



THE WOOD COUNTY FLYER

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CALLING ALL HOMEBUILDERS!

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 26

An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA is launching a new online learning event for aircraft builders: (www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will launch on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, and run until Saturday, January 30, 2021. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 1 p.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow plenty of time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

The launch of EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 68th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van's Aircraft, Inc.

Visit EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to review the schedule and sign up for a session.

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FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

Thank goodness Twenty-twenty is in the rear view mirror! Sadly, the Pandemic has touched everyone in one way or another. Many loved ones have perished, others maimed and yet, for many, it has been just sniffles or no symptoms at all. May the vaccine curb this Pandemic.

Twenty-twenty-one is going to be a better year! The Pandemic has severely limited our ability to safely gather together in our usual winter meeting place. Therefore, it is best if we wait until the fourth Saturday in March to hold our first outdoor meeting. Perhaps by then, this Pandemic will begin to abate and we can begin to get back to a more normalized existence. Our executive board will meet soon to plan our activities for this year. Hopefully, we will be able to hold some good informational presentations, seminars, workshops, pancake flyins, the July 4th Flyin and the Fifth Annual Pietenpol Flyin. If any of you have a topic of interest, please contact me at: wisenerairport@aol.com.



Finally, it's time to pay dues (\$25). They can be paid online via PayPal at our internet website, a check can be mailed to our Treasurer, Carolyn Bova, at P. O. Box 1419, Quitman, TX 75783, or cash will be accepted at the March meeting. Your dues allow us to pay EAA for our Chapter dues which includes our liability insurance and other perks.

I personally want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of our chapter!

Lupita

CHAPTER NEWS

Our chapter biplane was, once again, in the City of Mineola Christmas parade. There was a great article, along with Vice President Lupita Wisener being interviewed, in the *Wood County Monitor*: <http://woodcountymonitor.com/stories/local-airports-and-landmarks-help-st-nick-navigate-way-through-wood-county>.



(Photo from 2019 parade)

MORE CHAPTER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Chapter President, Dr. John Wisdom, on placing **SECOND** in class at the National STOL competition in Lakeland, Florida!



(Photo from John's Facebook page shared from the Legend Aircraft page)

Did you see the article in the January 2021 issue of *Sport Aviation*? It begins on page 42!

WINNERS 

TOURING

1ST: CHAD BREUER Time 1: 3:31 Time 2: 3:23	2ND: BILL GILSTRAP Time 1: 3:35 Time 2: 3:25	3RD: JOEL DOPSON Time 1: 3:42 Time 2: 3:29
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BUSH

1ST: ROB BRADY Time 1: 2:51 Time 2: 2:55	2ND: KEVIN JOHNSON Time 1: 3:07 Time 2: 2:56	3RD: JOHN WISDOM Time 1: 3:08 Time 2: 3:12
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LIGHT-SPORT

1ST: STEVE HENRY Time 1: 2:43:2 Time 2: 2:38:2	2ND: JADEN NEWMAN Time 1: 2:44:0 Time 2: 2:38:7	3RD: EDDIE SANCHES Time 1: 2:53 Time 2: 2:48
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At the end of the day, everyone was smiling, congratulating one another on a successful day of flying.

2021 CALENDAR

March 27

Chapter Meeting/Program

April 13-18

Sun `n Fun—Lakeland, FL (KLAL)

July 4

104th Anniversary of Mineola-Wisener Field (3F9)

July 26-Aug 1

EAA AirVenture—OshKosh, WI (KOSH)

September

Annual Pietenpol Fly-in—Wisener Field (3F9)

***Chapter Events in bold**

