



**\*Next Meeting is Thursday September 21, 2006 \***

**at the EAA 113 Sport Aviation Center**

**Featuring: Aviation Trivia with the 99's!**

**BBQ at 6:00 PM, meeting to follow!**

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# ***EAGLE'S PROPWASH***

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**CHAPTER 113**

***"The Backyard Eagles"***

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Mettetal Airport (1D2), Canton, Michigan



Chapter 113 Member and Scholarship Recipient Nick Forsman gives us an update from Alaska!

Our Web Site: [www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org)

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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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Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the Tri-Motor Tour. I really enjoyed the experience working with a part of aviation history. It was amazing talking to the people who came out to ride and listen to their past experiences with the Tri-Motor. One passenger had ridden on a Tri-Motor in 1927 sitting on his father's knee. Another was the nephew of Harry Brooks who was the original Tri-Motor test pilot for Henry Ford. He brought out some fascinating memorabilia and stayed on to volunteer for three days.

This month we will be having a combined meeting with the 99's along with a potluck BBQ. The 99's wanted to use our Chapter House for a meeting, however, it was for the same night our regular meeting was held. A suggestion was made to combine the two meetings and give each of us the chance to meet another aviation related organization. Join us for some entertainment. The BBQ will begin at 6:00; we will start the grills at 6:30. Please bring a dish to share. The chapter will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks.

The Backyard Eagles Texas Hold'Em Tournament is coming up shortly. Plan on joining us either as a player or volunteer. Don't miss out on the fun.

Have you checked out the website ([www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org)) lately? Thanks to Donna Monson for updating it.

Dave Buck

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## Calendar of Events

### Saturday Morning Breakfast

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

### Chapter 113 BBQ

September 21, 2006, 6:00 pm at the EAA 113 Sport Aviation Center, general meeting will follow.

### The Fly-in/Drive-in Texas Hold'em Tournament

**September 23, 2006** at the EAA 113 Sport Aviation Center

**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.

## An Update from Alaska!

Hey everyone at EAA 113,

I'm here . . . in Alaska! We flew out on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and I got settled into my dorm a couple days later. I figured that I wouldn't get to do any flying while I was up here, but I was wrong. My parents spent the week at an aviation themed Bed and Breakfast right on Lake Hood. For the first two nights I stayed with them. Bill, the owner, told us about this place that was around the corner that we should go check out if we wanted to go flying. We went down to Trail Ridge Air and they told us that we could go on a ride along to drop some people off at Alexander Creek. This river is a great fishing area that has a small resort as well as a few cabins.



There seem to be two main airplanes of choice in Alaska—Beavers and Super Cubs. We took off in a Beaver on floats from Lake Hood. We then headed west, not getting above 500 feet the entire flight. We spotted lots of moose and a few bears on the flight out and got a look at the flooded rivers from all their recent rain. After we dropped the passengers off, we headed out to the inlet to see if we could see any whales. No luck there, but we did see a few seals. As we were buzzing the hunting shanties, our pilot Jim took us past a nest of baby eagles. That was cool. On the return, we flew over a couple of plane wrecks just lying in the middle of the flats. That was a little weird feeling. We then came back into Lake Hood and landed.

College life is good. I have good classes, good teachers, and an all around good school. Most all my classes are up at Merrill Field. Our dorm is sectioned off so all of the aviation majors have their own floor. It is easy to find someone to talk to about airplanes. My floor actually has more girls on it than guys—a pilot's dream! We also have two dorm dogs named Sophie and Angel that go where ever they please. The food is ok . . . but I can't wait for my next Napoleon Burger! I will be back on December 15<sup>th</sup> for about a month. Well, everyone should keep in touch. I would love to hear from people and just to see what is up at the chapter.

~Nick

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## Photos from the Recent Splash-in at Whitmore Lake

