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EAA Chapter 393 Upcoming Events

May 2026

6 Board of Directors Regular Meeting

16 Young Eagles Rally

27 Dinner & General Meeting

June 2026

3 Board of Directors Regular Meeting

20 Young Eagles Rally

24 Dinner & General Meeting

July 2026

1 Board of Directors Regular Meeting

22 Dinner & General Meeting

20-26 AirVenture Oshkosh

Welcome New Members to EAA Chapter 393

We're happy to welcome several new faces to EAA Chapter 393! Please join us in greeting **Sean Bryan, Jean-Emmanuel Gueorguiev, Jason Macdougall, Kevin Streeter, John Partridge, and Vanessa Mendygral.**

We're glad to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you at upcoming events. Our chapter is built on shared interest in aviation and the time and effort members contribute to keep things running.

If you're looking to get involved, here are a few great ways to jump in:

- *Young Eagles* – Help introduce youth to aviation as a pilot, coordinator, or ground volunteer
- *Monthly Dinners* – Assist with setup, cooking, or cleanup
- *Scholarships* – Support interviews and selection for our aviation scholarships

Our monthly dinners also feature engaging aviation presentations, and we're always open to new ideas.

Welcome aboard—we're glad you're here and look forward to connecting with you soon.

Young Eagles Rally – April 18, 2026



Well folks, this was one for the record books.

We flew a whopping 59 Young Eagles, crushing last year's record. Everyone should be so proud of this accomplishment. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day: calm winds throughout, sunny skies, and temperatures that were warm but not too hot.

We flew the west pattern over the Carquinez Bridge, spaced out our flights to help the tower, and had 10 planes working hard. The fleet looked amazing. We even worked around that pesky TFR lurking to the north of the field. The front desk welcomed so many kids, and the signature list was flawless at the end—truly a remarkable achievement.

Harvard set up two flight simulators that were used by many kids while they waited. Jeanette bought a giant Connect 4 set and cornhole for the new grass area. Roxanne brought her amazing board game collection. Every extra activity captured the attention of so many kids, especially family members who were not old enough to fly.

Thank you so much to our pilots, ground crew, and marshals. Thank you to CAP for keeping us safe. They really did a great job with so many people. Thank you to ATC, and thank you to KCCR Field Ops for keeping us safe and bringing Shrek!

It takes a village, can't wait to see you all at next month's event. Saturday May 16th is right around the corner!

Gates Roberg-Clark
EAA 393 Young Eagles

Ground Volunteers

Lisa Rudolph
Peter Baker
Jennet Zundel
Roxanne Hill
Scott Davis
Gates Roberg-Clark
Jeanette Roberg-Clark
Dewitt Hodge
Peter Degl'Innocenti
Archana Patwardhan
Lucy Hart
Bill O'Brien

Marshalls

Renee Robinson
Harvard Holmes
Rayan Bhatti
Jim Evans
Andrew Gartner
Jean-Emmanuel
Gueorguiev
Cyrus Hill

Pilots

Scott Achelis
Jim Agua
Rick Arias
Evgeny Brusilovsky
Sean Bryan
Natasha Doktorova
Dwight Gemar
Scott Hotes
Greg Jacobs
Slav Krassovsky
Gary Rudolph
Dennis Sheehan





General Meeting and Monthly Dinner – April 22, 2026

Our April monthly dinner and general meeting took place on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, and it was another enjoyable evening for members and guests.

The dinner menu, thoughtfully prepared by Executive Chef Scott Davis, featured roast pork tenderloin with orange glaze, sautéed vegetables, mashed potatoes, and dessert. The meal was well received and a great way to kick off the evening.

As a reminder, dinner is \$20, and children under 13 attend free. To help us plan and prepare the right amount of food, we encourage everyone to register and pay online in advance whenever possible.

We always welcome guests, so feel free to invite friends and family who may be interested in aviation. Our monthly gatherings are a great opportunity to connect, enjoy a good meal, and hear from engaging speakers, often paired with fun and creative dinner themes.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Wednesday Flyout to Willows-Glenn County Airport (WLW) – April 29, 2026

A group of Chapter 393 members took advantage of a beautiful spring day for a Wednesday fly-out to Willows-Glenn County Airport (WLW) on April 29.

With light winds and clear blue skies, it was a perfect day to be in the air - and, as always, the destination delivered with great food and good company.

The group gathered around the table for a post-flight meal and a well-earned break. In the photo: front right side - Bob, Paul, Huong, Isabel; front left side - Alejandro, Gordon, George, Clint, and Tom.

Days like this are what make these midweek fly-outs so special - simple, relaxed, and a great excuse to get out and fly.

Looking forward to the next one!



Monthly Build Update: RV-15 Wing Kit

Work continues on the RV-15 wing kit, with steady progress being made wherever parts are available. The biggest challenge right now is backordered components, which have slowed work in some key areas—but the project is moving forward as materials arrive.

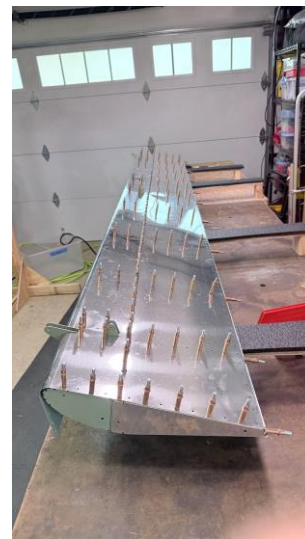
Looking ahead, the tail kit was scheduled to be ordered in April and is expected to arrive around the time the wings are completed, helping keep the overall build on track.

For questions or to get involved, contact:

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"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 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"!

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