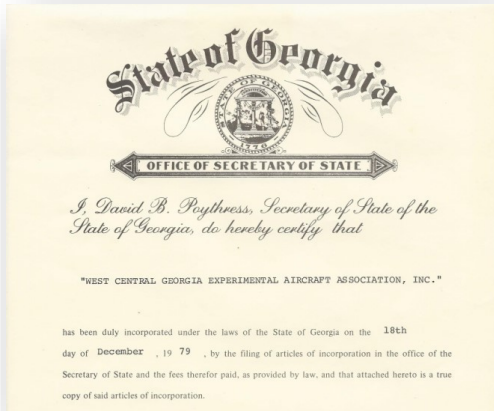




# Hangar 13 News

Chattahoochee Valley EAA Chapter 677  
Columbus, Georgia  
since 1979



## 45 Years in the Chattahoochee Valley!

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 2024: Gary Brossett, Brian Kornett, Ernie Kelly, Jerry Lewark and Jack Bartholet in the administration of the chapter. Thank you to our ever growing list of dedicated volunteers, Brennan Tull, Bryce Kornett, Jesse Lange, Ken Sines, Kelly Sasser, Lola Waldrep, Maverick Edwards, John Hart, Wesley Poole, Krishna Krottapalli, Kaleb King, Dorinda Morpeth, Greyson Young, Emma Tilonsky, Hudson Williams, April Edwards, Yamilet Tull, Teresa Lange, Glenn Edwards, Trent D'Amico, Tom Morpeth, Claudia Bourguignon, Evelyn Willmon, Jerry Lewark, Kellie Bouruignon, Chris Cook, Susan Kelly, Shawn Edwards, Michael Pavlik, Sungju Kim, Jackson Presley, Bill Buck, Matthew Bourguignon, Kevin Owsley, Mac Molnar, Jake Owsley, William Moon, Andy Cottle, Dan Busenbark, Michale Henley, Mike Smith, Will Buck, John Swanson, Renee Swanson, Keirn Gawthrop, Wendy Dixon, Madison Dixon, Patrick Gawthrop.

### Chapter Recognition



The Chapter Recognition Program was introduced in 2019, to recognize EAA's most active and engaged chapters. For the fourth consecutive year, our chapter was again recognized as a Gold Chapter with a score of 11 out of 11.

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The weather was challenging in 2024, but we managed to host six rallies, including two combination rally/pancake breakfasts. We've flown 177 young eagles, 108 of them for their first general aviation flight.

Five pilots achieved 10 for 2024: Bill Buck, Ernie Kelly, Matthew Bourguignon, Kevin Owsley and Jake Owsley.



Since the Ray Scholarship began in 2019, we've administered \$60046 in scholarships and had seven young eagles earn a private pilot certificate. Our current scholar, Lola Waldrep, has completed the written exam and has soloed.



Lily  
2019



Jake  
2020



Josh  
2021



Ainsley  
2021



John  
2022



Ross  
2022



Harry  
2023



Lola  
2024

Our Scholarship Coordinator, Kevin Owsley, has applied for funding in 2025, so we hope to be awarding another scholarship soon. Stay tuned for updates in January. Checkout [Our Ray Scholars](#) on our website



After completing a flight, our young eagles are given the opportunity to complete the Sporty's Learn to Fly course—Private Pilot Ground School. After the first three volumes they earn a flight lesson.

Bryce, Maverick, Brennan, Krishna, Wesley and Emma completed the training and earned a free flight lesson.



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## EAA Air Academy

We've awarded 21 Air Academy scholarships since 2012, totaling \$36,911. Due to the popularity of the program, we've leaned forward and already selected and registered our scholarship recipients for 2025, to ensure we have slots. Bryce, Brennan and Maverick will be attending camp next summer.

Here are a few photos of our 2024 scholars, Jesse, Wesley and Lola



See our [academy photo gallery](#) for additional images





## Pancake Breakfast

For the first time in our history, we were fortunate to be selected (by lottery) to host a chapter breakfast at Oshkosh. The shift started at 6 am and after a bit of prep work, we managed to serve 869 adult meals. Kids ate free, so we didn't have a good count on them.

Our net profit for the day was \$6130. What an experience!



## Chapter Camping

Another first for our chapter! We took advantage of the early stake-out by EAA staff and secured a spot 528 feet from the flightline entry point, one block south of the Red Barn store.

The benefits of chapter camping include a great location and early arrival up to nine days before AirVenture. Registration for 2025 is in March, so look for more information in the coming months.





## Looking Ahead!



Membership dues are not a fundraiser, so we've lowered the cost of membership for 2025. Annual dues will now be \$10 per person. You can submit cash, check or [pay online](#). Please note, there is a small fee to process the online transaction, so it comes to \$11.

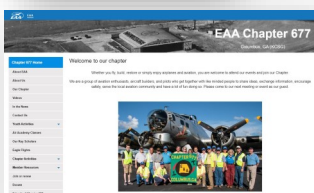
Your dues help pay for our Post OSH BBQ and annual Christmas dinner and awards presentation.



Our first two attempts at local pancake breakfasts were a success! They were well attended and plenty of volunteers turned out to help, so we've scheduled more. We'll attempt quarterly breakfasts in conjunction with our young eagles rallies February 22, May 31, August 23 and November 22, 2025. Our events will be posted on our [chapter calendar](#)



We've been utilizing Young Eagles Day to manage our events since the spring of 2019. We are now transitioning to the new Events Management System. We've been participating in the beta test and actually utilized the new system at our November rally. Once finalized, the new system will provide added capability, such as scheduling chapter events other than young eagles.



Our chapter website has new content! Our youth activities page is a great source of information for parents interested in Young Eagles and youth opportunities, so be sure to share with parents looking to encourage their kids. In the member resources area, you'll find our chapter calendar and the latest Chapter Video Magazine.

We can always use more information in Our Chapter section, so if you have some historical information about our chapter, please share.



We're trying something new in the new year. We will be hosting combined IMC/VMC events immediately after our young eagles rallies each quarter. We'll run through both scenarios and a light lunch/snacks will be provided. We've also changed the location to the FBO and scheduled for noon – 1:30 pm.



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