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EAA Chapter 393 Upcoming Events

February 2024

- 7** Board of Directors Regular Meeting
- 21** VMC & IMC Club
- 24** Concord Aviation Community Chili Cook Off
- 28** Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & General Meeting

March 2024

- 6** Board of Directors Regular Meeting
- 20** VMC & IMC Club
- 27** Dinner & General Meeting

April 2024

- 3** Board of Directors Regular Meeting
- 17** VMC & IMC Club
- 20** Young Eagles Rally
- 24** Dinner & General Meeting

Welcome New Members to EAA Chapter 393!

We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our vibrant aviation community at EAA Chapter 393. Over the past two months, we've had the pleasure of welcoming the following individuals:

- Sean Bryan
- Elizabeth Leddy
- Pamela Hinds
- Eva Robinson
- Gary Rudolph
- Connor Rudolph
- Jack Rudolph
- Lisa Rudolph
- Melissa Jones

Each of you brings a unique perspective, passion, and enthusiasm for aviation, and we are excited to have you on board. As fellow aviation enthusiasts, we look forward to getting to know you and sharing our collective love for flight through various activities and events.

At Chapter 393, we believe in the power of community and collaboration. Our club thrives because of the dedication and contributions of our volunteers. As you settle in, we encourage you to explore the many opportunities to get involved and make a difference:

1. Young Eagles: Whether you're a pilot, coordinator, or ground crew member, volunteering for our Young Eagles program is a rewarding experience that introduces young people to the world of aviation.

2. Dinners: From setup and decoration to cooking and cleanup, there are plenty of ways to lend a hand during our monthly dinner meetings. Your help ensures that our gatherings are enjoyable and memorable for everyone.

3. Scholarships: Join committees, participate in interviews, and assist with selection processes for our scholarship programs. Your involvement helps support the next generation of aviators as they pursue their dreams.

In addition to our regular activities, our monthly dinner meetings feature a variety of entertaining and illuminating aviation presentations. We are always on the lookout for new and engaging topics, so we welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have.

As you settle into your membership with EAA Chapter 393, we encourage you to consider your skills and interests and explore how you can contribute to our community. Whether you're passionate about flying, aircraft restoration, or aviation education, there's a place for you here.

Once again, welcome to EAA Chapter 393! We are delighted to have you join us on this exciting journey, and we look forward to creating memorable experiences and forging lasting friendships together.

Blue skies and tailwinds,

Rick Arias, EAA Chapter 393 President



Membership Dues Reminder: Renew Your Membership Today!



As we find ourselves already in February, it's time for a friendly reminder to those whose membership may have lapsed: please consider renewing your membership with EAA Chapter 393 for the current year.

Your membership not only supports the activities, events, and programs of our dynamic aviation community but also enables us to continue fostering a love for flight and aviation education in our region.

Renewing your membership is quick and easy. Simply visit our website <https://www.eaa393.org/join-us> or contact our membership coordinator membership@eaa393.org to complete the renewal process. Your continued support is invaluable to us, and we sincerely appreciate your dedication to our organization.

For those who have already renewed their membership, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your commitment to EAA Chapter 393 ensures that we can continue to thrive and make a meaningful impact in the aviation community.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your membership renewal, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to help!

Thank you for being a part of EAA Chapter 393, and we look forward to another fantastic year of aviation adventures together!

Young Eagles: Kids Fly Free!



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Young Eagles flights hosted by EAA Chapter 393! Here are the scheduled dates for 2024:

- April 20, 2024
- May 18, 2024
- June 15, 2024 (EAA 393 Open House!)
- August 17, 2024
- September 21, 2024

We value the safety and well-being of our young flyers, which is why we require all staff and volunteers involved in Young Eagles flights to complete the necessary training and background checks. This includes Young Eagles pilots, chapter coordinators, field representatives, and individuals involved in chapter youth activities.

The online training and review process typically takes about 10-15 minutes, and the background check verification is expected to take no more than 10 business days. Both the training and background check are valid for three years, allowing our staff and volunteers to stay informed about best practices in youth aviation activities.



To complete the training and background check please visit the following link: [EAA Youth Protection Policy and Program](#).

For more information about the Young Eagles Program please visit the [EAA National's Young Eagles website](#) or email Kids-Fly-Free@EAA393.org to contact our Young Eagles Coordinator Young-Eagles@EAA393.org.

We look forward to welcoming young aviators aboard our Young Eagles flights and sharing the magic of flight with the next generation!

Introducing "Monthly Build": Celebrating Aviation Projects in Progress

Exciting news! We are thrilled to announce the launch of a new section in our newsletter called "Monthly Build." This section is dedicated to celebrating the projects of aviators who are currently building aircraft, sharing their progress, challenges, and insights with our community.

Are you currently in the midst of an aviation project? Whether you're building your own aircraft from scratch, restoring a vintage plane, or embarking on a modification journey, we want to hear from you! Share your updates, challenges, and lessons learned with fellow aviators, and let us highlight your project in our monthly newsletter.



To participate, simply send us a photo or a few of your project in progress, along with your responses to the following questions:

1. **What stage are you in with your project?** Whether you're just getting started, tackling the intricate details, or nearing completion, give us an overview of where you currently stand with your aircraft build.
2. **What has been most challenging?** Building an aircraft is no small feat. Share with us the challenges you've encountered along the way, whether they involve technical hurdles, sourcing materials, or time management.
3. **What is the next stage in your build?** What milestones are you working toward next? Whether it's installing avionics, fitting the interior, or conducting flight tests, let us know what's on the horizon for your project.
4. **Any suggestions for other builders about what you have learned?** Reflect on your journey so far and share any insights or tips that may help fellow builders navigate their own projects more smoothly.

Please send your photos and story comments to natashadoktorova@gmail.com. We can't wait to showcase the incredible projects taking shape within our aviation community and to learn from the experiences of our fellow builders.

Thank you for being a part of our aviation family, and we look forward to seeing your projects come to life in "Monthly Build"!

Recap of January 2024 Monthly Dinner: A Night of Delicious Food and Productive Discussions

Our January 2024 monthly dinner was truly a delightful evening filled with good food, engaging discussions, and warm camaraderie. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Scott, our talented chef, for treating us to a mouthwatering menu that left us all thoroughly satisfied. We savored every bite of the succulent pork tenderloin with an Apple Whiskey sauce, accompanied by sweet potato mashed with fresh seasonal

vegetables, rolls & butter, and a delectable dessert. Thank you, Scott, for your culinary expertise and dedication to our chapter!



During our gathering, we covered several important topics and initiatives that will shape the direction of our chapter in the coming months:

- **Reaching Out to Inactive Members:** We discussed strategies for reaching out to inactive members and encouraging their participation in our chapter's activities. With a new board in place, we are eager to welcome back old friends and engage them in our vibrant community once again.
- **Engagement with KCCR Tower:** Exploring avenues for improved communication and collaboration, we discussed the possibility of inviting controllers from KCCR Tower to attend one of our dinners. This initiative aims to address and clarify issues and concerns raised by both controllers and pilots, fostering a better understanding between all parties involved.
- **Welcoming New Members:** It was a pleasure to introduce and welcome three new members to our group. We extend a warm welcome to each of them and look forward to their contributions to our chapter.
- **Ask the CFI Session:** Our inaugural Ask the CFI session was a resounding success! CFI's Rick Arias, Eva Robinson, and Jacob Fleck fielded numerous aviation-related questions submitted by EAA members, providing valuable insights and expertise. We are excited to continue this informative session in the future.



As we reflect on the success of our January dinner, we encourage all members to sign up and pay for dinner online for our upcoming events. This helps our dedicated chef, Scott, prepare accordingly for our gatherings.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our February 28, 2024, Volunteer Appreciation Month Dinner. In celebration of our valued volunteers, dinner will be free for members and \$25 for non-members.

Let's continue to make each monthly dinner a memorable and enriching experience for all. We appreciate your ongoing support and enthusiasm for EAA Chapter 393!
Blue skies and bon appétit!

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