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# EAA Chapter 32 News

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Here's hoping you all had a safe and warm holiday, and Santa brought you all the aviation-related toys you were hoping for!

We will see YOU at the ARC for the January meeting. January 20, 2018 at 10:00 am.



# President's Corner

by Dave Doherty

Fellow chapter Members,

Happy New Year! This January has been COLD!!

I don't like cold weather. I don't like icy conditions. I don't like snow (although it does look pretty from inside a nice warm home). For me, Spring can't come soon enough. Be that as it may, we're stuck with it here in the Midwest, so I'll just make the best of it, stay inside a lot, and try to hibernate. Spring is less than six weeks away. Warmer weather will be here soon enough. Now is the time to learn from the past and plan for the coming year.

I hope everyone is healthy and doing well. My family is fine. My oldest daughter has two fine children, Gabriel and Nora. Over the past year or so, I took up a pedal plane project for them to enjoy. The plan was to finish it and give it to them on their birthday (both of them on Dec 1) in 2016. The project got sidetracked more times than I care to admit, but it was finished just in time for Christmas 2017, Christmas Eve to be precise. It is a Gee Bee R-2 pedal plane (see cover). The kids love it.

We have renewed our charter with EAA, as we do every year. Along with our renewal, we send HQ a list of officers for the year. There are no changes to the officers and committee chairpersons. At this time of year, our chapter has focused on planning events for the year. We're working on that now, and will present some of the activities at our next chapter meeting on Jan 20. We'll present what we have lined up so far, and will discuss what our chapter members would like to do. This meeting is an opportunity for members to provide valuable input. After all, it's YOUR CHAPTER. We want to make it fun, educational, and social for our members, continuing the long tradition of our chapter. After the meeting, there will be a Board of Directors' meeting to refine our schedule. More details of what we've planned will be announced as they firm up. So please come to our meeting and get involved. We need input from our members. There's something for everyone in our chapter, from kicking tires to flying places. If there is a love for aviation or you just like being around people who do, we're the place to go.

Much more is in the works with Chapter 32. Our January meeting will provide the best chance for our membership to make suggestions prior to our quarterly Board of Directors' meeting, to be held this month. It's important we get our members' ideas and suggestions to make this year successful. If unable to make it to our January meeting, feel free to e-mail your thoughts or ideas to [president@eaa32.org](mailto:president@eaa32.org) and the Board will consider them all.

Here are some of the things we're lining up for 2018;

Jan or Feb - Build a Zenith 750 Cruiser fuselage in a week. One of our members would like to hold a week long work session to build a fuselage. I think we can do it. It's currently in the planning stages.

EAA Youth Camp Scholarship – Part of our legacy is sending a kid or two to Youth Camp every year. It's a fun learning experience for them. One of those we sent last year is now in college, majoring in Aviation. She's learning to FLY! This can make quite an impression on the kids, and it helps foster interest in aviation with our next generation. I think it's a worthwhile venture, and am proud of what our chapter has done.

Young Eagles Rallies – As we did last year, we'll hold a Young Eagle Rally on the second Saturday of each month, April thru October, weather permitting. An additional October Rally on October 6 & 7 looks like it will be in conjunction with the EAA Vintage Aircraft Chapter 39 at Creve Coeur Airport. Last year, the Vintage Chapter held its first open house & fly-in. This year promises to be bigger and better.

July 4 Fair St. Louis – in planning stages. EAA32 would like to be involved. This airshow has a smaller budget than ones done in the past. We're looking to see where we might fit in. Perhaps we can persuade the B-17 to come on down and do some flights.

Get an extension on our Chapter airport lease – Believe it or not, we're coming up on 20 years since we signed the lease for our ARC at Smartt Field. This year, we will work with the airport and county to obtain the first of two 5 year extensions to that least.

Schedule a social event – Perhaps a ball game, or picnic in the park. This event will be for the whole family.

AirVenture – Our chapter has always had a presence there, and this year should be no different.

October 13-14 - Spirit of St. Louis Airshow. We're hoping to have a presence there, and show the public what Sport Aviation is all about.

Oct 27 - Smartt Field Open House & SCFS Pumpkin Drop. Again, EAA32 will provide food, parking and security support for this event. In addition, we'll have our ARC open to the public, and will be meeting & greeting the public, bending their ear on how much fun flying can be.

December - Holiday Awards dinner. Guaranteed to be fun for all who attend. We'll have a great guest speaker.

This is just a taste of the things we'd like to bring to our chapter this year. And much more! We're all excited about the possibilities for 2018. Come on out. We'll have a blast!

Numerous other fly-in events will be in the area throughout the year. We will be forwarding any information to our chapter members via newsletter and website. Once again, I'm excited about the new year and programs our Chapter is planning. To find out more, come to our next meeting on Jan 20 at the EAA Aviation Resource Center (ARC) located at 6410 Grafton Ferry Rd, Smartt Field, St. Charles County. Meeting time is 10:00 AM. And don't forget about paying your dues or becoming a life member.

*Blue Skies to all,*

*Dave Doherty*

## DUES ARE DUE!!

A reminder to all is that **Chapter Dues are Due** this month. If not paid up, please do so. Dues help keep our chapter solvent. We rely on chapter Dues to recharter with HQ, maintain & improve our facility at Smartt Field, and do so many of the things that go on all year with our chapter. Without them, our chapter would fade into the sunset. Dues don't cover all our expenses. We will need to have several fund raising events during the year, and gladly accept tax deductible donations from anyone.

In order for your name to make it into the Chapter 32 Roster, dues need to be paid no later than the February meeting and remain at **\$40.00 this year**. There is also Lifetime Membership available for \$475.00 (payable in 12 monthly installments or a lump sum). Included with the Life membership is a windbreaker jacket with the EAA32 Chapter logo (10" dia) embroidered on the back and personalized with the member's name on the front. Only Lifetime members qualify for the jacket.

Along with renewing chapter membership, we need to know any changes, such as address, phone number, e-mail address, project / status, etc. We need this in order to keep our data base current. Even if you are not a new member, please fill out the Chapter 32 renewal/application form and turn it in with your dues (for life members, please fill it out and turn it in). This will assist us in keeping our membership database current. Thanks in advance.

# Young Eagles 2018

Rick May

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a pleasant holiday season. I know it has been an awful cold holiday season. Living about half way between Creve Coeur and Spirit of St. Louis airports just a little North there has been very little light aircraft traffic overhead which is usually not the case. I guess it's been cold enough down here on the ground much less 2 or 3 thousand feet up. As far as I'm concerned, the holidays are over so bring on the warmer weather without any flooding.

So just a little new year information, our 2018 Young Eagle schedule is planning on starting April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. The subsequent dates for the year will be May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup> (International Young Eagles Day) July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup> and finishing up on October 13<sup>th</sup>. These dates have been updated on [www.eaa32.org](http://www.eaa32.org) by Laura Million and hopefully will all work out. As a simpler way of remembering the dates keep in mind they are all the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Just a note on the April date, Laura is planning on having a class for the American Heritage Girls on this date in lieu of a Boy Scout Merit Badge class. The first boy scout program will be the May date. This could be a large group as there has been extensive interest in doing this from many of the American Heritage troops leadership, the women's aviation group the 99s will be assisting in both the flying and education responsibilities. There has been some talk about holding and or participating in the Creve Coeur open house again this year with a Young Eagles Rally, as that was our largest attendance for the year in 2017.

Two other notes for our readers. As you may be aware I maintain a separate e-mail group for both pilots and ground crew regarding our rallies for the year. These mailings go out typically about 7 days before the event. If you are not getting this mailing please let me know so I can add your name to the list, if you get this mailing and want to be removed from the list please let me know that as well. Secondly, most of the pilots are probably aware of the "Meet Your Pilot" sheets I try to make available at our events, many of these sheets are 3 years old or better. If you would like me to update your sheet please let me know and I will send you the file for you to update. (new picture, different plane etc.) Finally, a correction to my Christmas Party presentation. As a stab in the dark I had a slide that stated "25 Years of Young Eagles 2.5 million flights". Well I was a little off the mark, as of December 18<sup>th</sup> the number sent out by Oshkosh was 2,078,832. Still a great achievement, and congrats to all who make it possible. See you at the meeting January 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Rick May*

*Young Eagle Coordinator*



# Learning as we Go

## “A Safe Old Year and a (Hopefully) Safe New Year”

mr. bill

Nothing makes us feel sadder than having one of our own have an accident. When it occurs in an EXPERIMENTAL aircraft is it just a bit tougher. Well the good news for 2017 is that we had a very safe year. Through the EAA's Technical Counselor (TC's) Program and the Flight Advisor (FA) Program we were able to launch newly built EXPERIMENTAL aircraft into the skies for their first hours so safely this past year that NO incidents occurred in the first hours of the Phase I flying for these aircraft. GUESS WHAT? That is what the FAA wanted. GUESS WHAT a second time? That is what the EAA wanted. GUESS WHY? Because YOU builders called the EAA TC and FA'ers and believed that they would and could help YOU to be safe!

As Captain Jack Pelton wrote in the January 2018 Sport Aviation magazine we are bound by “our own limitations.” If you know your limits that is good. Putting another set of eyes on your aircraft project or on your thoughts of a “first flight” eases the gremlins of doubt in the back of your mind which you best not have on your First Flight let alone ANY flight.

So, let us keep up the GREAT safety record into the next year. There are TC's and FA's at the back of this newsletter and we would greatly appreciate if you use the FREE (let's do lunch or dinner to talk things over) and make it another SAFE and GREAT year.



Speaking of another set of eyes, ALL airlines are really looking for able-bodied people to apply and help us 30+ year career pilots retire! An article in FLYING magazine summed it all up by saying these young kids get more excitement out of action packed, shoot 'em up video games that the kids play. Flying is boring to them.

Also in the January 2018 magazine was a nice article by Lisa Turner. Her shop sign should have had two more lines on it. If you borrow a tool bring it back clean and quickly. (And hey dropping me a lunch or dinner gift certificate because you did NOT have to by this

expensive tool, would be nice.) Also, my time is money, ask your question and get on with your business, so I can get on with mine! I really do NOT need to know about your basket case 1938 Piper Cub that you will never rebuild!

Also Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) Steve Krog has a great article that ALL should read for airport traffic area safety. Check out his safety tips at:

[www.eaa.org/extras](http://www.eaa.org/extras)

Q? Van's Aircraft Factory will be celebrating their

\_\_\_\_\_ aircraft build this summer? What is it?



A: The 10,000 built RV airplane!

# Dave McGougan's Kitfox Project

Dave keeps working away on his Kitfox. In his own words:

*Here are a few pics to let all know where I am. Both wings are covered and hanging in a protector and the fuselage is 76% covered. Still need to cover the top fuselage and tail feathers, then two layers of fill, then primer. The cold weather is the killer.*

*Dave*







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