

# EAGLE'S PROPWASH

JANUARY 2024 ISSUE

## CHAPTER 113 "The Backyard Eagles"



Our Web Site:

[www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org)  
[group.eaa113.org](http://group.eaa113.org)

Gatherings: 7:30 PM  
the 3rd Thursday of each  
month at the  
**EAA 113 AVIATION  
EDUCATION CENTER**  
**Mettetal Airport (1D2)**  
**8512 Lilley Road**  
**Canton, MI 48187**  
**(734) 392-8113**



## Movie Night

The inspirational true story of Jesse Brown, the first Black aviator in U.S. Navy history, and his enduring friendship with fellow fighter pilot Tom Hudner. Helping to turn the tide in the most brutal battle in the Korean War, their heroic sacrifices ultimately make them the Navy's most celebrated wingmen.

EAA 113 Aviation Center

Saturday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Popcorn is on us!!



Rated PG-13

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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 JANUARY 2024



Happy New Year Everyone!

The December Chapter gathering brought the bi-annual change of Chapter leadership. Dave Steiner has taken the Chapter board position Joe Kirik previously held. We thank Joe for his service to 113 as he and Sharon set off to new travel adventures together.

Our new Vice-President, Rick Karaschin, is a longtime member and Rans Courier builder. David Edmonds and Randy Hebron have also joined the board of directors, helping guide the Chapter over the next two years. Welcome aboard!

Those at the December Chapter gathering were also first to see our new media upgrade. The new flat screen TV monitor will allow more functionality to presentations. Joe Kirik, Dan Jones, and Dave Steiner got it installed in the meeting room just in time. The calming fireplace video stream played while we enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. Watch for its movie premier later in this newsletter.

At this month's gathering, members Ilhan Dogan and Gina Neuhaus will take us up for some General Aviation flying in Europe. Should be fun!

EAA Chapter 113 has many outstanding people that make up its membership. In addition to asking some members to share their specific interests at the monthly gathering, I'll be taking a page of the newsletter occasionally to recognize a few that make a special difference in our world. You can find the first member spotlight later in this issue.

Speaking of outstanding people, please keep the family of Bob Wagner in your thoughts due to his recent passing. He was a longtime active member of 113 having built a Mustang II and did much work on the EAA 113 Aviation Center. How appropriate that his January 4th memorial service happens to fall on our Homebuilders meeting day. Read about Bob's aviation passion and memorial at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/livonia-mi/robert-wagner-11594261>

Stay up to date with EAA 113 at [www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org) and follow us on Facebook!

Happy Landings - John Maxfield

## EAA 113 Board of Directors Meeting - Dec 14, 2023

**Attendance:** Dave Steiner, Dave Buck, Al Bosonetto, Joe Kirik, John Maxfield, Jim Brown, Jack McClellan, Randy Hebron, Liz Hebron, Dan Jones, Rick Karaschin

**Absent:** Debbie Redding

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave B.

- Financials – year end dividends were not on tonight's report
- The Board of Directors voted to place part of the available cash into a 1 year CD that is paying 5.5% FDIC insured. Motion: Jack McClellan. Second: Randy Hebron. Motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Dan Jones

- Membership dues for 2024 - \$25 if paid by Jan 31 Motion: John Maxfield. Second: Joe Kirik. Motion passed.
- Dan is looking at new software for the Chapter roster and other record keeping.

**Builder's meeting Report:** Rick Karaschin said they talked about different airplanes to build, as there was one additional member who is interested in building.

**Newsletter Report:** Liz Hebron requested that the due date for newsletter submission be moved to the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Library Report:** Barb Cook – Resource Mate software will be renewed with the upgrade. Joe Hood will do this with Board approval.

**Events:** Debbie Redding

- December gathering will start at 6:30 pm for the Chapter's annual Holiday Party. Please bring a dish to pass and nonperishable food donations for the Salvation Army to be distributed to those in need in our local community.

**Youth events:** Dan Jones

- Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – continue wind tunnel and maybe some engine basics
- The kids will do a 15 minute presentation on the wind tunnel at the January general gathering.
- Pedal planes kits build – looking for member o lead this effort?

**Calendar:**

- February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Frostbite Chili fly-in

**Dec 21st Membership Gathering:**

- Holiday party and new board installation, dish to pass, and non-perishable goods or donation for Salvation Army

**Future Gathering Speakers/Programs:**

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Glider flight training a pilot experiences in Europe

**Building:**

- There are now dry erase board tool sign-outs on the lockers in both workshop areas, thanks to Dan Jones.
- Dan Jones will create and post check lists for lights off, heat down, doors locked, etc. for individuals who use the facilities.
- The need to upgrade the video equipment due to poor image quality from the projector in meeting room was discussed. Dan Jones presented information he gathered: The total cost for an 86" HD TV and dedicated laptop \$1500. Motion to make the purchases: Randy Hebron. Second: Liz Hebron. Yes vote by Board members. Dan will facilitate the purchases and installation.

**EAA 113 Goals for 2024:** Keep Gold level status, "extra credit" survey returned for 2023 – Dave Steiner submitted

**Next meeting:** Jan 11, 2024

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:59 pm



**Renew your  
EAA 113 Membership Dues Now!**



**\$25**

Make your payment **BEFORE** January 31, 2024 to receive this special rate of \$25.

After this date, the price will return to \$35.00.

Online payments can be made at [www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org) by clicking on the “Dues button” or mail your check to:

EAA 113 Treasurer; 8512 N. Lilley Road; Canton, MI 48187



## JANUARY 4, 2024 BUILDER'S MEETING

At Thursday night's Builders meeting we will do a preview of the program we are planning for the Youth Workshop on January 6, 2024. We will discuss engines and firewall forward solutions. Between the Sonex, Sportstar, and RV-9 we have 3 kinds of engines and some very different firewall forward applications. We can look over all three applications and discuss the pros and cons of each. There will also be a short Embry Riddle video about engines and propellers to share.

## EAA YOUNG EAGLES BOUNCES BACK STRONG FROM COVID PANDEMIC

By Mark Phelps (Published: December 28, 2023 in AVweb)

EAA's Young Eagle program statistics have come a long way toward putting the COVID-19 pandemic in the rearview mirror. More than 57,000 young people experienced flight from EAA-member volunteers in 2023 as of Dec. 17—the 120th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. That's the most since 2019, when 60,142 Young Eagles took to the skies before the lockdown.

EAA thanks the 4,493 pilots from 616 EAA chapters who volunteered their time and aircraft to make the flights happen. EAA Eagles program manager David Leiting said it was a top goal of the program to push its annual totals closer to pre-pandemic levels. "We are especially gratified for the more than 1,000 volunteer pilots flying Young Eagles for the first time," he said. "Our network of pilots and chapters have made this possible through singular flights, or by organizing Young Eagles Rallies for their local communities to participate."

The 2023 totals pushed the all-time tally for Young Eagle flights past 2.3 million since its inception in 1992. Moreover, the Young Eagle program serves as the bedrock for EAA's now wider range of youth activities, including the AeroEducate online resource and EAA Air Academy summer camps.

EAA thanks Young Eagles supporters Phillips 66, Sporty's Pilot Shop, United Airlines, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Garmin, Lightspeed, Academy of Model Aeronautics, and Global Aerospace.

## CHAPTER 113's ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



Special thanks to Debbie Redding, our Events Coordinator extraordinaire who planned and executed another wonderful Chapter 113 event; John Maxfield who slaved over a hot oven all afternoon to roast these tasty birds; our turkey carvers, Dave Buck and Jim Brown; and to all volunteers who helped set up and clean up. Great job everyone!

You're invited to EAA 113's

# FROST BITE CHILI FLY~IN



***Saturday, February 3rd, 2024***

***11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.***

**EAA 113 Aviation Center**

**Mettetal Airport**

***Come thaw out in a Warm hangar  
with hot food and good company!***

*Joins us for hot dogs and a wide variety of chili.*

For more information visit our website: [www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org)

# AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



## Dream Big!!!

The EAA 113 Aviation Studies and Air Academy Scholarship forms are now available on our website:

[www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org).

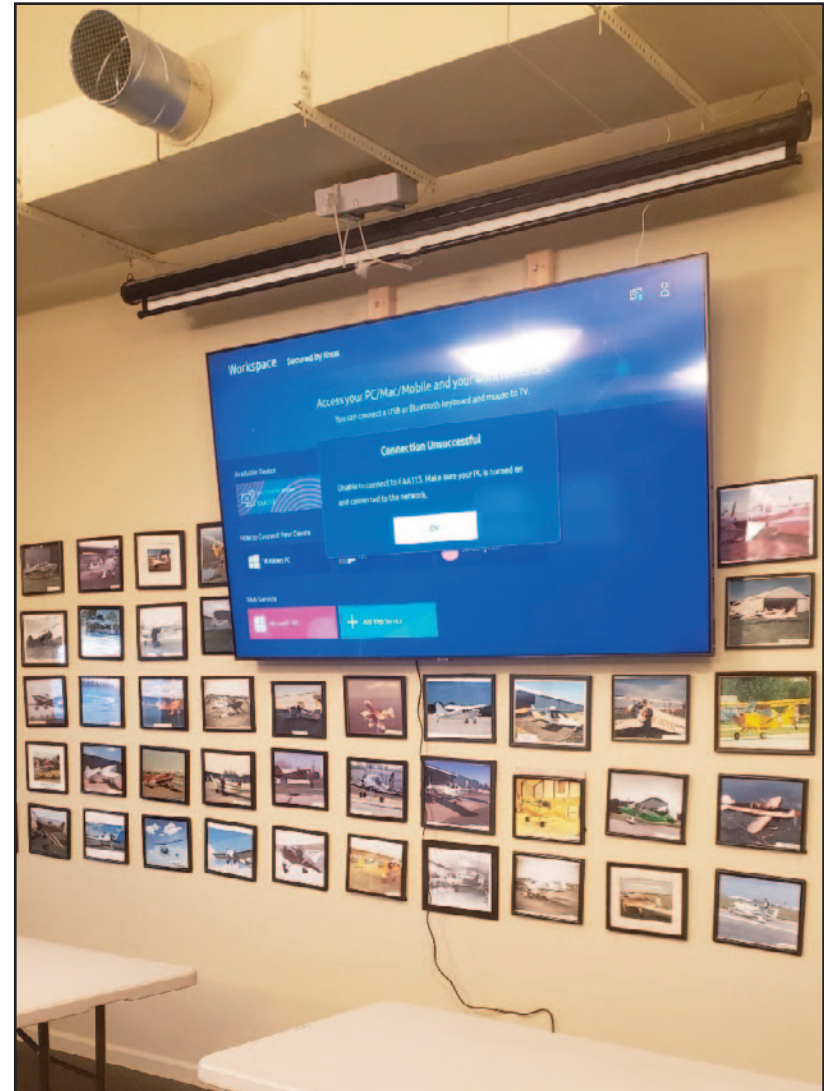
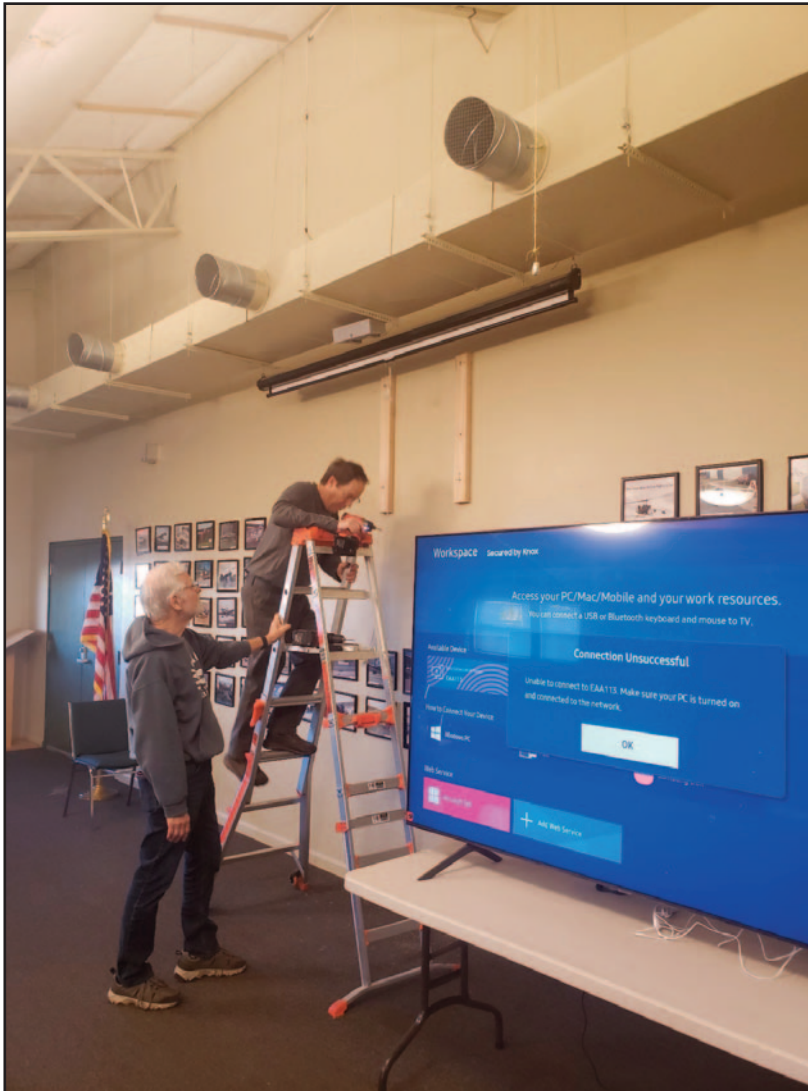
Be sure to pass the information along to anyone that might be a potential candidate. Let's help someone follow their dream and begin their aviation journey!



# EAA 113 MEETING ROOM GETS BIG SCREEN TV

By Dave Steiner

The board approved the expenditure for an improved AV system at the December board meeting. And on December 19<sup>th</sup> Dan Jones, Joe Kirik, Dave Steiner and John Maxfield installed an 86" Samsung smart TV in the meeting room. So, it was in place to provide the "crackling fire" at the Holiday Gathering/ Feast if you didn't make that. Also new is a dedicated laptop to run and interface with the TV. No more wondering if someone has a laptop to facilitate a guest speaker. Everyone will enjoy a much sharper picture, even with the lights on and during daylight hours. Great for movie nights. Speaking of which, does anyone have Apple+TV and plan to watch Masters of the Air starting January 26<sup>th</sup>?



# Member Spotlight

## Doug Conciatu

We start off our Member Spotlight with fireworks! Join us in celebrating Doug Conciatu!! He is a native of southeast Michigan and has frequently visited Mettetal throughout the years while flying his Aeronca Champ and RV-6. He officially joined Chapter 113 just last year.

Doug retired from law enforcement and continues to excel at giving back to the community. In addition to being a lifetime EAA member and volunteer with EAA national, one of his biggest passions is to fly EAA Young Eagles. He flew his first, a neighbor's child, just a couple of years after the program started. Since that time, Doug has steadily added to the Young Eagles counts, one child per ride, at a time.

Doug graciously volunteered to assist EAA 113 when the call went out for Young Eagles pilots for our 2023 events. During this past year, the Young Eagles program celebrated its 30th anniversary, and as such, many pilots strived to reach one personal goal or another. Doug was no different, so it was particularly disappointing when the weather caused the cancellation of our Chapter's Young Eagle Day last November. With only a couple of flights away from his milestone, Doug, persisted and on December 16th, he reached the incredible milestone of having flown **2,500 Young Eagles!!!!** Please join us in congratulating Doug in sharing his passion for aviation to so many Young Eagles! We are honored to have him as a member of EAA 113.

## Congratulations Doug!



# 2500!!!





# LIFE HAS BEEN VERY STRANGE SINCE I SOLD MY AIRPLANE

By Martin Filiatrault

As I stated in a previous newsletter, I received this big lump of metal as a gift from the Yankee Air Museum and had it transported to my hangar. I got a parts manual for it and I've been puttering on it, removing some of the dangly bits, replacing missing nuts and bolts, and pondering just what to do with it.



I wrote articles for various publications (including the October newsletter) and closed out my RV-8 Blogspot blog. See links below for the only three posts of 2023: September, October and December:

<https://goatflieg.blogspot.com/2023/09/ups-and-downs-in-flying-and-life.html>

<https://goatflieg.blogspot.com/2023/10/epilogue-part-1-medical-saga.html>

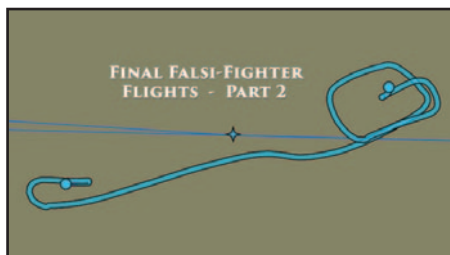
<https://goatflieg.blogspot.com/2023/12/epilogue-part-2-falsi-fighters-final.html>

I went through all the photo and video archives and created four videos for my YouTube channel. I posted them out of sequence on the channel but I'll share them here in the more logical chronological order. Here are title photos and links:

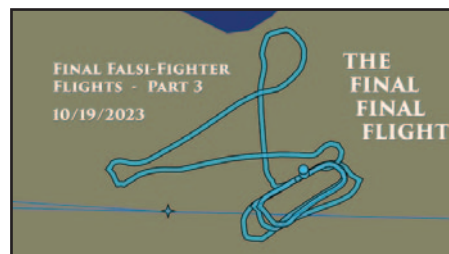
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7NznjqO5iM>



<https://youtu.be/50nwUYVw1pQ?si=yfTxV0OU6zaVneVq>



<https://youtu.be/PbSsJ7-rQd4?si=gyP1XhtpmAjj0BRj>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22ugQXPtTw>



Since then, I've been dreaming dreamy dreams about what I should do next. In addition to puttering on the radial, I thought about creating the unique hot rod I've been dreaming about for decades. I looked into flying ultralights. I made plans to go to Windsor in March to help Steve Thorne (FlightChops) with the annual inspection of his RV-14; also planning my return to NY in June to help Mark Murphy with his first annual of Falsi-Fighter. I've thought of road trips and took advantage of the mild fall weather with a few long Mustang rides before putting her away for winter. All somewhat unfocused endeavors, but I did try to remain productive.

I've been missing my airplane a lot lately, but it's a very good thing I sold it when I did. I don't have time for it now. Suddenly, everything has changed. Again.

Two weeks ago we had to take guardianship of our hyperactive four-year-old grandson, Joey. Amy and I are now enslaved to a lovable, despicable, angelic, demonic, insane, wonderful little creature for an indefinite length of time.



As you can imagine, this is not how we intended to spend our golden years and we're still trying to wrap our heads around it as we get to work on what must be done. We experience incredible highs and devastating lows multiple times each day as we try to find our balance on this slippery, wobbly new life.

As a result I find myself unable to commit to any other activities such as Chapter meetings and events for a while. I will try my best not to disappear forever, for I know where my soul is called... but duty is a louder siren now and I must follow the noise. You can probably guess what that noise sounds like.

Anyway I'll try to stay in touch and shall return as soon as possible.

Love you all, and wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



# RV 7, 8 & 9 Storage Jigs



RV7, 8 or 9 Wing Stand

These items have been donated to our chapter and are available to chapter for long term loan as they work towards first flight!



RV7, 8 or 9 Mobile Empennage Storage



RV8 Canopy Cradle

Just give John Maxfield or Dan Jones a call to coordinate on putting them to use at your build location.



RV7, 8 or 9 Empennage Storage

# LEARN. BUILD. FLY. Homebuilders Week

Join us on January 22-26, 2024, during the fourth-annual EAA Homebuilders Week online event. Experts from every corner of the homebuilt aircraft community will bring their knowledge and information to builders everywhere through free and interactive webinars. Topics covered include workshops on sheet metal, welding, and wood; aircraft designs from a variety of industry leaders; part selection when building; buying secondhand; and more.











Homebuilders Week will be a tremendous learning opportunity that celebrates our legacy of, as EAA founder Paul Poberezny often said, *using hand and mind to create aircraft that allow us to enjoy the personal freedom of flight!*

Schedule can be found at : <https://www.eaa.org/eaaircraft-building/homebuilders-week>



# January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Nappanee, IN EAA 938 New Year Fly-In 10:00-12:00 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>EAA 113</b> <b>Homebuilder's</b> <b>Gathering 7:30 pm</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</b> <b>9:00 am</b>  EAA 113 Youth Workshop 9:30-12:00
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>EAA 113 Board</b> <b>Meeting 7:30 pm</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</b> <b>9:00 am</b>
<b>14</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>EAA 113</b> <b>General Gathering</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</b> <b>9:00 am</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>EAA Homebuilder's</b> <b>Week 23rd-27th</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 EAA 113</b> <b>IMC Club</b>  <b>Gathering 7:00 pm</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Breakfast @ 3 Brothers</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>Movie</b> <b>Night</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>LEARN. BUILD. FLY.</b>  <b>Homebuilders Week</b>						
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

## **IMC Club returns on January 25th!**

**Please note new time — 7:00 PM**

For details, please contact Herb Schulke  
(734)233-7864 (M)  
(734)495-1410 (H)



**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.**



### **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 you wish your specific layout must be kept). ***PLEASE PROOF READ YOUR PDF DOCUMENT CAREFULLY!***
3. The deadline for the newsletter will now always be the 28th 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:

**JANUARY 25, 2024**

**7:30 PM**

**at the EAA Chapter 113 Aviation Education Center**

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