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CHAPTER 113

"The Backyard Eagles"

Mettetal Airport (1D2), Canton, Michigan



Flying, learning and having a Great Time!

Our Web Site: www.eaa113.org

Meetings: 7:30 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month at the

NEW EAA113 AVIATION EDUCATION CENTER!

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Next Meeting: Thursday, December 15, 2005

6:30 PM at the EAA 113 Sport Aviation Center

Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

Note Time Change For This Month Only

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Mission Statements Chapter

“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

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

President’s Podium



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The chapter elections are now over. There was one vote against my reelection; however, Priscilla’s one vote did not affect the election outcome. It seems like the first two years of my term as president just flew by, which I guess is appropriate for this organization. The Backyard Eagles are a terrific chapter. The officers, board of directors, and membership put forth a tremendous effort and really make the task of president an easy one. Thanks to all for their help and support in the past two years.

The end of the tax year is rapidly approaching. If you need any additional deductions, be sure to keep the chapter in mind. We are a non-profit and all donations are tax deductible. You can direct your donations to the library, scholarship, or building funds. We need your support.

It is time to start planning for next year’s events. The board needs your ideas for any additional activities you would like to see. Do you have any thoughts for seminars, speakers, homebuilt information, light sport aircraft, day trips, fly-ins, fly-out destinations, dinners, picnics or any other activity? Let us know about them.

Communication is important within the chapter. The *newsletter* is the primary means of disseminating information regarding dates, times, activities, and news. In addition, the *chapter website (EAA113.org)* also lists all activities including any last minute changes and additions. The

Backyard Eagles Yahoo group site is used to send out email to all members, it also contains a number of photos of past events, and also a calendar listing all future events. Make sure to check all three for the latest information.

Looking for a fun winter project? How about building a Pedal Plane. They are great for kids and we could use a few more in the hanger.

Here's wishing everyone a terrific holiday season and safe flying in '06!

Dave Buck

Secretary's Scribbles



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CHAPTER 113 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 17, 2005

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Number of Members Present: 39

Number of Guests: 1

The minutes of the Board of Director's meeting of November 5, 2005 were read.

A thank-you letter was received from Doug Kovac, one of our 2005 scholarship recipients. He is presently on the dean's list at Jackson Community College.

President Dave Buck reminded that Young Eagle's rides will begin this coming Saturday at 9:30 AM, and the chili cook-off will be held after the rides from 12 to 3PM. Dave asked all members to bring their favorite pot of chili.

The second Chapter movie night will be held on the first Friday in December, the 2nd at 7 PM. The feature will be "Airplane".

Our annual Christmas party will be held in lieu of a regular meeting on December 15, 2005. The Chapter will provide a turkey and ham. Members are to bring a dish to pass.

John Maxfield announced that EAA National general fund is running low this year due to unusual expenses, such as the landing gear failure on the EAA B-17. Year-end donations would be very welcome. Members should indicate their chapter number on their donation.

Al Bosonetto presided over the Chapter biannual elections. Nominations were announced at the October meeting. Additional nominations were requested from the floor. There being no additional nominations, the nominations were closed. The candidates for Officers and Board of Directors, as nominated, were unanimously elected by a show of hands. The elected candidates are:

Officers:

President	Dave Buck
Vice-President	John Maxfield

Secretary	Bob Wagner
Treasurer	Grant Cook
Board of Directors:	
Class I	The above officers The Chapter Newsletter Editor The Chapter Librarian
Class II (elected)	Mike Scovel Al Bosonetto Dave James Bill Brown Dave Forsman Bob Skingley Tom Smith Joe Griffin Roger Gehle Pete Waters Ron Layne

President Dave informed the membership that our Librarian, Bob Paulson, recently underwent heart by-pass surgery and is presently recovering.

Guest Speaker:

Name: Wayne Macy

Topic: Experiences as a World War II Fighter Pilot

Wayne aspired to be a pilot while still in high school. He actually re-took high school science classes to become eligible for admission to college, because two years of college was a pre-requisite for entering the Army Air Corps. Wayne was accepted and enrolled at the University of Northern New York. However, in September 1942, the Air

Corps was in immediate need of pilots and the two years of college requirement was waived. Wayne entered the Air Corps prior to completing two years of college.

Wayne received primary flight training at Maxwell Field in a Vultee "Vibrator", and advanced fighter training in a Curtis P-40. He then transitioned to the Republic P-47, which he flew in combat.

His first assignment was with the 341st Fighter Squadron of the 348th Fighter Group, based at Wakde Island near New Guinea in the South Pacific. He flew daily missions from Wakde Island in support of troops in that area, and was credited with two aircraft kills. Japanese bombed the Wakde Island base, but the biggest losses were incurred due to bad weather when 49 aircraft were lost in one day. That day was affectionately called "Black Sunday".

Wayne received some time off for rest leave in Australia. He was able to get a ride on a PT boat where he did some fishing. He also got a ride in a rescue submarine operating off Taiwan.

Later in the war, Wayne was transferred to the Philippines, where he transitioned to the longer range North American P-51 fighter. During a test flight he experienced an oil line failure, which completely covered his windshield with oil. He was able to land by intermittently skidding and taking quick peeks of the runway.

Wayne showed about 200 slides of people, places and aircraft, a valuable record of the events during that time in history.

Recorded by:

R.C. Wagner, Secretary

Calendar of Events

Saturday Morning Breakfast

Every Saturday 8:30am at the Coney Island on Lilley Rd. across the street from Mettetal airport.



Holiday Party

December 15th, 2005
6:30 p.m.

Join many good friends for
some holiday cheer at the
EAA 113 Aviation Center

Bring a dish to pass.



Friday Night at the Movies

**Watch your favorite aviation movie in the comfort of
EAA Chapter 113's meeting room**

December 2, 2005 "Airplane"

January 6, 2006 "The Great Waldo Pepper"

February 3, 2006

Bring a friend!



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LOOKING BACK

By Len Marzewski

I read with great interest the "Flight of a Lifetime" article in last month's newsletter. It told of Kevin's ride in a B-25 and his reaction to the noisy environment inside a WWII Multi-engined bomber. For those of you who weren't lucky (or unlucky) enough to have experienced that, I'd like to give you a feeling of what it was like. But first, seeing a picture out the glass nose of a B-25 took me back to early 1942. I quit my job with NACA in Hampton, Virginia in early spring of the year when I found out that experienced engineers that worked there were being drafted into the military even though they had years of seniority. I figured I didn't want that to happen to me. So, I left Virginia, came home and decided to wait until I turned 20 years of age and then I would enlist in the Air Corps as an aircraft mechanic. While waiting those 5 months or so, I got a job with GM. They were making sub-assemblies for the B-25. When I impressed them with my vast knowledge of aviation (a joke, it was all with models), I became an inspector on the sheet metal cowling pieces for the engines. Primarily, checking the dzus dimples for cracks and deformity. I also watched how they formed all the Plexiglas. This was done by vacuum over felt-lined molds.

In October, I enlisted and left for Camp Custer, Midland, Texas, San Antonio and finally Laredo on the Rio Grande. I worked on AT-

6's and AT-11's (these were surplus Lockheed Hudsons that England didn't want). We used them as target towing planes for the gunners we were training at the field.

Then one glorious day, I was asked if I'd volunteer to fly in the B-24's that were coming to our field soon, as a flight engineer. Naturally, I jumped at this opportunity.



Easter Sunday morning, 8 of us were flown in a B-24D to Smyrna, Tennessee for 6 weeks of learning the inner workings of the big bomber, flying as student engineers and shooting numerous touch-and-go's for hours on end. My job was to watch the student pilots' every move to make sure they hit the right switches and the right handles. So, as a buck private, I had the authority to boss over officers of any rank up to generals, as long as they were students. And later, we actually had a 2-star general come through the aerial gunnery program. The enlisted men who successfully finished the course, were promoted to staff sergeants and went overseas.

When we got back to Texas after schooling, there they were, eight brand new shining silver B-24H model ships flown in directly from Willow Run, Michigan. I was assigned to #372, Serial #42-95425, estimated unit cost: \$291,000. Now the fun begins...
(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH)

EAA 113 – YAHOO! To access our YAHOO Group Site, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EAA113/> New users click "SIGN UP." Already a member of a YAHOO Group? Click "JOIN THIS GROUP" You'll have to sign in every time to access all the features. Contact John Maxfield for further information.

The Reason We Do This

The statement, "This was such a great learning experience!" was overheard at our hangar on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. No, it was not from a pilot doing crosswind landings, nor was it from someone building their aircraft. Rather, it was from a twelve-year-old girl as she came back from her Young Eagles flight. Her smile went ear to ear and she was bouncing with excitement as she told her teacher that the flight was the coolest thing and how everything they had been talking about in school now made sense to her. (Yes!! The dream of every teacher!) This is a true testimony for why we continue to offer this program.

Our day spent with the Young Astronaut Club of Southfield proved to be one of our best Young Eagles Days. There were compliments flying around for both groups. The students were well mannered and asked such relevant questions. The instructors, pilots and ground support were friendly and informative. It was evident that everyone had a great time.

I want to thank EVERYONE that has helped out with our Young Eagle program at this event and all throughout the year. For without all off you we would not be able to pass along these experiences to youth. This year EAA113 has flown an awesome, **233 Young Eagles**. Thank you to all of you that have volunteered to make a difference in the life of a child. It is certain there will be more eyes looking skyward now!

Debbie

Young Eagles Day/Chile Fly-in with the Young Astronauts Club of Southfield



Dave James teaches helicopter aerodynamics



Don Zimmerman covers pre-flight inspection



Bill Brown demonstrates airplane aerodynamics using radio-controlled model aircraft



And the Young Eagles rides!!!



HANGAR FOR RENT

Space is available for rent in the EAA Chapter 113 Hangar at Plymouth Mettetal Airport (1D2). For information, please contact Al Bosonetto (734) 261-5518

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