



# *Heartland EAA Chapter 1240*

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## **NEWS AND EVENTS FOR AUGUST, 2021**

**JOIN US:** For our Chapter Meeting on Thursday, August 12, we will bring back our pitch-in dinner to share. Please join us, and bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. The chapter will provide the main course. Or, if you wish, donate \$5.00 in lieu of bring a food item. We will start serving at 6:00pm, with our Chapter Meeting to follow. This is a great chance to meet some of our new members and enjoy spending some time together.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**-CHAPTER MEETING: Thursday, August 12, 6:00pm, EAA #1240 Aviation Development Center.** Our program will presented by Chapter member Billy McCullers, who will provide a safety review on the challenges and procedures regarding **Engine Failure on Takeoff**. We will also have an overview and discussion of our **Young Eagles** program; information and discussion of the **FAA Wings Program**; and review of ongoing and upcoming projects and activities. At the conclusion of the meeting, we will reset the tables and chairs for the Pancake Breakfast.

**-PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Saturday, August 14, 8:00am – 10:30am, EAA #1240 Aviation Development Center.** Young Eagles flights will be made.

**-CHAPTER MEETING: Thursday, September 9, 6:00pm, EAA #1240 Aviation Development Center.**

**-PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Saturday, September 11, 8:00am – 10:30am, EAA #1240 Aviation Development Center.** Young Eagles flights will be made.

**- PANCAKE BREAKFAST: THANK YOU!** To everyone who volunteered and made our first five Pancake Breakfasts since reopening great successes! Since reopening, we have served 650 guests!

Our next breakfast is Saturday, August 14th, and we will need our members to participate; summertime means more of our members have traveled north, and we will need assistance with:

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- The cooking team (1-2 additional members)
- The serving line (1-2 additional members)
- Table cleaning and sanitizing (1 additional member)
- Cleanup and takedown after the breakfast (2 additional members)

More information will be presented at the Chapter Meeting on August 12, and prior to opening of the breakfast. We need to have more members involved, to provide for a break for those working, and perhaps to work in shifts. Please let Dale Huffman know if you can help.

**-WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA:** EAA #1240 member Gary Garrett has spent a lot of time and effort on behalf of the chapter to bring our electronic media up to date, and to help us communicate with our members, chapter friends, and the community. Here is a summary of the work to date:

- Website: The website is being updated; it will become the location of pictures, past newsletters, and general information about the chapter, and how to contact us. The website address is **sebringeaa.org**

- Facebook: This will be used for announcements, scheduled events, and other communications throughout the month. You may find us on Facebook at:  
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- Email: You may leave email messages at: [eaasebring@gmail.com](mailto:eaasebring@gmail.com)

A BIG THANK YOU to Gary for this effort and the ongoing management of these tools.

**-WELCOME NEW MEMBER:** Please join us in welcoming a new member of EAA #1240:

- Paul Cole, Lake Placid, who owns a Pulsar XP

Say hello and introduce yourself to him at our Chapter Meeting and Breakfast.

**-PILOT TIPS:** From Pilot Workshop, a subscriber asked: *"I often feel rushed to listen to the ATIS or AWOS as the Hobbs meter clicks money out of my pocket. Is there a better way to get all the information I need?"*

Bruce Williams of Pilot Workshop responds: "I'm surprised that so many pilots start the engine and then—with the meter running—listen to and copy the current ATIS or AWOS. They often have to listen to the recording several times, which adds to their frustration. You can save time and money by using a tool readily at hand: Your mobile phone.

Phone numbers for AWOS are available at most airports with automatic weather reporting. Phone numbers are often available for the ATIS, too. Call the AWOS or ATIS number before you finish the preflight inspection—or even before you leave the comfort of the FBO. Calling and copying the wind, sky condition, and altimeter setting while you can focus on those details relieves the pressure to get going and reduces distractions on the ramp.

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An ATIS is typically updated at 50 to 55 minutes after the hour, except when conditions are changing rapidly. Unless you call just before that update, odds are you'll have the current information when you're ready to taxi. After you start up, just listen to the ATIS frequency to confirm that the letter hasn't changed before you call Ground. If the ATIS letter does change, usually only a few items, such as the altimeter setting, are new, so you'll already have the other important details.

And here's a related tip: If you file an IFR flight plan via an app like ForeFlight, you also typically have a good idea of the route ATC will clear you to fly.

Use the expected route provided by the app to complete as many details of your clearance on your CRAFT scratchpad as practical before you even get to the airplane. Typically, only a few details, such as the transponder code, must stay blank. When you listen to clearance delivery read your actual clearance, put a check next to the items that match the information that you've already filled in. If the official clearance doesn't match the expected route, usually only a waypoint or two needs to be changed, saving time and frustration when you copy and read back the auctioneer's patter from the Clearance Delivery controller."

**-TRANSPONDER CERTIFICATION:** Over the past year, our chapter hosted two days for aircraft owners to have their transponders certified per FAA regulations. We hosted another event on Monday, July 12, at our EAA #1240 hangar. In all three days so far, we have assisted sixteen owners in getting their certifications without leaving the area.

These certifications are valid for two years.

We will host another day later in the year. Check your logs, and if you are out of date or getting close, this would be a great time to get the work done. Contact Dale Huffman for information.

**-COMING IN OCTOBER:** We have two activities planned for October. We will start our VMC Club activities, discussing various potentially dangerous scenarios VFR pilots may encounter, and how to plan and prepare to avoid them. Chapter Member Sam Adams will lead this group.

Secondly, we will be planning several Fly-Outs to locations either to eat, or to visit aviation-related enterprises in the central Florida area. Chapter member Rick Nicholson will start this series, and other members are encouraged to join in with ideas and help in planning.

**EAA WEBINARS:** EAA offers all aviation enthusiasts an opportunity to participate in the Webinar Series, presented by Aircraft Spruce. Attendance is limited, so preregistration is strongly suggested. Following are the August and September webinars that you can view:

## August Webinars

### Homebuilt Highlights from AirVenture

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Marc Cook | *Homebuilders Webinar Series*

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### **Misfueled with Jet A**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Mike Busch | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.*

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### **Bugatti 100P: One of a Kind**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Bob Havens | *Museum Webinar Series*

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### **Runway Directional Control**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Tom Turner | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

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### **Alluring Figures in Aerobatics: What the Rules Say, What Judges Like, and What Pilots Do**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: DJ Molny | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

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### **How to Become a CFI**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Radek Wyrzykowski | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

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### **Tundra Tires Rule: Alaska Style**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Laura Herrmann | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

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## **September Webinars**

### **Machine Learning**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Mike Busch | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.*

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### **Avoiding Carburetor Icing - A Cool Pilot's Guide to Carb Heat**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.*

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### **Air Racing History - Part 2**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Connor Madison | *Museum Webinar Series*

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### **Buying Your First Aerobatic Airplane**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Budd Davisson

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## Flying With the iPad — Your Digital Co-Pilot

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Bret Koebbe | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

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There are many webinars, both those presented live, and an extensive archive of past webinars. To explore the topics available, go to:

**<https://www.eaa.org/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-webinars>**

To register, go to EAA.org, search for webinars, and register. **(Please Note: Times listed are Central Time; these will be 8:00pm if you are on Eastern Daylight Time.)**

**-2021 ANNUAL DUES:** Dues for 2021 are now due and can be paid at any time. Dues are \$25 per year for an individual or \$30 for a family. Make your check to “EAA Chapter 1240”, and mail to the address above, or see one of the chapter officers at our events.

Many thanks to our members who have recently paid their 2021 membership dues. Our members are the main ingredient in a successful chapter. **Especially at this time, we need your support for keeping the chapter running and being one of the most highly recognized chapters in the country.**

**-DID YOU KNOW?:** EAA #1240 has a great library of aviation related books, DVDs, CDs and other items up the stairway in the hangar. These items can be checked out by simply signing them out. We ask that they be returned when finished.

**-IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS, SUBMISSIONS :** We will always welcome ideas, suggestions and submissions from our members for the monthly newsletter. The more, the better. Just let us know what you would like to see.

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