

**A Chapter Of The
EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
Bult Field (C56) – Monee, Illinois**



UPCOMING CHAPTER 2022 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

For 2022, many Chapter activities are planned. So... mark your calendars now and plan to participate!

Saturday, January 15 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, February 19 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, March 19 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, March 26 th	Field Trip to the Air Museum at Oshkosh
Saturday, April 9 th	Aviation Trivia, 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. at Bult
Saturday, April 16 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, May 7 th	Chapter Group Photo 9:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, May 14 th	Young Eagles and Eagles Rally 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, May 21 st	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, June 4 th	Chapter Pancake Breakfast 7:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, June 18 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, June 25 th	Poker Run- Starting and ending at Bult. Route to be determined
Saturday, July 16 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Monday, July 25th to Sunday, July 31st	
Saturday, August 20 th	Oshkosh AirVenture
Friday, August 26 th -Saturday, August 27 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult followed by the Poker Run
Saturday, September 3 rd	Dad-daughter/son Chapter Campout at Bult
Saturday, September 10 th	Chapter Pancake Breakfast 7:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, September 17 th	Young Eagles and Eagles Rally 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, October 15 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, November 19 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Friday, December 2 th	Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult Chapter Christmas Holiday Party

2022 event dates, times
subject to change.

Specific details regarding
these events will appear
in upcoming newsletters,
emails, on the Chapter
website and on Facebook.

TO MAKE THESE ACTIVITIES SUCCESSFUL, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

'260 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chapter Members,

With our first meeting of the 2022 behind us, we are off to a great start. We have a full schedule this year and I know that many of you have signed up to volunteer...*Thank You!* I would like to encourage all of you who were unable to be part of a committee to find time to help out.

We are planning two pancake breakfasts this year and Mark Thompson has committed the airport to our dates listed. We now have five new board members, Jim Orange, Joe Cirelli, Pam Rose, Tim Bryan and Dan Simanaitis. Please take a minute to congratulate them as you come across them.

We have launched our tool crib, which will be named after Chapter 260 founder Fred Boos. It will be the **Fred Boos Memorial Tool Crib-EAA Chapter 260**. Joe Cirelli has accepted the leadership needed to put this together and has already begun the process.

Please stay tuned to the announcements as they come out. All suggestions and comments are welcome.

In closing, I'm honored to be part of this great chapter. Thank you for your trust.

EAA Chapter 260 President,
Rob Unger



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Recently joining our Chapter:

Barbara Hendrickson
Christine Hendrickson
John Hendrickson
Vanzell Jenkins
John Juriss
Barry Levsay
Tiffany Williams

THE JANUARY 13TH BOARD MEETING

An "Organizational" Board Meeting was held in the Conference Room at Bult Field on Thursday evening, January 13th. Chapter President Rob Unger outlined the course of events for this year.



Steve Sikorski, Frank Wotell



Dave Vancina, Frank Wotell, Steve Sikorski

Rob Unger, Joe Cirelli,
Jerry Pearson, Pam Rose, Tim Bryan



Dave Vancina , Rob Unger



Jim Orange, Dan Simanaitis

Also present and taking photos:
Director Wayne Babiak

THE 2021 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY

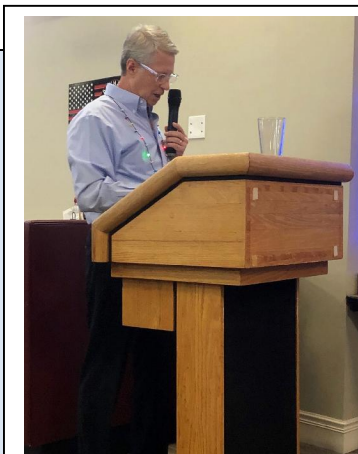
On Friday December 3rd, the Chapter Christmas Holiday Party was held at Tuscan Gardens in Glenwood, Illinois. It was a success! 45 were in attendance and enjoyed a buffet dinner. Chapter President Rob Unger gave a summary of the events of 2021 and reviewed upcoming events for 2022.

Chapter members recognitions were presented along with Jim "Wags" Wagner being named 2021 Member of the Year.

The 2022 Officers and Board were presented. In addition to the current Officers and Board Members, the following additional Board Members were named: Jim Orange, Pam Rose, Dan Simanaitis, Tim Bryan, Joe Cirelli.



Chris Demopoulos



Chapter President Rob Unger welcomes everyone to the party



Frank Wotell, Tim Bryan



Tim Campbell, Anderson Manly,
Marge Babiak



Krystel McKean, Dick Henry,
Pam Rose



A buffet dinner was enjoyed by all



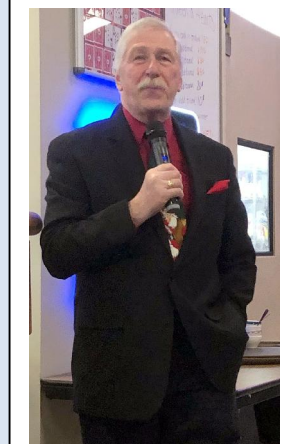
...MORE HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



Krystel McKean conducts the 50-50 raffle



2021 MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Awarded by Rob Unger to
Jim "Wags" Wagner



Comedian Bill Brady gave an entertaining performance to cap off the evening

MEMBER RECOGNITIONS

Several Chapter Members were recognized for their service the Chapter during 2021.



Frank Wotell
Director



Jerry Pearson
Director and Young
Eagles Coordinator



Steve Sikorski
Treasurer



Wayne Babiak
Director & Newsletter Editor

Recognition certificates were also awarded to Jay Vieaux-Vice President and George Sanetra Co-Secretary who were not present at the party.



Bud Vancina accepts the certificate for Dave Vancina, Secretary and Young Eagles Coordinator

THE FRED BOOS MEMORIAL TOOL CRIB

At the January 15th Chapter Directors' Meeting the establishment of a Chapter Tool Crib was voted upon and passed.

The Tool Crib was named to honor Fred Boos. The Tool Crib will include various tools that Chapter Members can borrow for a short period of time in order to maintain their aircraft.

The first donation to the Tool Crib is a Tig Welder from Chapter Member Carl Behrent who has recently moved out of the area. THANKS CARL!

Chapter Members are encouraged to add to the Crib which will be in the Chapter hangar here at Bult. The tool checkout procedures will be established with Chapter Member Joe Cirelli as the coordinator.



FRED BOOS
FIRST EAA 260 CHAPTER
PRESIDENT

EAA Chapter 260 was initially formed in 1966 in Dolton, Illinois at the home of Fred Boos. Our Chapter has come a long way over the years to its present form.

JOE'S BUILDER'S CORNER

Chapter Member (and newly elected Director) Joe Cirelli has been building a Van's RV-14A. Joe's build progress has been featured in some of the past Chapter newsletter. Here is his latest update.

The RV-14A build has been progressing, albeit a little slower than I'd care for. While I spend many hours each week in the hangar or at the airport, most of that time has been spent organizing, socializing, and enjoying my time with our fellow aviators. I've been spending about eight hours a week on actually building the airplane, giving me a pace of about a six-year build. My initial goal was to be complete in about five years.

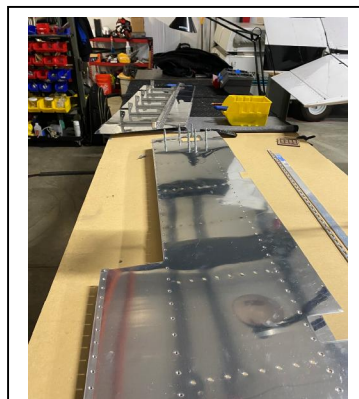
The horizontal stabilizer was completed at the end of August, with the elevators beginning in early September. I'm about 85% complete with the elevators and anticipate finishing them up in the next couple of weeks. Through the process of assembling the elevators and elevator trim tab, I've learned to work with ProSeal sealant, learned additional riveting and bucking techniques, and formed some simple bends in the skin.

In December I moved hangars once again from C1 to E17. This should be my final move. The new location provides closer access to the runway, a feature not needed for many years, but it is desirable during the warmer months. I spend a lot of time at the airport for leisure, where I enjoy relaxing and watching the planes come and go.

I'm at the hangar most Wednesday evenings and most weekends; there's usually food and beverages; feel free to stop by at any time.



Left elevator



Elevator ready for riveting

Joe will continue to report on his progress. If anyone else is working on an airplane build project, you can also be featured!

UPCOMING APRIL 16th CHAPTER PROGRAM

Guest Speaker - Commander Kirk Lippold, USN (Ret.)

Commander Kirk Lippold, USN (Ret.) was the Commanding Officer of the USS Cole when it came under a suicide terrorist attack by al Qaeda in the port of Aden, Yemen. He and his crew distinguished themselves by saving the ship from sinking. This event is widely recognized as one of the most brazen acts of terrorism by al-Qaeda prior to September 11, 2001.



Kirk is a Private Instrument rated pilot and a Beechcraft Bonanza aircraft owner. He is a member of several aviation organizations including EAA, AOPA, and ABS. He regularly attends & speaks at EAA events including Sun N Fun and AirVenture.

Today, Commander Lippold is a popular inspirational figure and leadership speaker who remains in high demand among Fortune 500 companies, industry associations, and regularly appears on major cable news programs to bring thoughtful and common sense analysis on national security issues and world events.

He is a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy experiencing a distinguished career serving in a variety of challenging positions. His assignments, to several different types of ships in the Navy, including a tank landing ship, as well as several Aegis guided missile cruisers and destroyers, all which expanded his scope of responsibility and leadership opportunities. Operating ships at sea is a hazardous business. These activities present unique challenges that necessitate quick thinking and split-second decisions to deal with potentially dangerous situations.

Training and preparation define readiness. Leadership will determine whether any organization will survive. While preparing for each deployment, he developed the rigorous mindset necessary to sail into harm's way. Each deployment was unique and supported U.S. military forces engaged in peacetime and combat operations. These experiences sharpened his leadership skills while also improving his ability to deal with any crisis. Again, through those challenges, he demonstrated repeatedly that leadership matters.

On October 12, 2000, all these skills came into sharp focus during the attack on USS *Cole*. Like any crisis, it was unexpected. What that moment did was define why day-to-day leadership and crisis management skills are important. Kirk has authored a book called *Front Burner* that details the bombing of the USS *Cole* and the aftermath.

He will be attending Chapter 260's monthly meeting at Bult Field on Saturday, April 16, 2022 to present his patriotic and inspirational - Decision Making in a Crisis - presentation after the chapter meeting. The presentation will detail how the terrorist attack on the USS *Cole* shaped his approach to aviation and how pilots can react to the unexpected.

Please mark your calendars to attend EAA Chapter 260's Chapter Meeting on Saturday, April 16, 2022 and plan on staying afterwards to hear Kirk speak. He will be available for introductions and book signing after his presentation. Additional information regarding Kirk can be found on his web page: <https://kirklippold.com/>.

Please RSVP via email to Dan Simanaitis who is coordinating Kirk's visit on behalf of Chapter 260. This information is needed for logistical planning purposes. Dan's email is: daniel.simanaitis@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday April 16th.

THE UPCOMING AIR MUSEUM TRIP

Last year, members of our Chapter visited the EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This year, a trip is planned for **Saturday March 26th**. Our Chapter President, Rob Unger, is coordinating the trip. **Details to follow soon!**



2021 Group Photo at the Carl Unger-Breezy display

Didn't attend last year? Consider attending this year!

PATRIOT WING

Chapter Member Jim Orange is involved in organizing a "Patriot Wing". The group will be participating in formation flying for various commemorative events. For more information, contact Jim at: jim.orange@gmail.com



CONDOLENCES...

To Chapter Secretary George Sanetra.
George's wife, Theresa Joy Sanetra passed away on Tuesday January 11, 2022.

VERIFY YOUR INFORMATION...

Keeping Chapter Members informed is a priority of our Board. HOWEVER, this cannot be done effectively if we do not have updated accurate contact information. Newsletters, event announcements and other items are conveyed by email.

Without current email addresses, this cannot occur. It is understandable that email addresses are sometimes changed. So, PLEASE, at the next Chapter meeting, notify Pamela Rose of any changes. There will be email change sheets for this purpose.

BLUEGRASS JAM

Chapter Member Tim Bryan will host an outdoor Bluegrass Jam later this year, to be held on the south veranda. Date and time to follow!

The **Bluegrassers** played at Bult Field in Autumn of 2020, and everyone had a great time listening to bluegrass tunes and enjoying the barbecue provided by Chapter! Stay tuned for the exact date of this fun event.

For more information, contact Tim at: tbryan24@comcast.net



Tim "jamming"



2022 CHAPTER DUES

For 2022, Chapter dues will be \$40.00 for the first year of membership (\$30.00 dues, \$10.00 for the name badge). Dues for subsequent years and beyond will be \$30.00 per year. **Dues need to be paid by APRIL 1, 2022** to be considered as a Chapter Member in good standing.

Chapter Members in good standing, will be allowed to participate in Chapter Meetings and other Chapter events. ALSO...they may partake in the delicious lunches at our Chapter meetings that Steve Sikorski prepares. **All of this for only \$30.00 per year dues.**

After April 1, 2022, those who are NOT members in good standing **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in Chapter Meetings and events, and **WILL NOT** be allowed to have the lunch or other refreshments that are provided at the meetings. After April 1st, to be reinstated as a Chapter Member, a **\$10.00** reinstatement fee will be charged. This is in addition to the \$30.00 Chapter Dues.

Support your Chapter so programs, food and other benefits can continue to be provided.

PAY YOUR DUES ON TIME!

Electronic payment links: For 2022 new Chapter member dues: <https://square.link/u/TF0b9u62> Click link
For 2022 Chapter member renewals: <https://square.link/u/SHQQgNSx> Click link

JOIN EAA CHAPTER 260

Detach and submit the form below

2022 EAA CHAPTER 260 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Note that National Membership in EAA is also required in order to be a Member of EAA Chapter 260.

National Dues are \$40.00 per year for Individual membership, \$50.00 for Family

Chapter membership expires in December of each year. EAA Chapter 260 first year membership dues are \$40.00 which includes the cost of an engraved plastic magnetic nametag.

Member dues for subsequent years are \$30.00 per year.

NEW MEMBER ____ RENEWAL ____

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____
EAA Member? Yes ____ No ____ EAA National Membership. No. _____ Exp. ____/____/____
Pilots Certificate Ratings: _____ Aircraft Owned: _____
Areas of Expertise: _____ Projects Worked On: _____

COMMITTEE INTERESTS

Membership: ____ Program: ____ Young Eagles/Eagles: ____ Flyer and Builder: ____
Newsletter: ____ Promotion/Publicity: ____ Web Site: ____ Other: _____

Bring this application to the next EAA 260 meeting or mail it to:
EAA Chapter 260 c/o Bult Field 28261 S. Kedzie Avenue, Monee, IL 60449

For Information about EAA Chapter 260 contact:

Rob Unger at: rubreezy@msn.com Steve Sikorski at: steve4877@att.net

If not already a member...consider becoming one!

EAA CHAPTER 260

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EAA Chapter 260 Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/EAA260/>

EAA National Website: www.eaa.org



WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER



EAA Chapter 260 meets
generally on the third Saturday
of the month at 10:00 A.M. at
Bult Field (C56) in Monee, Illinois



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Secretary:	Dave Vancina	815.715.1955
Director:	Wayne Babiak	708.989.6214
Director:	Tim Bryan	312.403.0847
Director:	Joe Cirelli	708.932.3889
Director:	Jim Orange	708.903.4947
Director:	Jerry Pearson	219.923.1938
Director:	Pamela Rose	815.351.9811
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Director:	Frank Wotell	708.846.4836

YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATORS

Jerry Pearson Dave Vancina

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED!!

If you have items for future newsletters, please let me know. These can include:

- An aviation project you are working on.
- If you flew to somewhere of interest; know of a good restaurant, let us know.
- Have something to sell? List it for FREE!
- Write a story...share your expertise!

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