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"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."

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March 08 Newsletter Article

The Frost Bite Chili Fly-in came off extremely well this year. We had delicious chili, a full parking lot, crowded ramp, and a lot of hanger flying. This was the fourth year we have done this chili fly-in and I think it was the first year the weather cooperated. Clear skies and moderate temperatures were all that was needed to get a number of aircraft out of their hangars. We had several chili lovers' show up from Indiana and Illinois. Thanks to all for your help, especially for bringing the great chili. That's what keeps everyone coming back.

The Red Bull Racing series is coming to Detroit and the Backyard Eagles will be participating. Stand by for details they are still being finalized.

Congratulations to Lou Lambert on the first flight of his Savannah VG on Feb 24th.

To promote membership in the chapter we now have lowered the dues to \$15.00 per year to any members under the age of thirty. If you know of any new pilots or students bring them to a meeting. If you know anyone who loves aviation bring him or her along also.

Check the website for this month's speaker. www.eaa113.org

Remember, you're always a student in an airplane.

See you at the banquet.
Dave Buck

Calendar of Events

Sun-n-Fun

April 8-13, 2008 in Lakeland, Florida

Friday Night at the Movies

See you on the first Friday of the month at 7:30 PM. Check the website for details.

Saturday Morning Breakfast

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

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 Donna Monson for further information.

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March 2008

OUR 3 NEW SECTIONS OF SHELVES HAVE ARRIVED !!!
Handymen Grant Cook and Dave Forsman got them up and attached to the wall on Saturday. They even put backs on them so stuff wouldn't fall thru! Tuesday our new library volunteers (Warren & Shishi) filled those shelves with our video tapes, DVDs and CDs. Shunsuke helped with new chairs while he was “between jobs”. Thanks to all these folks. Friendly support is a wonderful thing to have.

THESE SHELVES LOOK GREAT. I'm sure Bob Paulson would be very proud.

ANYONE WITH DVDs AT HOME, you can bring them back now, we have room for them! Barb has started adding them to our computer catalog.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN FLIGHT INSTRUCCION VIDEOS & DVDs, come in. Now that we have a bit of room, we can display what we have. Barbara has finally started cataloging DVDs and videos, discovering what we really have. Ask her to show you. We have Sporty's and King and Jeppesen videos and DVDs, as well as 2 shelves of print materials on flight training. 629.13 something (there are signs on the shelves.)

COMING SOON: high speed laser printer, rolling computer chairs, maybe even a new 4th computer, library signs on the building and new furniture layout.

STILL NEEDED: Wonderful Person to organize and care for our Chapter History materials and photos. Computer skills not required. Call Barb Cook and she'll show you what we have so far.

TOTAL ITEMS almost 1280 now. Ask at the meeting if we've made it to 1300!

The Aviation Library is open most Tuesday afternoons, unless we're having the weekly snow/ice storm, or Barb has run away to the U.P. Call if you need a special appointment.
Barb Cook

A note from John Maxfield

Cleo Smokovitz (Smokie's wife and Mark's mother) passed Monday March 3rd. Cleo was a nurse during WWII when she met Smokie, attended EAA fly-ins and was a frequent flier in the family's Cessna 195. We will keep the Smokovitz's family in our thoughts and prayers.
John

Dear EAA 113,

Greetings from the Far North! I just wanted to write and tell y'all that school is going well. However, I can't wait until I graduate in May. Things are looking good for hire with the FAA possibly this summer. If all goes as it looks now, I may even know where I'm headed before I graduate.

Some indications of my possible locations include Lansing, Milwaukee, or Madison. Milwaukee and Madison have a little more traffic, and are the next pay grade up, but Lansing can get me into Detroit Metro faster. I have recently taken the AT-SAT (Air Traffic Selection Aptitude Test) which is administered by the FAA to determine if you are able to make it as a controller. I received an excellent score and am considered as 'well qualified'!!

The classes that I have this semester are going good. I have TRACON, and En Route. En Route isn't quite as exciting as I thought it would be, but oh well. TRACON on the other hand, is amazing! The professor is one of the best at UAA, and most likely the best teacher I've ever had in my life. His expectations for us are just above where we can reach so we always have to keep reaching for them, and when we do get it, he raises them even more.

As some of you know, I broke my arm over Christmas break riding my bike. It is fine now. I am back to doing normal things. I have been skiing and also back on the ice playing goalie. I joined a hockey league within the college that plays on Tuesday nights. It is always a good time. Yes Mom, I am being careful! I have yet to fly this semester, but I'm hoping that I can get up again before coming home.

I have two jobs and never seem to sleep. I still work at the front desk in my old dorm. This semester I have added a second job as a pseudo pilot for the tower lab. So, in other words, I get paid to do homework and listen to music at night at the desk, and then during the day, I get to mess with people on the radio. I also have a one day gig to work the Iditarod when the race starts off from Anchorage. Yes I know, I'll have to work harder one day soon but for now I'll enjoy my fun jobs!

Well, off to study. I'll be home in May. Hope to see y'all soon. If anyone wants a private tour of the Anchorage, you better plan your trip soon! *Nick Forsman* Flyboy104@uaa.alaska.edu



Young Eagles

As we begin to take a look at the direction in which to take the Chapter, I would first like to take a glimpse in our past. Several members have exhibited concern over the future of EAA 113 as the general membership continues to age. Not only should we look for ways to increase our adult membership, but we also need to find more interested youth. No matter how we feel about this fact: “The youth of today are our future.”

To date, Chapter 113 has flown over **1,900 Young Eagles!** This is an awesome number of flights, number of memorable moments and number of smiles. This also means that 1,900 young people have come through our doors to experience aviation. Yet, we can only account for a handful of these Young Eagles when we ask where they are today.

On the Saturday of our chili fly-in we flew three young people. This may not have been a large quantity of flights; they were, however, *quality* flights. Dave James took fourteen year-old, Noah, for his first ride in a small plane. After he returned, Noah excitedly told his dad about the flight, “I can’t believe *I* was flying a *real* plane!!” Joe Griffin took up eight year-old Joseph. Even ten minutes after his flight, Joseph was still holding onto his cheeks saying, “I just can’t make my face stop smiling!” No one can deny the enthusiasm of our Young Eagles and the validity of the program.

These two boys are examples of the aviation interested youth that we need to be sure we see again. As a Chapter, we need to find ways to foster continued involvement for these “enthusiastic” Young Eagles. Please consider ways you can play a role in the molding of a future pilot. May the future of the Young Eagles program continue to be as successful as it’s past.

Which leads me to

. . . Saluting one of our Chapter members who have continued to support the Young Eagles Program over the years as a Coordinator and as a Pilot. A big congratulations goes to **DAVE JAMES** as he has now flown **610** Young Eagles! On behalf of the Chapter, I would like to thank Dave for providing the “gift of flight” to so many young people and for stepping up to make a difference in their lives. Thank you for your time and donations to this program.

Also, thank you to *all* the other pilots that have flown the other 1,300 children and *all* those that provide the ground support and instruction for our Young Eagles program. Without *all of you*, 1,900 youth might not have had the opportunity to experience the joy of flight and ignite their interest in aviation.

Debbie Forsman

