



# EAA Chapter 231

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## Chapter Newsletter Mar 2014



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### In This Issue

This issue summarizes the February dinner meeting. Also, an introduction to our March program is provided.

The editor welcomes feedback and articles and information for use in future newsletters.

### Topics: March Meeting

We'll start the meeting with the very popular monthly video from EAA Oshkosh. Next, Dave Wilson will make his first of two presentations on understanding, choosing and flying with a glass panel, a hot topic for all homebuilders and pilots of certified aircraft today. At future meeting, Dave will continue with more specifics, including a look at the Garmin G3X, it's costs and capabilities. And, to bring the subject closer to home, we'll discuss the various configurations possible with the G3X and discuss the Grand Rapids EFIS system that our members, Doug Hanson, Brutus Russell, Stratford Ward and Dee Whittington have installed in their Sportsman 2+2.

### President's Message

Brutus reports that we may soon have a Young Eagles chair.

### Visitors-New Members

None at the dinner meeting

### Next Meeting

Where: RIC Aviation Museum  
When: March 14, 2014  
Time: 7:30P

### A Little About Flying With "Glass"

This little portion is to give you an idea of what we plan to cover at our March meeting. Your newsletter editor will be leading this program. We will only cover a part of the overall presentation but hopefully it will lead to more study and application of this technology.



Many glass type systems have much in common. Airspeed tape on the left, Altitude tape on the right and heading info at the top center. So what is the problem? Look at the buttons on the sample Avidyne unit. They are unique to Avidyne. Each manufacturer elects how to handle the functions that you need to configure and use the system.

### On the Horizon

See the next page about the Festival of Flight



## Festival of Flight Info

### Virginia Regional "Festival of Flight"

**Date:** May 31 and June 1, 2014

**Where:** Suffolk Executive Airport

**Time:** 8A begins

**Website:** [www.virginiaflyin.org](http://www.virginiaflyin.org)

### Dee just sent this message for us.

Hesham Oubari, a relatively new member of the Virginia Aviation Council which sponsors the Virginia Regional Festival of Flight, has created a new Facebook page for our fly-in. Please click the following link, go to the page and invite all your Friends to "Like" it too. This should give us a good start on spreading the word about our 2014 fly-in, May 31 - June 1 at the Suffolk Executive Airport.

<http://tinyurl.com/lt5ev8w>

Oh, another suggestion, go to our fly-in home page, [www.VirginiaFlyIn.org](http://www.VirginiaFlyIn.org), click on Volunteers and then on Online Registration and sign up for a job to make sure this year's event is fully supported. All we need is good weather this weekend AFTER Memorial Day, and I bet we can bring in 300 airplanes.

## Summary of our Feb 4th Dinner Meeting

Editorial Note: I think folks must be suffering from cabin fever as more than 30 people attended the festivities. There was great energy in the dining room of the Grapevine restaurant as Brutus opened the dinner with recognizing club officers and guests and the a prayer of thanksgiving and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. The food was terrific and the conversation stimulating. The notes that follow will give more detail as to the evening's events. For those who were unable to attend this year, we hope that you will make plans for next year's dinner meeting event. (My wife was happy to see so many ladies there!) Dee also has provided these photos for you to enjoy.

In the editor's opinion, the most important award made this evening was to Ron Van Sickle, the first Spirit of Aviation Award from Chapter 231. Ron Van Sickle demonstrates the spirit that invoked this award. He has led Chapter EAA231 for some time and his focus on moving the chapter forward is to be recognized with this award.



Ron VanSickle, L, accepts first Spirit of Aviation Award from incoming EAA 231 President, Brutus Russell



### Enjoy Photos of our February 4th Dinner Meeting



Brutus, our incoming president for chapter 231 starts off our dinner festivities



Brutus Russell presents lifetime membership in EAA 231 to Jack Simons

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Brutus presents Tom Tyndall with the 2013 Flight Advisor Certificate



Doug Hanson receives Treasurer certificate from EAA from Brutus Russell, incoming President

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Jim and Jean Remington



Judy Sparks, Bobby and Ann Clarke



The Wilsons, Janet Sheridan and Nancy Tyndall at 231 dinner