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2021 has Arrived!

This morning I read that EAA is offering free admittance to AirVenture 2021 to all kids under 18 of age, *'as a way to introduce more youth to the possibilities in the world of flight.'*

At a chapter level, this will be one of our objectives for 2021. We are working on a number of programs to introduce and support our local youth with aviation programs.

We had successful Young Eagle rallies in 2019 originating from our F-15 hangar location with good attendance and cooperation with the airport. I am looking forward to more of those this year.

The local High School STEM programs expressed good interest

in an aviation theme 'Day at the Airport' experience for their STEM students in 2020. One school had 80 students sign up for a day-long program touring the airport and getting an overview presentation on flight and flying careers. We will revisit that program this year

EAA HQ has developed a Workshop Kit to support STEM events with supplies and a program guide that will keep the kids engaged in longer term activities. Chapter 129 has purchased four of these kits to evaluate and build workshop activities around.

I spoke with the EAA Tours group to express our interest in bringing the Ford Tri-Motor back this summer. We are penciled in for one of the first two weeks in June for a BMI visit. The Tri-Motor was a big hit during it's visit in 2018 and will be an important part of our quest to

introduce aviation to the Bloomington/Normal area.

I look forward to supporting the EAA theme of introducing more youth to aviation at a local level. All of this will require volunteers from our members and planning from our leadership team. We wrote a plan for 2020 which included many of the activities listed above, and we will take another look at it for the coming year.

I look forward to seeing everyone Thursday! We will continue with our cold weather soup theme.

~ Charlie



You Have Information January

January 21 Membership Meeting

Our January meeting will feature soups again. Please bring your favorite winter soup or a dish to pass.

****Note - We are planning this meeting based on the State's prediction that restrictions will be opening up by that date****

We will eat at 6 PM. At 7 we will discuss some plans and activities for 2021 to gather inputs from our members.



2021 Chapter 129 Dues

It is time to renew your annual \$30 membership fee with Chapter 129. Thanks to those who have already sent in their checks!

Please mail your checks to:

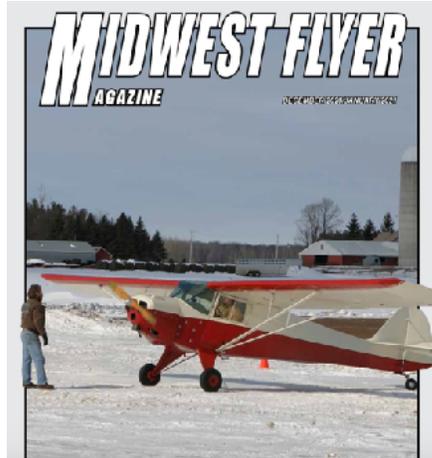
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Midwest Flyer Magazine

Midwest Flyer Magazine has been serving the Midwest aviation community since 1978. In December of that year, EAA Founder Paul H. Poberezny called the publisher, Dave Weiman, to introduce himself and expressed an interest in working together. Since then, EAA and **Midwest Flyer Magazine** have maintained a strong working relationship. The magazine publishes 6 times a year.

Chapter 129 will be receiving a 'comp' subscription and you can get your own by contacting Dave Weiman at: dave@midwestflyer.com.

To view the current issue of the magazine, go to <https://midwestflyer.com/>



Chapter 129 2021 Board Members

Following are our Chapter 129 board members for 2021. Thanks to all for volunteering! We will be working to plan and coordinate chapter activities through the year. Please feel free to contact any of us with your thoughts and ideas for the chapter. Note that we are still looking for persons to fill the Young Eagles and Ray Aviation Scholarship coordinator positions.

- **President - Charlie Bates**
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- **Web Editor - Mike Todd**
- **Young Eagles Coordinator - Open**
- **Ray Scholarship Coordinator - Open**

