an interactive, two-day workshop held in Oshkosh, WI. The opportunity to immerse yourself in a wide range of chapter-related subjects, such as business fundamentals, recruitment, fundraising, public relations, EAA resources, programs, and more! Lodging, meals and training provided, all you need is to get yourself to Oshkosh. Upcoming dates: January 27-29 and April 21-23.

Young Eagles Double Credit

To encourage more flight activity and additional chapter rallies, EAA will be offering double Young Eagles credits (\$10 per flight) from January 1, 2023, to July 31, 2023. We use these credits to fund our Air Academy Scholarship Program and to purchase young eagle supplies.

New Young Eagles Registration Process

Due to the popularity of the Young Eagles program, repeat fliers fill up all the open slots as soon as registration is open. It's exciting that so many wish to fly, but leaves no room for new fliers. In an effort to make flights available for first time fliers, we've implemented a new Young Eagle scheduling process. First time fliers may register on Young Eagles Day the 1st –14th of each month. Repeat fliers may register on or after the 15th of each month. Repeat fliers should be encouraged to take advantage of the Sport's "Learn to Fly" course and other aviation related opportunities.

30 for 30 Campaign

Volunteer Young Eagles pilots who fly 30 youths between August 1, 2022, and July 31, 2023, will be awarded a commemorative polo shirt. Once pilots reach this milestone, EAA will contact pilots to request their shirt size.

IMC/VMC Clubs

EAA IMC/VMC Clubs are extensions to local EAA chapters and offer monthly meetings in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experience. The meetings use real-world scenarios to engage members, and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency. In the coming year we will alternate between IMC and VMC events monthly. Our first event on the new year, "*Starry Night*" will be on January 3 at 6:30 pm.

Chapter Calendar

Our chapter activities are now listed on the chapter website. Going forward, all events will be advertised on the website, on our Facebook page and in emails. We've averaged over 50 members each year for over a decade now, but attendance at chapter activities has averaged 14 members/guest in the past six years. Please support your chapter by taking advantage of the many offerings we host each year.