



**July 2023**

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Meetings are held on the 2nd

Thursday of every month

@ 7:00 PM

[www.chapters.eaa.org/ea846](http://www.chapters.eaa.org/ea846)

[www.flyskypark.com](http://www.flyskypark.com)

Join us for our upcoming EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering Meeting on **Thursday, July 13, 2023** at our chapter hangar.

**Cookout starts at 6 pm.** We'll be grilling hot dogs and burgers. **Remember to bring an extra chair plus side dish to pass.** The regular meeting will start at 7 pm.

**July Gathering Agenda:**

- Officer Reports
- July Safety Topic— Spatial Orientation, **Kevin Fink**
- Young Eagles Update
- Ford Tri-Motor Tour Stop
- Hangar Deck Status
- Project Updates
- Program— Oshkosh NOTAM, **Gary Baker & Randy Brooks**



**I have a really good airplane joke  
I want to share...**



## New Members & Visitors!

**New Members:** Gary Jindra, Rose Lass, and Kaylie Holmes to Chapter 846!

Gary Jindra has his LSA license and has built a Savannah S. He and his wife, Pat, live in Uniontown. Rose and her husband, Garrett, live in Norton. Garrett is an aircraft mechanic and a past member of Chapter 846. Kaylie is a high school student and has received flights in the chapter's past three Young Eagles events. She attended the June 24 Young Eagles Day #2, joined the chapter and said that she would like to volunteer throughout the day. She jumped right in, assisting with escorting kids and parents to and from the aircraft, and was able to meet the other younger members of the chapter.

**Visitors Present:** Ethan Linger, Kaylie Holmes, Thomas Holmes and Scott Parker

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## Great News! Mike Baker is Back Home

*"Hi guys, thanks for reaching out to me in the past week and just wanted to let you know that I'm back at home and I feel very good and feel little stronger each day and there's no place like home, Mike"*

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## Ray Scholarship Update

By Mike Guentner

Our 2022 Ray Scholar, **Logan Cohara** is closing in on his checkride and working on finishing the final training requirements for the Private Pilot Certificate. He has been flying and studying regularly as he prepares for his practical test which is scheduled for the week before Oshkosh. Wish him luck as he closes in on the final chapter of his long training journey.

Our 2023 Ray Scholar, **Case MacIntyre**, is also closing in on his checkride and finishing up his last training

requirements. Case has his checkride scheduled for the week after Oshkosh. Case has earned a free LightSpeed ANR headset for completing his first solo flight recently and will receive his award at our July Chapter meeting.

Please wish both of our Ray Scholars good luck as they close in on their checkrides in the next month!

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## Chapter 846 Young Eagles meet Ray Scholar!

Chapter 846 recently celebrated a milestone when our 2021 Ray Aviation Scholar and Chapter member, **Abby Donofrio**, flew her first Young Eagles during our June 24th Young Eagles rally held at the Wayne County Airport. This is the first time one of our Ray Scholars has flown Young Eagles which is the full realization of the dream of the Ray Foundation and EAA.

Member **Paul Lutz** took Abby for her own Young Eagle flight in his RV-6 on August 19, 2020. She completed her training and received her private pilot certificate in August, 2022.



Young Eagle Participant &  
Abby Donofrio

**Gary Baker** asked a young lady waiting for her Young Eagle flight which airplane she would like to fly in. Her response was that she wanted to fly with Abby!

What better example for young men and women to become inspired and interested in aviation than to receive a ride from a Ray Scholar! Thanks to Abby for donating her time and inspiring the next generation of aviation enthusiasts!

**WAY TO GO, ABBY!**

## VMC Club

Gary Baker



The July meeting of the chapter's VMC Club will not be held this month because of Oshkosh preparations. The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m. in the meeting room at Skypark Airport.

We will have a discussion on aeronautical decision-making and chain of events. All aviation enthusiasts are invited to join us. More information about VMC Clubs can be found at <https://www.eaa.org/eaapilots/eaapilot-proficiency/proficiency-and-education-programs/vmc-club>.

The VMC Club has been meeting each month since November, but attendance has been very low. The discussions have been very good and, I hope, very knowledgeable for those attending. I would like to ask everyone to consider attending, even if you are an active pilot. I have attempted to include subject matter applicable to all pilots, students thru ATP's. I don't believe that there is a pilot out there who can't learn from others, regardless of your experience level-myself included.

The September thru December meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. in the meeting room at Skypark Airport. I hope to see you there.

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## Young Eagles Day #2

Gary Baker

The second Chapter 846 Young Eagles Day, held Saturday, June 24, at Wayne County Airport, was another success, in spite of the weather. The day began with light rain, low ceilings, and low visibility, but the rain ended and by 10 am, there were some chapter pilots in the air flying to Wayne County! Flying began shortly after and we ended flying 66 new and old Young Eagles, out of the 100 kids that had registered.

Eight airplanes and pilots and twenty-two volunteers came together to fly these kids. Forty-seven kids flew for the first time in the Young Eagles program. Sixteen kids went for their second YE flight, two went for their third flight, and one kid was on his fourth flight. History has shown that kids who continue to attend Young Eagle rallies have a much higher likelihood of obtaining their pilot certification, so we want to encourage those individuals by welcoming them back to future events.

### The pilots and the kids flown:

PILOT	AIRCRAFT	# KIDS
Karl Aber	C-172	11
Tim Conway	SR-22	16
Abby Donofrio	PA-28-140	2
David Gerdeman	C-172	11
Paul Hanchek	Luscombe 8E	6
Paul Lutz	RV-6	3
Steve Lehuta	PA-28-180	7
Jim Stone	C-182	10

Greg Cantrell, Mary Baker, and Steve Greer handled the registrations and Gary Baker was assisted by Sherry Tytko in getting kids assigned to pilots and then getting the logbooks and flight certificates completed. Greg and his friend, Ralph Woods, a USAF B-29 flight engineer, also showed off their RC aircraft, as well as making



simulators available for kids to use. The kids and parents were escorted to the planes by Fiona Burke, Case McIntyre, Jack Pomfret, Doug Tytko, Steve Tytko, Logan Cohara, new member Kaylie Holmes, Kevin Fink, Amelia Lutz, and Dave Manning. Brian Burke gave ground school presentations to

the kids and parents on aviation and the YE program. Randy Brooks and Walt Halloran marshalled aircraft onto and off the ramp. Doug and his sister Amy Tytko took excellent photos. Colm Burke, Glenn Krafcik, Pete and Laura Lamberty helped throughout the day as well. The Metro LifeFlight crew offered tours of their helicopter and answered questions throughout the day.

Many thanks go to **Matt Long, Daniel Hodge, and Preston Seran** for getting the hangar ready for our event. We also want to thank all airport employees, the Metro LifeFlight crew, and the Wayne County Commissioners for their willingness to have our chapter take over the FBO for most of the day.

Here is one thank you from a parent, **Christy Matthey**:

“Chapter 846 Wadsworth OH and all of the volunteers... job well done! Thank you **Gary Baker, Mary Baker, Captain Tim**, the parachute in his aircraft we didn’t need to use, for working around the weather, the communication, the airplane safety presentation and especially for treating each child like they were the next Captain.”

**Thank you to everyone who assisted with this event. My apologies to anyone not mentioned.**

*(See page 5 for photos)*

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## OSHKOSH!!!

Many chapter members are getting ready for Oshkosh! The event runs Monday-Sunday, July 24-30. The Chapter will have our annual get-together, a pizza party, but at press time, the date and location are to be determined. It will be either at the Chapter Pavilion in Camp Scholler or in Sleepy Hollow Farms Campgrounds. If you are unable to attend the July Gathering this Thursday, July 13, send a text to **Gary Baker, 330-321-6274, for date/time**. Contributions will be requested for the pizza.

**Gary Baker** will be giving his forum on Flight Test Basics twice throughout the week. The first will be Monday, 10 a.m. at Forum Stage 6. The second forum will be held in the Homebuilders Hangar Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

Gary will also be flying right-seat in the Ford TriMotor at various times throughout the week, as he gets more experience to qualify in the left seat for future Tour Stops.

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## Updated Chapter Roster!

The chapter roster will be updated and distributed soon. Everyone is asked to check your information on the online chapter roster, available [HERE](#). First-time users: Your user name is **FirstnameLastnameEAA846** and your password is **mustang**. After logging in the first time, you should change your password, of course. Click on the Member Search button, top left, and then the black and gray Search button in the line below to the left. This will bring

up all Active members in our chapter.

Gary Baker would like to add more photos of chapter members to the roster. If you see that your photo is not included, please feel free to send Gary a photo or ask him to take your photo at the next Gathering.

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## 846 Ford TriMotor Event, August 17th through 20th

**Brian Burke**

We are still looking for volunteers to help, especially with the arrival and departure of the Ford Trimotor. Depending on weather, the Trimotor may arrive as early as Monday, August 14, and will depart on Monday, August 21. If you have a flexible schedule, your help would be much appreciated. Please contact **Brian Burke at 216-406-5607** if you are able to help out. The volunteer sign up sheet will be circulated at the July meeting as well. Also, if you know of a business that might like to sponsor this event, please let Greg Cantrell or Brian Burke know. We can either provide the details to you, or we can contact the business.

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## Great Mentions...

◆ Great job by



**Amy Tytko** on the June safety topic, Survival

◆ BUSTED-NOT!

**Tim Conway** gave an informative presentation on his “possible pilot deviation” scenario.



# Young Eagles Day 2!



[CLICK HERE](#) To view more photos of 846 Young Eagles Day Event JUNE 24TH!

**“Sittin’ on the deck of 846...”**



## Skypark’s Summer Celebration!

Some photos from Skypark’s Summer Celebration Sunday. Chapter members took part in showing off their aircraft during a Parade of Planes flight for the Skypark Summer Celebration. Randy Brooks-Piper J-3, Paul C. Hancheck-Luscombe 8E, Ron Lutz-Thatcher, David Gerdeman-Cessna 172, Paul Lutz-RV-6, and Gary Baker-RV-6 all did some photo passes down the runway. After the others landed, Paul L and Gary joined up and flew a few formation passes for the crowd.

The chapter hangar was well-attended by members and guests. A big thanks go to David Gerdeman and Paul Hancheck for manning the grill and cooking up hot dogs and hamburgers. The deck was opened for the first major chapter event, and everyone praised all of the workers who had spent time in the building of it.



**[CLICK HERE](#) To view  
DECK Build Photos!**



# Young Eagles Day 1!



[CLICK HERE](#) To view more photos of 846  
Young Eagles Day Event May13th!

## US Air Force Museum's Special Night.

By Karl Aber

Saturday morning July 8th, **Brian Burke** and I left Elyria airport in the Comanche a little after 8:00 AM to have a delicious breakfast with our Chapter 846 members at the Freeman Swank campout. We landed around 8:30 AM after a beautiful morning flight and the kitchen crew was already busy at work making batter and frying sausage.

The weather was great and there were about 30 members in attendance with 9 aircraft parked about.

Our plan for the day was to eat breakfast and hang out with the group till around 1 PM then head down to Green County airport (I19) in Dayton. Brian Burke had secured three tickets to the US Air Force Museum's "**Spies and Superheroes**" special evening event. While we were eating breakfast, someone mentioned that the weather in Indiana was moving rapidly eastward and that by early noon we would probably be getting a good soaking. With this in mind I rechecked Foreflight and sure enough, if we left sooner rather than later, we could beat the weather which we did. We had a great flight, VFR to Dayton and when we landed at Greene County, the leading edge of the storms were just west of Dayton Cox, moving quickly towards the northeast. My son picked us up and we spent the rest of the afternoon catching up with family and swimming in his pool while waiting for the museum program to begin. The event was from 6 to 10 PM.

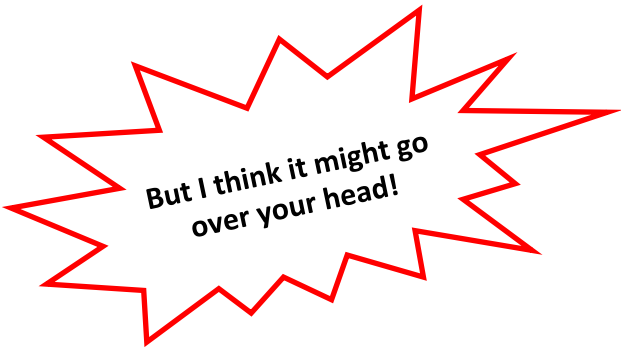
The museum provided us with heavy appetizers, cash bar and a unique glimpse with emphasis into the aircraft that were used during the cold war. There was also a raffle for 4 lucky people to sit in the SR-71 cockpit. Since we were staying with my son at his house for the night and carting us around, we invited him to join us. Little did we know that he was one of the lucky ones to get to sit in the SR-71 cockpit. I did tell him that Father's Day just passed and what a great gift that would be, however, that didn't seem to phase him!

All in all it was a great time, which afforded us the ability to get close and become intently knowledgeable with some awesome aircraft (*I think Brian Burke could be a docent!*)!

We flew back IFR Sunday morning with a smooth uneventful flight at 7,000 feet.



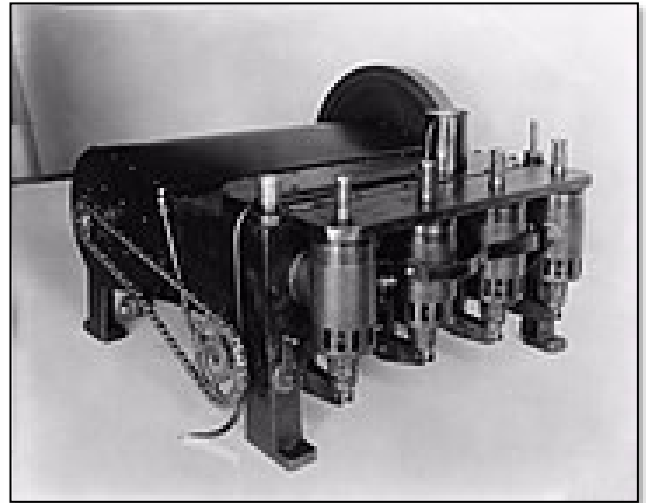




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### Upcoming 2023 Scheduled Monthly Safety Topics:

	<i>PRESENTER</i>	<i>TOPICS</i>
<b>July</b>	Kevin Fink	Spatial Orientation
<b>August</b>	Dave Manning	AOA
<b>September</b>	Dave Gerdeman	Special Use Airspace
<b>October</b>	Greg Cantrell	Engine Failure at Night
<b>November</b>	Randy Brooks	Fuel Management
<b>December</b>	Chris Oehlers	ICAO flight plans



### EAA Chapter 846—Upcoming Calendar of Events

Fri, Sat, Sun July 7, 8, 9	846 Swank Camp Out	Freeman Swank Farms Airport (OOH5)	All Day!
Thursday, July 13, 2023	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering	Monthly chapter meeting and cook out will be at the Chapter Hangar, M1	6:00 PM
July 24-30	EAA AirVenture	Chapter 846 at AirVenture!	All Week!
Thursday, August 10, 2023	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering	Monthly chapter meeting and cook out will be at the Chapter Hangar, M1	6:00 PM
August 17 thru 21	EAA Chapter 846	Ford Tri Motor Event!	All Weekend
Thursday, August 24, 2023	EAA Chapter 846 VMC Club	Meeting will be in the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM
Wednesday, September 6, 2023	EAA Chapter 846 Board Meeting	Chapter Hangar	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	<a href="#">Builders Log</a>
5	Jeremy Cowgar	Bearhawk LSA	<a href="#">Builders Log</a>
6	Bob Eiben	Zenith 701	
7	Mike Guenthner	RV-8	<a href="#">Builders Log</a>
8	Paul Hanchek	Steen Skybolt	
9	Dale Holmes	RV-7	
10	Dale Housley	Volmer VJ-22	
11	David Kopanski	Spezio Tuholer	
12	Paul/Ron Lutz	Rans S-20	<a href="#">Builders Log</a>
13	Bernie May	Zenith CH 750 Cruiser	
14	Joe Stefanini	SubSonex JSX-2	
15	Matt/Josh Tomsheck	Just Highlander	
16	Rob Trout	RV-14	
17	Jay Waddell	Pietenpol Air Camper	
18	Joe Walker	RV-7	
19	Barry Wawrin	RV-14A	<a href="#">Builders Log</a>
20	Brad Wurst	Wittman Buttercup	
21	Jim Yurichak	Kolb Firefly	
22	Jeff Zink	RV-7	

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

## Mike Guenthner RV-8

### Update:

By Mike Guenthner

Empennage Complete! After 4 years, I am declaring the empennage finished and moving on to the wings. Gary Baker recently stopped by to conduct a EAA Tech Counselor visit and inspect my work. Time to move onto the wings which starts with upsizing about a million (it seems like that!) holes into the two main wing spars to support platenuts. Lots of drilling to do!



# RANS Project Photos

Paul Lutz



Tried to take a photo of a grasshopper on my windshield, but it looks like it's giant and destroying the town



## **EAA CHAPTER 846**

### **Chapter Gathering**

### **Minutes of June 8, 2023**

**Meeting called to order by President Chris Oehlers @ 1909.**

**Guests introduced:** Ethan Linger, Kaylie Holmes, Thomas Holmes and Scott Parker

- Minutes from May Meeting put forth by Randy Brooks to be accepted as written in the June 2023 newsletter. Paul Lutz seconded. Members present accepted by show of hands. None opposed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** None.
- **VMC Club:** Gary Baker will conduct the next meeting on June 22, 2023 @ 1900 at Skypark classroom.
- **TriMotor update:** Brian Burke passed around sign-up list for 17-20 August TriMotor visit at Wayne County. He also asked members to put up posters and table-top cards for advertising.
- **June Young Eagles:** 24 June 2023 at Wayne County. Sign-up sheet was passed around for ground volunteers and pilots. Approximately 100 kids signed up at this point.
- **Ray Scholarship update:** Case McIntyre soloed and has approximately 31 hrs to date. He still has one more solo XC and night XC to complete. His checkride is scheduled for July 2023. Jack Pomfret is now taking lessons at Avit. He is using his ECOPA scholarship and one other that he received. If he does not need the Chapter scholarship, it will be returned to the Chapter.
- **Deck project update:** David Gerdeman showed the members our official Occupancy Permit. Chris Oehlers recommended some sort of gate or chain be installed, as well as a sign stating something to effect of 'Chapter members and guests only'. David again thanked all those who participated in building our beautiful deck.
- **Skypark Summer Celebration:** Sunday 25 June. We will have an EAA Chapter 846 table at the FBO. We need volunteers to run the table during the event.

Brad Wurst will manage the cookout at the Chapter. If you want to participate in the Parade of Flight, contact Jessica at Skypark- her contact information is in the June Newsletter.

- **Monthly Safety Topic:** Survival Safety. Thanks to Amy Tytko for a very informative presentation.
- **Swank Annual Chapter Fly-Out/Camp-Out:** Paul Lutz reviewed details of our 7-9 July event at Swank Field in Butler, Ohio. Breakfast and Dinner on Saturday will be provided by the Chapter. All other meals will be on your own.
- **Monthly Meeting Topic:** NORDO by Tim Conway. Tim presented a very informative talk on his recent (alleged) NORDO event during an IFR flight that was investigated by the FAA. Tim went through details of the process and how he handled responding to the FAA. Eventually, the FAA dropped the case with a finding of No Violation. Thanks to Tim for a great talk.
- **CLE Tower tours:** Chris Oehlers mentioned that CLE tower is now conducting tours. Details are in the June 2023 Newsletter.

**Meeting adjourned at: 2026.**

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



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April 29

May 20

June 24

July 22

August 26

September 16



*Barbeque*

*Smashburgers*

*Brisket*

*Wings*

*Side Dishes*



# 3rd Annual Food Truck\* Fly-In

Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 10am to 2pm

(Rain Date Sunday July 16, 2023)



Norwalk-Huron County Airport (5A1)



## “Young Eagles Flights”

Free flights for ages 8 thru 17

Sponsored by local EAA Chapter 50



## Activities

- Drone Demo
- Cornhole Games
- Flight Simulator
- Metro Life Flight Helicopter (if available)

\*featuring Quasa - Broso

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# MASON AVIATION DAY

**SATURDAY - AUGUST 19TH, 2023**

**AT MASON JEWETT AIRPORT (TEW)**

Eden Road @ Kipp Road, Mason, MI ~ south of the Ingham County Fairgrounds

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ 7:30am TO 11:00am**

("ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT" PANCAKES SERVED WITH EGGS, SAUSAGE, JUICE & COFFEE)

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