

# Ohio Region Chapter News

## January 2024



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**As always, Some News from National.**

**AirVenture dates 2024: July 22 – 28**

### Margaret Brill Promoted to Vice President of EAA Aviation Foundation



Margaret Brill, previously director of the EAA Aviation Foundation, has been promoted to vice president of the Foundation. The EAA Aviation Foundation is the fundraising and philanthropy partner for EAA.

“Margaret’s leadership, teamwork, collaboration, and strategy have created remarkable results for the EAA Aviation Foundation and for the valuable EAA programs the Foundation supports, as she has met the challenge of rebuilding our donor organization from the ground up,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board. “Her enthusiastic passion to encourage support for EAA’s mission will fuel the organization’s efforts well into the future.”

Among Brill’s duties are designing and executing the Foundation’s year-round strategy that benefits EAA’s numerous education, safety, and aircraft preservation initiatives. The Foundation also coordinates the administration of more than \$1 million in scholarships annually and hosts The Gathering annual fundraiser during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh that supports EAA’s aviation education programs.

A native of Winneconne, Wisconsin, Brill graduated from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh with a bachelor's degree in journalism prior to gaining extensive experience in the nonprofit and higher education communities. She joined the EAA Aviation Foundation in 2020 as a major gift officer and was named director of the Foundation in December 2021. In her new role, Brill will also be a member of EAA's senior leadership team.

## **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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to sign up.

Check out the attached flyer for the schedule.

## Same Thrilling Thunder with a Brand-New Name



The North American Aerobatic Team (NAAT), the iconic 40-year veteran air show demonstration team, announced today that beginning December 3, 2023, they will fly under the TITAN Aviation Fuels brand as the TITAN Aerobatic Team. The group, founded in 1984 by Alan Henley, EAA Lifetime 216639, and Steve Gustafson, has become one of aviation’s mainstays, flying first under their own NAAT name, then as the AeroShell Aerobatic Team since 2001. They fly tight, awe-inspiring formation aerobatics in WWII-era North American AT-6 Texans, the aircraft famously known as the “Pilot Maker” due to its critical role as an advanced military trainer from the late 1930s well into the 1950s.

Buddy Stallings, EAA Lifetime 253872, chairman of TITAN Aviation Fuels, is enthusiastic about their new title sponsorship. “Having our brand associated with this team is a perfect match,” he said. “These ‘gentlemen pilots’ represent all the qualities we want to promote at TITAN – precision operations, a high-quality product, professional service, and extraordinary work ethic. We’re thrilled to be flying with them!”

Mark Henley, EAA Lifetime 441982, has been flying with the NAAT group since 1997, and assumed the lead position after his twin brother Alan was injured in a non-aviation accident in 2008. He commented on the positive change for the team as it transitions to its new sponsor, saying “We’ve known Buddy and the TITAN company for many years. We are excited about our new relationship and are looking forward to representing all the great folks that make this company such a quality organization across America.”

“We have been so blessed to be in this business for so long,” said team co-founder Steve. “Alan and I began this team with a simple idea at an air show, and it has just grown over the years with the help of some amazing sponsors and our loyal fans. It’s truly incredible, and we are very humbled and grateful to be doing what we love.”

The change is a significant milestone in the team’s history, as AeroShell was its title sponsor for more than two decades. Gustafson was emphatic about the gratitude and respect they have for their long-running relationship. “AeroShell has been a wonderful sponsor and absolutely awesome to work with all these years. We have nothing but great things to say about their support, their products, and all the good people that represent them around the world. It’s been a wonderful relationship, and I’m proud to say we’re parting on good terms.”

The TITAN Aerobatic Team will begin flying in March 2024 with brand new paint schemes, uniforms, and promotional materials. Henley says the look is new, but the team and their demo will be the exciting, dynamic performance fans have known and loved as they head into their 40th year in air shows. “We just do what we do and try to give the fans and show promoters a great experience with a great show. We love it, and it’s very special to be able to open a new chapter even after all this time.”

## **A Busy Week for Medical Advocacy**

This past week saw several significant meetings and announcements that highlighted the continued advancement of pilot medical certification issues. A particular area of focus was reform in the handling of mental health issues, a subject long advocated by EAA and others in the industry.

EAA’s Aeromedical Advisory Council chair Dr. Steve Leonard and co-chair Dr. John Owen, along with EAA Government Relations Director Tom Charpentier, participated in the FAA’s Aerospace Medical Certification Summit. The Summit brought together FAA medical staff, aerospace medical examiners (AMEs), and representatives of the pilot community.

This year’s summit provided FAA Federal Air Surgeon Dr. Susan Northrup and Deputy Federal Air Surgeon Dr. Brett Wyrick and their staff the opportunity to report on recent updates.

The FAA representatives acknowledged a chronic backlog in processing applications. This was attributed to both a staffing shortage and the increasing complexity of medical cases before them. They did note a new system that allows AMEs to directly upload medical documents and new mental health policies that put more decision-making authority in the hands of the AME as positive improvements, along with efforts to mitigate the staffing issues.

EAA’s team used the opportunity to highlight the need for additional transparency in medical standards, further clarity on FAA communications with airmen, and the need for more timely and detailed information on the FAA’s online system for checking application status. Also discussed was the need for continued advancement in the area of the FAA and industry addressing the mental health of pilots and others in our community.

On the latter point, EAA emphasized that in order for pilots to be proactive and forthcoming in seeking help for mental health issues, they must be confident that they can do so without needless grounding and long certification delays. EAA is advocating for fundamental change in the FAA’s approach to mental health, while encouraging all pilots to get the help they need. The vast majority of cases eventually “get to yes” even with the system’s drawbacks, and early intervention is best (counseling visits in the absence of a medical diagnosis are not legally reportable to the FAA).

For its part, the FAA has implemented several new policies, including new accelerated certification pathways for situational depression, PTSD, and ADHD. They have also recently added Wellbutrin XL and SR to their list of approved antidepressants.

The FAA also released this week the charter for their anticipated [Mental Health and Aviation Medical Clearances Aviation Rulemaking Committee \(ARC\)](#). The objective of the ARC is to “provide a forum for the United States aviation community to discuss and provide recommendations to the FAA that break down the barriers that prevent pilots from reporting and seeking care for mental health issues.” The final recommendations of the ARC are to be submitted no later than March 30, 2024.

Adding to the discussion, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) held a [Pilot Mental Health Summit](#) this week. The Summit brought together the aviation industry, academia, and mental health professionals, as well as representatives from the FAA. Included in the panels of presenters were a number of powerful first-person accounts from individuals who have interacted with medical certification process on mental health cases. A second panel provided an overview from the FAA on their current approach including recent changes. The summit concluded with a discussion of the future of mental health in aviation.

Medical certification is a key part of EAA’s advocacy agenda. We have long expressed concern on the relationship between the flying community and the FAA on mental health, and we are pleased to see the topic receive its due attention.

## **Senate Passes Resolution Honoring Wright Brothers**

The Senate has passed S. 513, a resolution recognizing December 17 as “Wright Brothers Day” and commemorating the 120th anniversary of the first powered flight. [Read Senate Resolution 513](#)

[Text - S.Res.513 - 118th Congress \(2023-2024\): A resolution recognizing December 17 as "Wright Brothers Day" and commemorating the 120th anniversary of the first powered flight. | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)

## **Schedule Set for First Half of 2024 EAA Speaker Series**

The schedule is set for the first half of 2024’s EAA Aviation Adventure Speaker Series, as the first six speakers have been confirmed. The presentations take place on select Thursdays throughout the winter, spring, and summer at 7 p.m. at the EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh.

[Schedule Set for First Half of 2024 EAA Speaker Series | EAA](#)

# EAA Webinars



1/3	Time & Material Maintenance	Mike Busch
1/9	The Van's RV	Chris Henry & Dick VanGrunsven
1/10	Chilly Checklist: Tips to Preheat Aircraft Engines	Prof. H. Paul Such
1/31	Young Eagles Coordinator Onboarding	David Leiting

## **All webinars are at 7:00 pm CDT unless otherwise noted.**

Webinars are free, but registration is required as space is limited. You can also review any of the previous webinars.

To register for one of the webinars go to: [Webinars \(eaa.org\)](https://www.eaa.org/webinars)

## **Applications Now Open for 2024 EAA Aviation Scholarships**

The application process is now open for the 2024 EAA Aviation Scholarships. Flight training and post-secondary scholarships are available to everyone over the age of 16. The window to apply will close on March 1, 2024.

Flight training scholarships help cover the costs at any flight school in the United States or Canada that is not a university program. Post-secondary scholarships help pay for collegiate level programs in the United States including but not limited to aerospace or aeronautical engineering, aviation business administration, air traffic control, aviation maintenance, professional flight, or any aviation-related STEM field.

“The costs of training and education can be one of the biggest challenges students face when trying to achieve their goals,” said Becca Greskoviak, EAA scholarship and fund steward coordinator. “EAA is able to help break down that barrier through our scholarship program.”

More information about individual scholarships and online application procedures is available at EAA's scholarship website at [EAA.org/Scholarships](https://www.eaa.org/scholarships). Scholarships are administered through the EAA Aviation Foundation.

## EAA Chapter 1625 Chillicothe (SE Ohio) Ross County KRZT

Please check out our Facebook page for the latest up to date information

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2221359754604751/>

Or check out our website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1625>

Our Chapter dues are \$ 10.00 per year. Checks (made out to EAA Chapter 1625) can be mailed with your information such as Name, address, email, phone, EAA National #, aviation interests to Darlene Ford 2776 Kenilworth Rd. Columbus, OH 43219.

Our January meeting will be on January 13, 2024, at 9 AM. We will meet in Chillicothe at the Ross County Airport (KRZT). The airport is located at 1296 Stone Road. Everyone is welcome to attend. We welcome your input.

You can email us at [FirstCapitalAviators@gmail.com](mailto:FirstCapitalAviators@gmail.com) or call us at 614-557-1170

## EAA Chapter 1629, Marysville, OH Union County Airport (KMRT)

As always you can visit our website at <http://eaa1629.org> for the latest up to date information.

You can also check our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/MarysvilleEAAChapter1629/>

**Also if you would like to renew your membership or join the Chapter, you can do so in one of three ways:** To renew your membership with a credit card or PayPal go to the following link: <https://eaa1629.org> and click the Join or Renew link on the left.

Mail a check for \$10.00 made payable to The Marysville EAA Chapter 1629 to Marysville EAA Chapter 1629 760 Clymer Rd. Marysville, OH 43040 Or you can bring a check for \$10.00 made payable to the Marysville EAA Chapter 1629 or \$10.00 cash (Correct Change preferred) to any of the Marysville EAA 1629 functions.



You can contact us for more details on the IMC Club meetings via email. Dr. Michael Stretanski, President of 1629 is our Coordinator along with Andrew Hale and me, Darlene Ford as co-coordinators. Email [marysvilleeaachapter@gmail.com](mailto:marysvilleeaachapter@gmail.com) Our IMC meetings will be taking a summer break. We will be back in November. You can check out the Facebook page also, EAA Chapter 1629 IMC Club. Our next IMC meeting will be on January 17th. We are still meeting at Switchbox, Inc. located at 4500 Mobile Drive Columbus, OH 43220.



Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at Zanesville Municipal Airport (ZZV). We start gathering around 5 to talk and have some refreshments. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. Come on out to see what we do and hopefully you will join the Chapter. You do not have to fly Vintage Aircraft to join. Please think about coming out to join us. We are an aviation friendly club where there are no strangers.

A few pictures from our Christmas party.



The Christmas Party went very well. We ended up with a full house and everyone had a great time.

Also, if you do not have an email address on file to receive the newsletter 'Tailwinds' and would like to, please send me an email at [DAFord1957@gmail.com](mailto:DAFord1957@gmail.com)





AeroEducate is a free resource filled with age-based activities and clear pathways to aviation and aerospace industry careers where K-12 students can discover and ignite their curiosity in aviation.

AeroEducate is a way for students, teachers, parents, and EAA chapters to interact with aviation in a whole new way. By signing up for a FREE AeroEducate account, you can find awesome web-based projects, experiments, and experiences that can earn points toward progressive AeroEducate Badges. <https://www.aeroeducate.org/>

## EAA Chapter Leadership Academy



**January 27-28, 2024 | Oshkosh, WI**

Registration is now open for the two-day interactive EAA Chapter Leadership Academy training session at EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, January 27-28, 2024! We'd love to see you there! Seats are limited and registrations are taken first come, first served.

This two-day interactive workshop will provide an immersive experience that will help you become a stronger chapter leader!

## Benefits of attending a Chapter Leadership Academy

- Become a well-rounded chapter leader as you learn more about membership recruitment, fundraising, public relations, chapter marketing, and more!
- Get all your chapter questions answered by knowledgeable EAA staff!
- Network with other chapter leaders from around the country
- Learn about chapter programs and activities to boost chapter participation and attendance!
- Earn a point towards chapter recognition!

Free lodging in the EAA Air Academy Lodge and meals will be provided to participants.

### Schedule of Events:

**Friday:** Check-in, social hour, and welcome dinner with EAA staff

**Saturday:** Full day of classes

**Sunday:** Half-day of classes

**Address:** EAA Aviation Museum

3000 Poberezny Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54902

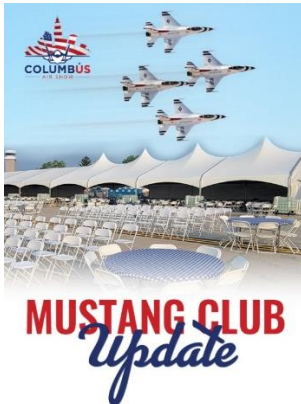
[Register Now](#)

[https://www.eaa.org/eea/eea-chapters/chapter-leadership-training/eea-chapter-leaders-academy?utm\\_source=ch\\_leadershipacademy\\_email1\\_2024&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=chapters\\_2024&utm\\_content=cta&mkt\\_tok=OTEwLVNFVS0wNzMAAAGPJhRbZeUH3BZoMGvytB400-aFtYngg4V9uWStw6y7Bq8g5DO6PvdeYyLkru90dWdhubk7szlBwoDw-kJY2CMoTZuyL5RZVfnjNRtcaCvBIUQ](https://www.eaa.org/eea/eea-chapters/chapter-leadership-training/eea-chapter-leaders-academy?utm_source=ch_leadershipacademy_email1_2024&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=chapters_2024&utm_content=cta&mkt_tok=OTEwLVNFVS0wNzMAAAGPJhRbZeUH3BZoMGvytB400-aFtYngg4V9uWStw6y7Bq8g5DO6PvdeYyLkru90dWdhubk7szlBwoDw-kJY2CMoTZuyL5RZVfnjNRtcaCvBIUQ)

Can't make this Leadership Academy? Look for additional training in April 2024.

For more information, please contact the EAA Chapters office at [Chapters@EAA.org](mailto:Chapters@EAA.org) or call 800-564-6322. If the trip to Oshkosh is not an option, please watch for a Chapter Leadership Boot Camp near you by visiting [EAA.org/BootCamp](https://www.eaa.org/BootCamp).

## Columbus Air Show Fans -



Tickets to the Mustang Club for the 2024 Columbus Air Show June 14-16 at Rickenbacker International Airport are 95% SOLD OUT for Saturday.

Tickets are also extremely limited for Friday and Sunday!

Perks of the Mustang Club include:

- Admission to the show
- Seating along the flightline
- Access to a tented area
- Complimentary beverages (non-alcoholic)
- Access to nonpublic portable washrooms
- Children ages 4 and under are free when accompanied by an adult with a ticket (no ticket necessary for the child)

Click the button to secure your tickets to the Mustang Club before it's too late!

**MUSTANG CLUB TICKETS**



<https://columbusairshow.com/tickets->

[2024/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=eblast&utm\\_campaign=mustangclub2#must](https://columbusairshow.com/tickets-2024/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=eblast&utm_campaign=mustangclub2#must)



## STOL Drag Returns

We are excited to announce that the STOL Drag Racing Columbus Cup is returning to the 2024 Columbus Air Show on June 14-16 at Rickenbacker International Airport!

STOL Drag Racing will take place in conjunction with the air show. Qualification heats will be Friday and Saturday, with the Finals/Championship taking place on Sunday.

STOL (Short Takeoff/Landing) Drag is the fastest growing motorsport in the world, and since 2021 it has been an officially sanctioned racing class at the National Championship Air Races.

Check out the [STOL Drag Racing Columbus Cup website](#) to learn more about the event, and keep an eye out for more exciting racer announcements coming soon!

### *EAA Chapter 421 Urbana Ohio*

#### **Monthly Chapter Gatherings:**

First Saturday of Each Month at 10:00 AM Grimes Field Airport - I74, 1652 N. Main St. Urbana, OH 43078 **EAA Chapter 421** has a new meeting place. We are now meeting in the Grimes Flying Lab Hangar, the first Saturday of each month. All are welcome. **Thank you to Jessica Deere** for allowing us to meet there. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chapter421>. **This is a new improved facebook page!**

**Chapter Contact Information:** President, Mark Curtner

937-726-1244

#### **GRIMES FIELD (I74) URBANA, OHIO UPDATE**

**1. Mid America Flight Museum of Texas Restoration Shop** – currently with a New Standard they have restored and are now finishing. Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm) They now have a Beechcraft B-18 on site. Volunteers are always welcome!

**2. Grimes Flying Lab Museum**, which has one of Grimes's original Beech C45 aircraft that flies at special occasions, events, July 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. and examples of many of the lights and equipment that Grimes built (Hours – April thru November Saturdays 10 to 1)

**3. Champaign Aviation Museum** – Building B-17 Champaign Lady, flying B-25 Champaign Gal, Stinson, Fairchild, COD1 (Hours Tuesday thru Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

**Grimes is the only Airport in the U.S. with 3 museums.**

**4. Grimes Airport Café** – New Owners Mindy & Chat Orahood – same great food, adding some new dishes. Still making pies 100% from scratch, crust, filling, etc. (Hours – Tuesday thru Saturday 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am to 2:30 pm)

**5. Ohio Hi Point Career Center** (Bellefontaine) has an aviation class here. Champaign County high school students attend class for the first half of the day, then after lunch attend workshop/class here at Grimes where they learn about aviation. (Pilotage, maintenance, administration, riveting, etc.)

**6. Champaign County Pilots' Association** meets first Wednesday monthly at Champaign Aviation Museum, library/training room – All are welcome



## Chapter 67 Build and Fly RC Airplane

All Aviation Enthusiasts,

Starting Wednesday, January 10th at 6:00 PM we will kick off our Build and Fly RC Airplane program.

- It will be at the [Noblesville Airport Line Shack](#)
- We will meet every Wednesday starting Jan 10 for a while until it gets substantially built.
- It will be run by our local [Academy of Model Aeronautics \(AMA\)](#) organization, the [NeST RC Club](#).
- It is open to our youth (Grades 12 and under), and we ask that a parent be present and stay for the activity.
- In addition to the build, there will be the RC simulators and other educational topics related to aviation and RC airplanes.

- Thank you,  
Nick Boland, Chapter 67 President
- eaachapter67@gmail.com



Here is a picture of the kit.

### **EAA 1525 Pancake Breakfast**

Sat, Jan 6, 2024 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Address: 1800 Rodney Hitch Blvd. Morehead, KY 40351

Contact: James Taylo | [Website chapters.eaa.org/eaa1525](http://chapters.eaa.org/eaa1525)

Saturday January 6th, Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 1525 will host its monthly pancake breakfast at the Morehead-Rowan County Clyde A Thomas Regional Airport. This event is held on the 1st Saturday of each month, 8:00 – 10:30 AM serving pancakes with a side of sausage and eggs. The price is \$5.00 per person and the proceeds will support EAA flight programs for those interested in aviation including programs such as Eagle Flights and Young Eagles programs. Airport - KSYM

## **EAA 145 VMC Club Meeting**

Tue, Jan 16, 2024 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Address: 805 Taylor St Jenison, MI 49428

Contact: Robert Swietek Phone: -616-676-2951

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month at the Riverview (08C) airport office for an informative hour of learning about what interests us the most, FLYING! Learn from real life scenarios and events through interactive discussions and presentations. Bring your own events that might help others learn and grow their aviation knowledge.

## **EAA Chapter 846 VMC Club**

Tue, Jan 23, 2024 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Address: 3071 Greenwich Road Wadsworth, OH 44281

Contact: Gary Baker Phone: -330-321-6274

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

We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month and discuss in-depth topics as mentioned on our chapter website.

## **Recalling Wright-Patterson Aero Club's Unfair Demise**

**A story about flying clubs...and a true hero.**

By [Martha Lunken](#)



One of the original buildings at Wright Field, from the 1930s, with the original control tower on the left. [Credit: United States Air Force historical photo]

There are probably as many kinds of flying clubs as there are airports (or grass strips) in the country—everything from two or three pilots sharing an airplane to the large clubs I’m writing about. I think the most unique was one created by a guy at Lunken Airport (KLUK) some years ago who sold shares in his “Cub Club.” He had a ratty old J-3 that gullible pilots bought into for a mere \$6,000—and there were 12 members! Everything ended when he was giving dual tailwheel instructions to a member, and they broke the Cub. The CFI/club president/registered owner announced there was no insurance, and he wanted to be paid for the damage. As an old friend used to say, “Sooner or later, every crook ends up at the airport.”

This article of Martha’s appears in Flying Magazine’s December 18 issue. Thought I would add some of it here since there was a question asked about the Flying Club at Wright Patterson. To read Martha’s article if you do not subscribe to Flying Magazine (which has some great articles in it) go to [Recalling Wright-Patterson Aero Club’s Unfair Demise - FLYING Magazine](#)

## EAA’s Blog –

Some great short stories, interesting information - Check it out!

[Hangar Flying \(eaa.org\)](#)

<https://inspire.eaa.org>



Fort Wayne, IN

**Next Chapter Gathering: January 11, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

[Ivy Tech Aviation Center at Smith Field](#) Join us for the January Chapter 2 gathering! Meeting topic is TBD





**Next Chapter Gathering: January 18, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

Vintage 37 Clubhouse 2612 60, Auburn, IN Join us for the monthly Vintage 37 gathering.

**IMC/VMC Club Gathering: January 23** Vintage 37 Clubhouse - 7:00 PM

Dan Leonard will present real-world IMC & VMC scenarios to engage members and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. This is an FAA wings program. Pizza will be provided. RSVP appreciated to [president@vaa37.org](mailto:president@vaa37.org).

**Breakfast at the Hangar: January 27** Vintage 37 Clubhouse - 8:00 AM

Eggs - Pancakes - Sausage - Toast - Fruit - Juice - Coffee  
Price is "by donation" to VAA 37.



**Meetings:** Every 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM

Location: Sloas Field 4059 North River Rd Warren, OH 44484

Jan 16: Speaker Arnold Wolf from FAASTeam program manager

Possible start of Young Eagles Build



**(L to R) Katherine Johnson, U.S. Air Force First Undergraduate Navigator Class 78-01, U.S. Army Air Forces World War II Flight Nurses**

**December 1, 2023** – Women in Aviation International (WAI) has selected the 2024 inductees for its International Pioneer Hall of Fame. These trailblazers will be honored at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in Aviation International Conference during a ceremony and celebration dinner at the Orlando World Center Marriott on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 6-8 p.m.

The 2024 Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees are:

**Katherine Johnson**

The late Katherine Johnson is perhaps the greatest mathematician of her time and a NASA legend. Despite racial and gender barriers, Katherine, along with her Human Computer Women colleagues, were a critical part of NASA's 1960s Space Race. Her unprecedented mathematical calculations of orbital mechanics were a vital part of the successful first and subsequent U.S.-crewed spaceflights. After over 60 years of being an unknown story, the book by Margot Lee Shetterly, *Hidden Figures*, and the subsequent movie about Katherine's life, also titled *Hidden Figures*, finally revealed the trailblazing accomplishments of Katherine and her colleagues.

**U.S. Air Force First Undergraduate Navigator Class 78-01**

In 1975, the United States Air Force Chief of Staff announced the establishment of a test program for female pilots and navigators. The six navigator candidates were all U.S. Air Force officers from various career fields including aircraft maintenance, drug and alcohol abuse program, intelligence, weather, and air traffic control. These women: Capt. Margaret M. Stanek, 1st Lt. Mary K. Higgins, 1st Lt. Elizabeth A. Koch, 1st Lt. Bettye J. Payne, 2nd Lt. Florence E. Parker, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ramona L. McCall helped push open the doors for other women in military aviation with determination and professionalism. Ultimately, these women navigated around the world—something denied merely by policy since World War II.

**U.S. Army Air Forces World War II Flight Nurses**

At the height of World War II, 500 flight nurses served with the U.S. Army Air Forces as

members of 31 medical air evacuation squadrons. These worldwide missions were located on both the European and Pacific fronts. The first class of these dedicated volunteer flight nurses graduated from air evacuation training at Bowman Field in Louisville, Kentucky, on February 18, 1943. These women had to be in top physical condition for grueling medical evacuation missions. They were trained in crash procedures, survival training, and high-altitude physiology. More than one million patients were evacuated by air between January 1943 and May 1945, and only 46 died enroute.



EAA's local Chapters 1095 is about people, bringing together individuals interested in learning more about aviation as well as sharing their own knowledge.

Chapter members are involved in a variety of social and educational activities, including Young Eagles rallies, fly-ins, building seminars, and more, to build awareness in the community.

**EAA Name Tags** if you would like to order name tags for your members or at least your officers please check out Chapter 1095's website. These name tags are very professional looking and hold up well. <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1095/ea-name-tags>



Meetings: 2nd Wednesday 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Delaware Municipal Airport (DLZ) Terminal Building  
1075 Pittsburg Drive Delaware OH 43015

A fellow member of Chapter 1600, George Mellon shared this. I think it's pretty cool.

Watch "The Ultimate Paper Airplane | WIRED" on YouTube

[https://youtu.be/c47kn\\_Y4y8A?si=LetSJMUGYHVYTS10](https://youtu.be/c47kn_Y4y8A?si=LetSJMUGYHVYTS10)

**Just a note – if you have an airplane project that you would like to sell, please send me details and pictures if you have them. I will place them in the newsletter here for those that are interested. There is no cost to advertise tools, planes, parts etc. in the newsletter. We are here to help you sell, give etc. whatever to others that may have a need for it. You never know what you may find for sale or give here. This is a way to help others.**



### **Air Show Fans!**

**Tickets for the 2024 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger are ON SALE NOW to the general public!!**

**Tickets have gone fast for this 50th anniversary event taking flight June 22-23, 2024, featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, Rob Holland and more!**

**So, get in on the fun today!**

**PURCHASE TICKETS**

<https://www.eventsprout.com/event/cpe-das-2024>

## Order a Customized Apron for your Chapter's Next Pancake Breakfast!



Custom U.S. Aeronautical Chart Apron

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Check the website for more products!



We are a local chapter of Women in Aviation  
International, based in Dayton, Ohio – where it all began.

To learn more or if you have questions, email us at

[womeninaviationhuffmanprairie@gmail.com](mailto:womeninaviationhuffmanprairie@gmail.com)

"WAI members seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! If you're a lover of all things aviation and aerospace, and enjoy sharing your passion with others, we'd love to have you" ~WAI.

Our local chapter is a network of women and supporters in the aviation industry. We are engineers, pilots, maintainers, supply chain, and more with a passion for aviation. We enjoy

social events like painting nights, hangar parties, and airshows. Other events include tours, community events, the annual conference and the big GIAD! WAI also offers connections to careers and scholarships, and this year one of our members was selected for a maintenance scholarship to finish her school. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. Also, please see links below for how to sign up at WAI and to check out our chapter. We look forward to helping you pursue your aviation career and network.

<https://www.wai.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/huffmanprwai>

WAI offers free student membership, and our chapter offers free participation as well. If interested in membership please reach out to our chapter, WAI offers many benefits to students and young adults entering the aviation industry.

**You definitely want to go to OshKosh next year for Airventure.**



For the first time ever, the Polaris Program's Ghost Squadron will make appearances at half a dozen air shows all across the United States. The Polaris Program's Ghost Squadron was assembled to demonstrate precision formation flying with the aim to inspire the next generation of aerospace enthusiasts and raise funds and awareness for their partner St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. July 22-24 - Oshkosh, WI

And if you missed them a few years back.



**Canadian Forces Snowbirds Returning to EAA**

**AirVenture Oshkosh in 2024**

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds, one of the most popular military aerial demonstration teams in the world, announced EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is part of their 2024 schedule, returning to Oshkosh for the first time since 2016.



Chapter 333, Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc.

The *Flying Stinkers* (named after the famous *Little Stinker* airplane)

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### **Airport CTAF/UNICOM Changing to 122.725 Effective 1/25/2024**

This is an early notification that the Greene County - Lewis A. Jackson Regional Airport **CTAF/UNICOM frequency will be changing to 122.725 on January 25, 2024**. I'm sure most pilots will welcome this change as our current 122.7 is heavily congested with several other nearby airports. This change was studied and approved by the Airport Authority Board of Directors.

Please make sure your directories, charts, databases, etc. are updated regularly and **monitor NOTAMs for official information**.

PS: The ID change from I19 to GDK is still scheduled for November 30, 2023.

Best regards, *Dave Kushner, Airport Manager*

**If you know of a helpful hint or tip, please share it with your fellow aviators here.**

Are you looking for an airplane? Have you checked Barnstormers? This is a remarkably interesting site.



**BARNSTORMERS.COM**  
Aviation's Busiest Marketplace™

You can also advertise your plane for sale. They also have a section that shows where you can rent a plane, depending on your location. Check them out. <https://www.barnstormers.com/>



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Work continues on the F-15A *Streak Eagle*, a historic aircraft that set several time-to-climb records. Paint stripping has been substantially completed and the nose art now features a fresh coat of blue paint. This record-breaking aircraft is being restored and preserved thanks to your generosity! Check out a recent video of the *Streak Eagle* in restoration.

## [Has Your Chapter Applied for the 2024 Ray Aviation Scholarship?](#)

As a reminder, the chapter application for the 2024 Ray Aviation Scholarship is now open through January 31, 2024! All EAA and divisional chapters in the United States and Canada are eligible and encouraged to apply.



If your chapter applies for the regular \$11,000 scholarship, then your application will be reviewed in the first half of February 2024. If approved, then your chapter can begin nominating its scholar in the second half of February 2024.

[Apply Today](#)

[https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/rayaviationchapter\\_20?utm\\_source=ch\\_rasscholarships\\_noscholars2\\_231201&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=chapters\\_2024&utm\\_content=apply&mkt\\_tok=OTEwLVNFVS0wNzMAAAGP6SG716K\\_xC\\_2LnE5uVAPpICMPqHgqXjQIWITPsDygDD6I5-J0O46lf-KCEeHU4nk8OTVF\\_GnurUEpVfimMukb9VwrwQ6pHRQnwxSHGxAatM](https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/rayaviationchapter_20?utm_source=ch_rasscholarships_noscholars2_231201&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=chapters_2024&utm_content=apply&mkt_tok=OTEwLVNFVS0wNzMAAAGP6SG716K_xC_2LnE5uVAPpICMPqHgqXjQIWITPsDygDD6I5-J0O46lf-KCEeHU4nk8OTVF_GnurUEpVfimMukb9VwrwQ6pHRQnwxSHGxAatM)

## EAA Chapter 846

**Meetings:** Every 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM

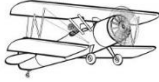
**Location:** Skypark Weltzien Airport (15G), Hangar M-1  
3071 Greenwich Road Wadsworth, OH 44281



Congratulations to our 2022 Ray Scholar, Logan Cohara!

Logan Cohara passed his Private Pilot checkride on Sunday, December 10, 2023, wrapping up a long journey that began back in the fall of 2021. We are excited for Logan's accomplishment and eager to see what's next for him as he looks to continue his aviation journey!

# Chili Fly-in!



Saturday, Feb 3, 2024, Frostbite Chili Fly-In, Canton, MI

*Canton Mettetal Airport ([1D2](#)), [Canton, MI](#)*

EAA Chapter 113's annual Frostbite Chili Fly-In. Bring a pot of your favorite Chili or a dessert to share or just try one already here. Hot Dogs and beverages are available for a donation too. Held in the climate-controlled hangar of the EAA 113 Aviation Center rain or shine.

**Contact:** John Maxfield

**Phone:** 248-890-6767



## SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for the Chapter 846 Holiday Party /Monthly Gathering, Saturday, January 13, 2024. Time– Stay Tuned! The Knights of Columbus Hall, 148 North Lyman Street, Wadsworth OH 44281.



Riziki Cafe is inside Jimmy Stewart Airport (KIDI) in Indiana Pennsylvania. They are open Monday through Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. . They have breakfast and lunch served all day long. Homemade baked goods, homemade soups, coffees, espresso drinks, and the neat atmosphere to dine in. Lots of Jimmy Stewart memorabilia to look at.



## A LOOK AHEAD TO JANUARY 2024

- **Jan. 8th - Chapter Monthly meeting, 7PM at the Airport.**
- **Jan. 13th - IMCI/VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
- **Jan. 20th - Chapter Fly-Out**
- **Jan. 28th - Super-Sundae at the Airport**

**This newsletter goes out to the EAA Chapters in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. It also goes out to the FBO's in those states. So, if you are planning to host an event and would like to get the information out there, this is one of the places to do so. There is NO cost to advertise your events or your Airport Restaurant.**

**We would like to put your events or happenings in the Ohio Region Chapter Newsletter. So please feel free to get the article to me about a week before the end of the month. This way it can be included in the following month's newsletter. If you have an interesting story you want to share, send it. We like those feel-good stories also. Let us know about those restaurants that are located on or near an airfield. This way pilots will know of a good place to fly to for those \$ 100 hamburgers.**

**If someone from your Chapter, or on the airfield has a plane, parts, or tools they want to sell or give away let us know. It can be included in the newsletter. There is NO cost for this.**

**If you do not have time to draft an article and would like for me to visit your website / Facebook page and gather my own "intel" for an article, please let me know.**

**Be sure to let me know if there is a different person that I should reach out to for an article. Or if there is someone else who should receive the newsletter to distribute to your Chapter members.**

**Please share this with your fellow Chapter members, aviator friends and your local FBO's. You never know who would be interested in one of the articles/events in the newsletter. Or if you received this from a friend and would like to receive it directly, please let me know.**

**Send in your comments as to what you would like to see in the newsletter. We like those human-interest stories, especially those with pictures.**

**Send articles for the February newsletter to me by January 20<sup>th</sup> if possible. Email them to [Daford1957@gmail.com](mailto:Daford1957@gmail.com)**

**Thanks again and enjoy the newsletter.**

*Darlene Ford*