



## **PASO ROBLES EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION (EAA) CHAPTER 465 NEWSLETTER – November 2020**

The next regular meeting is planned for **November 11 at the airport at 7 PM**. You can join in person if you are wearing a face covering, or remotely via access Zoom: (i) the easiest way is go just put the following link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83989282260> into your computer browser, or alternately (ii) open your Zoom account on your computer about 6:55. click on “*join meeting*” and enter the meeting number **839 8928 2260**. **Highlights of our activities follow:**

- We will have a special presentation from Mercy Air Helicopters zat our November 11 meeting
- A “Fast Start” program for adults who may be interested in becoming pilots, Saturday November 7
- The Central & Southern CA Chapter fly-in Sunday Oct 11 was quite successful with 22 planes.
- Our Young Eagles flight day Oct 17 was also successful with nearly 100 young eagles flying
- We will elect our President and Vice President for the 2021-2022 years at our November meeting
- Our Chapter Ray Young Eagle Scholar, Aiden Bajema has completed his training and written exam and has his FAA check ride scheduled in early November, and a second \$3500 Chapter local scholarship was awarded to Sean Thomas toward his solo flight.

**All EAA465 sponsored activities require face coverings plus social distancing when possible.**



**Young Eagles Checking in**



**Planes ready to load young eagles**

## AVIATION WEATHER -- SITES I LIKE

### STEVE ELLS – CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Since I fly out of Paso Robles (KPRB) I don't have too many weather worries. In fact, since the WX here is so benign my experience suggests that I don't even need to get a weather briefing to safely conduct a local flight or any flight in the state that doesn't take me near Class B airports or coastal destinations.

But I always check the weather. A couple of my favorite quick-check tools are [www.windy.com](http://www.windy.com), and the helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS) tool on the FAA's [www.aviationweather.gov](http://www.aviationweather.gov) site.

Windy shows winds at any altitude over any part of the United States. This tool greatly influenced my decision to fly directly across both the Sierras and the Rockies in my 180 horsepower Piper Comanche on my way to Air Venture in 2019. Windy showed zero wind at 12,000 feet MSL over the western half of the country on July 18, the Thursday before the show; based on that report going was an easy decision.

The HEMS tool is accessed by opening [www.aviationweather.gov](http://www.aviationweather.gov) and scrolling down below the map to the User Tools list. The HEMS display, like the one on Windy can be moved, scrolled, and manipulated to suit, and the timeline can be moved to take a look at predictions.

I also like to go to [www.AirNav](http://www.AirNav) and type in the airport identifier or name, and grab the WX AWOS phone number of my destination. Before my Air Venture takeoff in 2019 I phoned ahead to discover that the runway at Utah's Delta (KDIA) airport, my planned fuel stop was under construction. I landed at Nephi (U14) instead. **What tools do you use to check weather or for flight planning?**

### SUMMARY OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

2020 EAA Chapter 465 Activity Schedule 08/08		
<i>Check Newsletter, Facebook, Web Site for more details</i>		
TBD	Activity/Event	Contact/Liaison
11/11	Regular Chapter Meeting, 7 PM, Airport Terminal	Dave Fretwell 703 606 0865
11/7	Fast Start/Eagles program	Kendall Pearson 805 586 0550
11/14	Shafter Wings and Wheels flyout	Cancelled due to COVID
12/09	Chapter Board Meeting – planning 2021	Dave Fretwell 703 606 0865
12/06	Xmas Party, 12:30 PM, Airport Terminal	Cancelled due to COVID

**If you are own a plane and want to get a Prop Balance  
call David Melnor 805 689 2436**

**You can fly to San Ynez, he will do it on the ramp in 1.5 hours, for \$250**

# HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO LEARN TO FLY?

## FREE SEMINAR FOR ADULT “EAGLES” 18-80 YEARS OLD

The Paso Robles Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 465 is organizing a “Flying Start Seminar” with the goal of providing interested adults a pathway to flight training and possible involvement with our local EAA chapter.



This “Eagle” program consists of an EAA-prepared seminar about learning to fly. The presentation is capped off with an EAA Eagle Flight at an agreed time for each attendee, and other EAA benefits.

**Date/Time:** Sat. Nov. 7, 9:00-11:00 AM, refreshments provided  
**Location/Directions,** Air Paso Flight Services, Hanger 205, 4740 Wing Way, Paso Robles, CA. Look for the seminar signs

For more general information check our Chapter 465 web site at <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa465/eagle-flights>

To register go to <https://flyingstart.org/?fshome&logoff=y> or call Kendall Pearson, Eagle Flight Coordinator, 805-586-0550

**Mentor Pilots needed to fly Eagles, call Kendall if you can help**

**As per local/state/EAA guidelines - face coverings and social distancing will be required**

## FLY-INS

### SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EAA CHAPTERS FLY-IN SUNDAY OCT 11

This event went well with some 22 planes including warbirds, general aviation, and experimental aircraft attending from southern and central California. The event included access to the Estrella Warbird and Race Car Museum, catered lunch, and a presentation by one of our chapter members, David Musio who is a retired NTSB staffer – this presentation carried FAAST credit which about 50% of the participants requested. Participants expressed satisfaction with the event, and several suggested we do it again possibly including expanding the invitation to participants beyond C/S California. A special thanks is given to the volunteers from our Chapter who helped make this event happen. On the financial front our objective is always to “break even” on direct costs, and on this one we made a little.



## 2021 FLY-INS

As a chapter we made a decision to sponsor one fly-in a year. To date we have no scheduled events OR 2021 but are renewing contacts with the Pacific Bonanza Society which we had a fly-in scheduled for 2020 but it was cancelled due to the COVID. In addition, one participant at the California fly-in, suggested we set up a fly-in for experimental EZ Canard experimental planes.

## FLY-OUTS

We are planning these for every other month, they can be linked with our new VMC club. The next planned fly-out was to be Shafter Minter Airport for their Wings and Wheels day on Saturday November 14, but this has just been cancelled due COVID. We are also thinking about Mojave plane crazy days which were monthly. However, most of the interesting one-day places and events to fly to have been cancelled due the COVID. **So, it may be 2021 before we can resume these events, but any suggestions and leadership from members is welcome.**

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## **YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM, SATURDAY OCT 17**

We had a successful event November 17, and flew 96 new young eagles for a total of 116 in 2020. The Chapter Team can be proud of the event which ended up being much more than the 96 new young eagles, but was also very much a community and “entire family event” with mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, and even grandparents along for the day . I estimate this resulted in about 350 participants including our Team, families, organizations with displays etc. The use of the EAA automated pre-registration program, where we set up 5-time blocks or an average of 25 each, prevented the “bunching of youth arrivals” which has always been a problem before – as well as addressing COVID issues.

Activities like ours can be an excellent way for addressing some of the stress and challenges our community faces with COVID, and **everyone fully respected** the protective procedures we put in place to make the event safe and to meet Town, Country, and EAA National guidelines.

While departing the event many expressed their appreciation for the event, and one way they demonstrated this was by putting \$598 cash into the informal donation cup at the check-out table – this essentially covers our direct costs of marketing, lunch for volunteers etc. But this amount is only a small portion of the real costs of running the 7 airplanes for the day which the pilots/owners contributed - and ACI helped out with a gas discount, and Steve at AIR JAV allowed the use of his hanger. A special thanks goes to all EAA 465 Chapter members: Pilots, Ground Volunteers, those with display aircraft etc, for helping out yesterday Oct. 17., and a special thanks to Darrell Radford who stepped in to the Young Eagle coordination/leadership role this spring and spent a lot of time chasing and confirming materials, displays, pilots, ground volunteers, arrangements,



## OTHER CHAPTER PROJECTS AND EVENTS

**Legal Eagle Ultra Lite** . We have sold this plane for \$3900 and the funds will be used to help implement Chapter programs. Thanks go to Jonnie Via and Kendall Pearson for getting the plane running and expediting the sale.



**Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC)** club (Team Leader Marc Dart). The start of the club is delayed due to the COVID and is anticipated to start in the new year depending on COVID. It is targeted at existing pilots who would like to improve their proficiency, learn new skills, tap into the experiences of other pilots and just do some hangar flying. It's also a way to recruit new members to our EAA chapter. The club is an EAA sponsored and supported activity, with many resources to support its mission. More information can be found <https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA465/VMC-Club>

**Engine Build Project:** Several members have suggested we get an engine and have interested adult and young eagle members dismantle, rebuild, and run an engine. This could be done repeated times as a learning device, without spending a lot of funds. We have one engine already donated and another possibility. We need a team leader (s) to organize and supervise a build day every few weeks, someone handy with a welder build a test platform and hanger space where we can do an engine build project.

**Chapter 465 Hanger project:** After review and discussion with members the committee recommended we not try to take-on building a new hanger at this time but rather look at existing options (i.e. donation and use of existing space). We are actively publicizing this option via Facebook, our Website, on bulletin boards, and at businesses at the airport. *We are a 501C(3) charitable organization. Do you have a hangar to donate for a tax-deductible donation? Would you like to donate funds or perhaps an airplane that we can sell to help us acquire a hangar? Please contact Tony Gaspar at 805-423-1816 or at [tony@connecthomeloans.net](mailto:tony@connecthomeloans.net) to discuss how you can help. Thank you!!*

## How we Communicate with Members and the General Public

- Check out our web site at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea465>
- Check out and post things on our Facebook Page, Sean Thomas one of our Young Eagles is helping post content on a regular basis.  
<https://www.facebook.com/EAAchapter465/?pageid=1372309742934835&ftentidentifier=1411397102359432&padding=0>
- If you want to join our Chapter we would welcome you (only \$30 per year), see following list of basic events, our member application form can be found at <https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA465/Archives>
- Also check out and post things on the KPRB Paso Robles Pilots Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2596514977049824>