

# EAGLE'S PROPWASH

JULY 2023 ISSUE

## CHAPTER 113 "The Backyard Eagles"



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**Gatherings: 7:30 PM**  
the 3rd Thursday of each  
month at the  
**EAA 113 AVIATION  
EDUCATION CENTER**  
**Mettetal Airport (1D2)**  
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Happy faces at Chapter 113's Annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast.

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### **CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT:**

*"EAA Chapter 113's major focus is on the relationships with people who have diverse aviation interests, centered around their love of flight, fellowship, learning, and fun.*

*Chapter members have a passion for flying and are willing to share it with others.*

*Chapter 113 provides the opportunity for exchange of information, as well as the interaction that leads to friendships that last a lifetime."*

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

*"The Board of Directors are to provide both advice and assistance to the chapter officers on an ongoing basis."*



## PRESIDENT'S *PODIUM*

Dave "Drano" Steiner (734) 645-1150  
president@eaa113.org  
June 2023

### Summer Fun

I hope you're having a great summer! I had an awesome vacation and even saw some airplanes along the way. One was a C-130 at a distance (or maybe an Airbus A400M) buzzing Lake Windermere in the Lake District of northwest England. We were high on a hill, so actually looking down on it. It would have been something to see it closer, down on the deck. A couple days later there were some jets too, probably Eurofighter Typhoons, but they were in an adjacent valley, unfortunately, so we only heard them doing their thing. Lucky blokes get paid for doing that stuff.

### EAA Ford Trimotor visit Aug 24-27 at YIP – volunteers needed

See later in the newsletter about signing up to help with the Trimotor (and benefit the Chapter) when it visits the Yankee Air Museum.

### A GREAT Pancake Breakfast Father's Day June 18<sup>th</sup>

We had a very successful Pancake Breakfast event. Many, many thanks to all those who helped out for set up on Saturday, or at the event, or putting their AC on display, or attending. Special thanks to Jim Brown, in his second year as the event PIC (person in command), who did an **AWESOME** job again. Proceeds go to the EAA 113 Don Zimmermann Scholarship Fund. It was my pleasure to present checks to the three deserving young people who were scholarship winners this year. See the article and pictures later in newsletter. I think the aviation community is in good hands with future leaders such as these. We signed up several new members at the event, including some young people. It was a great event all around, with the public really appreciating our efforts and presence in the community. **Well done, all!**

### EAA 113 Election Year

This is an election year for the EAA 113 Board. Consider serving on the Board for a two-year term. The Nominating Committee will be asking those who have been more involved in Chapter activities to also consider serving on the Board, if they are not already doing so. I'll be finishing the second of two terms and can truthfully say it has been a pleasure to work with so many dedicated EAA 113 members, both on the Board and not. The election will be at the November Gathering, so start thinking now of how you might further serve this dynamic chapter. You'll have the general membership to back you up, and you know how great they are!

**Prop Wash Content** – Keep that content coming! A few photos with captions and a short paragraph or two about **your** latest aviation adventure are all that we ask. Send to: newsletter@eaa113.org. Please do share your aviation escapades. Pilot or not. The deadline is always the first of the month. Submission format guidelines are in each edition.

## **EAA 113 Board Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2023**

**Attendance:** Dave Steiner, Jim Brown, Al Bosonetto, Dave Buck, Liz Hebron,

**Absent:** Joe Kirik, John Maxfield, Debbie Redding, Dan Jones

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Buck (absent)

Financials - emailed separately – no unusual expense?

IRS non-profit filing due May 15th – done? Need to confirm 2<sup>nd</sup> lease payment. made,

**Builder's Meeting & VMC/IMC:** No more meetings until the fall.

**Pancake Breakfast, June 18:** Jim Brown working this and could use more volunteers to help out. CAP will help with parking. All three scholarship winners will be attending.

**Newsletter Report:** A new member handout was created by Liz Hebron and presented to the Board for approval. Approved with several minor tweaks. Both a paper version and an email version have been created.

**Trimotor at Yankee, August 24-27:** Let Debbie Redding or John Maxfield know if you can volunteer for ground crew.

**Youth events:** No events planned in July or August

**June 15th Membership Gathering Program:** Barry Levine Yankee Air Museum (president on vacation unable to attend).

**Future Gathering Speakers/Programs:**

July 20th - Kevin Kacan meteorologist NWS DTW/PTK

August 17th - OSH pics from members who attended.

**IT and web site:** Krystal Stasik volunteered to take on Facebook page.

EAA 113 - Goals for 2023

1. Ray Scholarships – Look for highly motivated 2024 candidate
2. Youth and adult hands-on workshops
3. Member project in workshop
4. Keep Gold level status

**Next meeting:** July 13th.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 pm.



# FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A special thanks goes out to all the members who help make the Father's Day Pancake Breakfast a success. The weather was perfect, and we served approximately 560 people. The income from this event supports our very active scholarship programs.

There is excess food that needs to be used, since it will expire before next year's event. If you can use any of these items, please take what you can use and contribute to the scholarship fund by donating an amount that will cover the chapter's cost for the items. Please do not break open the packaging. Take it by the bottle or box.

- orange juice, 46 oz. bottle, non-refrigerated, located in the meeting room cabinets, \$3.34
- frozen precooked pork sausage, 12 lbs. box, located in the hangar freezer, \$43.49
- pancake mix, 5 lbs. box, located in meeting room cabinets, \$8.67

After next month, the remaining items will likely be donated.

Any questions, call Jim Brown at 313-570-6374.









# Congratulations 2023 EAA 113 Aviation Scholarship Winners!



**Blake Smokovitz**

Attending Lansing Community College  
Aviation Maintenance



**Armaan Kamat**

Attending University of Michigan  
Aerospace Engineering



**Landon Hartmann**

Attending Embry-Riddle University  
Aeronautical Science



## ***Special Thank You to Dennis Neubacher!***

*For several years Dennis has been gracious enough to be the Emcee at the EAA 113 Annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast. Dennis' iconic voice is well known in the Detroit area for his many years as a news reporter and helicopter pilot for WJR and the Chopper 7 Pilot and reporter for WXYZ. Until his recent retirement, Dennis was the Traffic Reporter on WWJ. Also, included on his resume were several years serving as an Air Ambulance Helicopter Pilot and Coordinator. Dennis' roots began at Mettetal and Grosse Isle where he began as a CFI. His enthusiasm and knowledge of aviation made him the perfect host for our event.*

*Dennis and his wife are planning to retire down South to be closer to their family . . . their grandchildren are calling! He certainly deserves time for relaxation and fun after his many years spent in community service. Hopefully, we will be able to talk him into a visit to Michigan next year....let's say around Father's Day?!?!?*

*Dennis, our friend . . . We wish you joy and happiness!*

*Blue Skies!*



Photo courtesy of Dirk Wolf



## SANJAY DHALL'S TRIP TO THE QUICKIE FLY-IN (CALLED SPRING FLING) IN TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

During weekend of June 2-4, I attended the Quickie fly-in (called Spring Fling) in Terre Haute Indiana. It was a small gathering of 6 Quickies/Q-200/Tri-Q/Q1 with a dozen attendees. Along the way I made a family visit to Chicago. This gave me a rare chance to fly the Lakeshore route from YIP to PWK (Chicago Exec, Paulwaukee). The view along the lakefront was breathtaking, one I was initially somewhat apprehensive about, but glad I did. What a rare treat it was to see Chicago in this way! In this single pic I was able to see the Sears Tower and Navy Pier together. Needless to say it was also a shorter route to my destination.

The next day I took off for HUF ( Hulman Field, Terre Haute, IN) flying under Chicago Class B at 1000 foot AGL for 30 miles, beneath or level with many communication towers, while ducking landing O'Hare traffic. Can you spot the tall antenna above the horizon in the picture? Landed long on a 9000 foot runway at HUF and still saw a good part of the runway ahead of me. This massive airport has only mild activity, has a flight school, its own control tower and Approach. Hulman Field is also the location of Hulman Field Air National Guard Base of the Indiana Air National Guard.











# Just another day at the Airport!?

One day early in June, John Maxfield and I were sitting in DTW awaiting for a flight to Manassas, VA to do a Ford Tri-Motor stop. While sitting there, it quickly became very evident we were getting (gulp) O-L-D! We overheard the First Officer talking to another young pilot (neither looking old enough to drive) about various Captains giving them flight advice. Next, came the two Flight Attendants...thank goodness it was summer break because they looked like they were skipping their Sixth Grade Social Studies class. Finally, the Captain appeared....not only appearing young but also looking familiar. He was busy with paperwork and I could not see his face for long enough to determine from where I recognized him. Much to John's disappointment, I started doing a little math and calculated that all four crew members together had less than half of his total aviation experience!! Hummmm. . . Perhaps we still have time to drive to Virginia!!

Once on board, I had forgotten to peek in the flight deck for a close up of the Captain, whom by now I was fairly certain who he was...laughing at every memory. As it turned out, one of the Flight Attendants was too short to adjust a bag in the overhead bin near me and couldn't shut the door. Here comes the Captain to the rescue! Now, I knew my assumption was right. I asked him his last name . . . Yup, confirmed. I said, "*Hi Captain Matt...I'm Miss Debbie...your Kindergarten teacher!!*" Surprised him to say the least!! After threatening him, that this landing had better be the best one in his life, he returned to the Flight Deck chuckling!

The flight went well, arrived almost 15 min early and yes, it was a great landing!! We stopped to talk with him for a few minutes when exiting. He has only been flying for five years total and been a Captain for two weeks on the day of our flight. . . . From the days of paper airplanes to jets, in a blink! Oh, and let me not forget to mention that in 2009, Matt had his first Young Eagle flight at EAA 113 given by Dave Buck in a Cessna 172 and another later that year by Dave James in his Bell 47.

## Lessons Learned:

1. Don't be so judgmental. . . the younger generation is currently where we all began once too, and most are doing very well. Have Faith!
2. This story is proof the Young Eagles program is successful in calling more young people into aviation. There are so many more EAA 113 Young Eagles success stories out there. It would be great to hear more.
3. We too often fail to realize the potential we have to influence the lives of others. Reach out to someone. Plan to volunteer at our upcoming Young Eagle events in September and October so we can continue to make a difference to the future of aviation.
4. A moustache can still work to make you look older.
5. Aviation is a small world. You just never know who you will run into at an airport!
6. Remember the words once told to everyone of her Kindergarteners...."Follow your dreams and Reach for the Stars!!" They really can come true!!



~Miss Debbie



## ANN ARBOR FLY-IN JUNE 17.

Chapter 113 members Nigel, Ken, Dirk and Sanjay were at the fly-in in the morning.  
Photo shows Ken and Sanjay with their planes. Nigel and Al's Bush Cat is also visible in the background.





## EAA FORD TRIMOTOR AT YANKEE ROUSH HANGAR

Volunteers needed August 24-27

The EAA Ford Trimotor will be at YIP the end of August, and Chapter 113 will be “hosting,” with ground-crew required each day. There will be morning and afternoon shifts with at least four volunteers required for each shift to run the operation safely. If you are able to help out, please contact Dave Steiner, He'll get you on the spreadsheet. EAA provides a training video and onsite support. Our chapter has done this before at PTK, so I expect some of you are familiar with the procedures. There's also an operations manual that will be part of the training for the event.

The aircraft will be selling rides and we'll be facilitating that, as well as loading/off-loading. Yankee Air Museum is making hangar space available in the Roush Aeronautical Center (RAC). So, this will also be your opportunity to have a peak in the new hangar, where we will be operating from that is not normally open to the public, The **International Ford Thunderbird Club** is holding their meeting in Dearborn, and will be convoying to YIP for Trimotor rides and photo ops. Chapter 113 will share in the proceeds from hosting this classic bird. And you'll see a lot of classic Ford T-Birds as well. Hope you can help out. EAA 113's John Maxfield will be piloting the Trimotor!



## Wittman Tailwind visitor to 1D2

Dave Retka from So. St. Paul, MN, a member of EAA 25, accompanied by his wife, flew his Wittman Tailwind into Mettetal on June 8th to tie down and visit the Ford Museum and the area for a couple days. He had asked in advance about any available hangar space, but the wx made it unnecessary. I think I saw him fly over my house, west of Ann Arbor about 10am on his return trip Saturday morning. He said he was flying a heading to Michigan City. So that would have be about right. Reported the round trip was about 9 hours, and he liked what he saw of 1D2. In true aviation friendliness, airport tenant Dave Morgan gave them a ride to a nearby hotel when they arrived and couldn't secure other transport. Nice looking Tailwind, don't you think? Dave Steiner





# CARL SHEMWELL'S QUAIL

Submitted by Dave James

The Quail, built by Carl Shemwell, has about 700 hours on it now. Carl is a long-time friend of many Chapter 113 members.



# 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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# July 2<sup>nd</sup> 23



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am
2	3		5	6	7	8 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am
9 Pancake Breakfast at: Chesaning (50G) 	10	11	12	13 EAA 113 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	14 	15 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am Pancake Breakfast at: ~Marshall (KRMV) 
16	17 	18	19	20 EAA 113 General Gathering 7:30 pm	21	22 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am
23	24 	25	26 	27	28 	29 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers 9:00 am
30	31					

# ALL POINTS BULLETIN!

Be on the lookout for “run-out”  
aircraft engines & engine stands



**To be used as a “hands on training aid” for adult and youth aviation education in the Zimmerman Workshop.**

**Would be great to have both a Rotax and Lycoming (or Continental) A/C engines**

**Specialty tools for pulling cylinders, adjusting valves etc... would be a real bonus!**

**Please contact Dan Jones or Dave Steiner – see newsletter cover pg. for contact details**





The Zimmerman Shop is in need of 3 bench vices. Please contact Dan Jones or John Maxfield if you have a donation to make.

The EAA113 Workshop is available to EAA members for the construction or refurbishment of their aircraft. Contact Dan Jones or John Maxfield for details to see if your project is a good fit.



**WELCOME NEW CHAPTER 113 MEMBERS!**

Landon Hartmann  
Ilhan Dogan  
Armaan Kamat  
Douglas Conciatu  
Gina Neuhaus  
Robert Grayson  
Blake Smokovitz  
Nick Benitez

#### SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR *EAGLE'S PROPWASH* NEWSLETTER

1. Please send all PDFs in LANDSCAPE orientation.
2. Please DO NOT format text. Send it as plain text in MicroSoft Word or as a PDF landscape file (if your specific layout must be kept). **PLEASE PROOF READ YOUR PDF DOCUMENT CAREFULLY!**
3. The deadline for the newsletter will always be the First of every month.
4. Please send material to: [newsletter@eaa113.org](mailto:newsletter@eaa113.org) or [Roogey.Batoon@gmail.com](mailto:Roogey.Batoon@gmail.com).

Thank you.

Elizabeth Hebron, *Eagle's Propwash* Editor

P.S. I'm always in need of photos for the newsletter cover!



# Next Chapter Gathering:

**JULY 20, 2023**

**7:30 PM**

at the

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*Happy 4th of July!*

*Happy Canada Day!*

