



The CHAPTER 221 FLYER

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President's Message



Hello Everyone.
First I would like to express deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Carlos Fernandez. He was a great EAAer, having served Chapter 221

in many way including as chapter president. His sincere concern for EAA and his inspirational and kind demeanor will live on in the hearts of all those of who he touched. "Blue skys and tailwinds to you Carlos and thanks for all you gave and did for us".

I would like to express sincere and thanks to Dave Duperron for telling the story of building his award winning RV-10. It was informative, interesting and very inspiring. As I write this I look out my window at our beautiful newly transformed white world and say "I should have gone flying yesterday". I look forward to seeing you all on December 2 but if you can't make the meeting you might want to try to make it to our Young Eagles rally on the following Saturday. Here are the details in a message from Jim and Heather. "There is a Boy Scout troop from Northern Indiana that comes to the Air Zoo about every 4 years. Each time we have given them YE rides. They are coming Saturday, Dec 5 and there will be between 15 and 20 boys. We will fly from the Air Zoo observation area, probably starting about 10 am. December 5.

On the agenda for our December meeting will a viewing of the November issue of the EAA Chapter Video Magazine. It explains the newly established

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015

7:00 PM

AirZoo East Campus

EAA Eagles Program



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Unless otherwise specified, our chapter meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Airzoo Flight Center Classroom on the west side of the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport.

Eagle Flights program. This is very timely since one of the questions from our last meeting was "How do old eagles learn how to fly?" We will also discuss how we want to use our earned YE points and money in the Education Trust Fund for 2016.

Don't forget to put our Winter Dinner Banquet on your calendar for January 16, 5:30 at our usual location, the Main Street Pub in Vicksburg.

See you soon,

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EAA EAGLE FLIGHTS

EAA's Eagle Flights is a free introductory flight experience and informal mentoring program designed to welcome and encourage adults who want to discover flying, but don't know how or where to take that first step. It begins with a hands-on introduction, where you'll fly with a local EAA-member pilot who will let you follow along at the controls of the airplane to get a feel for what being a pilot is all about.

Carlos Fernandez



"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Carlos passed away Sunday, November 22, 2015 at the age of 44, after a

two year journey with lymphoma. He was born August 19, 1971 in Kalamazoo to Eugenio and Caridad (Salcedo) Fernandez. He was united in marriage to Marcy Geiger on August 15, 1992 for a loving 23 years together. Carlos was a long time member and deacon at Reformed Baptist Church of Kalamazoo. Over the past many years, he was employed with Arvco Container, GRT Avionics, Hoekstra's Hardware, and Alumilite Engineering. Carlos had a great passion for all things aviation. He was involved with EAA, local chapter 221. He was a private pilot; he loved RC planes and quad-copters. He spent the last 12 years with his friend Andy Millin, building Andy's plane and had the great pleasure of flying it many times over the last year. Carlos was involved with FIRST Robotics and loved mentoring those involved. Carlos is survived by his wife, Marcy Fernandez; children, Alexander and Leah Fernandez; his parents; siblings, Eugenio (Mayte) Fernandez, Marya Castillo, Cristina (Marcos) Vazquez, Lourdes (Fidel) Joa, Barbara Fernandez-Hooper, Juan (Janet) Fernandez, Jose (Trina) Fernandez and Elizabeth Fernandez; mother and father-in-law, Duane and Joyce Geiger; brothers and sisters-in-law, Meloni (Gary) Blok, Jeff (Denise) Geiger and Molly (Dan) Alphenaar; and many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Memorials may be directed to the family to help with his children's continued education or to To Every Tribe Ministries, www.toeverytribe.org.

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