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THIS MONTH

Summer is certainly here. Our latest board meeting had many of us away but available by phone. Bill is in Michigan sailing. Eric is in Santa Fe but on his way to Alaska in his motor home. John is in Michigan and I am in Indiana completing spring planting on the farm.

As usual the business of EAA continues. Jimmy has been working hard trying to get our building permits for the hanger. We believe we will see that very soon and are planning a public groundbreaking ceremony. Watch for the announcement. Ray has been busy doing his money management of our treasury funds. We are well over \$200,000 raised for the hanger and proceeding ahead with the throttle wide open. We just got notified that Charles is fully approved by Ray scholarship for his pilots license training beginning in June. We are so proud of him and look forward to his completion of that. Kaleigh also received the Ray scholarship but through our friends from the Naples chapter. Again we look forward to her becoming a pilot. Jimmy is organizing and asking for volunteers to organize the Young Eagles program each Thursday evening.

Next Breakfast + Young Eagles
6/1/25 8:00-10:00am
5/31/25 setup/cleanup 9am

Next Members Meeting
5/20/25 6:30 dinner & 7:30 begin

He hopes to build an organized program to keep the young ones busy and motivated to continue towards their pilots license training. Cristian and a small committee are working on rebuilding our website to be more informational and up to date. He recently added a QR code for fundraising for the chapter. The latest breakfast had 63 customers. Pretty good for summer. The price of eggs and sausage has dropped so the board decided to reduce the price back to **\$10.00**. Hope that brings even more out for breakfast. Thanks to those still attending.

We all look forward to an active summer and getting started on the hanger. Thanks to all who have contributed to this project over the past years. **JEFF DUKES**

FACT OF THE MONTH

The FAA has updated airport grant assurances, adding a requirement (Grant Assurance 40) that mandates the continued availability of 100LL aviation fuel at airports through at least 2030. This move comes amid ongoing discussions about the transition to unleaded avgas.

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<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2025/april/25/faa-airport-grant-assurance-changes-include-protection-for-100ll>



Piper Factory Tour

Our May Young Eagles was canceled due to weather but most all of the kids showed up so we did a mini ground school! Also, our chapter received approval for the Ray Aviation Scholarship! Congratulations to Charles and Kaylee, they both will be starting their training this June.

Our first chapter organized flyout was a success! Ten of us were welcomed at Vero Beach where Piper's 700,000 square foot factory is located. A two hour educational walk ensued, and weather was nice for the trip both ways. Look forward to our next flyout! Any suggestions?

Progress is being made on the Jenny project. The workspace we've opened up has proved to be more productive. **JIMMY**



MONTHLY DATE'S THAT DON'T CHANGE:

		<i>Set up the prior Saturday at 09:00</i>
Breakfast:	08:00	First Sunday of every month
Builders Night:	19:00	Every Thursday.
Members Meeting:	19:30	Every 3rd Tuesday (cook out at 18:30)
Officers Meeting:	18:00	Wednesday before members meeting

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