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**Christmas Party**  
**Thursday, December 14, 2006**  
6:30 PM at the EAA 113 Aviation Center

# *EAGLE'S PROPWASH*

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**CHAPTER 113**

***"The Backyard Eagles"***

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Mettetal Airport (1D2), Canton, Michigan



Bob Wagner's Mustang II on a Young Eagle Flight!

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

**Meetings: 7:30 p.m. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the**

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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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In reviewing some of the chapter documents, I just realized that this past year was the Backyard Eagles 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The first officers were Roy Kedney & Jim Miller in 1961. If you are interested in reviewing the lists of past officers and charter members, they are posted on the Yahoo site in the files section.

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.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Young Eagles Day on November 18<sup>th</sup>, we flew 30 Young Astronauts and had some great chili afterwards.

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. Give me a call if you would like to start a group, or solo project.

The Christmas Party and New Years party are swiftly approaching, come and join the fun, and bring your friends and family along.

Happy Holidays

Dave Buck

# Secretary's Scribbles



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## CHAPTER 113 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 16, 2006

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Number of Members Present: 33

Number of Guests: 1

Debbie Forsman announced that 40 students from the Southfield Young Astronauts Club were expected to attend the Young Eagles rally this coming Saturday, November 18. The event turned out to be quite successful. The students attended a series of classes on aviation subjects given by Chapter instructors, as well as getting Young Eagles rides.

A chili cook-off was held after the Young Eagles rides. Chapter members brought in a pot of their favorite chili and there was plenty to eat for all, including many fly-in guests who came in response to a general invitation sent to other chapters in the area.

President Dave announced social events that are up coming:

The annual Christmas party will be held Thursday December 14, 2006. The Chapter will supply two turkeys and two hams. Chapter members are to bring a dish to pass. Dave asked for volunteers to help prepare the turkeys and hams.

There will also be a New Years Eve party. It will feature a catered dinner. Dress will be casual and drinks will be BYOB. Attendees are asked to bring wrapped white-elephant gifts to exchange.

The annual Awards Banquet will be held on March 17, 2007. Dave asked everyone to start working on getting door prizes.

Members reported on progress of their projects.

Guest Speakers:

This was skills demonstration night as organized by Pete Waters

Demonstration tables were set up for the following subjects:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>
Prop balancing	Dave James
Fiberglass lay-up	Mike Scoville
Ford Tri-Motor history	Jim Kreger
Aircraft riveting	Randy Hebron
Fuel tank construction	Pete Waters

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.

### **Friday Night at the Movies is Back!!**

**Friday, January 5, 2007 @ 7:30 PM**

(Movie Night will take place on the first Friday of every month).

Shown in the comfort of EAA Chapter 113's meeting room.

Popcorn will be served and pop is available!

**All are welcome!**

## **EAA 113 Christmas Party**

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:30 PM**

EAA 113 Aviation Center

## **New Year's Eve Party**

Join us for dinner, dancing, and delightful companionship as we bring in the New Year! December 31, 2006 (Sunday), Dinner starts at 7:00 PM, \$10.00 per person. Price includes dinner, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. (You are welcome to bring your own alternative" beverage). Entertainment: White Elephant Gift Exchange.

**Contact Debbie Forsman for tickets.**

Are you wondering, "What is a White-Elephant Gift Exchange?" Each guest that is interested in participating in this fun exchange may bring one wrapped gift. Traditionally, a typical white elephant present is something unusual, somewhat useless, or inconvenient--trinkets, strange knick-knacks, unidentifiable kitchen items, unnecessary airplane parts, and the like.

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at 7:00 p.m.*



*at the Aviation Center  
for dinner, dance and  
delightful companionship  
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Year!*

**Tickets: \$10.00**

**Includes: Dinner, Snacks**

**and non-alcoholic Beverages**

**Bring your own alternative beverage, if  
you choose.**

**Entertainment: White Elephant Gift  
Exchange**

**See Debbie for tickets.**



## YOUNG EAGLE DAY

I just want to thank everyone who helped out with our Young Eagles Day on November 18<sup>th</sup>. This day was a big success due to the outstanding efforts of the pilots, the instructors, the ground support crew and all who made chili to feed the crowd. The Young Astronauts from Birney Middle School in Southfield were full of smiles and truly enjoyed their experience at our Aviation Center.

One of the students brought along a copy of a letter he had written to his school board after attending our Young Eagles program last year. This young man did a fantastic job of putting his feelings into words. It is because of this gratitude and excitement for aviation that we continue to offer this program.

Debbie Forsman

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December 12, 2005

Re: Airport Field Trip

Good evening to the members of the school board,

My name is Tony Robinson Jr. and I attend Birney Middle School in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. As a member of the Birney Young Astronauts under the direction of Mrs. Tracy Beckett, I had the opportunity to visit the Plymouth Mettetal Airport on Saturday, November 18, 2005. The purpose of this field trip was to experience the flight of small aircraft, learn about navigation, instrumentation, safety, and careers in aviation. We also had the opportunity to talk with certified pilots, and they were able to answer all our questions.

The day began with the group being divided up into small groups, which rotated approximately every 30 minutes for mini lessons on the areas mentioned earlier. One of my favorite classes besides flying in a Piper Colt was controlling an electronic plane. We learned the basic controls. For example, when you push the elevators down, the plane

goes up and vice-versa. We individually controlled the plane as the instructor held it. I did it perfectly and some of the others did so too. It was one of the best classes. Afterwards, the class had a chance to ride in an airplane. It was my first time riding in a Piper Colt. This aircraft was only able to carry two people. As we took off in the plane and I looked outside the window, it was a magnificent sight. The view was breathtaking and exhilarating. And near the end of the flight, I was able to control the plane for two minutes. It was kind of easy but you had to hold the controls tightly. At times, it was hard to turn. After we landed, I thanked the pilot and shook his hand. I felt happy because I had wanted to ride in a two-seater plane to see what it felt like. It was truly one of the best days of my life. Later, everyone was given a certificate of flight completion.

Additionally, I would like to add that my mother, Mrs. Sheila Robinson, the Learning Resource Teacher at McIntyre Elementary School, had the opportunity to accompany one of our visually impaired students on a helicopter ride. She stated that he was very hesitant at first since he had a fear of heights. However, with my mom and the pilot by his side, both were able to reassure him. Consequently, he was able to experience his first helicopter flight ever despite his fear. This will be an event that he will never forget.

Finally, when all classes and flights were finished, we enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs, chili, chips, cookies, cake, pop and apple cider given by the pilots. During this time, we had a chance to share our thoughts with one another and applauded the pilots and everyone else involved for a wonderful experience.

In closing, I would like to personally thank the pilots, the teachers, the parents who chaperoned, and Mrs. Beckett, who spent their time, money and effort in making this a memorable event.

Sincerely,

Tony Robinson, Jr.

# Young Eagles Day





## Chili Fly-In



## Hands-on at the November Meeting



Thanks once again to Shunsuke Shibata for his wonderful photography featured in the *Eagle's Propwash*!