EAA CHAPTER 260

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





2020 CHAPTER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

For 2020, many Chapter activities are planned. So... mark your calendars <u>now</u> and plan to participate!

Saturday, January 18th

Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult

Saturday, February 15th

Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult

Saturday, March 21st Field Trip to the Air Museum at Oshkosh

Saturday, April 18th Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult *and* Aviation Trivia Contest

Friday, May 1st A tour of TRACON Late afternoon or evening; to be determined

Saturday, May 16th Young Eagles and Eagles Rally 10:00 A.M. at Bult

Saturday, June 20th Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult

Saturday, June 27th Poker Run Starting and ending at Bult. Route to be determined

Saturday, July 18th Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult

Friday, August 14th–Saturday, August 15th Dad-daughter/son Chapter Campout (see *note below)

Saturday, September 19th Young Eagles and Eagles Rally 10:00 A.M. at Bult

Saturday, October 17th

Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Saturday, November 21st

Chapter Meeting 10:00 A.M. at Bult
Friday, December 4th

Chapter Christmas Holiday Party

As the year progresses, specific details regarding the above events will appear in upcoming newsletters, emails and on the Chapter website and Facebook. If you know other pilots, please encourage them to attend. They do not have to be EAA Members to participate. Hopefully they will join as members!

* Alternative dates for the dad-daughter/son Chapter Campout may be Friday, August 7th-Saturday August 8th

TO MAKE THESE ACTIVITIES SUCCESSFUL, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

HIGHLIGHTS of the 2019 CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday December 6th, the Christmas Holiday Party was held at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant. It was a resounding success!



Happy Birthday to <u>Janet Unger,</u> <u>Rob Unger's</u> mother





The evening consisted of a delicious meal, comradery and recognizing individuals for their efforts to the Chapter over the past year.



<u>Dave Vancina, Frank</u> Wotell, Rob Unger



Jay Vieaux, Rob Unger



Rob Unger, Jerry Pearson



<u>Dick Henry, Steve Sikorski,</u> Jerry Pearson



Rob Unger, Wayne Babiak



<u>Dawn Unger</u> and <u>Lynn Wotell</u> read door prize numbers



Mark Thompson, Bult Field Airport Manager is made an Honorary Chapter Member. Mark's continuing efforts in working with our Chapter are appreciated. Thanks Mark!

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CHAPTER 260 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chapter Members,

I am pleased to announce the addition of new members as we move into 2020. As we grow, it is important to realize that the bookkeeping task grows too.

Steve is a great secretary and leader. He keeps track of many things for this Chapter. One task is our dues enrollment. This task gets harder with additional members. It is important to pay your dues on time. Our officers have spent many hours on several occasions trying to make this easy for everyone. We have <u>low dues</u> compared to many chapters. Also, we have a discounted rate if you pay early. We have several ways to pay for your dues.

I don't think we could make it much easier; yet more than half of this Chapter's members are delinquent in their 2020 dues. This is a headache for Steve. <u>Please</u>, pay your dues so we can move on from this and focus on the Chapter events, <u>or</u> face a visit from Frank Wotell (Dues Enforcer). *LOL*

Thank you, Rob Unger



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Recently the following pilots joined our Chapter

BOB BRUTVAN DARRYL MACK KENNETH RAPIER

2019 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

In 2019, a Member of the Year recognition was established. At the November Chapter Meeting, Chapter members voted for <u>Steve Sikorski</u> to receive this award.



At the Christmas Party, Chapter President Rob Unger presents Steve Sikorski with the 2019 Member of the Year recognition.

Steve has been an active member of EAA Chapter 260 for many years. He served as Chapter Vice-President and is currently Chapter Treasurer. In this position, he has been instrumental in guiding our Chapter in achieving 501-c3 not-for-profit status, maintaining an accounting of membership and the Chapter books.

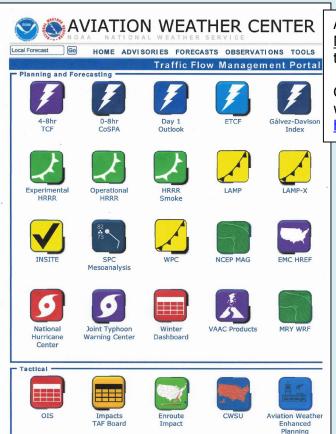
As an avid chef, he has provided many tasty lunches and snacks at our Chapter meetings. He has organized and coordinated many of the Chapter's pancake breakfasts over the years.

In addition to all of the above, Steve has been involved in the C-47 Warbird restoration and the Commemorative Air Force. He is also active in the Lions Club in Calumet City.

Congratulations to Steve in receiving this deserving award.

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AVIATION WEATHER



As we all know, weather is a critical factor in flying. The <u>NOAA Aviation Weather Center</u> has a multitude of areas to go for various weather-related information.

Go to this website to access and click on the various weather-related icons shown here.

https://www.aviationweather.gov/trafficflowmgmt/portal



CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE!!

According to Treasurer <u>Steve Sikorski</u>, several of our Members have not paid their 2020 Chapter dues. These dues are essential to support our Chapter for programs, activities and insurance.

Chapter Dues for 2020 are only \$20.00 per year if paid prior to March 1st. After that, dues are \$40.00 per year. So, to avoid being removed from the Chapter membership roster and to be considered an active member of EAA 260, please see Steve at the next meeting on February 15th and **pay your dues**. Or mail your dues directly to Steve at 123 Highland Street, Calumet City, IL 60409. Make check payable to EAA Chapter 260.



A "friendly reminder" from Rob and Frank to pay your 2020 Chapter dues.

If you already paid, a big THANK YOU!

FOR SALE!

Steve Sikorski has aircraft seats for sale. If interested, see Steve at the upcoming Chapter Meeting or contact him at steve4877@att.net. Asking \$175.00 or best offer.



<u>EAA 260 Members</u>: Do you have something "aviation related" to sell? List item(s) in the next Chapter newsletter. No charge for Chapter members to list.

Email your information to web44aia@comcast.net If you have a JPEG photo to include with your information, attach that as well.

'260's "NEW" NEWSLETTER!

A "short note from the editor"...

EAA Chapter 260 has been in existence for many years. It is a group comprised of pilots and aviation enthusiasts with many years of diversified experience. When you mention EAA...the first thought is Oshkosh. Well...there is more to it than that. Being involved <u>locally</u> in a Chapter is important in keeping it alive and functioning. I have volunteered to do a newsletter for the Chapter. Hopefully with this quarterly newsletter, the word will get spread around more as to what this Chapter has to offer. This newsletter is intended as a <u>supplement</u> to <u>George Sanetra's</u> excellent website and notifications. The newsletter will be distributed electronically as part of George's email notifications. So, make sure your email listing is up to date!

Wayne Babiak, EAA Chapter 260 Newsletter Editor e-mail: web44aia@comcast.net

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED!!

No, not like the calls you get asking for money! This is YOUR Chapter newsletter! In order to make this a success, input from EAA 260 Chapter members is needed! So....

- If you have an aviation project that you are working on and you would like to share your success story...and even not-so successful stories, I want to include these.
- Have you been flying somewhere lately to have that \$150.00 burger (inflation from \$100.00) and want to share information on this....send it in!
- Do you have something "aviation related" to sell?? We will have space for this...no charge to list!
- Write a story or contribute an article...there is space to do so. Many of you have a lot of expertise to offer.
 Consider writing a column as a contributing writer...you will be given credit...send photos-JPEG images preferred.
 Contact the newsletter editor at the email address above

JOIN CHAPTER 260

EAA CHAPTER 260 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Chapter membership expires in December of each year. EAA Chapter 260 Member dues are \$40.00 per year.

Note that membership in National EAA is also required.

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

If not a current EAA National Member, you are welcome to join EAA 260 as an Associate Non-Voting Member Associate Membership is allowed the first year; second year and beyond, National Membership is also required.

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| COMMITTEE INTERESTS | |
| Membership: Program: Young Eagles: Flyer and Builder: | |
| Newsletter: Promotion/Publicity: Web Site: Ot | ther: |
| 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 | |

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

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

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EAA Chapter 260 Facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/EAA260/ EAA National Website: www.eaa.org



WINTER 2020 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

2020 EAA 260 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President:Rob UngerVice President:Jay VieauxTreasurer:Steve SikorskiSecretary:George SanetraAssistant Secretary:Dave Vancina

Director:Frank WotellDirector:Jerry PearsonDirector:Wayne Babiak

YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATORS

Jerry Pearson Dave Vancina



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