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EAA 602 ADIRONDACK CHAPTER

EVENTS

March 1, 2022 Chapter Meeting
@ C&R Meeting starts at 7:00
Join us for dinner in the back room at
6:00 pm

President's Hangar Patrick Morris EAA 839538

What's been going on:

These cold winter months, crazy ice airport conditions, closed grass strips and the continuing COVID issues have made it a very quiet winter. I follow a couple groups that have had ski fly outs to Adirondack Lakes and another that have had some last-minute breakfast or lunch flyouts. It reminded me of some great EAA602 years. I am confident that we can get back there and with a little enthusiasm from everyone we can make it this year.

I have joined Condair Flyers, a club out of Albany Airport, so I can keep active and got checked out in their Piper Archer. A lot like my Cherokee 180. I went out on a morning that was supposed to be relatively low winds and of course the winds picked up a little early. It was gusting in the low 20's and down the runway so still good to go. It was a challenging flight but good practice with an instructor sitting next to me. On our return it had gotten a little stronger with gusts to 32 knots and on long final we were showing an over 40 knot headwind. I'm all signed off now for two of the five planes available and will get signed off on two others. A complex rating will be required for the fifth so maybe I'll work on that down the road. On our flight we went to Glens Falls and did a landing. Amazingly it was calm there. A huge difference! I took away a good lesson not to make any assumptions about weather even if just "staying local". If I had taken off from Glens Falls with weather well within my personal limits and popped over to an airport just 35 miles away, maybe without a weather station, I would have been in for a surprise and possibly circumstances beyond my ability.

Alton Bay Ice runway in New Hampshire came and went in February. They had a good season with 250 landings. Still in the bucket for me but one of these winters I will get there and maybe it will be with some of my 602 friends. A descent destination flight from our location.



Photo by: Corey Drapala

UPCOMING:

6th Annual CubCrafters Northeast STOL May 21st 2022



Harris (83K)
Camping
Food, Friends, Music

11am start

We will be discussing this coming years club events at the meeting on March 1. Some things the board talked about was a fly out to the ESAM Museum in Schenectady in May where they have asked us to display some of our experimental aircraft. Maybe we can get a good group fly out with some GA airplanes on the line and experimentals up front. A season club kick off barbeque in early June. The possibility of a couple breakfasts at Fulton County Airport in conjunction with the new management there. Of course our Young Eagles event in August and a poker run in September. I hope to see lots of you at our first in person meeting in a while at the C&R restaurant March 1!

"There's a big difference between a pilot and an aviator. One is a technician, the other is an artist in love with flight."

- Elrey B. Jeppesen



Vice-President ~ Darryl White

It's February and spring should be just around the corner. I thought COVID was letting up and then omicron reared up and set us back again. Numbers are starting to fall so I am hopeful that 2022 will be a year for us to get our chapter reinvigorated. Kelly and I both ended up getting it but our cases were very mild probably due to being vaccinated and it probably was omicron which is less virulent. In any event I plan to get more airtime this year and we are planning for a camping trip to Oshkosh. For the first time since I got my license my biannual check has run out that that will be a top priority for the spring. I also did get to fly a young eagle last year but am looking forward to doing more this year. We have a board meeting coming up so we will be working on ideas to get us safely meeting again and getting back into the groove.

Hope to see you all soon!

Darryl

Flying Start 2019



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