

# EAGLE'S PROPWASH

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## CHAPTER 113 *"The Backyard Eagles"*



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**Gatherings: 7:30 PM**  
the 3rd Thursday of each  
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**Mettetal Airport (1D2)**  
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Travis Bully in his DiamondStar DA20 at the Young Eagles event April 15, 2023. See photo essay inside:  
*A First Flight Among Young Eagles* by Martin Filiatrault.

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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  
May 2023



### Gold Again!

Yes, thanks to all your efforts Chapter 113 retained our **GOLD** level chapter status. We slipped a little scoring only 10 out of 11, but since this program was begun by EAA, we have been as good as gold. The first year, 2019, we were a perfect 10 out of 10. Then they added another category and combined 2020 with 2021 due to COVID, when we were 11 out of 11! Our only ding for this past year was membership was down a bit. So we need to work on that to get back to a perfect 11, and keep the throttle fire-walled for all the other criterion as well. See more elsewhere in the newsletter. Look for the three banners on the west wall of the hangar next time you are in there. **Well done everyone!!**

### Young Eagles Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>

The second Young Eagles event of the season is May 13<sup>th</sup>, so please plan to help out that Saturday morning. Contact Debbie at [redacted] to let her know you can help out. 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. We had a great event on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who pitched in. Special thanks to Olivia Carter who was also our speaker at the April Gathering. See more elsewhere in the newsletter. She plans to help out in May too!

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

As you know this is a maximum effort, all-hands-on-deck event to make sure everything goes as smoothly as possible. Jim Brown will again head up the effort, and certainly will appreciate any help you can offer. Jim will find something for you to do if you haven't helped before. Help is also needed on Saturday for set up. Jim will be passing around a clipboard at the *Gathering* or email him at [redacted] with any questions or to get signed up. All proceeds go to the EAA 113 scholarship fund. This also one of our best ways to reach out to the public and let them know we are giving back to the community, and that the airport is a valuable asset to the community. Tickets are \$8/\$4 adults/kids, on sale at the door only.

**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: [redacted]. 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:** Dave Steiner, Dave Buck, Joe Kirik, John Maxfield, Jim Brown, Debbie Redding, Al Bosonetto, Liz Hebron

**Absent:** Dan Jones, Al Bosonetto, Jack McClellan,

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Buck

Financials - emailed separately and reviewed.

**Secretary's Report:** Dan

Written report emailed.

**Newsletter Report:** Liz

Thank you, Dan for getting me the names of new members.

**Events:** Debbie

Banquet - There were expenses paid out 2 years ago, so the profit from the event was about \$300.

Young Eagles - Need pilots and ground support - 50+ kids signed up plus wait list. Olivia Carter may help with the event, as well as new member, Leo Johnson.

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 1st - Youth Builders visited Warbirds of Glory at New Hudson. A couple of kids showed up.

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

May 13th - Young Eagles

**April 20th Membership Gathering Program:** Olivia Carter, featured in the November 2022 Sport Aviation.

**Future Gathering Speakers/Programs:**

May 18th - TBA

June 15th - TBA and pancake breakfast prep for Saturday organizing.

July 20th - Mary Beth Widak, Goodyear Aviation, on tire maintenance.

August 17th - OSH photos and stories from members.

**Scholarships:** 3 - \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded this year. Randy moved to accept, Joe Kirik seconded, passed.

**IT and web site:** Resolve email issues on website.

**New Business:** Jim Brown suggested lowering the price for pancake breakfast to \$8 for adults & \$4 for children. Vote taken and passed.

Pancake Breakfast planning issues discussed.

**Next meeting:** April 20<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:24 pm.



## 2023 EAA 113 Aviation Scholarships

This year, we are excited to offer three \$3000 scholarships to young people with very different interests in aviation. It is an honor to offer these young people financial support as they each pursue their own unique aviation journey. We can sense their passion and are confident they have a great deal to offer the field of aviation. The EAA Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the recipients of the 2023 Aviation Scholarships. *(Listed only in alphabetical order.)*

### **Landon Hartmann**

Landon Hartmann is the recipient of a \$3,000 EAA 113 2022 Aviation Studies Scholarship. Landon will be graduating this Spring from South Lyon East. He is a member of National Honor Society and the Swim Team. He has volunteered at Operation Good Cheer. In the Fall, he will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida where he will be studying Aeronautical Science.



Growing up in a family that was passionate about travel and always looking for a new adventure, it was just a matter of time before Landon realized becoming a pilot would allow him to live his dream life. When he was young, he was drawn to the look of the cool aviator sunglasses and bomber jackets and the dream of soaring in the sky.

Landon's journey thus far has shown him the welcoming world of aviation. He went to a small, local airport to have his senior pictures taken. It was then he met a generous pilot that took him under his wing (literally) giving him his first flight in a small aircraft and direction to aviation. After enrolling in a ground school course offered through a technical program in Livingston County, Landon began taking flight lessons. He is on track to obtain his Private Pilot's license this summer.

After completing college and receiving his aviation licenses, Landon plans on becoming a Flight Instructor to build time and share his love of aviation with others. He aspires to be just like the pilot that inspired him. Ultimately, he is looking to have a career as a medevac pilot to truly make a difference to people in need.

We are confident Landon's passion and academic skills will drive him to a successful career in aviation. Good Luck, Landon . . . you will look great in those aviator glasses!!

### **Armaan Kamat**

Our second recipient of a \$3,000 EAA 113 Aviation Studies Scholarship is Armaan Kamat. Armaan will be graduating from Huron High School in Ann Arbor this June. This past year, he has also been dual enrolled at Washtenaw Community College taking advanced math courses. He has been accepted to the University of Michigan's Aerospace Engineering program for the Fall of 2023.

Armaan is a busy young man to say the least! He is a member of the National Honor Society; President of the Huron High School Table Tennis Club; has a Black Belt in Taekwondo; Co-Founder of a high school tutoring club where he assists classmates in math; President of



his school's Chapter of the Business Professionals of America where he competed successfully in several state and national competitions; was Fundraising Chair organizing community events and spent two summers working as an Intern in Business Data analytics. Let's not leave out his YouTube cooking videos with some fabulous ideas. And oh yes . . . Somehow, Armaan is nearing completion of his Private Pilot training, as well!

Armaan's aviation journey began at a young age growing up traveling half way around the world to visit family. He was upset they retired the Concorde, a plane that would have helped make those trips less daunting. By 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Armaan joined M-Fly – a student led aircraft design/build team at the University of Michigan. He learned basic aerodynamics and began to contribute new algorithms to improve the team's design process using airfoil design and flight-dynamic analysis tools. He recognized that newly engineered airplanes wouldn't solve the problem alone, but also will require economic, environmental and geopolitical perspectives.

His research has led him to focus on the interdependencies in the air transportation systems at the UofM Laboratory for Air Transportation, Infrastructure, and Connected Environments (LATTICE). The outcomes of his study were presented at the Transportation Review Board (TRB) conference held in Washington D.C. this past January. Armaan's ultimate goals are to lead the next transformative advance in commercial aviation that will bring humanity closer by making air travel fast, safe, sustainable, affordable, and fun.

Armaan's proven successful track record and drive for problem solving and innovation, will take him great distances along his aviation path and through life. Best Wishes, Armaan . . . we look forward to seeing your innovations!

### **Blake Smokovitz**

Blake Smokovitz is the third recipient of a \$3000 EAA 113 Aviation Scholarship. You may recognize his name and perhaps had the honor of meeting Blake at various EAA 113 functions. Blake was our Ray Scholarship winner last June and passed his Private Pilot Check ride in January this year. This scholarship is operated separately from the Ray program and these funds will be applied to Blake's educational program at Lansing Community College where he is enrolled in Aviation Maintenance Technology.



Blake is from a family deeply rooted in aviation. He began building model airplanes at a young age and knew he wanted to become an Airframe & Powerplant mechanic one day. As he grew up, he and his brother wanted to fly but knew they didn't have the finances for renting a plane and flight training. So what do resourceful young men do? They build their own "Legal Eagle" ultralight! Blake learned tig, stick, and mig welding, fabric covering, rigging, weight and balance, milling, propeller making and even converted a Volkswagen engine for the power plant.

Blake's many years in a music program taught him the values of discipline, passion, leadership, determination and a focused work ethic. All these traits carry over to his life in everything he strives to do. He attended Hartland High School and also went to Washtenaw Community College and earned an Associate Degree in applied Science with an Auto Maintenance Technician major. He worked at a full service auto repair shop and became a certified auto mechanic. In the Fall of 2022, he began the Aviation Maintenance Technology program at Lansing Community College full-time while also working at an auto garage. Blake clearly took to heart the wisdom someone once shared with him: *"your dreams don't work unless you do"*!

Blake has passed his general written exam for becoming an A&P mechanic and is excited to continue learning everything he can regarding aviation maintenance. Even though he is busy with school and work, Blake continues to find time to help with various EAA functions: AirVenture, EAA 113 Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, and Young Eagles. In fact, recently Blake was excited to come full circle and fly his first of many Young Eagles.

The enthusiasm and talent Blake exhibits for aviation is unprecedented. His passion and focus will most certainly lead him into a successful aviation career. Blake, we continue to be so proud of you! We wish you all the best!



*Congratulations to the recipients of the*  
**2023 EAA 113 Aviation Scholarships**



Congratulations to your chapter in successfully reaching the **GOLD** level status recognition level for the 2022 year. EAA is happy to present you with a chapter recognition banner to proudly display where your chapter meets. Your level also will be displayed online at [EAA.org/FindAChapter](https://EAA.org/FindAChapter) with a specially designed emblem. You are encouraged to use your emblem on your website, newsletter, and other promotional materials; your chapter emblem is attached in this email.

This program was developed and measured in partnership with EAA's Chapter Advisory Council and is based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and highly engaged chapters. An additional 11<sup>th</sup> criteria point was included to enable chapters to bring forward a chapter event or program which enhances their chapter by bringing more people to engage with their chapter. Each is worth a point, and there are three levels of recognition: bronze (7 out of 11), silver (8 out of 11), and gold (at least 9 out of 11).

Below are the qualifying Chapter Recognition criteria, along with your chapter's points. A one (1) indicates that your chapter earned credit for the associated criteria.

1. Attends a chapter leadership training session: 1
2. Growing or steady membership: 0
3. Offers IMC or VMC Club programs: 1
4. Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs: 1
5. Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor: 1
6. Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey: 1
7. Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, Ray Aviation Scholarship program, or sends a youth to EAA's Air Academy: 1
8. Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email: 1
9. Hosts at least two public events each year: 1
10. Owns/leases a facility: 1
11. Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship, a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc.: 1

**EAA Chapter 113, Inc.'s 2022 Chapter Recognition total is 10 out of 11.**

Tailwinds,

EAA Chapters Staff





# Young Eagles News

Our first Young Eagle event for 2023 had the most beautiful early Spring weather possible! Thirty-eight young people enjoyed a warm, calm morning flight. Thank you to our pilots and ground support team that made helped the event go off smoothly and safely.

**The next EAA 113 Young Eagle event will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>.** Please let Debbie know if you are able to assist with this event in any way. We still need pilots and ground support. A safety briefing will be held at 8:00 a.m. for all volunteers.

Contact Debbie for information or questions.



## Thank you to our awesome Pilots:

Shahar  
Rick  
Rachel  
Blake  
Dirk



## Grateful to our Ground Support Team:

John	Greg
Don	Ross
Jim	Martin
Ben	Nicole
Dave S.	Nick
Roi	Joe
Olivia	Al

## MEET NEW CHAPTER MEMBER LEONARDO JOHNSON

My name is Leonardo Johnson, and I am a new prospective member of the club. Aviation is something I love and hold near and dear in my heart. I have no family history whatsoever in any aspect of aviation. I am so thankful to have found an industry where I have the same excitement whether I wrench on an aircraft or am behind the controls of one. My favorite aspect, most of all, is the amazing people that I have met thus far. My path in Aviation has been anything but linear. I am a graduate of P-CEP, and while I was in high school, I learned how to fix cars, and let me preface when I say that I never even knew I wanted to be an aircraft mechanic or pilot until after I got out of school. The reason for my start in this industry was because of a school visit from a local aviation school which allowed me the blessing to dual enroll at MIAT College of Technology during my senior year, where I obtained my Airframe and Powerplant license in December 2018. That was the key to opening my career in aviation. During A/P school, I worked various jobs, some in aviation and others not in aviation. My first job was being a shop hand at a company that built precision measuring equipment for automotive part suppliers, and I liked the job a lot, but I was laid off after only six months. Being that it was my first job, I thought it was the end of the world. Thankfully, I have a good support system that reinforced the fact that a laid off is just life redirecting me elsewhere, and within two weeks, I got interviewed for a baggage handler position at Detroit- Metro Airport, where I worked until I got my A and P.

After getting my license to work on aircraft, I thought it would be a great idea to go on active duty in the Air Force, but I got talked out of it by a close relative. That was another one of those deciding factors in my aviation career because instead of going active, I signed up via the Air National Guard, where I get the best of both worlds...civilian and military aviation. My job at Selfridge involves being a crew chief on the KC-135 Stratotanker. Outside of the reserves, my full-time job is as an Aircraft Technician for an airline at DTW. It's very rewarding to know I am serving the people in my community, both in the civilian and military facets, by keeping them safe when the wheels leave the runway towards the sky. I also hold a commercial single/multi-engine pilot certificate, which leads me to my future goal in Aviation. I am aspiring and working towards building my experience to be a professional pilot. I love the sense of freedom I feel when seeing the world from such a beautiful view, and I look forward to planting that seed of love for aviation in the future generations of pilots that come after me.



## **WELCOME TO THE CHAPTER 113 FAMILY: NEW MEMBERS JOINING CHAPTER 113 IN 2023!**

Mario Accardo  
Paul Bammel  
Kenneth Burger  
Hisham Burgol  
Philip Camp  
Paul Haworth  
Natalya Hrecznyi  
Mark Janissee  
Michael Robins  
Mark Sanders  
Krystal Stasik  
Jason Kuczynski  
Leonardo Johnson

My sincere apologies if I have missed anyone! Please let me know at [newsletter@eaa113.org](mailto:newsletter@eaa113.org)

### **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 Chapter 113 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 in the new hangar, where we will be operating from, 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 Trimotor 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!



# A FIRST FLIGHT AMONG YOUNG EAGLES: A PHOTO ESSAY BY MARTIN J. FILIATRAULT

While I was capturing photos for the recent Chapter 113 Young Eagles event I noticed a DiamondStar DA20 join us in the pattern. It appeared to be a training flight so I initially chose not to photograph it. I thought to myself, this will certainly be good training for operating at a crowded non-tower airport. After a few circuits, the plane taxied over to the ramp, parked and shut down. The pilot in command remained in the plane while the instructor climbed out and began walking toward me. We greeted each other and the instructor, Mark Yaksich, said "My student is doing his first solo flight today! What's going on here?" I replied "You picked the wrong day! Young Eagles!" He laughed and said "I bring my students here because usually it's not very busy, but this guy can handle it ok." This guy was Travis Bully, getting his training with Mark out of YIP. I decided to photograph the event and greet him afterward with a business card, asking for his permission to take and share the photos, which he later granted.

## FIRST SOLO FLIGHT



**First Solo Landing** (note nosewheel realignment after touchdown)



Travis acquitted himself very well on his first circuit. His landing appeared to be flawless and I was unaware of the cocked nosewheel until I spotted it in my photos. I wished I had my radio with me to hear the position callouts; the soloist and the Young Eagles worked out the spacing expertly as he performed the requisite two additional full stop landings with equal skill.

### **Second Solo Takeoff and Landing**



### **Third Solo Takeoff and Landing**





With this monumental achievement attained, Travis taxied over in front of the terminal, where Mark awaited with wheel chocks and congratulations. Friends and family joined them on the ramp to witness the traditional Solo Shirt Cutting, a tradition that goes back to the pre-radio days of tandem seating and open cockpits. With the instructor in the aft seat and the student up front, the instructor would often have to yank on the student's shirttail to get his attention and provide direction. The Shirt Cutting is a sign of an instructor's new confidence in their student, symbolizing that they no longer require the instructor's hands-on assistance to fly an airplane. It certainly applied in this case, but when it came time to perform the ritual it became apparent that no one had thought to bring scissors! It turned into a long and amusing process of Mark hacking away at the back of Travis' shirttail with a folding knife until a ragged chunk of fabric was finally cut free. During my research I learned that First Solo T-shirts are now available in a wide array of sizes, styles and colors... complete with "Cut Here" lines! Prospective solo pilots, take note... and don't forget the scissors! With the honor duty complete, the crowd gathered for more photos and congratulations.



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Eventually the audience departed and Mark and Travis prepared for their own departure, with the Young Eagles still filling the pattern. I think Travis might have expected Mark to fly the leg back to Willow Run but Mark insisted that Travis take the left seat he had fully earned.



Travis contacted me a couple days later, expressing interest in obtaining my photos. I compiled and processed 100 photos, added two close up crops of the cocked nosewheel photos and shared them with Travis via Dropbox. He was very pleased; we have exchanged numerous text since then. Incidentally, I learned that the instructor Mark Yaksich got his training at 1D2 a few years ago.

Travis Bully is a family man with twin girls; he started training in 2006 but family life took priority until he could complete the written exam and resume flight training in 2022. He hopes to obtain his PPL in the coming months and continue on to IFR and Commercial and CFI ratings, possibly leading to a corporate pilot job in the future. He is the head of engineering at AlixPartners, a global results-driven management consulting firm with a wide range of services covering many industries. He also has a wide range of hobbies including boating, automotive, computers/tech/electronics, HAM/amateur radio and Home Automation.

He's planning on joining our Chapter, to which I think we'll all say: Welcome Aboard, Travis!





## CELEBRITY HELPER AT YE FLIGHT EVENT APRIL 15TH - DAVE STEINER

When up north boiling sap, I was catching up on my reading in *Sport Aviation*, and in the November 2022 issue I noticed an article about Olivia Carter, EAA Chapter 1114, Apex, NC, who graduated from the University of Michigan in December 2022 and is working on ratings and building hours to become a FedEx pilot. That's what her dad does. Wondering if she was still in Ann Arbor and if she might be interested in talking to Chapter 113 about her experiences, I shot an email off to EAA membership to forward to Olivia. Before I knew it, I received an email from her saying she was still in Ann Arbor and would gladly give a presentation to our April Gathering. In subsequent emails I informed her we were having a YE event on April 15th and she'd be welcome to stop by. Not only did she do that, but she helped Debbie register kids as they came in. She was a pro, having done it for YE events at her home chapter. Wow! And she plans on helping out at the May 13th event. Oh, I should mention she flew in to 1D2 in her dad's RV-10 that he's letting her use for a month to build hours. All the way from YIP, but it was good short-field experience. So she spent the morning (when thankfully there was a lot of smooth air for the YE event) helping, then did some flying on her own in the afternoon, unfortunately when the sun came out and the thermals made it pretty choppy.

And, if you missed the April Gathering, Olivia did indeed give a great presentation about her passion for aviation. She was on the U of M swim team for three years and swam and won medals all over the world, in addition to holding NCAA records in the 200 meter butterfly. Heck I can barely do the dog paddle for 100 feet without being exhausted! So she has given up competitive swimming and is diving full-time into her aviation dreams.

So, if you see Olivia around 1D2 or YIP, thank her for a very nice presentation, helping out with YE and wish her best of luck with her flying career. She's trying to make as many connections in the Michigan aviation community as possible, so if you can help her along or know someone who might, let me know and I'll put you in touch.



## EAA 113 Youth Program Visit to Sandbar Mitchell/Warbirds of Glory Museum

On April 1st, EAA 113 Youth Program Leader Dan Jones arranged for a visit to the hangar at Oakland Southwest Airport (Y47) aka New Hudson, where the *Sandbar Mitchell* B-25J restoration project has been relocated. They are not open to the public for tours so our EAA 113 connection was what allowed us to get in. Patrick Mihalek from the museum and head A & P on the project gave a presentation September 2021 at our chapter gathering. His passion and commitment to this project is extraordinary. Youth involvement is a huge part of that. See more information at <https://www.warbirdsofglory.org/>

If you want to experience this remarkable project yourself, mark your calendar for June 10th and attend their open house to see this grand-scale homebuilt. The hangar is too small for the wingspan and the runway at Y47 is too short for this aircraft so it will have to be trucked and assembled elsewhere to be test flown. The timeline for that is 5+ years.



Left: Rear fuselage, wing spars, cockpit and nose

Below: Nose section



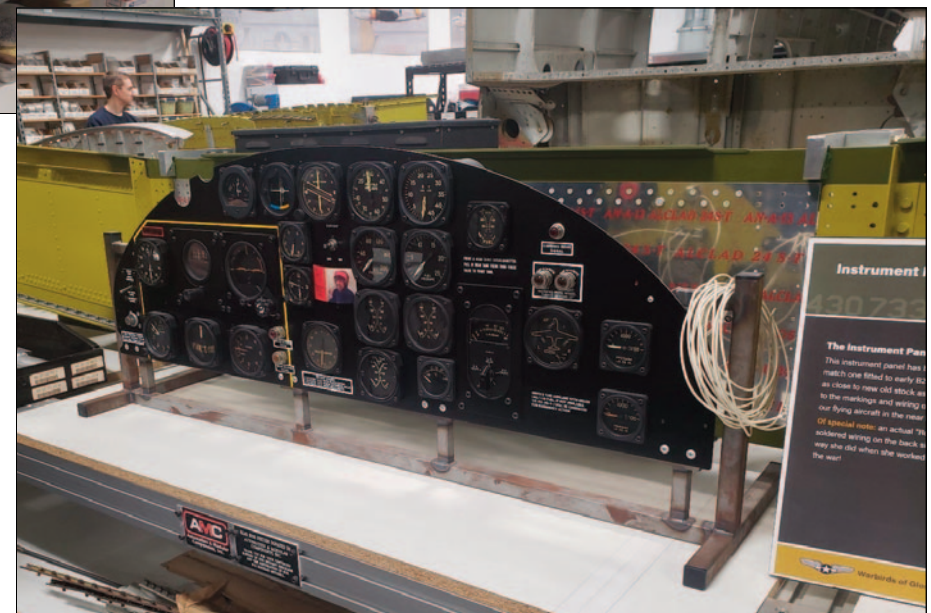
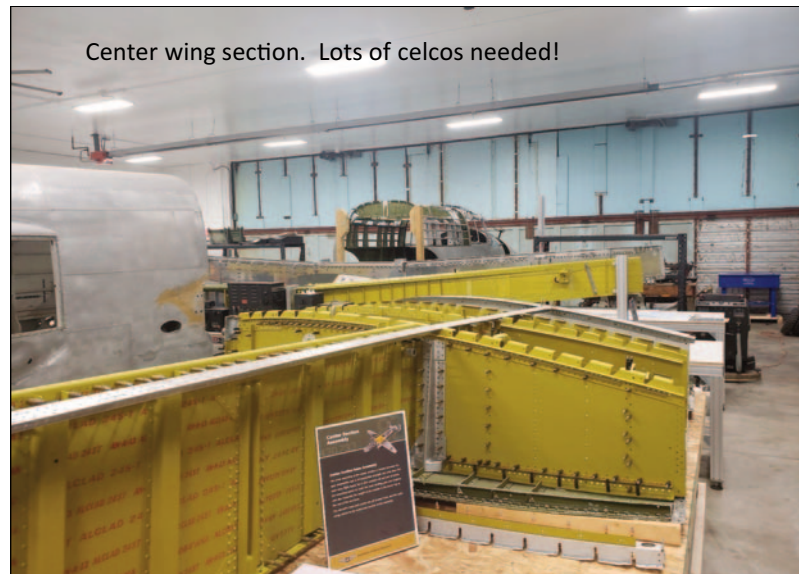
Above: Tail/rear fuselage gunner turret area is enclosed in cradle to facilitate transport for display and demonstration off-site. The gun movements work!





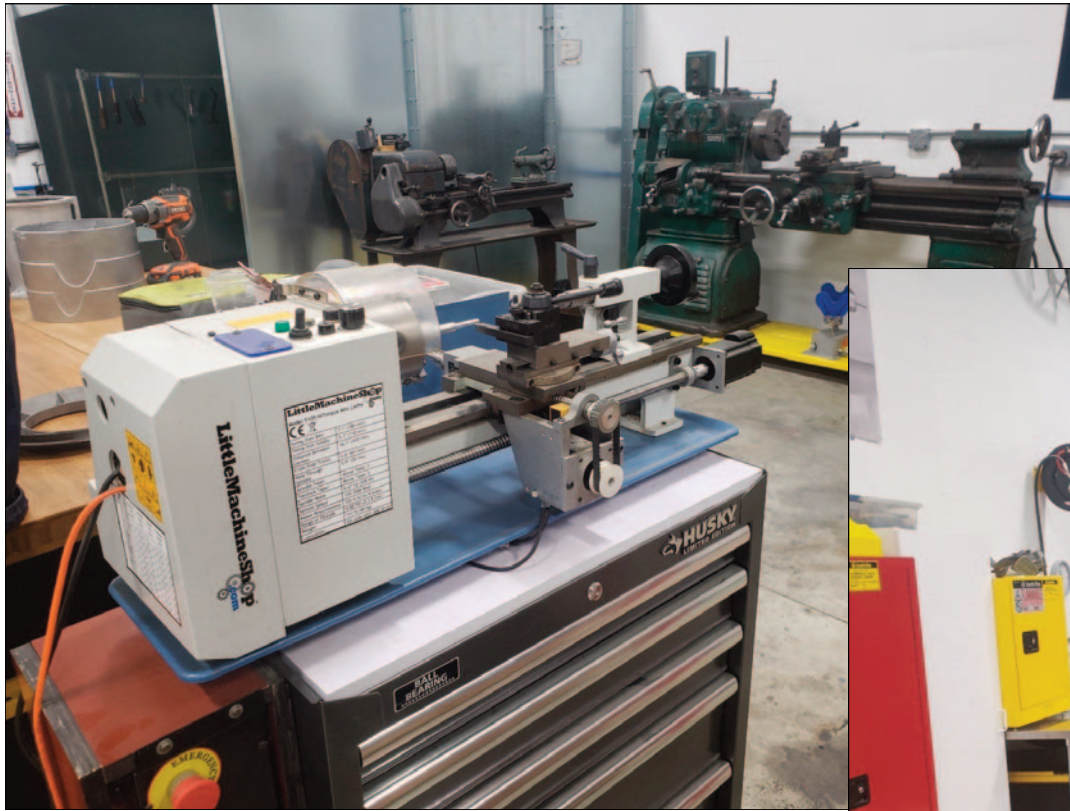


Left and below: The two wing spars, one restored, the other built from scratch/plans.



Above: Instrument panel, they had the final soldering connection made by an original Rosie The Riveter who did that job during the war.





Left: Small (even cute?) medium and large lathes. They also have a fire-damaged CNC which was donated that they are restoring. A young man who also works on the Yankee B-25 has taken the lead on that

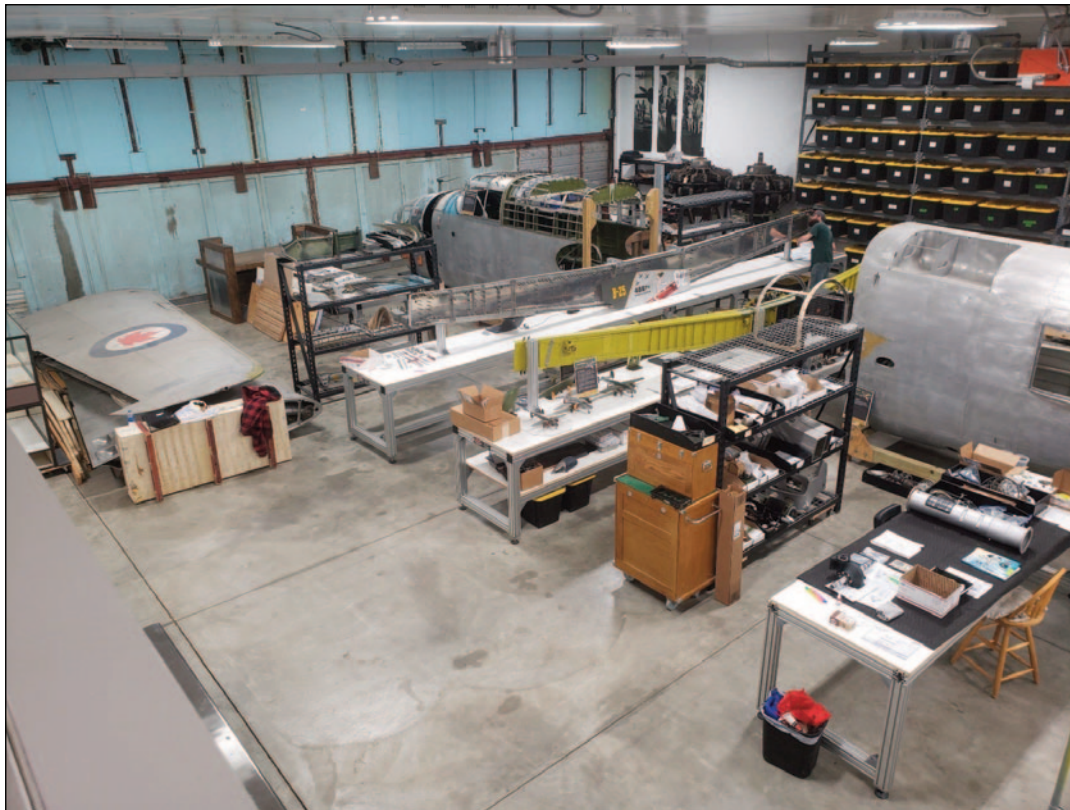
Below: Paint booth



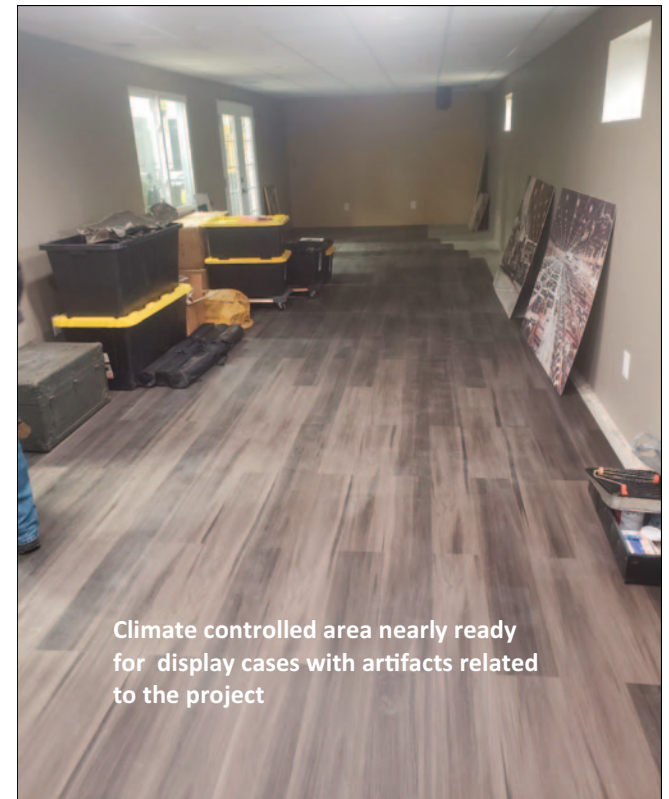
Lots of well organized bins and tubs





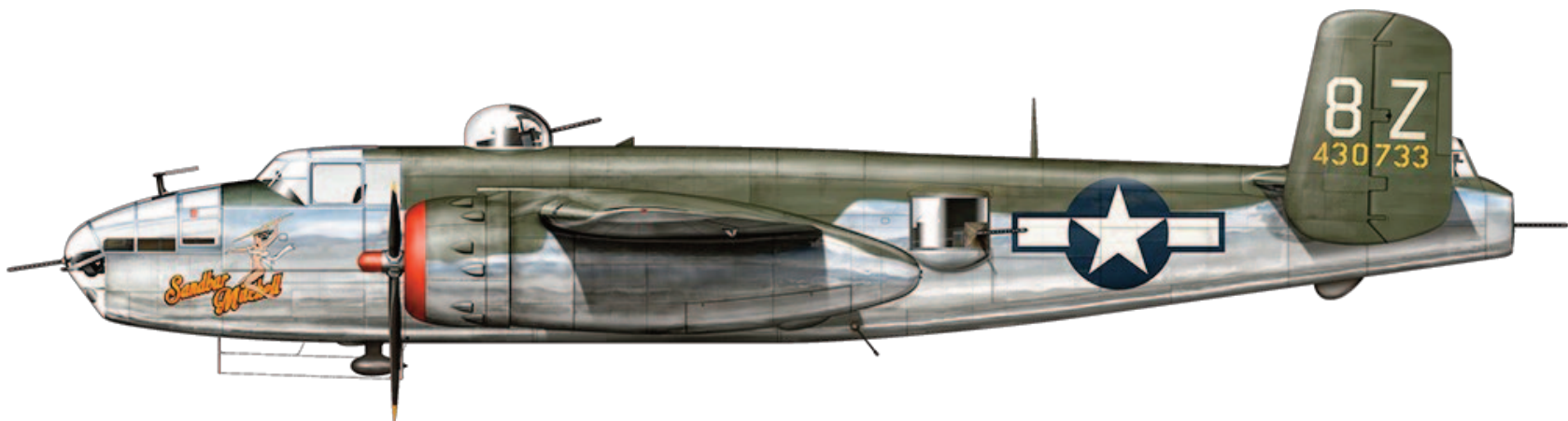


Above: Outer wings at left were obtained from Canada, still have the RCAF insignias on them



Climate controlled area nearly ready for display cases with artifacts related to the project

Below: The finished project painted to represent a B-25 in the MTO.



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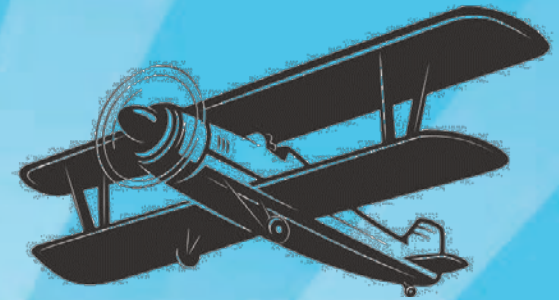
# Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

June 18th, 2023

Rise and Shine

for a special day of

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EAA 113 Youth Education and  
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Mettetal Airport (1D2)

EAA 113 Aviation Center

Canton, MI

**7:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.**

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



Dear Chapter President,

Congratulations to your chapter in successfully reaching the GOLD level status recognition level for the combined 2020 and 2021 years. EAA is happy to present you with a chapter recognition banner to proudly display where your chapter meets. Your level also will be displayed online at [EAA.org/FindAChapter](http://EAA.org/FindAChapter) with a specially designed emblem. You are encouraged to use your emblem on your website, newsletter, and other promotional materials; your chapter emblem is attached in this email.

To review your chapters overall scoring, please see the attached spreadsheet document, and simply find your chapter.

This program was developed and measured in partnership with EAA's Chapter Advisory Council, and is based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and highly engaged chapters. Due to 2020 and 2021 being, challenging years for chapters to maintain a high level of engagement, these years have been combined into a single recognition period. This was done to help chapters have a longer period of time to engage in the 10 criteria. An additional 11<sup>th</sup> criteria point was included this year to help offset the unique challenges associated with limited social engagement, and to observe unique chapter approved activities. Each is worth a point, and there are three levels of recognition: bronze (7 out of 11), silver (8 out of 11), and gold (at least 9 out of 11).

1. Attends a chapter leadership training session
2. Growing or steady membership
3. Offers IMC or VMC Club programs
4. Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs
5. Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor
6. Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey
7. Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, Ray Aviation Scholarship program, or sends a youth to EAA's Air Academy
8. Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email
9. Hosts at least two public events each year
10. Owns/leases a facility
11. Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship, a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc.

To learn more about this program, how scores are calculated, and how to improve your chapter's recognition score, please visit [EAA.org/ChapterRecognition](http://EAA.org/ChapterRecognition). If you have additional questions, please call us at 920-426-5912 or send an email to [chapters@eaa.org](mailto:chapters@eaa.org).

Tailwinds,

John Egan, Sr. Manager, EAA Chapters

# 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>May</b>	
13	Young Eagles
27	Youth Workshop
<b>June</b>	
18	<b>Annual Father’s Day Pancake</b>

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.





# May 2023



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



Make sure you sign up to help with the June 18th Pancake Breakfast.  
Contact Jim Brown with any questions: [jb.fly@att.net](mailto:jb.fly@att.net)

The April mystery airport, submitted by Martin, was  
**West Michigan Regional/Holland (KBIV)**  
John Maxfield and Ken Mosley got it correct.

#### 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:**

**MAY 18, 2023**

**7:30 PM**

**at the**

**EAA Chapter 113 Aviation Education Center**

**8512 N. Lilley Road**

**Canton, MI 48187**

**(734) 392-8113**

