



**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 18th, 2010
7:30 PM at the EAA 113 Aviation Center**

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"The Backyard Eagles"

Mettetal Airport (1D2), Canton, Michigan



Mike & Doreen's Eze Glass Party

Photo courtesy of Shunsuke Shibata

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**Meetings: 7:30 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month at the
*EAA113 AVIATION EDUCATION CENTER!***

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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.”

Calendar of Events

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1	2	3 7p Midwest RC	4 7:30p Homebuilders Project Corner	5 7:30p EAA Movie Night	6 8:30a Breakfast at Coney
7	8	9	10 7:30p Ford Eagles	11 7:30p Safety Meeting	12	13 8:30a Breakfast at Coney
14	15 2p Coves of Canton	16	17	18 7:30p EAA Chapter 113 Meeting	19	20 8:30a Breakfast at Coney
21	22	23	24	25 7:30p EAA Chapter 113 Board Meeting	26	27 8:30a Breakfast at Coney 6p EAA Awards Banquet
28	29	30	31	1 7:30p Homebuilders Project Corner	2	3 8:30a Breakfast at Coney

Great Lakes Aviation Conference & Expo



President's *Podium*



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We have just finished up with the 2010 Great Lakes International Aviation Conference at the Rock Financial center. Once again, Chapters 113, 55 and 384 all had booths together to represent EAA at the show. Thanks to all those who manned our booth.

As I write this, the chapter is preparing for its annual Frostbite Chili fly-in. It was a well publicized event, so I hope the weather cooperates with us and allows for a good turnout of pilots flying in for a change.

The 2010 Awards Banquet is fast approaching. It will be on March 27th at the hangar. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for complete details. I hope to see everyone there.

Have you renewed your chapter membership for 2010? Reminders have been sent out. Please return them with your dues to keep these newsletters coming.

Do you have a suggestion for a day's fly out destination or a restaurant that we could go to as a group? Let me know, and I will post them on the website so that several of us can get together and go out at one time.

I had a great time helping Mike Scovel out with his VariEze this past Sunday- we were glassing together the top half of his plane's fuselage along with Doreen, Bill Pinkenberg, Pat Charles and Shunsuke. Now it is really starting to look like it should.

And one final reminder- your old paper pilot's license will not be valid after March 31st. Make sure that you have replaced it with the new one by the end of the month.

Paulson Aviation *Library*



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3 VIEWS OF A BEECH 17 STAGGERWING

If asked to name my favorite airplane (besides my own, of course) I might well say, “The Staggerwing Beechcraft is certainly the most beautiful and sexy with its retractable gear, rounded lines, thin waist, negative stagger wings, and high cruise.” Yes, it rises above its sisters, the useful Beech 18 for cargo hauling, the recognizable and ubiquitous v-tail Bonanza, a stately formation of T-34s, and even the Beech Starship (way ahead of her time back in 1982.) There are many wondrous Beech planes, but I stand by my favorite, the Staggerwing. So I looked her up, and borrowed these 3 books.

Beechcraft Staggerwing to Starship; An Illustrated History by Edward H. Phillips. Flying Books, 1987. Shelf number 338.7 PHIL. A history of the Beechcraft Aircraft company as directed by Walter and also Olive Ann Beech, from 1932 thru 1987. Includes many many photos of all types of Beechcraft, with movie stars and politicians, and their certification info and tri-view layouts and index. If you’re seeking details, or building, this is your choice. If you like browsing history via photos-take this one. . . first. Then move on to Mayer’s book.

Climb for the Evening Star by Tom Mayer. Houghton Mifflin, 1974. Shelf number 629.139 924. This is the book that speaks to the romance of flying. I enjoyed this for the author’s ability to describe in words the thrill he gets from flying this most beautiful aircraft. Between flights, he is a Professor of English and has published many stories and articles on flying.

Classic Biplanes: Travelair, Waco, Staggerwing Beechcraft by Robert T. Smith. Modern Aircraft Series, Sports Car Press, 1963. Shelf number 629.133 343. A brief collection of facts. Good as a quick reference, but it didn’t hold my attention.

EAA 113 Annual Awards Banquet



Spring is getting near which means it is almost Banquet time! We hope you can join us for the first BBQ of the year. This event will be catered by the great chef, “Smokin’ Bones”. Come and either test your own knowledge or just laugh along with (or at) some of your friends as they compete in a friendly game of “Flying Family Feud”. Also, we will have some nice door prizes, as well as a couple of terrific aviation items that you may bid on in a Silent Auction.

On Saturday, March 27, 2010 we will be having our Annual Banquet at the EAA 113 Aviation Center at 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20.00 each so please feel free to bring along a guest (or two). The last day to purchase tickets will be at the March General Meeting on Thursday, March 18th. However, preparations need to be made and it would be appreciated if you would at least give us advance notice of your intent to purchase tickets at the meeting. Please email Debbie at dforsman@wowway.com or call (734) 397-3452.

Don’t miss out on a fun evening of great food, fun entertainment and great company.