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EAA Chapter 393 Upcoming Events

November 2025

5 *Board of Directors Regular Meeting*

No Dinner & General Meeting

December 2025

3 *Board of Directors Regular Meeting*

13 *Holiday Dinner & General Meeting*

January 2026

7 *Board of Directors Regular Meeting*

28 *Dinner & General Meeting*

Welcome Our New Member and Exciting Plans Ahead

We are pleased to welcome our newest chapter member, *Tim Allen Jr.*! We're glad to have him join our group and look forward to seeing him at upcoming meetings, events, and activities. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and make him feel at home.

As we look ahead, we'd like to remind everyone about our youth programs that help inspire young people to explore the world of aviation. Our *Kids Fly Free* events give children the chance to experience the thrill of flight, often for the very first time. The *Air Academy* program offers hands-on learning opportunities for youth who want to dig deeper into aviation, and the *Ray Scholarship* helps dedicated young people take the next step toward earning their pilot's license.

Our first *Young Eagles* event will be held in April 2026, and we're already planning for another great turnout. To make it a success, we need volunteers—pilots to fly the kids, ground crew to guide them safely, kitchen crew to help with food, and registration crew to welcome families and handle sign-ups. These events rely on teamwork, and every helping hand makes a difference.

As a reminder, our chapter offers a family membership for \$40. This includes the primary EAA

member, a spouse or significant other, and children. Each family member is also required to have an active EAA membership. Family memberships are a great way to stay involved together and share the excitement of aviation as a family.

Let's continue to grow our chapter, support our youth programs, and spread the joy of flight to the next generation.

Young Eagles Rally – October 18, 2025

It was a solid end to a fantastic year everyone! We flew 36 Young Eagles.

Reflecting back, we had wildly variable winds all summer. Saturday's rallied was nothing but smooth air. There was an overcast layer over Walnut Creek that threatened to delay the start of the rally, but as flying time approached, it all cleared up. Renee, Harvard, and Rayan had many planes and one helicopter all under control.

Many lessons were learned this year. We really started communicating with tower, which has been fantastic. The route we're flying now really simplifies things for pilots and controllers. We still need to wait until we get to the top of grizzly bay and almost on the extended centerline with 19 before calling in. It'll make things easier for the controllers, rather than forcing them to sequence us in early. The 9am starts are intense and we should look to slow the initial departures. There's a lot of excitement, and a single controller, leading to tension. We learned that on bad weather days, we should cancel rather than give rain dates. Everyone's schedules are hard to re-align months later, and can result in more no-shows.

The check-in desk has undergone several iterations, and many improvements, like the large printed registration signs, thank you Maria. Peter did a great job of assigning kids to pilots, which can be tricky with weight and balance and height requirements. He suggested the idea of having a flying status board, which would be great. We have more work to do there to smooth out sign in requests (with expert spreadsheet help from Lisa) and fix pilot plane assignments on the printed certificates. That said, we've found our flow, and it feels smooth and easy. The present location against the back wall seems best for us. Scott can run the show and see everyone!

This year we added t-shirts and the sales have been great, thanks for helping us run the distribution Archana and the rest of the Bhatti family! It's fun to see kids and adults walking around with them. Small is the most popular size by far. We added both breakfast and lunch food thanks to the hard work by Katrina Wong, her Bymasters, and



Goncheh. We now know where to find the best breakfast burrito in Concord.

Thank you to our many many volunteers! Thank you to CAP for keeping us safe. Thank you to ATC! Thanks to KCCR field ops for keeping us safe and bringing Shrek! Truly none of this would be possible without the volunteers, and we're at our best out there. It's amazing to see so many people participate.

Have a great end of the year, enjoy the holidays, and fly safe!

Gates Roberg-Clark
EAA 393 Young Eagles

Ground Volunteers

Peter Baker
Lisa Rudolph
Ghoncheh Angha
Katrina Wong
Jon Bymaster
Annabella Bymaster
Jonathan Bymaster
Henry Bymaster
Aadam Bhatti
Archana Patwardhan
Maria Tanzillo
Scott Davis
Dwight Gemar
Gates Roberg-Clark



Marshalls

Renee Robinson
Harvard Holmes
Rayan Bhatti

Pilots

Oren Cheyette
Martine Frentzel

Greg Jacobs
Gary Rudolph
Jim Agua
Scott Achelis
Natasha Doktorova
Dennis Sheehan
Misha Tyukin
Mo Awwad
Rick Arias
Evgeny Brusilovsky
Slavic Krassovsky



General Meeting and Monthly Dinner – October 22, 2025

Our chapter held its monthly dinner on October 22nd at the clubhouse. Although attendance was smaller than usual, with around 30 members and guests, everyone enjoyed a great evening of food, learning, and conversation.

The night featured our annual Chili Cook-Off, and as always, the cooks did not disappoint. The menu included a delicious variety of chili recipes, along with cornbread, salad, and ice cream for dessert. Even with the lighter turnout, there was plenty of good food and friendly discussion to go around.

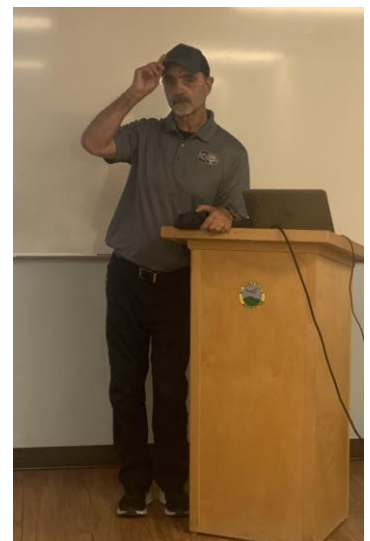


Our speaker for the evening was Scott Achelis, who gave an informative talk about the upcoming “MOSAIC” rule update from the FAA. Scott shared that this major change, which takes effect on October 22, 2025, will greatly expand the privileges of the Sport Pilot certificate. The new rules will allow larger and faster aircraft to qualify under the Sport Pilot category, with a

new weight limit based on stall speed and a top speed cap of 250 knots.

EAA has been working for years to support these updates, which will open up new opportunities for pilots and aircraft owners.

Thank you to everyone who attended, brought chili, and helped make the evening enjoyable. We hope to see even more of you at our next meeting—good food and good company always make for a great night!



"Monthly Build": Celebrating Aviation Projects in Progress

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 response 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 newsletter@eaa393.org. 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"!

Learn what it takes to be a *Pilot*

SkyReady offers aspiring young pilots, ages 13 to 18, hands-on, engaging training to explore aviation as both a hobby and a potential career.

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get.skyready.org/course



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