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7:30 PM at the EAA 113 Aviation Center**

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# ***EAGLE'S PROPWASH***

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**CHAPTER 113**

***"The Backyard Eagles"***

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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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### June 07 Newsletter

Al Bosonetto and Pete Waters have come up with a great idea for this month's meeting. It will be an 'Open Hangar' event. It will start at 6:30 pm with a BBQ; the club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks. After eating, all members are asked to open their hangar doors so their aircraft and projects will be on display. This is your opportunity to see and be seen. Also bring your cars and motorcycles to show off. Your appetite and walking shoes are all that is required for a fun meeting.

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast is just around the corner. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is the event that supports the *EAA Chapter 113 Aviation Scholarships*. Plan on attending. First we need your help with breakfast, the more volunteers, the easier the task. Second invite your family, neighbors, co-workers, friends, and anybody you happen to meet on the street to join us.

Note from Scholarship Chairman, Howard Rundell; "As I wrote this year's press release, I realized this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Chapter's scholarship program, a fact in which all the Chapter members can take great pride."

Chapter 113 has given out more than \$20,000 in scholarships during this period. If you would like to help perpetuate the scholarships, the Chapter also has a *Scholarship Endowment Fund* that you can contribute too. Contact Grant Cook or Bob Paulson for details. Thanks

also to the scholarship chairman, Howard Rundell for a great job in selecting candidates.

Congratulations to Dan Valle! Dan is the Backyard Eagles newest Technical Counselor and Flight Advisor. Dan is also an instructor and available for biannual flight reviews and instrument proficiency checks.

Dave Buck

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday Morning Breakfast

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

### CORVAIR WINGS AND WHEELS FLY-IN

June 8-9-10th@ Barber Field (2D1), Alliance, Ohio

If you need more info about our fly-in, camping and lodging, directions, etc, contact me at [pkengr@hotmail.com](mailto:pkengr@hotmail.com) / 330-388 - 2074 or

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**Fly-in Requests:** If anyone knows of any half way decent fly-ins coming up please forward any information you can on to me. My email address is [Urcapt@hotmail.com](mailto:Urcapt@hotmail.com), and please put in subject line something about fly-out. If you would like to be added to my list of email addresses for fly-out information, please email me. If any of you have given me your email addresses before, please repeat the process. I lost my hard drive last month and it dumped just about everything. I hope at least once a week to get a group together and somewhere for breakfast/lunch/dinner or .....who cares. Sean

## Secretary's Scribbles



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### CHAPTER 113 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 17, 2007

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Number of Members Present: 35

Number of

Guests: 2

Vice-President John Maxfield ran this meeting, as President Dave Buck was out of town.

The minutes of the May 5, 2007 Board of Director's meeting was read.

Debbie Forsman reported on the Chapter 113 booth at the recent Michigan Aeronautical Institute open house. Five persons expressed interest in joining our Chapter.

Al Bosonetto reported on ticket sales for the May 20 barbeque. 52 have been sold as of the date of this meeting. The caterer will be asked to provide for some additional to allow for late deciders. Al said the response from other chapters was limited. He felt the poor economy and high price of fuel had something to do with it. Dave James suggested in the future, maybe a hot dog fare with potluck might prove more successful.

Vice-President John reported on plans for the Fathers Day pancake breakfast. Everything is in order. A new feature will be a vendor-

operated lunch wagon for hot dogs later in the morning. Set up for the event is scheduled for the Saturday morning before Fathers Day, after breakfast. John asked for all Chapter members to turn out.

Al Bosonetto reported the helicopters only Young Eagles day on May 11, 2007 was very successful. 52 kids were flown, and classes were held in the hangar. Al expressed, in the name of the Chapter, appreciation to the pilots for donating their time and use of their equipment.

Pete Waters reported that Dave McKenzie is still laid up with his broken arm. Pete is helping out by mowing the grass at McKenzie's landing strip. It's a big job and he could use some more volunteers.

Members reported on the progress of their projects.

Guest Speaker:

Name: Nick Forsman

Topic: Alaska Photos

Nick spent this last year attending the University of Alaska in Anchorage studying to be an aviation flight controller. He was quite busy with classes but found some free time to tour the area and take pictures. Some pictures were taken around the campus, others of the local wildlife, mostly moose, others at the local airport, where he got shots of typical Alaskan airplanes with large tundra tires. Nick was also fortunate to get a ride in a Beaver airplane, where he was able to get some good aerial shots.

Recorded by:

R.C. Wagner, Secretary

## A Spin on Young Eagles

Submitted by proud EAA Chapter 113 members

On Friday, May 11, 2007, fifty-two 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Christ the King Lutheran School, of Southgate, Michigan became the latest members to the world's largest logbook. How they became Young Eagles is unique. You see, at EAA Chapter 113's Aviation Education Center, located on Mettetal Airport in Canton Michigan, the perspective Young Eagles earned their wings in helicopters! Chapter 113 is one of a few chapters nationally that is utilizing helicopters for Young Eagle flights and the only chapter in Michigan that we are aware of. The pilots are Chapter 113 members, Dave James in his 1951 Bell 47D1, and Larry Franzel flying his 1978 Bell 206B3.

To accommodate the large number of students from the school, many chapter members volunteered to fill the various tasks and contributed a great deal in making this event a success. To start the event, students were divided into three groups and were rotated through introductory briefings on Fixed Wing Aerodynamics conducted by Al Bosonetto, followed by a briefing on Rotary Wing Aerodynamics by Leslee Franzel. After the briefings, the prospective Young Eagles proceeded to the ramp area for their Young Eagle Flight.

Once their flight was completed, the Young Eagles were brought to Debbie Forsman who has been Chapter 113's Young Eagles coordinator for over 4 years. Debbie then utilizes EAA's software to assist in officially logging in the Young Eagles as well as printing out their Certificates. As you can see as Chapter 113's Young Eagles Coordinator, Debbie Forsman, truly enjoys the program and is fond of saying: "Just for the kids, I love doing it!"

With the training syllabus the chapter members have developed, the youth get more than a Young Eagles flight. They receive a ground school type education covering fixed and rotor wing aerodynamics, basic navigation, pre-flighting an aircraft, and careers in aviation.

Upon exiting the copters, many students had grins from ear to ear and thumbs up were commonplace. Young Eagle Kelly Burton summed it up quite nicely. "It was awesome!" "Kids should learn to fly when they get older." The event was topped off with a pizza party for all Young Eagles, pilots, and volunteers followed by the accompanying group photo.

The history of this chapter dates back to May of 1961 when the initial charter was signed. The original chapter building was a 1000 sq. ft. Quonset hut located on the south end of the airfield. Chapter 113's Aviation Education Center was completed in 2004 and was built by its members. This 5000 sq. ft. building serves not only chapter functions but also host to the Annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast which raises money for local aviation education scholarships. This new facility includes a 1500 sq. ft. meeting room equipped with wireless internet and state-of-the-art multi-media projector. The library, which operates additionally as an aviation classroom, contains computer based flight simulator programs as well as an extensive collection of aviation literature. The facility also includes a workshop area for chapter projects as well as 50' by 50' aircraft storage area. For further information on EAA Chapter 113 please visit our website at [www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org)

## PHOTO REQUEST

We are now progressing with the task of displaying the history of our member's aircraft. This will be a collection of photos on the main wall of our meeting room, and each will be in a standard 8 ½ "x 10" photo frame.

These will provide a historical record of the past, present and future aircraft that our members have built, owned or have under construction. The preferred size is as above, but the frames also accommodate smaller sized photos, and with the construction section, a collage of several smaller photos would be better, as these can be changed as the project progresses.

Each would have a short description containing ***Member's Name, Date and Name of aircraft***

Al Bosonetto, Bob Skingley and Pete Waters will accept the photos and mount them in the standard frames we have.

