

# EAGLE'S PROPWASH

APRIL 2023 ISSUE

## CHAPTER 113 *"The Backyard Eagles"*



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**Gatherings: 7:30 PM**  
the 3rd Thursday of each  
month at the  
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"Elvis" rocking the hangar at the Annual Awards Banquet!

*Photo Courtesy of Randy Hebron*

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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  
April 2023

### Let the Flying & Outdoor Season Begin!

Aviators and non-aviators alike are looking forward to better weather to get up in the air, out on the golf course, or wherever their favorite activity is, second to aviation, of course. We certainly hope you'll make involvement in EAA 113 activities one of your priorities this season. It was great to have a good turnout for the banquet on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks go to Debbie for organizing it, and also to the crew who helped her out. It was a fun night with *Elvis*, great food and conversation shared by EAA 113 members and friends. Sorry if you missed it.

### Young Eagles Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>

The first Young Eagles event is on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and taxes aren't due until April 18<sup>th</sup>, so plan to help out that Saturday morning, and work on your taxes in the afternoon. If you aren't up-to-date on your Youth Protection Program with EAA, you can easily do that online; it takes less than an hour. EAA should send you a reminder well in advance if yours is set to expire, but you can always login to eaa.org and check your profile to make sure you are up-to-date and when you will need to renew your YPP. You can't participate in YE events without being current in the YPP protocols, and we need as much help as possible to make these events run smoothly.

### Save the Dates: August 24-27. EAA Ford Trimotor at Yankee RAC Hangar

That's when the EAA Ford Trimotor is scheduled to be at YIP, and this Chapter will be "hosting," with half a dozen ground-crew required each day. 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). This will also be your opportunity to have a peak at it, too, as it is not open to the public. The International Ford Thunderbird Club is holding their meeting in Dearborn, and will be convoying to YIP for AC rides and photo ops. Chapter 113 will share in the proceeds from hosting this classic bird. More details to come. Hope you can help out. EAA 113's John Maxfield will be piloting the Trimotor!

### 2024 Ray Scholarship Candidate?

Regarding the Ray Scholarship for 2024, be on the lookout for someone turning 16 in the next year for whom learning how to fly isn't everything ... it is the **ONLY** thing. They should start now to get involved in Chapter activities and learn as much as they can in preparation for being identified and considered for a \$10,000 Ray Scholarship. It was great to recognize and honor 2023 candidate and brand new pilot, Blake Smokovitz, at the banquet last month. Well done Blake!

**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, March 9, 2023**

**Attendance:** John Maxfield (chair), Jim Brown, Debbie Redding, Al Bosonetto, Jack McClellan, Liz Hebron

**Absent:** Dave Steiner, Dave Buck, Joe Kirik, Dan Jones

**Treasurer's Report – Dave Buck**

Financials - emailed separately and reviewed.

Check register - expenses? Nothing unusual.

Vanguard Fund - acceptable performance.

**Secretary's Report:** Dan - Absent

**Builder's meeting:** Different paint systems were discussed. Spreadsheet started for builder projects. - Saturday "adult builders" group is presumed to be part of the Chapter Builder's Program. - The "Youth Build Program" is separate from the "EAA Young Eagle's" program for publicity and scheduling clarity.

**IMC/VMC Club Report:** Herb - absent

**Newsletter Report:** Liz - We need to do more to welcome new members. All new members who have joined since January 2023 should be included in the April newsletter.

**Library Report:** Barb - None

**Events:** Debbie

Young Eagles event April 15<sup>th</sup>, volunteers needed for all positions.

John Maxfield reported on EAA Trimotor tour stop hosting Aug 24-27 @ Yankee hangar YIP in conjunction with Ford Thunderbird Convention in Dearborn. EAA 113 to provide 5-6 people per day. More information as it becomes available.

Pancake Breakfast already on aviation calendars. We will add to local media.

**Youth events:** April 15<sup>th</sup> - Young Eagles flights

April 29<sup>th</sup> - Youth Build Workshop

**Business/membership cards:**

Debbie can print Board member business cards 10 at a time for any who want them.

Junior membership/participation cards for youth program kids. Debbie can print these if Dan has kids who want them. Dave Steiner can have them laminated.

**IT and web site:** Ensure membership form is functioning on the Chapter Web Page.

**New Business:** Jim Brown has requested that the pancake breakfast be included on the board agenda for future board meetings.

**Next meeting:** April 13<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

## CHAPTER 113's ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, MARCH 25, 2023



*Elvis and Friends - Ron Short*  
Photo Courtesy of Nick Forsman.



*"Elvis"*  
Other Photos Courtesy of Randy Hebron



John Maxfield's duet  
with "Elvis"



A good time was had by all!





Martin Filiatrault checking out the Silent Auction Offerings.



Delicious meal catered by Whisk and Ivy.



Dan Jones presenting Martin Filiatrault his much deserved Builder's Award for his fabulous RV-8, Falsi-Fighter.



John Maxfield acknowledges Chapter 113's 2022 Ray Scholar for the successful completion of all requirements and getting his private pilot rating.

# Young Eagles News



*The Robins are out flying and it is time for the Young Eagles to soar the skies, as well!* Our first Young Eagle event will be held on **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** from 8:30-11:30 a.m. We are in need of several volunteers to help with this event.....both for Pilots and various Ground Support roles. We need to know if you are able to assist as soon as possible, so we can plan on the number of youth that can actually attend. The event is already at a capacity of 50 but without the support, we will not be able to handle even this many youth.



Please consider coming to help to pass along your enthusiasm for aviation. The joy on the faces of these young people is a powerful reward! There will be a mandatory Safety Briefing held promptly at 8:00 a.m. for all volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a new Young Eagle pilot, please contact Debbie for specific requirements on your aircraft insurance. EAA has established the following training for volunteers. These training courses are offered to assist in protecting you and the Chapter.

## YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

ALL pilots **MUST** take this training and go through a Background Check prior to giving any Young Eagle flights. Anyone assisting with the Youth Workshops and preferably anyone performing ground support duties at Young Eagles are also requested to take this training. It can be found at the [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org) website by logging into your account. Under your profile account is a Training Information Tab. This training takes about 15-20 minutes and passing a short quiz. You will get your completion card a few days later, so be sure to do this promptly if you are not current. You must renew this every three years.

## RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING

This is new training that EAA is requiring of all Coordinators and Chapter leaders. They are also requesting that all Young Eagle pilots take this training. It explains the insurance requirements and what can or cannot be done during Young Eagle events and flights. This training can be found in the same location stated above and again, takes about 20 minutes. Immediately following the quiz you will receive a certificate card. Please send notice of your completion to Debbie, as soon as possible.

See you April 15<sup>th</sup>! . . . Also on May 13<sup>th</sup> for our second event of the year!



Contact Debbie for information or questions



## CHAPTER 113 MEMBER RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS



EAA's Timeless Voices: Sanjay Dhall interview, January 11, 2023.

Born in India, Sanjay Dhall, EAA 855689, grew up making model airplanes out of old popsicle sticks he found. Now Sanjay is not only a mechanical engineer, but also the founder and CEO of Detroit Flying Cars, which is in the progress of creating a modern flying car.

Watch the video interview here:

<https://www.eaa.org/videos/timeless-voices/6318524909112#>

EAA 113 past member Tony England has been nominated for induction in the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame, housed at the Air Zoo, Kalamazoo, MI. Here is his nomination bio. Well done Tony!

### **Anthony “Tony” England – Astronaut:**

Anthony “Tony” England was born in 1942 in Indianapolis, IN. After graduating high school in North Dakota, he received his BS and MS degrees in Geology and a doctorate in Geophysics from MIT. England was selected as a scientist-astronaut by NASA in 1967. Following 53 weeks of training, he served as support crewman for Apollo 13 and 16. He left NASA to join the U.S. Geological Survey in 1972. England returned to NASA in 1979 and was assigned to STS-51F Spacelab-2. The mission carried 13 major experiments. After leaving NASA a second time, England became the dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science and professor of electrical engineering and computer science at the University of Michigan. England received the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service award in 2002 and the NCID Exemplary Diversity Engagement and Scholarship in 2009. He retired to northwestern Michigan, where he owns an airplane and water craft.



## EAA ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL LEARN TO FLY WEEK – MAY 15 TO 20



Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the checkride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

"Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process," said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. "Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is." Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at <https://www.eaa.org/ltfweek>.

# FIRE DAMAGES HISTORIC WRIGHT COMPANY FACTORY

By Kate O'Connor

Published in AVweb, March 27, 2023



The historic Wright Company airplane factory in Dayton, Ohio, was significantly damaged in a fire that began early Sunday morning. The factory, which is currently managed by the National Aviation Heritage Area, was built in 1910-1911 and had “significant original building features from the time of the Wright Brothers, including the wood roof and support structure.” The cause of the fire and the full extent of the damage is not yet known.

“We are deeply saddened by the fire that damaged our historic Wright Company airplane factory, the first purpose built buildings for the aviation industry,” said National Aviation Heritage Area executive director Mackensie Wittmer. “We are grateful to the fire department for their quick and brave response, and we are working to assess the extent of the damage and the impact on our heritage.”

According to officials, the fire was called in at 2:28 a.m. local time and no injuries have been reported. The National Aviation Heritage Area stated that it was holding a meeting on Monday to create an emergency action plan. The Dayton Fire Department Fire Investigations Unit is looking into the incident.

Known as the oldest aircraft manufacturing facility in the world, the Wright Company airplane factory produced approximately 120 aircraft before being sold by Orville Wright in 1915. Purchased by the City of Dayton in 2018, it was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places in September 2019. Preservation and restoration work have been underway since.

# 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR EAA 113



**Mark Your Calendars.** . . The EAA 113 calendar is continuing to fill up with some of our favorite events. Plan on joining us for some just “plane” fun at the airport once again!



<b>April</b>	
1	Youth Workshop Tour off-site
15	Young Eagles Event
29	Youth Workshop at EAA 113
<b>May</b>	
6	Possible Fly-Out. . . . Interested??
13	Young Eagles
27	Youth Workshop












Be sure to check our website: [www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org) and the EAA Chapter 113 Facebook page for any changes to the schedule.





# April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 9:00 am Youth Workshop-Tour of Warbirds of Glory Museum
2 	3	4	5	6 <b>EAA 113 Home Builders Gathering 7:30 pm</b>	7 	8 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 9:00 am
9 <i>Happy Easter</i> 	10	11 	12	13 <b>EAA 113 Board Meeting 7:30 pm</b>	14	15  EAA 113's Young Eagles, 8:00-11:30 am
16	17 	18	19	20 <b>EAA 113 General Gathering 7:30 pm</b>	21	22 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 9:00 am  Earth Day 
23	24	25	26	27  <b>EAA 113 IMC Club Gathering 7:30 pm</b>	28	29 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 9:00 am  Youth Workshop at EAA 113 
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# 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.



Looking for paint scheme ideas for your project?



#### 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:

**APRIL 20, 2023**

**7:30 PM**

**at the**

**EAA Chapter 113 Aviation Education Center**

**8512 N. Lilley Road**

**Canton, MI 48187**

**(734) 392-8113**

## **April Chapter Gathering Program:**

Olivia Carter, featured in November Sport Aviation, is scheduled to be our speaker on April 20th. She's been involved in aviation from a young age as her dad's a FedEx pilot. She got her PPL after her freshman year in college in Georgia, and just graduated from the University of Michigan. She's building hours in her dad's RV-10 now, working on her commercial rating. She's a long-time EAA member, Chapter 1114 in Apex, NC and hopes her schedule will allow her to help with our YE event on April 15th.

Make sure you attend the program by this young aviatrix!