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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
Monthly Gathering on **Thursday, March 14, 2024**
at our chapter hangar, M-1.

Social gathering starts at 6:30 pm, the regular
meeting will start at 7 pm.

March Gathering Agenda:

- Tool Crib Update
- Safety Topic— Personal Locator Beacons (PLB), **Doug Tytko**
- Ray Scholarship 2024 Vote
- Project Updates & Upcoming Events
- Program— Stewart Covering Systems, **Mark Moser**

March

"In Like a" "Out Like a"

I tried to sue the airport for
losing my luggage...



New Members

Please welcome **Ian King** and his dad, **John King**, as well as **Roy Maneely**, to the chapter. Ian and his dad live in Brecksville. Roy lives at Skypark Airport and is an A&P, as well as a long-time pilot.

Welcome to the Chapter, gentlemen!

Chapter 846 2023 MVP, Steve Greer!

By David Gerdeman

Being named the 2022 Chapter MVP was a huge surprise and honor for me. Knowing I had to name the next one meant I had to pay attention this year to how the



chapter worked and what I saw, reinforced that we are an awesome chapter! We have many active members which means picking the MVP would be hard.

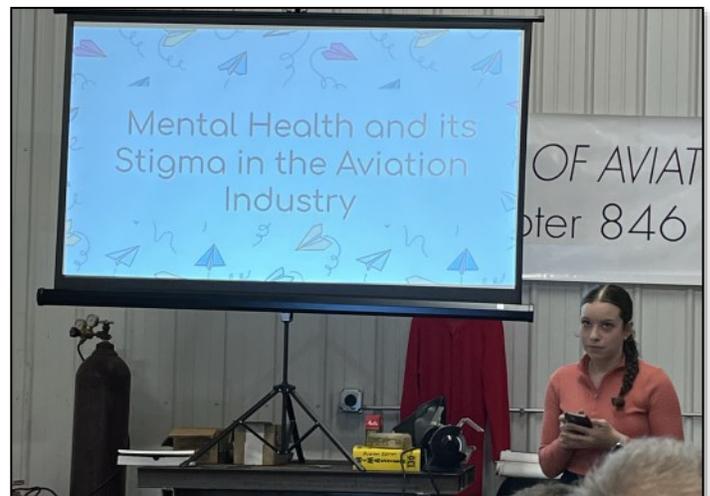
Steve joined us in 2018 and has been active on many fronts from the beginning. He volunteers at Young Eagles days, work days, the Tri-Motor, pancake breakfast and helps cook at gatherings too. If the chapter is doing something, he's involved. In addition to his personal efforts, Steve has secured donations through his personal company and State Farm corporate.

What makes Steve's efforts stand out even more to me is that he doesn't have a plane nor license. He is making the chapter work through pure love of aviation and camaraderie. Balancing a new family and your hobbies isn't easy, many of us have walked in those shoes. Steve still makes time for the chapter and his friends.



Standing out in a crowd of amazing folks is hard, but you did it, bud! Thanks for your efforts to keep 846 the Gold Standard of chapters.

Congratulations to Steve Greer, Chapter 846 MVP for 2023



Fiona Burke gave an informative safety topic presentation on aviation mental health at the February Gathering

Who's got Flutter? (I hope no one)



Chris Sheer and Brad Wurst gave an informative presentation regarding aircraft control surfaces and the ways manufacturers mitigate dangerous flutter. Examples were given along with aircraft accident statistics where flutter was the reason for the accident. Talk consisted of balanced control surfaces in relation to aircraft speeds to eliminate flutter possibilities. Also the importance of careful control surface inspections looking for loose attachment points and slop with control rod end play was discussed.

Member Joshua Moore receives Commercial Pilot's Certificate



Congratulations to Joshua Moore (left) who received his Commercial Pilot's Certificate on February 9, 2024!

April VMC Club Meeting

Many thanks to all who attended our past meetings! We have been having good discussions on various subjects each month. The April meeting's subject will be accident analysis and how can an accident be prevented? How to break the chain of events will be discussed.

The April meeting of the chapter's VMC Club will be held Tuesday, April 2, 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.

2024 Dues

This year's dues are now past due. Chapter dues are paid on an annual basis. So, unless you recently joined the chapter (after September), have already paid, or are a lifetime or honorary member, a payment of \$25 should be made at your earliest convenience. Don't forget to update on the Membership Form any changes to your contact information.



<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea846/membership/join---renew---donate>

Thank you again for your membership in Chapter 846!

ACCORDION TO SCIENTIFIC STUDIES, 90% OF PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE I REPLACED THE BEGINNING OF THE SENTENCE WITH AN INSTRUMENT.

THEY HAVE MY SYMPHONY

IT'S OFFICIAL!

Congratulations to Ian King, who was selected as the 2024 Chapter 846 Air Academy Scholarship recipient



Ian King

Ian was selected from the following three candidates who applied for this year's Chapter 846 Air Academy Scholarship, **Anthony Tarutani, Ian King and Noah Thompson**. All three already have a strong aviation background.

This year's voting was accomplished via online due to time constraints.

Thanks to all who participated!

Ray Scholar Update

By Mike Guenther

Our current Ray Scholar, **Jack Pomfret**, is closing in on his last few training requirements before being ready to take his practical test. In recent weeks he has completed his final solo cross country training flights and will now be focusing on preparing for his checkride day to come in the near future. As always, any of our Chapter members who wish to help our Ray Scholars study for their practical test are welcome to reach out to the Scholar.

Our 2024 Ray Scholar will be chosen via email ballot. Watch for this email ballot early this week. The ballot will contain all of the applicants' information for you to make your choice.

All Chapter members will receive a copy of the candidate's essay and letters of recommendation prior to voting. At the meeting, members will have an opportunity to ask questions of each candidate. All members are encouraged to attend to meet the candidates.

This year, Chapter members **Doug Tytko and John Watts** have expressed interest in the scholarship and both are extremely qualified young men. We look forward to learning more about each of them at our next meeting.

Well, Gary did it...

In my quest to put this newsletter together, I feel blessed that we have folks in our chapter that go above and beyond each month to help me get news and content into it. Without the help of **Gary and Mary Baker, Mike Guenther, Randy Brooks, Greg Cantrell, Kevin Fink, Brad Wurst and a whole host of others** who send me content, there might only be 3 pages with a whole bunch of boring jokes!

What I'm really trying to say is that I truly appreciate everyone's efforts in helping me get this newsletter out every month including the patience of my lovely wife while I smack this keyboard and drive this mouse late into the night.

OK, so what does this have to do with Gary?

Well, Gary recently sent me a copy of the Minnesota **RVator's Log**. It is the March newsletter edition of the Twin Cities RV Builder's Group. While reading the first article, it struck a chord with me regarding this passion we all have with airplanes and flight and how short life really is. Below is the article I would like to share, courtesy of the Twin Cities RV Builders Group— **Karl**

Shop Notes

By Doug Weiler

Just in case you have been hunkered down in the basement working on your RV the past few months, it's 2024! And... if that is not sobering enough, it just so happens to be an election year. And... with all of the inherent hoopla that brings, right at the top of the "hoopla" list is "AGE." You know what I mean... "Your guy is too old." "No, no, no, **your** guy is too old." So if your guy is too old and the other guy is too old, what about us RV drivers of a "certain" age? Are we getting too old?

So who is that nerd in that 58-year-old photo with the high-water pants proudly standing in front of that ancient Cessna 150? I'll let you figure that out. Back then, being God's gift to aviation, the last thing on my mind was being too old to fly.



So how old is too old? A few months before I retired from that now obscure hometown airline, it was my leg on a dark and stormy night landing on 12 right at MSP. The wind was howling, it was pouring rain, the windshield wipers were flapping back and forth and I could hardly see where we were going. We were rockin' and rollin' coming across the fence and I was thankful that the 757 handled like an RV at slow speeds. We plopped down somewhere close to where we belonged, into reverse, on the brakes and as we made the Alpha 4 turnoff and the blood pressure wound back down, I thought to myself, "Self, you know maybe this really is a young man's game."

Our builder's group dates back to the late 1980's and since then there have been a number of our RV builders/pilots who have "aged out" and retired in one form or another. Sometimes it has been medical issues that had forced their hand. Or simply the decision is made at some point that it is time to hang it up, sell the RV and go fishing.

At 75, I am just beginning to realize that there is a finite point to one's RV flying. Tom Berge and I have talked about this a lot. I have discussed this with my long-suffering co-pilot/wife. Right now, I cherish every opportunity to fly my RV-7. I am adamant that I HAVE to fly at every opportunity I can to stay as safe and proficient as possible. That means practice, practice, practice. But I am realistic that it can't go forever. But for now, I feel great, flying is still a blast and I'm looking forward to a few more trips and a few more pancake runs.

Several years ago, I saved this post from Van's Airforce. The author is Randy Pflanzner who built two immaculate award-winning aircraft, a F1 Rocket and a RV-12. For your consideration:

Flying Passion – A Cautionary Tale

I will try and keep this as brief as I can. If you are a current builder and not flying much, or the owner of a finished bird and you fly less than 50 hours per year, this tale is for you.

Like many of you, I took my good health a little for granted. I took all the precautions, ate right, didn't drink or smoke, and visited my doctor regularly. I was a picture of health right up to 58 years old, then WHAM. Long story short, in 2012 I dealt with the aftermath of having Stage 4 cancer and the impact chemotherapy treatments had on my body. I was able to initially deal with these challenges and even built my RV-12 as a mental recovery treatment

but ultimately, I had to give up my passion entirely in 2016. Fortunately, in my 30 years of aviation, I was able to achieve nearly all my goals and dreams. I built multiple times, won an award at AirVenture, and visited 42 of the lower 48 states.

My point to all this is to remind you that your aviation future is not a foregone conclusion. God has a way to setting you on a different path than what you have planned for yourself. Get that RV out of the hangar and go places, fly, enjoy the freedom, whatever drives your aviation passion, just DO IT. Tomorrow may not be an option. Do I miss aviation? Every single day. Every time there is a CAVU day, or I hear an airplane fly overhead, I think of all the great times I had going places, meeting great people, and seeing our country from 3K feet. I miss it dearly and would love the opportunity to engage in my passion once more. But that's not going to happen, and it's an outcome that all of us ultimately face somewhere down the road.

Now, I didn't write this so anyone would feel sorry for me. Don't. I'm doing fine and I use my energies on different passions now. I bought a business with my two sons and it's going great. I also have four grandsons under 4 years old that love to go fishing with Poppy. My life is wonderful even without aviation. But don't take circumstances for granted. Get your bird finished or drag it out of the hangar and dust it off. Top off the tanks and launch!



Letter to membership from Ray Scholar, Jack Pomfret:

Dear EAA Chapter 846 Members,

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for being awarded the Ray Aviation Scholarship. This scholarship means more to me than just financial support for flight training; it is an invaluable stepping stone toward fulfilling lifelong dreams and contributing to the culture of safety in aviation.

The Ray Aviation Scholarship has not only provided me with the means to pursue my passion for flying but has also allowed me to commit to a journey that extends beyond the cockpit. It is an honor to join the distinguished youth scholars who represent the future of the aviation industry.

Currently, I am in the cross-country phase of my private pilot training, and I am thrilled to share that I have completed several successful solo flights. The experiences and skills gained during this phase have been instrumental in shaping me as a pilot. I consider this phase the greatest due to how much I have learned going solo.

This winter break has been rough in terms of flying but great for much needed studying as I prepare for transitioning into the checkride phase. The combination of practical experience and focused study has been invaluable in building my confidence and competence in aviation.

I want to express my deep appreciation for the support that the Ray Aviation Scholarship has provided, making it possible for me to immerse myself in this once-in-a-lifetime experience. I am truly grateful for the opportunity and am eager to share some of the exciting stories and milestones along this remarkable journey.

Thank you once again for your generosity and belief in the potential of aspiring aviators. I am proud to be a part of EAA Chapter 846 family and look forward to contributing and paying it back to the aviation community in the years to come.

Best Regards,

Jack Pomfret

Chapter 846 Tool Room Comes Together!

By Steve Bauman

On Saturday, 17 Feb., we had a very good turnout at the Chapter hangar to start remodeling the new Tool Room, which was recently enclosed by the work done over the previous year of adding an observation deck directly above this new room.



Work started by removing most everything from the room which was no easy task since many things were quite old and heavy. It was decided that one large old metal cabinet, and another old heavy tool, had no use anymore so they were loaded onto **Dave Manning's**



pickup truck to be scrapped. Many old manuals and files were extracted, and **Gary Baker** sorted through them, throwing away the very obviously outdated stuff, such as a healthy collection of VCR tapes. Only

three heavy tools were left in the room and were worked around - a metal shear, a 48 -inch bending brake, and a horizontal bandsaw, all of which need some restoration.

Insulating of the ceiling and walls began by stapling fiberglass insulation into the ceiling bays, and fitting and partly gluing into the walls. Finally, 3/4" plywood was cut, fit and screwed to the two new wall studs. Present were **Brad Wurst** (who arranged and supervised the effort), **Gary Baker**, **Steve Bauman**,



Randy Brooks, Brian Burke, Dave Manning, Paul Lutz, John A. Watts and son John M. Watts.

Two weeks later, on March 2nd, yet another great team assembled to continue and nearly complete the restoration. On this day, the ceiling was completed with steel panels and ceiling trim (only a small section in the N.E. corner still needs some work). Then besides disposing of a lot of trash, a big organizational effort resulted in carefully dividing all the existing tool room contents into categories, those being; aircraft tools, non aircraft-specific tools, high value tools, reference books and chapter history.

It is now recognized that we need good storage solutions, cabinets and such, for all of the above, including the ability to lock up some of the most expensive tools. Also created was a collection of "last-chance" stuff such as building materials and old books that will be available to claim at our March 14 gathering.

Still needed to be done is electrical work (adding lights, receptacles, a switch), finding/purchasing cabinetry and installing and loading them up, and a good final cleanup of the whole hangar - plus again, we need work done to the heavy tools mentioned above.

Present were **Brad Wurst** (who again organized the effort), **Seth Alvis, Kevin Fink, John A. Watts, John M. Watts, Rob Trout, Dave Manning, Randy Brooks, Gary Baker, Dale Holmes and Gary Kohler.**

Thanks to all!



Another Great Fly-out but...

Sunday, February 4th the weather gods cooperated and decided to display that big yellow ball in the sky with no wind! Our Chapter Telegram app came alive and 5 aircraft with 9 souls made plans to meet at Carroll County (KTSO) at 10:30 am for breakfast.



Well..., we all arrived at the airport about the same time except for Logan who was late getting started. Upon entering the restaurant, and to our surprise, we were told that we now needed "reservations" because of the demand and that the wait was well over an hour!



With this new information in hand, we worked out a solution to fly over to Portage Count (KPOV) for some bagels. We were able to divert Logan while he was enroute to KPOV, and all arrived there at about the same time.



We all enjoyed each other's company and had bagels for lunch, which were very good, I might add...



Doug Tytko, Randy Brooks, Brian Burke, David Gerdeman, Logan Cohara, Karl Aber, Steve Lehuta, Paul Lutz
Colm Burke

Simulator Fun!



John M. Watts tries on his new headset & continues to practice flying with XPLANE12 on his home simulator.

He is close to finishing the Sporty's ground school course. He is also doing study sessions with Jack Pomfret in review for the written exam. He passed his 3rd class medical last fall, has his student pilot certificate & is set to take his private written exam at the end March , beginning of April.

GOOD LUCK, JOHN!

AirVenture Chapter Camping!

By Brian Burke

If you have yet to decide on where you will stay during AirVenture, consider camping with other chapter members!

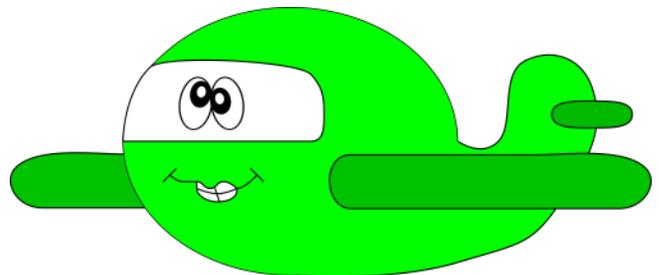
We can reserve up to 6 sites. Each site will be for the entire week at a cost of \$324 per site. The sites are picked out by the EAA Headquarters' Chapters' group two weeks prior to the start of AirVenture, so after a long drive to Oshkosh, there is no need to drive around Camp Scholler looking for an empty plot of land to claim.



These sites are for primitive camping; no water or electrical hook ups will be available. Each of these sites will be on a first come, first served basis, and the sooner we get our payment into the Chapters group at headquarters, the higher on the pick list we will have for our preference of site locations.

If you are interested, please text or call Brian Burke at 216-406-5607. Additional information can also be found at: <https://www.eaa.org/ea/chapters/ea-chapters-at-eea-airventure-oshkosh/chapter-camping-at-airventure>.

The reservation will be made by Friday, April 12, 2024. Make plans now to reserve your chapter camping site!



[Click "HERE" for an Updated March Chapter 846 Roster!](#)

PA-20 Project for Sale!

Looking to sell a Piper PA-20 Pacer restoration project. Airplane ser no. 20-790. TT is



File Photo

2450.1. Engine is a Lycoming O-290-D2, TT 2450.1, SMOH 1044.9. Prop M76A M-2. Fuselage has been repaired, media blasted, primed, covered and painted in Superflite. New interior. All work accomplished by A&P. Rest of the airframe is close to being ready to cover. Reason for selling, loss of financial support and interest. Everything included in sale along with many spare parts, materials, and hardware. Too much too list.

Contact Adam Hile @ 330-466-6939 for more information.

**EAA Antique Chapter
22 Newsletter,
March 2024**
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I lost my case!

**EAA Ohio Regional
Newsletter (ORCN),
March 2024**
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EAA Chapter 846—Upcoming Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 14, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering	Monthly chapter Gathering will be at the Chapter Hangar, M1	7:00 PM
TUESDAY, April 2, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 VMC Club	Meeting will be In the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 3, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 Board Meeting	Chapter Hangar	7:00 PM
Thursday, April 11, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Gathering	Monthly chapter Gathering will be at the Chapter Hangar, M1	7:00 PM
TUESDAY, April 30, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 VMC Club	Meeting will be In the Skypark FBO conference room	7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	EAA Chapter 846 Board Meeting	Chapter Hangar	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 12, 2024	MOTHERS DAY!		ALL DAY

****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 Tomscheck	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

Finish work continues on my RANS S-21 project. I've been painting all the pieces parts since last October. Painting takes a LOOOOONG time, especially as a first-time painter. Lots of mistakes, re-sanding and re-painting along the way. The prep is the hard part—the actual painting goes pretty quickly. Many thanks to **Walt Halloran** for his expert advice and encouragement.

Most of the parts are painted now, with the engine cowling, wing tips and a few odds and ends left to paint. We recently assembled the wings to the fuse-

lage and mounted the horizontal stab and the vertical stab with rudder attached. It's looking like an airplane again. I've gathered most of the paperwork needed for my Airworthiness inspection as well as starting the online application. I will complete that after consulting with my DAR, Matt Tomscheck (who has agreed to do my inspection). **Keep building!** *(photos next page)*

Other Builder Updates:





Looking Great, Randy! And only 90% left to go...

EAA CHAPTER 846 February Monthly Gathering Minutes of February 8, 2024

The February monthly gathering was called to order by chapter Vice President Brad Wurst at 7:05 pm.

Visitors Present:

Ian King
John King

New EAA 846 Lifetime Members

We thank Gary Baker and David Gerdeman for their commitment to the chapter by becoming lifetime Chapter 846 members!

2023 Chapter 846 MVP

The 2022 Chapter 846 MVP, David Gerdeman, presented the 2023 Chapter 846 MVP award to Steve Greer for his service and dedication to the chapter in 2023. Congratulations, Steve!

Old Business

Secretary Kevin Fink asked for a motion to be made to accept the January 2024 Board of Directors meeting minutes as published in the current Wingnuts publication. A motion was made by Greg Cantrell and was seconded by Steve Bauman. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Baker started a discussion on how to proceed since the 9-month CD we started in 2023 will be coming to term soon. Discussion followed with various chapter members regarding commercial CD rates.

Details of the proposed 2024 budget were reviewed with the chapter members. As a reminder, 2024 chapter dues are due, and can be given to Gary Baker.

Fred Coblentz Memorial Scholarship

Multiple initial investment options and details for the Fred Coblentz Memorial Scholarship were reviewed with chapter members. Treasurer Gary Baker requested volunteers to sit on a committee to develop the framework and management plans for the scholarship.

Ray Scholar Updates

Chapter 846 scholarship recipient Jack Pomfret gave updates on his Private Pilot training progress. He is hoping to start checkride preparation in the next few weeks. As a reminder, anyone interested in applying for the 2024 Ray Scholarship should contact Mike Guenthner at mjguenthner@gmail.com for further details on how to apply.

Chapter 846 has been awarded a flight simulator by EAA as a new trial program of the Ray Scholarship program. This simulator will be loaned to new Ray Scholarship recipients to aid in skill building before they step into the cockpit. It may

also be set up at chapter events to gauge interest in flying for new Ray Scholarship applicants. This simulator includes everything except a monitor. The chapter will provide a monitor of our choice. Anticipated arrival is the end of March 2024.

Young Eagles 2024

Young Eagles Coordinator Gary Baker gave out remaining certificates of appreciation for 2023 Young Eagles participation.

2024 Young Eagles Dates:

6/1/2024 – 1G5 Medina Municipal Airport

8/17/2024 – KBJJ Wayne County Airport
Further details to follow.

Air Academy applications

No applications have been received by the 1/31/24 deadline. The deadline has been extended and all applications are due by Friday, February 16 2024.

The camp runs July 16th – 24th.

To apply, visit <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea846/scholarships/air-academy-scholarship>

2024 Events

Solar Eclipse Fly-In – 1G5 Medina Airport April 7-8 2024
Kelly Barone will provide more updates at the March Gathering.

A “**Wings and Wheels**” fly-in and car show will be hosted by Cold Stream Air Service at Medina Municipal Airport 1G5 on September 7, 2024. Cold Stream Air has requested Chapter 846 to set up an informational table at the event and invite our members to fly in to the event. More information to follow as we get closer to the event.

The **EAA 846 Swank Field Chapter Fly-Out** is being organized by Paul Lutz and will take place July 5-7, 2024 at Swank Field. This event has an open invitation for both visitors and camping.

Tool Crib updates

Brad Wurst provided a materials list for mechanical components to insulate and put up walls/ceiling in the tool crib. Kevin Fink provided a materials list for electrical components to provide electrical outlets and lighting in the tool crib.

A motion to approve the purchase of the supplies needed for the mechanical and electrical portions of the project, not to exceed \$2,500, was made by David Gerdeman and was seconded by Paul Hanchek. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VMC Club

The next VMC club meeting will take place on February 28th at 7pm in the Skypark airport community room. VMC club coordinator Gary Baker will review flight briefings/de-briefings and weight and balance calculations.

February Monthly Safety Topic

Fiona Burke gave an interesting and informative presentation on mental health in aviation. She also gave many resources for who to reach out to if you ever have questions or concerns about your mental health state and its relationship to aviation. Thank you, Fiona!

February Monthly Program

Chapter Vice president Brad Wurst and Chris "Mom" Shearer gave an engaging presentation on Aeroelasticity, the "60,000ft. view". The presentation went over vibrations, aviation physics, and various personal experiences relating to control surface flutter. Thank you, Brad and Chris!

With no further business to attend to, a motion to adjourn the February Monthly gathering was made at 8:59pm by Greg Cantrell and seconded by Randy Brooks. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Submitted by,
Kevin Fink, Secretary – EAA Chapter 846**

EAA CHAPTER 846 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2024

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by chapter Vice President Brad Wurst at 7:10pm.

Officers Present:

Brad Wurst,
Gary Baker.

Board of Directors Members Present:

Paul Hancheck,
Brian Burke,
Karl Aber,
Ron Lutz,
Paul Lutz,
Randy Brooks.

Fred Coblenz Memorial Scholarship

Treasurer Gary Baker will be leading a 3-person committee that, along with help from Steve Greer and Greg Cantrell, will complete the investigation of and propose the investment of the initial "seed" funds to be used for the scholarship.

Chapter event model airplane kits

President Chris Oehlers offered to 3D print gliders for handout at chapter events for his cost of \$0.25 each. Thanks, Chris!

Air Academy applications

Ian King has been selected to attend the 2024 Air Academy that will take place this summer at KOSH. Congratulations, Ian!

Ray Scholarship

We have 2 applicants for the 2024 Ray Aviation Scholarship, Doug Tytko and John Watts. Ray Scholarship coordinator Mike Guenther has been working with both families to finalize details. We plan to vote on the recipient during the March gathering.

Tool Crib updates

Brad Wurst has done a great job leading the first few weeks of progress on the tool crib updates. Thus far, the walls have been insulated, plywood installed and painted, the ceiling has been insulated, and the metal sheeting has been installed. Kevin Fink will start to procure the electrical components. We will then ask for further volunteers to help with installation, probably towards the end of March or early April.

Flight Simulator

Anticipated arrival is the end of March 2024. Ray Scholarship Coordinator Mike Guenther will manage the simulator program. Logan Cohara and Kevin Fink have offered to assist with setup of the simulator.

Upcoming Events

A Young Eagles event will be flown at Wadsworth Municipal Airport 3G3 on Monday, March 18th from 9am – 1pm. Bryon Palitto will be coordinating the event. There are approximately 38 kids scheduled for the event at this time. An additional 2-3 volunteer pilots and some ground volunteers are being requested.

The Skypark Summer Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 30th.

EAA Build and Fly

Greg Cantrell has agreed to be the AMA R/C club contact and Ron Lutz has agreed to be the 846-program coordinator. The \$500 fee will be paid for by Young Eagles credits.

March Monthly Gathering

Mark Moser will give a presentation on painting with Stewart Systems.

A motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting was made at 8:45 pm. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Submitted by,
Kevin Fink, Secretary – EAA Chapter 846**

SOLAR ECLIPSE FLY IN



Medina Municipal Airport
APRIL 7-8TH

2050 Medina Rd.

For more information or to Register

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Items for Sale!

- Microair 760 com revision Q like new.
- Microair T2000SFL wired transponder with Model SSD120 altitude digitizer plus new antenna.

Call for more info.

Mike Baker

330-414-5272



Solar Eclipse Watch Party

Monday, April 8, 2024 11 A.M. – 4 P.M.

**Free Eclipse
Glasses to the first
1,000 Visitors**



**Free Admission
Free Shuttle to
Auto Parking Lot**

**Bring a lawn chair and
dress for the weather!**

**LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
AIRPORT (KLNN) ARINC 122.75
1969 Lost Nation Road,
Willoughby, OH 44094**

**Music
Food Trucks
Activities**



**Sponsored by the
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**ALL PLANES WELCOME! Aircraft Reservations Required! Contact Airport
Manager, Patty Fulop at 440-321-9036 or by email Pfulop@LDAuthority.org**

APRIL 8



G R E A T N O R T H A M E R I C A N E C L I P S E
WACO AIR MUSEUM
T R O Y , O H

SOLAR VIEWING PARTY

Totality: 3m 38s

Fly-In, Drive-In, or Camp With Us

Kid's Activities

Games

Entertainment

WACO Biplane Rides

Bike Trail to Shopping,
Dining and More Eclipse
Fun

PRICING AND RESERVATIONS AT www.wacoairmuseum.org

All Parking includes:

Two Basic Eclipse Packages (Museum Admission, Souvenir
Solar Eclipse Glasses, and Bottled Water)

OR

Two Deluxe Eclipse & Meal Packages
Lunch served from 11 am – 2 pm

At Historic WACO Field (1WF)

1865 S. County Road 25ATroy, OH 45373

www.wacoairmuseum.org

937-335-9226

SOLAR ECLIPSE FACTS

Begins: 1:53 pm

Ends: 4:25 pm

Duration: 2 hours, 32 min.

Totality: 3 min. 38 sec

Max Totality: 3:11 pm

FOR SALE

STARDUSTER TOO PROJECT



Photos represent examples of completed Starduster aircraft.

Gen. Characteristics

Seating: 2
Length: 20 ft 7 in
Wingspan: 24 ft
Height: 7 ft 3 in
Wing area: 165 sq ft
Empty weight: 1,000 lb
Gross weight: 1,704 lb
Fuel cap: 28 Fuse 15 Wing
Powerplant: Lycoming
O-360 , 180 hp)
Max. speed: 180 mph
Cruise speed: 134 mph
Stall speed: 56 mph
Service ceiling: 23,000 ft
G limits: +/- 6
Roll rate: 120°/s
Rate of climb: 1,500 ft/
min

Sometimes, on rare occasions, opportunity comes knocking at your door. When that happens some individuals are astute enough to open the door. Well, KNOCK, KNOCK!!

EAA Chapter 50 in Huron, OH is offering for sale a STARDUSTER TOO Project. If you're looking for an economical two seat, sport bi-plane capable of plus or minus 6 G's then perhaps it's your lucky day. This kit includes:

- * Professionally welded fuselage, completed, primed
- * Wings (4) meticulously crafted, ready to cover
- * Center sections (ditto from above)
- * Full set of guide wires
- * Misc. parts, instruments too numerous to list

**Contact: Ed Beer, 419/610-3560 or
elb511@hotmail.com**

Noble County Airport awarded RAF Grant for Phase Two Improvements

RAF Ohio Liaison Christine Mortine used an RAF grant in 2020 to initiate improvements at this airport near Caldwell, Ohio. It is a desirable recreational destination that provides walking access to Noble County's Wolf Run State Park campground. Pilots can tie down and follow a wooded trail to the lake. The outhouse was improved, and carts were obtained for visitors to haul camping gear from their parked aircraft to the camping area. Re-grading and drainage of the additional parking area is underway. A visitor sign-in box was added to record pilot usage. During the summer months 10-25 sign-ins are recorded each month. Mortine monitors the record and says, "Heartwarming messages from campers and picnickers sharing their enjoyment of the spot and their plans to return, only make these approved improvements all the more exciting."

Mortine will use the 2024 grant to enlist volunteers to work under the direction of airport manager Ed Crock, who operates a construction company. "The Wolf Run Fly In camp area has proven to be a highly energized project with mounting support and enthusiasm for Phase Two," Mortine said. Planned improvements include an open-air pilot shelter with concrete floor large enough for several picnic tables, and adequate storage for carts, kayaks, paddles, life jackets, and bikes. The plan is to add an RAF fire ring, and at least three wooden tent platforms closer to the lake's edge within the more wooded environment.

"There is full throttle involvement of the Noble County Board of Trustees, Ohio Department of Natural Resource State Parks division, and the RAF," Mortine added. For more information on Noble County Airport, see the [Airfield Guide](#).



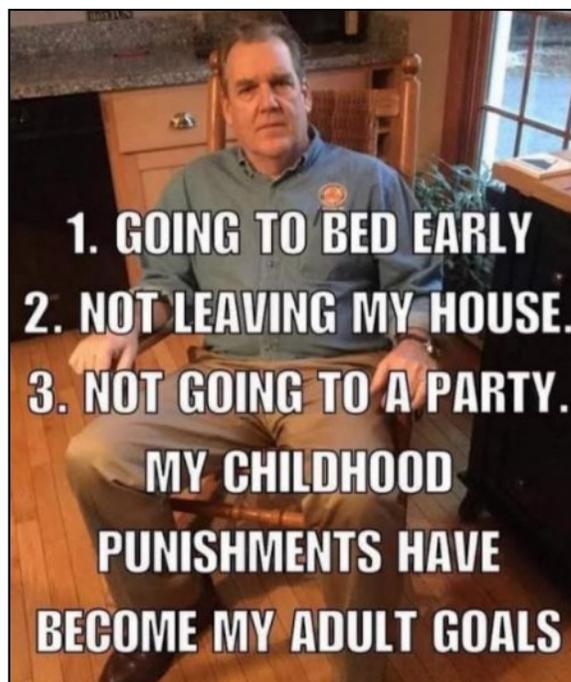
Women Who Shaped Our Space Program

The Brunswick Library is hosting the International **Women's Air & Space Museum** of Cleveland (IWASM) on Wed., March 13 at 6:30 pm. IWASM is doing a program on Women in the space program, Hidden No More: Women Who Shaped Our Space Program.

Take a deep dive into the roles and impact of women who shaped our space program. Explore diverse and innovative ways women have continued to impact our interest in the cosmos.



Mary Baker
Library Associate



Other Tidbits...

By Mary Baker



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Feb. 25, 2024

Scholarships
AAUW Medina County

AAUW is accepting applications for two scholarships to be given to "non-traditional" Medina County women undergraduate students.

Application Deadline
April 9, 2024

For more information go to
<https://medinacounty-oh.aauw.net/scholarship/>

The graphic is a blue square with yellow confetti. It features a photo of a woman in a purple graduation gown on the left. The text is white and yellow, providing details about the scholarships and the application deadline.

Medina County Branch
American Association of University Women
aauwmedinaoh@gmail.com

Scholarship Opportunity

Sometimes, life just gets in the way. All your big plans get put on hold while you have to take care of things. And sometimes, it's hard to get started back on your path, the one you had mapped out for yourself: a degree, job, personal success, and stability. It feels like it, but it's not too late.

The Medina County Branch of the American Association of University Women is accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded to "non-traditional" women undergraduate students who are attending an accredited college or university. A "non-traditional" student is a woman who is returning to college to finish an undergraduate degree, or a woman who has delayed entering college for several years after completing high school or earning a GED.

The scholarships apply to the 2024-2025 academic year. All applicants must be women at least 23 years old and residents of Medina County.

The deadline for submission of the application, college transcript, and recommendations is April 9, 2024. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, and clarity of goals and objectives.

Applications are available through The Akron Community Foundation at www.akroncf.org/Students. For more information go to our website, <https://medinacounty-oh.aauw.net/> or email aauwmedinaoh@gmail.com.

It's never too late to reach for your goals.

