

Volume 26-02 EAA Chapter 846 Newsletter - Wadsworth, Ohio February 2025

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Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month

@ 7:00 PM

www.chapters.eaa.org/eaa846

Why did the students study in the airplane?

Please join us for our upcoming EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering on:

Date- Thursday, February 13, 2025
Location- Skypark Airport, Chapter hangar, M-1

Social time starts at 6:30 pm, regular gathering will start at 7 p.m.

February Gathering Agenda:

- Project Updates & Upcoming Events
- Meet the Chapter Explore Aviation Camp
 Applicants
- Safety Topic
 — Preflight Weather Products,
 Charlie Gibbons
- Program NASA X-59 Project, Ray Castner

VÆLENTINE, YOU'RE JUST PLÆNE ÆWESOME!



Visitors

Since the holiday party was our monthly Gathering, we have no visitors to report!



Voting is Open for the Explore Aviation Camp Scholarships!

Chapter 846 is offering two full scholarships to attend the EAA Explore Aviation Camp in Oshkosh, WI, in July, 2025, to deserving area youth who have an interest in aviation.



The EAA Explore Aviation Camp is a fun-filled nine-day aviation camp experience for youth ages 16-18.

Three chapter members have applied for the two (2) scholarships:

Fiona Burke Amy Tytko Xavier Wilson

NOTE– Members attending the February Gathering can meet the candidates and cast their vote at that time. Current members should have received an email dated February 2 with corresponding links to each applicant's paperwork, as well as the voting link.

Those who are not members, may join the Chapter at the February Gathering then cast their vote.

Voting is available to all current Chapter 846 members, which means that your 2025 chapter dues have been paid. See the dues article, next column about various methods of dues payments.

The deadline for voting is 11:59 p.m., February 15, 2025.

Dues are now Due for 2025

2025 dues are now due. Chapter dues are separate from the EAA National dues, and cheaper!

Chapter membership runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. There are still a few members who have not paid their 2024 Chapter dues, so those can be paid at the same time. Dues to EAA National are due on the anniversary of first joining EAA.



Please complete the Membership Form and bring that and your \$25 with you to the February Gathering. Checks should be made payable to EAA Chapter 846. Another method of payment is using PayPal thru the chapter website:

PayPal

Zeffy is a new on-line process for chapter members to use for dues payment. It is an on-line payment service for non-profit organizations and works similarly to PayPal. The difference with Zeffy compared to PayPal is that Zeffy assesses no fees to the Chapter. When PayPal is used, the chapter is charged \$0.99, or 2.9% plus \$0.30 per \$25 dues transaction. Recurring annual payments can also be set up, if you desire.

<u>Zeffy</u>

Please note: Zeffy is specifically designed to be used by non-profit organizations and receives its income from the payer with a 'suggested' donation at the end of the transaction. The percentage is not set by Chapter 846 and can be changed by the payer before finalizing the transaction.

Thank you for your membership in Chapter 846!

February VMC Club Meeting

By Gary Baker

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m., in the meeting room at Skypark Airport.

The subject of the February meeting will be a discussion of required operable instrumentation for flight, as well as the current GAJSC topic and some ForeFlight information.

Each month EAA sends out a Question of the Month for a short discussion. This month's question is:

You're planning a VFR cross-country flight in your 1977 Cessna Cardinal RG, which does not have a Minimum Equipment List (MEL). As you're taxiing out for departure, you notice that the turn coordinator is inoperative (red flag showing). Can you legally fly the airplane on this flight with the turn coordinator inoperative?



These meetings are eligible for FAA Wings credit. You can either register for the meeting after receiving an email from FAASafety.gov or add your name and email to a list available during the meeting. If you do not have an account at FAASafety.gov,

you may create one and sign up for email alerts for meetings and webinars.

More information about VMC Clubs can be found at https://www.eaa.org/eaa/pilots/eaa-pilot-proficiency/proficiency-and-education-programs/vmc-club. All aviation enthusiasts are invited to join us.

We hope to see you there.

Young Eagles Events in 2025

We are planning to fly Young Eagles at three events throughout the year. The chapter tally for Young Eagles flown is 3,773 since 1993! We are getting close to the 4,000 mark, only 237 more to be flown. We might be able to reach this in 2025!



The first will be at a new venue, Burke Lakefront Airport (KBKL). We are coordinating with the Cleveland Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, who will be spreading the word about our program. This will be held Saturday, May 10, with the following Saturday, May 17, as the rain date. We are working with the Burke Operations as to the mechanics of where and how we will be able to fly the kids.

Our next event will be at Medina Airport, Saturday, June 7. It will be run as the 2024 event where we flew 63 kids. We will finish the year at Wayne County Airport, Saturday, August 23.

Young Eagles pilots are always welcome to fly kids on your own. Paperwork is available in the Chapter hangar or see **Gary Baker**, YE Coordinator, to have your flight set up online.

Chapter 846 is Forty!

2025 is the fortieth anniversary of our chapter founding. Chapter 846 was certified by EAA National on July 10, 1985. Does anyone have any ideas for celebrating this occasion? Would someone like to take charge of a celebration??? **Thank you!!**



Planned Giving

The chapter is creating an aviation training scholarship in the name of Chapter Founder **Fred Coblentz**. The goal of the Coblentz Aviation Scholarship will be to allow an individual to obtain certification in the aviation industry. Funding of this scholarship will be through donations and other specified income sources.

Even though details of the scholarship still have to be finalized, donations are being accepted. Chapter 846 is recognized by the IRS as a non-profit organization, also known as a 501(c)3. Because of this status, donations can be made to the chapter. Check with your tax advisor to see if this donation could be tax-deductible. Our EIN number is 46-5617309.

Checks, made payable to EAA Chapter 846, can be sent to the Chapter treasurer, Gary Baker, 770 Victoria Circle, Medina, OH 44256 or **Zeffy** or **PayPal**.





Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Ray Scholarship Update

By Mike Guenthner, Ray Scholarship Coordinator



We continue to accept applications for our 2025 Ray Aviation flight training

scholarship. The application window will close on February 28th and our scholarship winner will be chosen once again by popular vote amongst our membership after the March Chapter meeting with the winner of the scholarship to be announced on Sunday, March 16th. We expect to formally be awarded the scholarship from

Ray Scholarship Application Form

EAA towards the end of this month and once again our Chapter has been selected to participate in the trial flight simulator program for our scholar to use before he or she begins their flight training this spring.

Please contact Ray Scholarship Coordinator Mike Guenthner <u>mjguenthner@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions about this year's Ray Scholarship.

Tool Room Volunteers Needed

We are getting close to getting our tool room organized

once and for all! The next step is to place and organize our tools in the available space we created within our addition.

Therefore we are having a work party to do this on March 1st at 9:00 AM. Please come and help us finish this project. It will benefit all our members!

Plus I hear refreshments will be served!

2024 MVP Award Goes to Gary Baker

Steeve Greer presented **Gary Baker** with the Chapter 846 Most Valuable Person Award (MVP) during the holiday party.

CONTRATULATIONS GARY BAKER!

Another Great Holiday Party—with a Mystery Ending!

January 11th saw approximately 50 members attended our 2024 Holiday Party Gathering located at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Wadsworth Ohio. A **BIG SHOUT OUT** goes to **Katie & Paul Hancheck, and Nikki Oehlers** who graciously volunteered to spearhead this event.

Food for the evening was a delicious sliced ham (purchased by the Chapter) and scrumptious sides and desserts which attendees brought to share.

Dave Manning delighted us all by hosting a game for six volunteers that had them try to grab candy canes out of the cans with a hook that was tied behind their back!



The white elephant exchange went off without a hitch plus we even had a pair of dice to use this time!



Everyone came away with some fine and useful items to take home that evening. Luckily for everyone in attendance, Caitlyn Oehlers grabbed the coveted bowing pin prize. Then someone out of the blue, who to this day remains nameless, offered her \$5 for it and told her not to tell anyone!

Wonder what we're in for...

(More photos next page)

More Photos from the Holiday Party:



RING MASTER, Dave Gerdeman!







EAA CHAPTER 846 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025

The January Board of Directors meeting was called to order by chapter President Chris Oehlers at 7:05pm.

Officers Present:

Chris Oehlers Abby Donofrio Gary Baker Kevin Fink

Board of Directors Members Present:

Brian Burke Karl Aber Ron Lutz Paul Lutz David Gerdeman

Paul Hancheck

Greg Cantrell

Cliff Daugherty gifted the chapter a propeller protractor. It will be added to the chapter tool crib. Thank you, Cliff!

Fly and Build Program

Greg Cantrell updated the board on the happenings and plans of the build and fly program. 5 kids are currently signed up to build the group RC airplane. They are looking to start building on Sunday nights from 6-8pm in the February/March timeframe. Dates will be picked as we get closer. It should take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete the kit build.

Safety Topics for 2025

President Chris Oehlers asked for suggestions for safety topics for 2025. The group will send suggestions and a list will be compiled. Presentation volunteers will be requested at the next chapter gathering.

Holiday Party

The Chapter 846 annual Holiday party will take place on January 11, 2025 from 5-9PM at the Wadsworth Knights of Columbus hall. This party will be like previous parties with a small meeting portion to start followed by food and friendship. It will take the place of the January monthly gathering. Setup volunteers will meet at the chapter hangar at 11AM and will depart for the hall shortly after.

Treasurer's Report

Chapter Treasurer Gary Baker gave an update that there will be a link to the 2024 financial statement in the January edition of the Wingnuts newsletter.

2025 Events

The following event dates have been confirmed for 2025:

June 7th – Young Eagles Day #1 – 1G5 Medina Municipal Airport August 23rd – Young Eagles Day #2 – KBJJ Wayne County Airport September 13th – Chapter 846 Pancake Breakfast – KBJJ Wayne County Airport

Date TBD - Swank Field chapter campout

There is discussion about hosting the North Coast Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen for a Young Eagles Day at KBKL sometime this summer. More information and dates to follow.

EAA Explore Aviation Air Academy Camp Scholarship

As a reminder, the deadline to apply for the 2025 EAA Explore Aviation Air Academy Camp Scholarship is January 31st. Candidates will be interviewed and selected at the February chapter gathering. As a reminder, each member's (dues) must be up to date for 2025 in order for each members vote to be accepted.

"On Deck"

February Monthly Program – TBD
February Monthly Safety Topic – Preflight WX products
– Charlie Gibbons

A motion to adjourn the January Board of Directors meeting was made by Gary Baker at 8:33pm and was seconded by Greg Cantrell. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Submitted by, Kevin Fink, Secretary – EAA Chapter 846



EAA CHAPTER 846 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2025

The February Board of Directors meeting was called to order by chapter President Chris Oehlers at 7:00pm.

Officers Present:

Chris Oehlers Abby Donofrio Kevin Fink

Board of Directors Members Present:

Brian Burke Karl Aber Ron Lutz

Paul Lutz

David Gerdeman

Paul Hancheck

Randy Brooks

Roy Maneely was nice enough to donate a Lycoming engine case splitter to the chapter tool crib. Discussion followed about further securing the tool crib room and cabinet. A cleanout date will be scheduled in the near future.

Treasurer's Report

Via email, Chapter Treasurer Gary Baker updated the BOD that VP Abby Donofrio has been added to the chapter financial accounts. Gary also gave updates on the status of the different financial accounts.

2025 Young Eagle Events

May 10 has been confirmed with the North Coast Tuskegee Airmen Chapter in Cleveland to host a Young Eagles Day at Burke Lakefront Airport KBKL. We are in the process of working to get landing and ramp fees waived for chapter pilots flying this event. At this time, approximately 50 kids are expected.

EAA Explore Aviation Air Academy Camp Scholarship

We have 3 applicants for the 2025 EAA Explore Aviation Air Academy Camps scholarship. Online voting is currently open. Voting closes February 15. Candidates will be interviewed and voted on at the February chapter gathering. As a reminder, your chapter membership (dues) must be up to date for 2025 in order for your vote to be accepted.

2025 Ray Aviation Scholarship

We currently have 5 applicants for the 2025 Ray Aviation scholarship so far. Candidate interviews will take place at the March gathering. Voting will take place online and at the March Gathering. The deadline for applications is February 28th. As a reminder, the March Gathering will take place in the Skypark meeting room.

2025 Events

The following event dates have been confirmed for 2025:

May 10th – Young Eagles Day with CLE Tuskegee
Airmen – KBKL Burke Lakefront Airport
June 7th – Young Eagles Day #1 – 1G5 Medina
Municipal Airport
August 23rd – Young Eagles Day #2 – KBJJ Wayne
County Airport
September 13th – Chapter 846 Pancake Breakfast –
KBJJ Wayne County Airport
Date TBD – Swank Field chapter campout

"On Deck"

February Monthly Program – Nasa X59 – Ray Castner February Monthly Safety Topic – Preflight WX products – Charlie Gibbons

A motion to adjourn the February Board of Directors meeting was made by David Gerdeman at 8:10pm and was seconded by Karl Aber. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Submitted by, Kevin Fink, Secretary – EAA Chapter 846



Paul: "I thought you charged the iPad."
Paulie: "No, I thought You did!"
Where the heck are we???

On Deck!

- FEBRUARY Safety Topic—Preflight Weather Products, Charlie Gibbons
- FEBRUARY Program NASA X-59 Project, Ray Castner

EAA Ohio Regional (ORCN), February

Tidbit

2025 Photos taken during outings, fly-ins, and other interesting chapter events can be deposited in this link for all members to see:

846 2025 Photo Deposit









EAA Chapter 846—Upcoming Calendar of Events & Known Fly-Outs

Thursday, February 13, 2025	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering	Monthly chapter Gathering will be at the Chapter Hangar, M1	7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 25, 2025	EAA Chapter 846 VMC Club	Meeting will be In the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	EAA Chapter 846 Board Meeting	Chapter Hangar	7:00 PM
Thursday, March 13, 2025	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering	Monthly chapter Gathering will be at the Chapter Hangar, M1	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 1, 2025	EAA Chapter 846 VMC Club	Meeting will be In the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 2, 2025	EAA Chapter 846 Board Meeting	Chapter Hangar	7:00 PM

^{**}NOTE- Chapter Board Meetings are subject to change. Please check <u>Chapter 846 Calendar</u> for last minute changes.

THE BUILDING CONTINUES...

	Builder	Aircraft	Published Builders Log
1	Mike Baker	Sonex	
2	Steve Bauman	Zenith CH 750 Cruzer	
3	Justin Botts	Sling TSI	
4	Jeremy Cowgar	Bearhawk LSA	Builders Log
5	Bob Eiben	Zenith 701	
6	Mike Guenthner	RV-8	<u>Builders Log</u>
7	Paul Hancheck	Steen Aero Skybolt	Builders Log
8	Dale Holmes	RV-7	
9	Dale Housley	Volmer VJ-22	
10	Paul/Ron Lutz	Rans S-20	Builders Log
11	Dave Manning	Rans S-21	
12	Bob Parmalee	RV-12	
13	Joe Stefanini	SubSonex JSX-2	
14	Matt/Josh Tomsheck	Just Highlander	
15	Rob Trout	RV-14	
16	Jay Waddell	Murphy - Renegade Spirit	<u>Builders Log</u>
17	Joe Walker	RV-7	
18	Barry Wawrin	RV-14A	Builders Log
19	Fred Wellman	Zenith CH 750 Cruzer	Builders Log
20	Brad Wurst	Wittman Buttercup	
21	Jim Yurichak	Kolb Firefly	
22	Jeff Zink	RV-7	

Members' Projects on the Chapter 846 website!

Zenith Cruzer Build has Begun!

By Steve Bauman

My wife Karen and I traveled to Mexico, Missouri (633 miles each way) for their monthly Rudder Build Workshop on January 23 & 24. We arrived a day early so I was able to spend time taking many photos of the CH750 Cruzer model, the kit that I have purchased, along with their other airplanes.

On the 23rd, with my wife Karen's help, (and on her birthday!) we built the rudder all on that one day, not to mention both getting a ride in their Cruzer. Included was a tour of the very impressive factory, with lunch provided; they are all great people!

The following day, we backed the 12x20 U-Haul trailer that we had rented into their shop and watched as their expert carefully loaded up our complete kit.

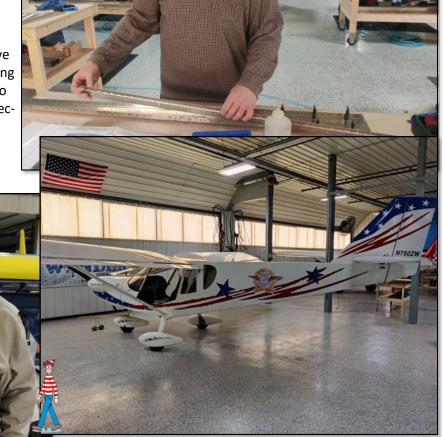


We arrived home late that evening, (another very long drive, again keeping our speed around 65 behind our Pacifica) where I promptly backed the trailer into our snow covered driveway, but I missed and got us hopeless-

ly stuck (but fortunately out of the road)!

The next day, my son borrowed our neighbor's skid steer and easily got our van moving, and backed the trailer into my 30x40 semi-insulated and heated pole barn shop. We got everything promptly unloaded and returned the trailer, a well spent \$226 (for 5 days, with some insurance).

Now I have better organized the parts and have started on the Stabilizer and Elevator. It is going well so far, even though I have already run into two poorly fitting parts, which Zenith will be rectifying. Thanks for the support that I have already received from several of our chapter members. (And yeah, I'll need a lot more!)



in their wing stand. I had to widen the wing stand in order to have room to work on both wings in the future. Next up is to fit the wing skins and start running some of the electrical and pneumatic lines inside the wing structure.

Mike Guenthner RV-8

Still plugging away with a little bit of progress this past month despite the extreme cold weather as of late. Both main wing sections are riveted and now rest



846 Marketplace:

NOTE- Regarding items posted for sale:

All items for sale will run for three (3) consecutive months then be removed unless I hear from you sooner. Please notify me if you sell the item prior to the next succeeding newsletter. Thanks-Karl

Since we don't need our wing and fuselage rotisseries anymore we would like to advertise them in the newsletter. Free to anyone who has a need for them and come pick them up.

Thanks,

Matt and Josh Tomsheck

eas170b@gmail.com (12/24)



Completed in 2000 RV6A built by John Furey & Leroy Shine:

 718 hours total time airframe & engine since factory new O-360 A1A 180HP



- · Sterba propeller
- empty weight 1090lbs.
- KX125 nav/com
- Garmin 150 GPS
- KT76A transponder
- Strikefinder
- Navaid auto pilot
- GEM engine monitor
- PS Engineering intercom
- based @ AKR

1 of 4 RV's built by John Furey, asking \$82k.

For information contact Eric Derhammer, 330-241-0993 eric.derhammer@yahoo.com (2/25)



Good Homes Wanted

I am happy to donate any and all of the items below to any good home.

Please contact Chris Shearer at 937-270-7441 or chris.shearer1999@aol.com if interested. (12/24)

Floor Jack



Senco Drywall Screw Gun, needs new battery (ies) which can be found online for around \$40



4ft
florescent
light fixture -- works, no
bulb



2ft florescent fixture with bulb, ground mark out stakes



Arc Welding helmet, small wire cutters, painting and paper hanging tools, gas welding wrench, hand held compass



Drywall sander



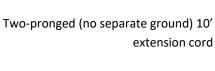
Shop Line Circular Saw

– Works (could use a
new blade)

Shop fan, complete with dust and dried paint, --- works



Toolbox, complete with Stinson Maroon Aero thane paint overspray





Bostitch staple gun staples





It is a great opportunity to win a trip and also to help out a Sister Chapter.

100% of the proceeds from this raffle will go to support the aviation outreach programs at EAA Chapter 5 including:

- Local and national summer camps for students
- RC model build and fly programs for young people
- Learn to fly programs for interested adults
- Safety programs for pilots
- Educational programs for aircraft builders



Click here to Download

Today's Date: _____



EAA CHAPTER 846 MEMBERSHIP FORM APPLICATION for YEAR

Gary Baker, Treasurer, 770 Victoria Circle, Medina, OH 44256.

Annual Dues: \$25.00 by February 1. Please complete and mail to:

New Member Dues Calculator

Jan	\$25	July	\$19
Feb	\$25	Aug	\$17
Mar	\$25	Sept	\$15
Apr	\$25	Oct*	\$25
May	\$23	Nov*	\$25
June	\$21	Dec*	\$25
*Ind Du	es for Nex	kt Year	

Checks should be made out to: EAA Chapter 846

New members' dues will be prorated after April 30th at \$2.00 per month. Dues are on a calendar basis (See schedule above).

Various Chapter 846 memberships are available: Regular Membership \$25.00 Lifetime Membership \$375.00

Family Membership \$30.00 Student Membership \$10.00

PLEASE CHECK: Renewal (Year Joined 846 ______) New Member

City:	State:Zip Code:
Preferred Phone:	Spouse's Name:
e-Mail Address:	(for receiving chapter newsletter)
AA National Member Number: _	Expiration Date:
You must be a current E	AA National Member to be a <u>voting</u> EAA Chapter 846 member.
Optional information:	
Project:	% completed:
Pilot Certificate and Ratings:	
Occupation:	
Employer:	
	or resources that you have and would be willing to share with other members

EAA Chapter 846 Wadsworth OH

Thank you for your membership in EAA Chapter 846!

Mail Membership Form and Dues to: 770 Victoria Circle, Medina, OH 44256