

EAGLE'S PROPWASH

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CHAPTER 113 "The Backyard Eagles"



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1928 Ford Tri-Motor with 2007 and 1957 Ford Thunderbirds at Willow Run (YIP) August 24-28th.

Photo Courtesy of Dave Steiner.

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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
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September 2023

Trimotor Visit at YIP, August 24-27

Despite some wx and paperwork delays, the Liberty Aviation Museum's 1928 Ford Trimotor, leased and operated by EAA, eventually got off the ground at Willow Run on Saturday morning. Low ceilings prevented a full day of flights on Saturday, but we persevered after two morning flights and finished the day with eight rides. Debbie was busy on the phone juggling rebookings, and thanks to her we had a lot of happy customers. Sunday was perfect and we had enough pre-sold and walk-ups to fill every flight. We ended with a total of 18 full rides for the weekend. Martin Filiatrault was one of the ground crew members and flew down from PTK (7 minutes) in his beautiful RV-8 *Falsi Fighter*. He parked it on the ramp at Yankee Air Museum Roush Aeronautical Center (RAC), so he was able to show it off to a number of folks. He also got in his right-seat Ford ride that he wasn't able to take at OSH.

With the Trimotor temporarily on the ground on Friday, the International Ford Thunderbird Convention members who drove their "flock" of Ford Thunderbirds to the RAC had plenty of time for photo ops in front of the 1928 Ford bird. They were all very happy about that.

Many thanks to the Yankee folks at the RAC for accommodating us in every way during our visit. It is a beautiful \$6M facility and ideal for operating rides from. They were running the B-25 *Rosie's Reply* on Saturday, so the Ford operated off the grass (as it was designed to do) near the ramp. Fortunately the flooding in the fields at YIP didn't affect our operations at all. I have never seen that much water in the fields at the airport. There were Canada Geese swimming under the B-52, and on Thursday morning the RAC parking lot was partially underwater.

Thanks to the EAA 113 members (see list elsewhere in this newsletter) who helped make this a successful and safe event for all the participants. See the pictures of the event also.

Dan Jones and helpers ran a Flying Start event concurrently on Saturday morning, so that speaks well of Chapter 113 to be able to support two events in one day. Well done, all!!

I hope you had a great and aviation-filled summer. The Trimotor event was a wonderful way to end the summer for EAA 113.

EAA 113 Board Meeting Minutes July 13, 2023

Attendance

Steiner, Brown, McClellan, R. Hebron (for Liz), Buck, Bosonetto, Jones, Maxfield, Redding, Kirik,

Absent: Barb Cook, L. Hebron

Treasurer's Report – Dave B.

- Financials - routine expenses - considering benefit of investing some of chapter's reserve into CD's given high interest rate available Dave Steiner to look at options / benefits and report at next meeting.

Secretary's Report – Dan Jones: added more members at the Pancake Breakfast and are now at 112 active

Builder's meeting Report – no meeting during summer months, discussed how to best collect and share roster database

Newsletter Report – Liz We need volunteers to update name tag board - Debbie to look at offering hard plastic tags to all members.

Events – Picnic being planned preceding the August 17th General Meeting (Debbie). Flying Start planned August 26th (D. Jones)

Pancake breakfast June 18 – Jim Brown reports over 560 attendees, yielded approximately \$2400 profit to be applied to scholarships.

Agreement reached to donate 60 lbs of excess sausage to a non-profit (Hospitality House) and also consider lower ticket costs and 1/2 hr. later tart time for next year.

EAA Ford Trimotor at YIP/Yankee RAC Aug 24-27 Volunteers needed! Please let John Maxfield know if available

Donation – (2) Pedal Planes kits, Pitts, uncompleted. Includes all parts and difficult metal parts are done. Good workshop project

Motion to accept donation approved

July 20th Membership Gathering- Program: Mary Beth Widak, Goodyear Aviation - tire maintenance Herb contact thru FAAST

Future Gathering Speakers/Programs – Aug 17th – OSH pictures from members who attended

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

EAA GENERAL GATHERING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

GATHER EARLY ~ 7:00 P.M. . . . ICE CREAM WILL BE SERVED!!

. . . UNTIL WE RUN OUT!



THE SPEAKER WILL BE MARK MCMANAMAY. . . ENTERTAINING US WITH EVERYTHING YOU'D WANT TO KNOW ABOUT PARACHUTES! AS A RIGGER, JUMPER AND JUMP PLANE PILOT, HE HAS SOME GREAT STORIES TO SHARE!!



Young Eagle News

Just as Fall brings “Back to School” time, it also is the return of our Young Eagles program. This is the opportunity for EAA 113 to share their passion for aviation with youth ages 8-17. The program has successfully introduced aviation to over 2.3 million young people. There is no more important time to draw more people into this field than now.



Our next Young Eagle Event will be **Saturday, September 16th, 2023.**

We ask that volunteers arrive at 8:00 a.m. for job assignments as the flights will run from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

PLEASE volunteer! We need pilots and ground support to make these events go smoothly and safely. Please send Debbie a message if you will be able to help. Apparently, there was an issue with email sign ups going out. Once we know how many volunteers we have, we can possibly make a few more flights available. It is so difficult to disappoint kids because we don't have enough volunteers.

If you know of you of any interested youth, simply refer them to <https://yeday.org> to sign up.



Our last Young Eagle Event for the year will be on **October 14th, 2023.**

MARTIN FILIATRAULT'S REPORT ON THE EAA FORD TRI-MOTOR AT WILLOW RUN

Our Chapter hosted the EAA Ford Tri-Motor at Willow Run from Thursday 8/24 to Sunday 8/28. This aircraft is one of the "Big Ford" models; it's owned by the Liberty Air Museum in Port Clinton, OH and leased to the EAA for tours. Our base of operations was at the Yankee Air Museum/Roush Aeronautics Center hangar; John Maxfield was the pilot and Debbie Reading coordinated all ground ops. We had two thunderstorms come through less than 24 hours apart on Wednesday and Thursday, causing flooding and power outages. That made it difficult to get to the airport Thursday and Friday, but all of our volunteers made it in. I signed up for afternoon shifts on Thursday, Friday and Sunday and was able to fly my RV-8 in on Friday and Sunday. On Thursday the winds were unpredictable and higher than forecast, which prevented any flying; Friday was also foiled by weather and other factors. The passengers were disappointed but understanding. They took advantage of the down time to examine the Yankee Air Museum's B-17, C-47, B-25, Huey and their own Ford Tri-Motor as well as my RV-8. Saturday was also affected by weather but some flights were made in the afternoon. The Yankee Air Museum was also giving rides in the B-25 on Saturday which made for some interesting logistics, but it all worked out. Sunday was a beautiful day for flying and numerous passenger flights were made. I got the chance of a lifetime to ride in the right seat with John and loved every minute. (Video to follow, but you knew that.) A lot of people returned to get their rides that were cancelled on the first two days and we thanked them effusively for their patience. Some people came in just to see all the planes and the volunteers spent time with them, discussing all things aviation and promoting the EAA and the Yankee Air Museum. It's rare that the Roush hangar is open to the public and I was thrilled to be allowed to fly in, display my aircraft on the ramp and be able to share it with visitors along with the Yankee Air Museum aircraft. Our thanks go out to the EAA, Yankee Air Museum and all the volunteers for making it a very memorable four days.

Small,
Medium,
and
Large!



Photo by Martin J. Filiatrault



DAVE STEINER'S EAA FORD TRI-MOTOR PHOTOS



Refueling.



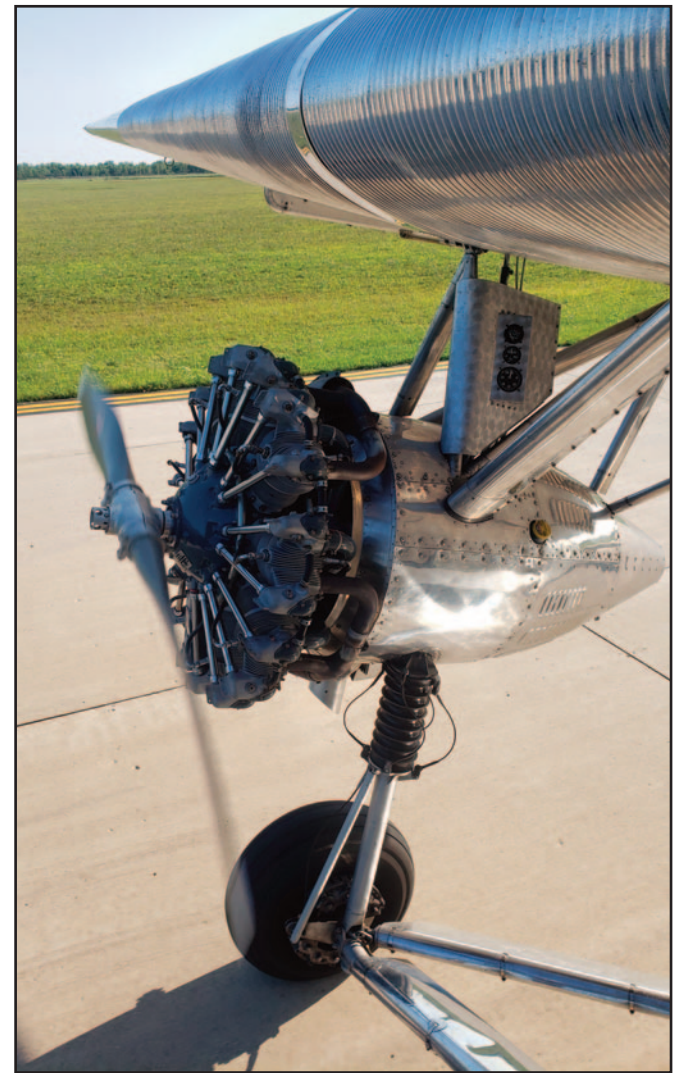
All aisle and window seats.



On final runway 5 YIP.



Flock of T-Birds.



Engine #3 with instrument cluster.



City of Port Clinton
and
Rosie's Reply.

EAA's Ford Tri-Motor Visit to Willow Run

The third weekend of August 2023 will be remembered for many things by the people living in southeast Michigan. Historic flooding rains, multiple tornados touching down, losing electricity, and chaotic roadways. But for those lucky enough to be aviation enthusiasts, it was also the weekend that EAA's Ford Tri-Motor visited Willow Run Airport. Hosted by EAA Chapter 113, "Big Ford" as its affectionately called, flew when the weather permitted, giving about 180 passengers a taste of what airline travel was like in 1928.

Thanks to all the EAA 113 volunteers that made Big Ford's visit a success. Some collected tickets and positioned the boarding step as passengers boarded, others gave passenger safety briefings prior to their departure. Several members served as "Starter" ensuring it was safe to start the plane's 3 engines. Others still lent a hand as escorts, taking passengers across a busy ramp. Whatever the task, everyone worked to ensure a safe and enjoyable time for all. It was great to see so many Chapter 113 volunteers.

THANKS TO:

Joe and Sharon Kirik

Mark and Pat French

Al Bosonetto

Nigel Thompson

Firtz and Jessica Ziegler

Dave Steiner

Doug Sytsma

Nick and Dirk Wolf

Tom Smith

Ben Herrick

David Edmonds

Sanjay Dahll

Rick Karaschin

Martin Filiatrault

Mark Smokovitz

Ron Skudlarek

Ron Stonewall

Roger Gehle

John Defever

Nick Benitez

Yankee Air Museum for donating the hangar space.



DAVE JAMES' RECENT WORK TRIP TO UPSTATE NEW YORK



"Not sure the name of the river, I was in a Bell not a Chriscraft." Northwest of Albany, NY.



Not many places to land.

Altamonte Fair, west of Albany, NY.



MARTIN FILIATRAULT'S FALSI-FIGHTER UPDATE

It has been awhile, hasn't it? The last flight I covered was on February 2nd. Since then... I've been busy.

I've made no less than 56 flights (and three taxi "events") in the last six months. Highlights include: Kalamazoo Air Zoo; Warbirds of Glory Open House; cross-country to Brainerd MN and back; day trip with Amy to Mackinac Island; OSH (nine days and five thunderstorms!); PTK Open House and my first flight to the Canadian Aviation Museum in Windsor, returning via DTW (!!) to clear Customs.

I've created 44 flight-related videos; six of which are posted on my YouTube channel (link: [goatflieg](#)). I have at least six more video productions pending, and I'll be gradually releasing the backlog of videos in the near future.

The most recent trips include flying into Willow Run and parking on the Yankee Air Museum/ Roush Aeronautic Center ramp (covered elsewhere in this issue). Last Monday (8/28) was a four-flight day; three cross-country flights to Bay City and Oscoda/Wurtsmith before returning to PTK to prepare for my first formation training flight with Pat Hernandez in his Decathlon. With his help I was finally able to capture air-to-air photos of my plane. My health situation is stable and I'm still legal to fly, so I'm flying as much as possible this summer. I hope to fly to the next few meetings if the weather will allow it, and I have other trip plans in the works. I've come to realize that I probably won't be able to keep the plane as long as I had hoped, for a number of reasons. But I've got it now and I'm enjoying it while I can.



*Photo Courtesy
of
Pat Hernandez.*

Photo by Pat Hernandez

EDITOR'S MYSTERY AIRPORT FROM AUGUST

This is the Samui International Airport
on the island of Ko Samui, Thailand.



Runway view
















Airport terminal view



September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 9:00 am
3	4 	5	6	7 <i>EAA 113 Home Builders Gathering 7:30 pm</i>		8 9 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 9:00 am
10 <i>Fowlerville (65G) Pancake Breakfast</i> 	11 	12 	13	14 <i>Ice cream at 7:00</i> <i>EAA 113 Board Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	15	16 <i>Young Eagles 1D2 8:30-11:30</i> 
17	18 	19	20	21 <i>Ice cream at 7:00</i> <i>EAA 113 General Meeting 7:30 p.m</i> 		22 23 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 9:00 am <i>Happy Autumn</i> 
24 	25 	26	27	28 <i>EAA 113 IMC Club Meeting 7:30 p.m</i> 	29	30 <i>Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</i> 9:00 am

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.



Editor's Note:

Thank you to all who contributed to this month's issue of *Eagles' Propwash*. If the newsletter is maybe a little heavy on the Ford Tri-Motor event, but what you see is what I receive.... ;^)

Liz Hebron



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 or 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:

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

7:00 PM

at the

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**Come early for ice cream and stay for the gathering to learn all
about parachutes from speaker Mark McManamay!**