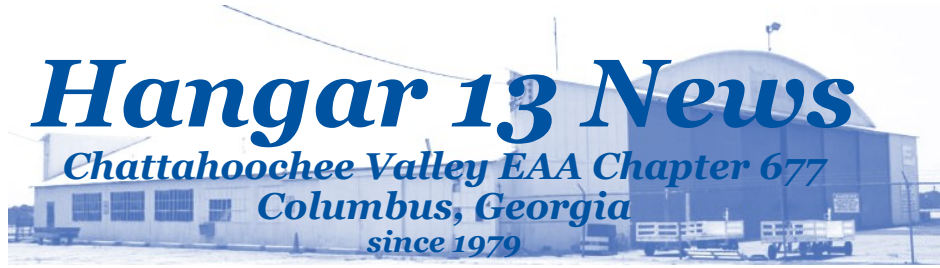




# Hangar 13 News

Chattahoochee Valley EAA Chapter 677  
Columbus, Georgia  
since 1979



## Calendar

### Young Eagles Rally

December 30, 2023  
8:30-11:30  
Flightways Columbus

### Thoughts from the Directors Desk

Join us for a Q&A session with  
CSG Airport Director Amber  
Clark, C.M  
Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
@ 6:30 pm  
Hangar 13 Conference Room

### Cadillac Confusion

IMC Club  
Monday, February 5, 2024  
@ 3:00 pm  
Flightways Columbus

### Tales from the Tower - Q and A with ATC 2024

Our annual Q&A session with ATC  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024  
@ 6:30 pm  
Hangar 13 Conference Room

## Forty-Four 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

### *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 2023:

#### Chapter Administration:

Brian Kornett, Ernie Kelly, Jerald Lewark, Jack Bartholet, Kevin Owsley, Dan Busenbark, Ken Sines, Michael Henley, Evelyn Willmon, Matthew Bourguignon and Mike Smith.

#### Young Eagles Program:

Ken Sines, Alicia Green, Kelly Sasser, Brian Kornett, Wesley Poole, Evelyn Willmon, Jesse Lange, Bryce Kornett, Lola Waldrep, John Hart, Breenan Tull, Krishna Krottapalli, Matthew Westenkirchner, Ainsley Busenbark, Eli Land, Dorinda Morpeth, Virginia Brooks, Harry Elliot, Rickey Lawrence, Julia Ssessanga, Gilbert Wheller, Ernie Kelly, Bill Buck, Mac Molnar, Matthew Bourguignon, John Barber, Kevin Owsley, Joe Surber, Thomas Morpeth, Jake Owsley, William Moon



Free aircraft rides  
for youths ages 8 – 17

## Chapter Recognition



For a third consecutive year, our chapter was again recognized as a Gold Chapter. Of the 25 EAA chapters in Georgia, only ours and EAA 690 in Lawrenceville achieved Gold status. For 2022 we scored 11 out of 11!

To recognize chapters that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to general aviation, EAA rolled out the Chapter Recognition Program. This recognition is based off ten criteria that have shown to correlate with active and engaged chapters.

Chapters receive one point when meeting each of the following criteria:

1. Attends a chapter leadership training session
2. Growing or steady membership
3. Offers IMC or VMC Club programs
4. Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs
5. Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor
6. Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey
7. Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, send a youth to the EAA's Air Academy, or fully completes a Ray Scholarship program
8. Requests an EAA *ChapterBlast* email
9. Hosts at least two public events each year
10. Owns/leases a facility

Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship (separate from Ray Scholars), a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc.

## Young Eagles



Each pilot who flies 10 or more Young Eagles during a calendar year will receive a custom lapel pin and will earn Young Eagles credits that can be used to help offset the cost of sending a young person to an EAA Air Academy session in Oshkosh or assist their local Young Eagles and youth outreach programs.

We have nine pilots that have achieved 10 for 2023 so far this year: Mac Molnar, Bill Buck, Thomas Morpeth, Joe Surber, Ernie Kelly, Matthew Bourguignon, Kevin Owsley, Dorinda Morpeth, Andy Cottle. We raised \$2470 in Young Eagle credits. Our last rally of the year is scheduled for December 30.



2022 marked 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.

Sixty-one chapter members have flown more than 6300 area youth since the inception of the program. EAA granted double Young Eagles credits for youth flown January through July of this year and provided special recognition for pilots flying 30 for 30, August 2022 through July 2023. Congratulations to Bill Buck, Mac Molnar, Ernie Kelly and Matthew Bourguignon for achieving this milestone.



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**Membership Coordinator**  
Dan Busenbark

**Young Eagles Coordinators**  
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& Evelyn Willmon

**Scholarship Coordinator**  
Kevin Owsley

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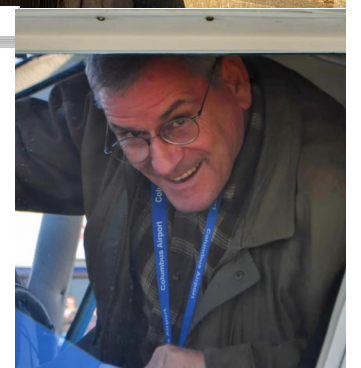
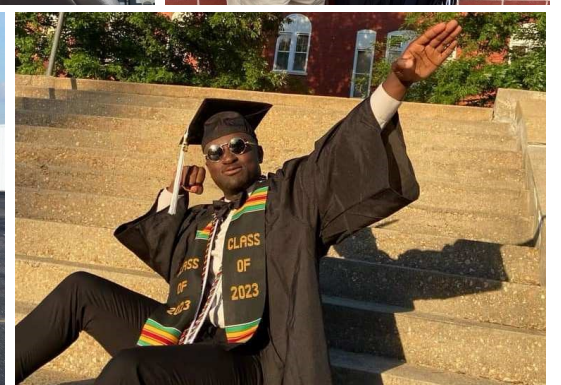






## Young Eagles Milestone – Mac Molnar Flies 500

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 BY EAA IN WHY WE FLY, YOUTH & YOUNG EAGLES.



TIME WELL SPENT





EAA VMC/IMC 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. Shoutout to Matthew Bourguignon for taking on the VMC/IMC Coordinator role.




















We'll kick off 2024 on February 5th, with a new time and day. IMC/VMC events will be hosted on the first Monday of every month at 3 pm in the Flightways Conference Room. FAA WINGS credits are available for every event.


### 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. Through the generous support of the Ray Foundation, EAA provides up to \$11,000 to deserving youths to help cover their flight training expenses, totaling \$1,800,000 in annual scholarship funding.

Since the beginning of the program in 2019, we've administered seven scholarships totaling \$57,000. Scholars Ross and Harry earned their Private Pilot Certificate in 2023. Kevin Owsley, our Scholarship Coordinator has applied for the 2024 round of scholarships. We should be notified late in January if we are selected to administer another scholarship.

						
Lily	Jake	Josh	Ainsley	John	Ross	Harry
						
20 Oct 2020	10 Jul 2020	2 Oct 2021	15 Jun 2022	21 Jun 2022	17 Apr 2023	24 Nov 2023
						
29 May 2021	30 Jan 2021	26 Feb 2022	7 Jul 2022	28 Jan 2023		





## EAA Air Academy

The EAA Air Academy is a fun filled aviation immersion camp experience for youth ages 12-18. We try to send two area youth each year. Since 1984, experienced instructors and dedicated staff have shared their knowledge and lore of aviation through hands-on workshops, classroom, and outdoor experiences.

We've selected three of our chapter youth to attend the 2024 Basic and Advanced camps

Since 2012, we've awarded 18 scholarships, totaling over \$31,500



<b>Jerad</b> 2012 Basic	<b>Frank</b> 2013 Basic	<b>Christian</b> 2013 Basic	<b>Kennedy</b> 2014 Advanced	<b>Rachel</b> 2013 Advanced Sport Air	<b>Jerad</b> 2016 Advanced	<b>Erik</b> 2016 Advanced	<b>Emilie</b> 2017 Advanced	<b>Erik</b> 2017 Advanced
<b>Darian</b> 2018 Advanced	<b>Kenny</b> 2019 YE Camp	<b>Ivey</b> 2019 Advanced	<b>Bryce</b> 2022 YE Camp	<b>Ainsley</b> 2022 Advanced	<b>Hudson</b> 2023 Advanced	<b>Jesse</b> 2024 Basic	<b>Lola</b> 2024 Advanced	<b>Wesley</b> 2024 Advanced





## Chapters™ Leadership Training

Become a better  
chapter leader



Now is your chance to attend a very special EAA Chapter Leadership Academy, an interactive, two-day workshop held in Oshkosh, WI that focuses on topics important to you as chapter leaders.

Here, you'll have 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! The academy provides an excellent opportunity to network with other chapter leaders as well as interact with EAA staff through interactive workshops and conferences.

### Upcoming Chapter Leadership Academies

**January 27-28, 2024**

**April 20-21, 2024**

**October 24-25, 2024**

EAA's Chapter Leadership Boot Camps are one-day courses focused on making you a better chapter leader so that you can have a better chapter. These interactive sessions are focused on topics important to you as chapter leaders. The boot camp also provides an excellent opportunity to network with other chapter leaders as well as interact with EAA Chapters office staff.

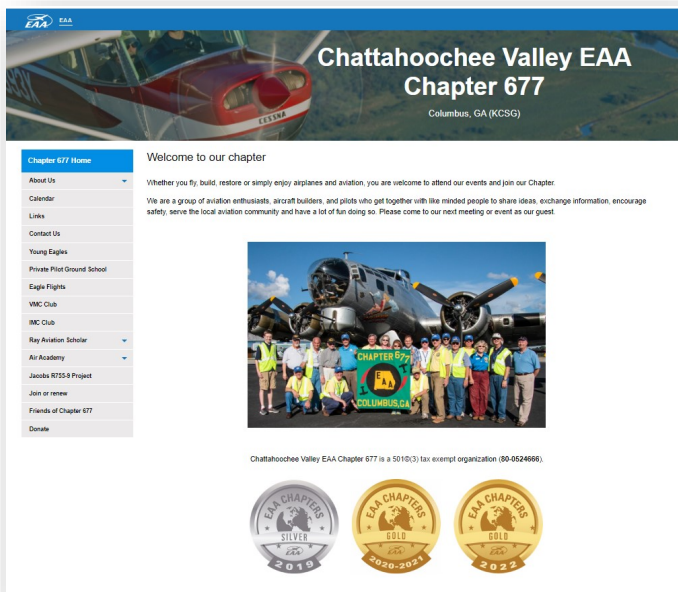
### Upcoming Boot Camps

**January 13, 2024**

West Georgia Regional Airport (KCTJ) - Carrollton, Georgia  
Hosted by EAA Chapter 976

**February 24, 2024**

Mid-Carolina Regional Airport (KRUQ) - Salisbury, North Carolina  
Hosted by EAA Chapter 1083



If you haven't stopped by our chapter website, please do. We've added new content, including:

[Chapter History](#) , [In the News](#) , [Links](#) , [Calendar](#)

You can even [pay your 2024 dues online](#)

