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Thursday of every month

@ 7:00 PM

www.chapters.eaa.org/ea846

www.flyskypark.com

Join us for our upcoming EAA Chapter 846
Holiday Party/Gathering.

**Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 5pm until 10pm
at:**

**The Knights of Columbus Hall
148 North Lyman Street
Wadsworth OH 44281**



If you have not already sent in your RSVP, [please do it HERE](#)

HAPPY

NEW YEAR



**What's the deal with airline
food?**

STILL TIME!

CHAPTER 846 Holiday Party/Monthly Gathering.

When– Saturday January 13, 2024

Place- The Knights of Columbus Hall
148 North Lyman Street
Wadsworth OH 44281



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To RSVP!](#)

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Ray Scholar Update

By Mike Guenther

We start out the new year with our current Ray Scholar, **Jack Pomfret**, closing in on his training requirements for his Private Pilot certificate. Jack was recently able to complete his first solo cross-country flight, a big step in any pilot's training journey! Jack is already studying for his practical test and hopes to be finishing up in the next few months if the weather will cooperate!

Going forward it was decided at our December Chapter meeting that we would once again apply for another full Ray Aviation flight training scholarship offered through EAA. The current expectation is for scholarships this year to again be worth up to \$11,000 towards a Private Pilot certificate. The application process will be completed this month and once again we should find out by late February or early March if we are to receive a new Ray Scholarship for this year. If so, we will again hold our selection process as we've done in the past.

As 2023 came to a close, **Abby Donofrio, Logan Cohara, Case McIntyre, Jack Pomfret** and I met up for a send off breakfast for Abby as she is now enrolled in an intensive flight training program in Florida to earn her advanced ratings and certificates. By this summer we should see Abby back in Ohio as a newly minted Commercial Multi-Engine Instrument rated pilot. We wish Abby good luck as she works on her goal of becoming a professional pilot!

January VMC Club Meeting

Many thanks to all who attended our November meeting! It was great to have twenty folks add their experience and insight to the discussions on preparations for winter flying. We will continue this discussion in January by talking about how we operate in cold weather.



The January meeting of the chapter's VMC Club will be held Tuesday, January 23, 7 p.m., in the meeting room at Skypark Airport.

These meetings are now 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 can create one now and sign up for email alerts of meetings and webinars.


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

Deadline Coming Up! Air Academy Camp Scholarship

Chapter 846 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is offering a full scholarship to attend the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI, in July 2024, to a deserving area youth who has an interest in aviation. The EAA Air Academy is a fun-filled nine-day aviation camp experience for youth ages 16-18.

The Scholarship covers the entire cost of the camp as charged by EAA, which includes room and board. The recipient of the scholarship will need to provide his/her own transportation to and from Oshkosh. More information about the Advanced Air Academy can be found at [HERE](#). The session 1 camp runs from July 16 thru 24, 2024.

Applications for the Chapter 846 Air Academy Camp Scholarship are being accepted from now until January 31, 2024. The form is included in this newsletter (pg. 4), as well as being available on the chapter website <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaas46/scholarships/air-academy-scholarship>



**Join us at The Knights of Columbus Hall in
Wadsworth OH for our
EAA Chapter 846 Christmas Party!**

Saturday January 13th, 2024 from 5pm until 10pm

Again, we will be having a White Elephant Gift Exchange! So wrap up that gift your Aunt gave you 10 years ago or that old oil cooler you have sitting in the hangar or anything else you have that you don't really use or need and wrap it up in some **Beautiful Christmas Paper!**

Main Meat Dish and Bottled Water will be provided by the Chapter.

Please fill out the form below and let us know what side dish or dessert you will bring as well as the friends and family who will be coming with you.

**The Knights of Columbus Hall
148 North Lyman Street
Wadsworth OH 44281**



**The K of C Hall will not sell alcohol at our party. If you would like a drink, you must BYOB.*



Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 846
Wadsworth, OH



2024 EAA Air Academy Scholarship Application

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The Scholarship will cover the entire cost of the camp as charged by EAA, which includes room and board. The recipient of the scholarship will need to provide his/her own transportation to and from Oshkosh. More information about the Advanced Air Academy can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/airacademyapp>. The session 1 camp runs from July 16 thru 24, 2024. **Do not apply on-line.**

Requirements:

- The applicant must be between the ages of 16 and 18 at time of the camp,
- The applicant must reside within a seventy-five-mile radius of Wadsworth Skypark Airport,
- The applicant must complete this application,
- The applicant may attend the February 8, 2024, Chapter meeting to speak to the members prior to vote,
- After the camp, the scholarship recipient must be willing to attend a meeting of Chapter 846 and give a presentation about his/her Air Academy experiences,
- **The applicant must provide two letters of reference from unrelated individuals,**
- **The applicant confirms that he/she will have transportation to and from Oshkosh, WI.**

Applicant's Information (Please Print):

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Primary Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Name of School Attending _____

Hobbies and Activities _____

Using a separate sheet, describe your thoughts on aviation and why you would like to attend the EAA Air Academy.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit your application by mail or email to Gary Baker, Scholarship Coordinator
EAA Chapter 846 eaachapter846@gmail.com

Deadline: January 31, 2024
770 Victoria Circle
Medina, OH 44256

All applicants will be notified by February 12, 2024, as to the awarding of the scholarship.

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2023 846 YEAR IN REVIEW

This was another busy year of aviation!

January – President Chris Oehlers presided over the first 2023 gathering. 2021 MVP Paul Lutz presented the 2022 MVP award to David Gerdeman for his leadership in the construction of the chapter's new deck, as well as his willingness to be the chef at chapter events. Brian Burke gave an informative program on preflight preparations for the Safety Topic. Flight Advisor Gary Baker presented a program on preparing for and flight testing a new aircraft. Gary then gave this presentation as a webinar during EAA's on-line Homebuilders Week. FAA extended the duration of aircraft registration certificates from three to seven years, as of January 23, 2023. The VMC Club discussion was about conducting a long cross-country flight. Kevin Fink received the coveted bowling pin during the White Elephant gift exchange at the annual holiday party. Members worked on the hangar deck.



February – Case McIntyre talked about collision avoidance for the monthly Safety Topic. David Gerdeman gave an educational talk on drones and the applicable regulations. Douglas Tytko was chosen as the recipient for the 2023 Chapter Air Academy Camp Scholarship. The chapter was notified by EAA that we were confirmed to host a Ford TriMotor Tour Stop in August. Stabilized approaches and go-arounds were discussed during the VMC Club meeting.

New members—John A. and John M. Watts

March – The monthly Safety Topic was given by Steve Bauman on flying with passengers. Case McIntyre was selected as the 2023 Chapter Ray Scholar. USAF F-16 pilot Lt. Col. Mike Young gave an interesting presentation on his Air Force flight experiences. Fred Wellman wrote about the building of his SPA Panther, which was published in the March Sport Aviation. Chapter pilots and volunteers flew thirty-four Wadsworth HS students thru the Young Eagles program. Work continued on the hangar deck. Member Phil Rodopoulos upgraded to the Lifetime member level. Traffic pattern operations were discussed during the VMC Club meeting.

New member—Dan Corrigan.

April – Meetings moved back into the Chapter Hangar with cookouts, after a hangar cleanup day was held the week before. Jerry Wang wrote an informative article of growing up in Taiwan with an interest in aviation. Jack Pomfret was awarded a Chapter 846 Flight Training Scholarship. Greg Cantrell gave an overview of the Young Eagles Build and Fly program. Chapter by-laws were amended to allow the chapter board to approve expenditures up to \$1,000. DAR Matt Tomscheck gave an update on an FAA revision to the flight testing advisory circular, 90-89C. Karl Aber gave a presentation on runway safety. Gary Baker began training as an EAA Ford TriMotor pilot. VMC Club discussed aircraft paperwork and FAA ramp checks.

New members—Nick and Henry Frederick



May – The hangar deck passed inspection and is open for chapter members to use. At least thirty-four members assisted in this project, with David Gerdeman herding the cats. The first 2023 Chapter Fly-Out with seven airplanes was held with Carroll County as the destination. Doug Tytko gave a presentation on avoiding thunderstorms. Chapter members Paul Lutz and David Gerdeman flew their aircraft to the Cheat River Fly-In. Mike Baker and Gary Jindra received the airworthiness certificate for their Savannah S. Gary Baker talked about the top ten iPad mistakes. A hangar crawl was held after the Gathering, visiting Randy Brooks’ and Paul and Ron Lutz’ hangars. Mike Baker underwent a liver transplant with good results. Ray Scholar Case McIntyre soloed. Former Young Eagle Abby Donofrio flew two Young Eagles for the first time during the Chapter Young Eagles Day. Nine pilots and many volunteers helped to fly fifty-one Young Eagles at Wayne County Airport. The VMC Club discussed the various classes of airspace.



New member—Chris Lloyd

June – Amy Tytko gave a safety presentation on survival. Ray Scholar Case McIntyre soloed. Tim Conway presented an informative talk on a no radio event during an instrument flight, as well as the ensuing FAA investigation. (He was found not at fault.) Young Eagles Day #2 at Wayne County Airport saw eight pilots fly sixty-six kids. Twenty-five volunteers did everything necessary to get the kids airborne. The VMC Club discussed weather evaluation and decision-making. The chapter opened up its hangar to visitors during the annual Skypark Airport Summer Celebration. Members Randy Brooks, Paul Hanchek, Ron Lutz, David Gerdeman, Paul Lutz, and Gary Baker showed off their aircraft during the flying Parade of EAA Aircraft.

New members—Gary Jindra, Rose Lass, and Kaylie Holmes.



July – The well-attended annual Chapter Camp-Out at Swank Field was held July 7-9. The Safety Topic on spatial orientation was presented by Kevin Fink. Gary Baker, Randy Brooks and Oshkosh controller Tim Keck gave a program on the Notam procedures for flying into Oshkosh. Many chapter members flew and drove to Oshkosh for the week’s events. More than fifty Chapter members and friends gathered for the annual pizza party at Oshkosh in the Chapter Pavilion. Gary Baker gave two forums on “Flight Testing Basics” to 200 people at Oshkosh.

New members—Tom Troxel and Rick Vierheller.

August – Founding Member of Chapter 846, Fred Coblenz, passed away August 21, 2023, at the age of 83. He will be missed. The chapter hosted ‘Big Ford’ during the Ford TriMotor Tour Stop at Wayne County Airport, which was a huge success with 510 people paying for rides! Gary Baker completed his Captain’s checkout in the TriMotor and was able to fly rides during the Tour Stop. Arlene Maksymicz joined us during the Tour Stop and made a large donation. As a result, she was presented with a Chapter Lifetime membership. A very nice article was written about her and her love of the TriMotor in EAA’s on-line publications and the December issue of Sport Aviation.



2023 Ray Scholar Case McIntyre passed his private pilot checkride, becoming our third successful scholar. Congratulations, Case! Chapter 846 Scholar Jack Pomfret soloed. Congratulations, Jack! The Safety Topic was given by Dave Manning on angle of attack indicators. Members reviewed their activities during Oshkosh. Brad Wurst gave a presentation on a DIY engine dehumidifier. The VMC Club discussed aeronautical decision-making and the chain of events. The Piper Pacer project that had been donated to the chapter was sold.

New members—Bernie Garner, Lawrence Repp and Seth Alvis

September – David Gerdeman gave a talk on special use airspace for the Safety Topic. David then gave a presentation on the FAA Wings program. Greg Cantrell headed up (from afar) the Chapter Pancake Breakfast Fly-in at Wayne County Airport September 17. It was very successful with more than 255 breakfasts served and at least thirty-five airplanes attending. Brian Burke and his kids, Tim Conway, Glenn Krafcik, and Abby Donofrio represented the chapter at the Women in Aviation Day at Burke Lakefront Airport. The Board approved a motion to have Fred Coblentz inducted into the EAA Memorial Wall in July, 2024.

New member—Rob Hyde

October – The Safety Topic was presented by Greg Cantrell on night flying and electrical failures. Karl Aber and Gary Baker gave a program on condition inspections. The Board approved the establishment of an aviation scholarship in Fred Coblentz' name. A committee needs to be established. Kevin Fink and Tim Conway flew to Smyrna, TN, to assist Gary Baker in ferrying the TriMotor from there to Oshkosh, a three-leg, six-hour cross-country.

New member—Steve Bean



November –Young Eagles pilot and chapter member Joe Lipovitz passed away November 22, 2023. Six aircraft and twelve members took part in a fly-out to Carroll County for breakfast. Randy Brooks presented the monthly Safety Topic, fuel management. Doug Tytko gave an excellent presentation on his experiences during the 2023 Air Academy Camp. Chris Shearer talked about his experiences in the USAF, as well as his year spent at the Air Force Test Pilot School. EAA offered the chapter another Ray Scholarship for 2023, and it was accepted. Jack Pomfret was switched from the Chapter 846 Scholarship to the Ray Scholarship, which allows him to receive a higher funding amount. One more Fly-Out took place with Pt. Clinton as the destination, with eleven folks arriving in six airplanes. Phil Rodopoulos became a multi-engine pilot. Gary Baker was approved as an FAA FAASteam representative. The VMC Club discussed cold weather flight preparations.

New members—Sam Bohner, Kaden Hilty and Chris Shearer, who joined as a Lifetime Member.

December – Overcoming many roadblocks, 2022 Ray Scholar Logan Cohara passed his Private Pilot checkride. Congratulations, Logan! The final Safety Topic of the year was on ICAO flight plans, presented by Chris Oehlers. Tim Conway gave an informative presentation on the Cirrus parachute system and demonstrated how the chute line cutters work. New officers and board members were elected for the 2024-25 term: President-Chris Oehlers, Vice-President-Brad Wurst, Secretary-Kevin Fink, Treasurer-Gary Baker and Board members Karl Aber, Randy Brooks, Brian Burke, Greg Cantrell, David Gerdeman, Paul Hanchek, Paul Lutz, Ron Lutz, and Dave Manning.

The Chapter ended 2023 with 118 members! This is again the highest number of members in the thirty-eight year history of the chapter. Fourteen Chapter pilots flew 188 Young Eagles. This brings the Chapter's total of kids flown since 1993 to 3,573 Young Eagles! Randy Brooks, Paul and Ron Lutz, Josh and Matt Tomscheck, Michael Guentner, and Tim Conway made excellent progress on each of their projects throughout the year. Over the years, thirty-eight builders have built or restored sixty aircraft and five pedal planes. Twenty-four projects are in the works! Once again, we have been a busy chapter!

Thank you all for your membership in 846!



Welcome New Officers and Board of Directors, EAA Chapter 846, 2024

- **President:** Chris Oehlers
- **Vice President:** Brad Wurst
- **Treasurer:** Gary Baker
- **Secretary:** Kevin Fink

Board of Directors:

Brian Burke, Paul Hanchek, Dave Gerde-
man, Ron Lutz, Paul Lutz, Randy Brooks,
Greg Cantrell, Dave Manning, and Karl
Aber.



Homebuilders Week—Online Event Starts January 22

An online opportunity to learn about building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26th, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to sign up.

(Schedule on next page)



Homebuilders Week Schedule

January 22 - 26, 2024

To sign up: EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

Time CST	Monday 1/22/24	Tuesday 1/23/24	Wednesday 1/24/24	Thursday 1/25/24	Friday 1/26/24
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know Charlie Becker	Composite Construction Basics Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Certification Process Joe Norris	Lies, Darned Lies, and Homebuilt Accident Statistics Ron Wanttaja	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman
1:00-2:15	Wiring Basics Dick Koehler	The Nuts and Bolts of Nuts and Bolts Kerry Fores	Building on the Cheap Ron Wanttaja	Lycoming Engine Installation Dave Prizio	Working With Wood 101 John Egan
2:30-3:45	Welding Basics: Gas & TIG Charlie Becker & Tracy Buttles	Fabric Covering Basics Nate Hammond	Buying a Used RV Aircraft Vic Syracuse	Sonex Aircraft and AeroConversions Products Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	Sheet Metal Basics Jim Scott	Factory-Built to Homebuilt: What's the Difference? Tom Charpentier	Advanced Flight Systems Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions Brad Brensing	Scratchbuilding From Plans: 90% Done and 90% to Go! Marty Feehan
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics Michael Schofield	Flight Testing 101 Paul Dye	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts Steve Boser	Latex Paint: A Low-Cost Alternative Malcolm Morrison
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation Phil Lockwood	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Engine Break-In Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors Vic Syracuse

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Financial Report-2023

Gary Baker, Treasurer

The chapter’s treasury ended 2023 well in the black, thanks to very profitable events and a large donation. By hosting the Ford TriMotor and another chapter fly-in/pancake breakfast, more than \$8,500 was added to the checking account. The Piper Pacer that had been donated to the chapter was sold for \$10,000. A nine-month 5.50% certificate of deposit was purchased in the summer, which will result in earned interest of more than \$2,500 upon reaching maturity. Our chapter is very lucky to have so many willing volunteers to assist with the events, as well as being the recipient of donations such as the Pacer.

The deck expansion cost just over \$7,400 over the two years of construction.


The chapter is in the process of establishing an aviation scholarship program in Fred Coblenz’ name. A committee needs to be formed to identify methods of funding and disbursement of funds. Let one of the officers or board members know of your willingness to help.

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**This is not a joke. I think it's
really plane!**



EAA Chapter 846—Upcoming Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, January 13, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering	CHRISTMAS PARTY! (See Enclosed Flyer for Details) 	5:00 PM
TUESDAY, January 23, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 VMC Club	Meeting will be In the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 31, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 Board Meeting	Chapter Hangar	7:00 PM
Thursday, February 8, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering	Monthly chapter Gathering will be at the Chapter Hangar, M1	7:00 PM
TUESDAY, February 27, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 VMC Club	Meeting will be In the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 6, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 Board Meeting	Chapter Hangar	7:00 PM
Thursday, March 14, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering	Monthly chapter Gathering will be at the Chapter Hangar, M1	7:00 PM

****NOTE— Chapter Board Meetings are subject to change. Please check [Chapter 846 Calendar](#) for last minute changes.**

THE BUILDING CONTINUES...

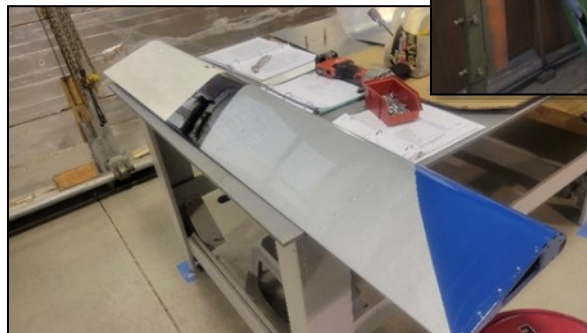
	Builder	Aircraft	Published Builders Log
1	Mike Baker	Sonex	
2	Steve Bauman	G1 STOL	
3	Justin Botts	Sling TSI	
4	Randy Brooks	Rans S-21	Builders Log
5	Tim Conway	Piper PA-30 Twin Comanche	
6	Jeremy Cowgar	Bearhawk LSA	Builders Log
7	Bob Eiben	Zenith 701	
8	Mike Guenther	RV-8	Builders Log
9	Paul Hanchek	Steen Skybolt	
10	Dale Holmes	RV-7	
11	Dale Housley	Volmer VJ-22	
12	David Kopanski	Spezio Tuholer	
13	Paul/Ron Lutz	Rans S-20	Builders Log
14	Dave Manning	Rans S-21	
15	Joe Stefanini	SubSonex JSX-2	
16	Matt/Josh Tomsheck	Just Highlander	
17	Rob Trout	RV-14	
18	Jay Waddell	Pietenpol Air Camper	
19	Joe Walker	RV-7	
20	Barry Wawrin	RV-14A	Builders Log
21	Fred Wellman	Zenith CH 750 Cruiser	Builders Log
22	Brad Wurst	Wittman Buttercup	
23	Jim Yurichak	Kolb Firefly	
24	Jeff Zink	RV-7	

[Members' Projects on the Chapter 846 website!](#)

RANS S-21 BUILD UPDATE

By Randy Brooks as of 28 Dec 23

I finally finished painting the left wing and aileron for my RANS S-21. It was a long process, but I learned a lot and hope that the rest of the painting goes a little smoother. Again, a huge THANKS to **Walt Halloran**. for sharing his expertise in helping me during this process. The right wing is almost ready to go in the paint booth. Onward!



Titan Tornado 2 UPDATE

By Michael Baker

NOTE- Michael Baker, Savannah S is flying and belongs to Gary Jindra who is also a member.

I am now working on putting an autopilot system in my Titan Tornado 2 which has a Grand Rapids display system

Panel Photos from RV-7

By Joseph Walker



EAA CHAPTER 846
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of December 6, 2023

In President Chris Oehler's absence, Chapter Treasurer Gary Baker called the meeting to order at 19:07.

Board Members Present: Gary Baker, Greg Cantrell, Brad Wurst, Brian Burke, Paul Hanchek, Dave Gerdeman, Randy Brooks.

Chapter Members Present: Karl Aber, Kevin Fink.

Chapter Elections: Kevin Fink was nominated for the Office of Secretary with Karl Aber and Dave Manning being nominated for Board of Directors positions. The list of nominations so far is:

President: Chris Oehlers

Vice President: Brad Wurst

Treasurer: Gary Baker

Secretary: Kevin Fink

Board of Directors: Brian Burke, Paul Hanchek, Dave Gerdeman, Ron Lutz, Paul Lutz, Randy Brooks, Greg Cantrell, Dave Manning, Karl Aber.

Calendar for 2024 Board of Directors Meetings:

February-	January 31, 2024
March-	March 6, 2024
April-	April 3, 2024
May-	May 1, 2024
June-	June 5, 2024
September-	September 4, 2024
October-	October 2, 2024
November-	November 6, 2024
December-	December 4, 2024

2024 Monthly Chapter Gathering Programs:

February-
March- Mark Moser - Stewart Covering System
July- Flying to Oshkosh – Gary Baker & Randy Brooks
August- Oshkosh Recap – Gary Baker
Potential Programs:

Leah Sopko- NASA Presentation- Date TBD
NASA SST Program– Date TBD

2024 Chapter Activities/Events:

Fly-Ins
Skypark Summer Celebration-Last Sunday in June
Moraine Airpark- First Sunday in May
Swank Field Chapter Flyout/Campout- July TBD
Young Eagles- June 1, 2024 at Medina, August 17, 2024 at Wayne County
Chapter Pancake Breakfast/Fly-In- September 14, 2024

Tool Crib Status Update: Brad Wurst & Kevin Fink
Brad and Kevin gave an update on what was needed to finish the tool room/crib with an estimate that the total cost would not exceed \$2500. This will need to be brought before the Chapter for a vote.

With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Greg Cantrell and seconded by Randy Brooks. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 20:46.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Cantrell, Secretary EAA Chapter 846

EAA CHAPTER 846
Minutes of the December 14, 2023
Annual Meeting

The gathering was called to order by President Chris Oehlers at 19:12. This gathering serves as the Annual meeting for EAA Chapter 846, a 501(c)3 organization.
Visitors Present: None
Guests Present: None

Secretary's Report: Chapter Secretary Greg Cantrell asked members present for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 9, 2023 Chapter gathering or the November 1, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. With no additions or corrections recommended to either document, a motion was made by Dale Holmes and seconded by Steve Bauman to accept both minutes as written. The motion passed by a voice vote.

VMC Club: Gary Baker: Chapter VMC coordinator, Gary Baker, thanked all who attend the meeting in November. The next VMC Club meeting will be January 23, 2024. This will be the fourth Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Skypark Airport meeting room. The topic will be "Flying in Cold Weather". Gary reminded members that these meetings are eligible for FAA Wings credit.

Ray Scholarship Update: Mike Guentner: Mike recognized our 2022 Ray Scholar, Logan Cohara, and reported to the Chapter members that Logan had passed his check ride on December 10, 2023. The Chapter congratulated both Logan and Mike for their hard work and perseverance in completing this difficult task. 2021 Ray Scholar, Abby Donofrio, reported she is enrolled at L3 Harris Flight Academy in Florida, where she will be pursuing Part 141 flight training. 2023 Ray Scholar, Case McIntyre, reported he is enrolled in the flight training program at the Ohio State University and has his flight schedule for the next semester. Mike reported that applications are being accepted from EAA Chapters for the 2024 Ray Flight Scholarships. The options for our Chapter would be to apply for the full scholarship of \$11,000 which is not guaranteed, or to pursue the 75/25 scholarship which would be guaranteed, but the Chapter would be responsible for 25% of the cost, which would be \$2750. After discussion by the Chapter members present, a motion was made by Case McIntyre and seconded by Abby Donofrio to apply for the full Ray Scholarship from EAA For 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Young Eagles Update: Gary Baker

Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator, Gary Baker, reported the dates for Young Eagles flights will be June 1, 2024 at Medina Airport and August 17, 2024 at Wayne County Airport. Gary also handed out certificates and pins of appreciation to participating volunteers at the Young Eagles events in 2023. Chapter pilots flew 188 kids on Young Eagles Flights this year, raising approximately \$1500 for the Air Academy Scholarship.

Chapter Election of Officers and Board of Directors: Chris Oehlers and Greg Cantrell

Chapter President Chris Oehlers asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of the Officers or Board of Directors positions. With no nominations being made, Chapter Secretary Greg Cantrell made a motion and was seconded by Paul Hanchek to close the nominations. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Candidates for Officers and Board of Directors Positions EAA Chapter 846, 2024

President: Chris Oehlers
Vice President: Brad Wurst
Treasurer: Gary Baker
Secretary: Kevin Fink
Board of Directors: Brian Burke, Paul Hanchek, Dave Gerdeman, Ron Lutz, Paul Lutz, Randy Brooks, Greg Cantrell, Dave Manning, and Karl Aber.

Since all of the candidates were unopposed, a motion was made by Steve Bauman and seconded by Mike Guentner, to elect the full slate of candidates to their positions by a voice vote of the members present. The motion passed unanimously and all candidates were elected to their positions for a two-year term.

Safety Topics for 2024: The list of safety topics for 2024 at Chapter gatherings was presented to the Chapter members in attendance and volunteers were asked to choose a topic. The slots for February and March were filled and the other slots will be presented and asked to be filled at future gatherings.

Monthly Safety Topic: ICAO Flight Plans- Chris Oehlers

Chris presented a very informative program about the use of ICAO flight plans. Thank you, Chris.

Monthly Program: CAPS- Cirrus Airplane Parachute System- Tim Conway

Tim presented a very informative and interesting program about the history, development, and current technology involved in the Cirrus Airplane Parachute System. Thank you, Tim.

Chapter Christmas Party: Paul Hanchek reminded Chapter members about the Chapter Christmas party to be held on January 13, 2024 at the Wadsworth Knights of Columbus Hall. The starting time for the party is 5:00 p.m. Decorating will be in the morning. An RSVP Link is in the December newsletter and a sign-up sheet for decorating will be sent out in January. The Chapter will provide main course with members being asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

With no other business to be brought before the Chapter, a motion was made by Abby Donofrio and seconded by Steve Bauman to adjourn the gathering. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**Respectfully submitted,
Greg Cantrell, Secretary EAA Chapter 846**

