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## The Prez Sez...

By Jim O'Brien - EAA Chapter 1 President



Well, the month of OCT got away from me... and us at Chapter 1... and I apologize for the late delivery of the WingNut. The Holiday Season is fast approaching, and we have a calendar full of weekend EAA events.....

Nov. 11- Pancake Breakfast for Flabob Veteran's Day

Nov. 25- Spark of Love Toy Drive Fly In

Dec. 1- Hangar Decorating Party

Dec. 2- Christmas Party

We have purchased our own EZ-Ups and screens so that we can comply with the regulations imposed on us to cook pancakes, sausage, eggs and all the fixin's for Veterans Day on Nov. 11. We really don't know how many breakfasts we are going to serve, but we're going to have enough provisions for 400. This could be a very good day for fund raising for the chapter, and we welcome you to join us for breakfast, or maybe even volunteer for a time to help us make this a good whole chapter event. We start serving at 7:00 AM, and will stop at 10:30 or whenever we run out of supplies, whichever comes first.

Please come help us decorate for the Christmas Party on Friday Dec. 1st... we'll have pizza and drinks for everyone, and hope you can help us spiff up the hangar

for the season. It's always a fun couple of hours.

The Christmas Party is the next day, Dec. 2nd, and it starts at the usual unusual time of 6:01! (For the life of me, I don't know why it's 6:01, but I'm sure willing to stick with tradition!) The flyer and all the requests for RSVP's are noted as well. Recapping what EAA Chapter 1 has accomplished over the 2017 calendar year is pretty noteworthy. We were down on Young Eagles early on in the year due to weather... but we flew enough to accumulate sufficient credits to send 2 students to EAA's Air Academy this summer. Along with our monthly pancake breakfasts each 3rd Saturday morning, we had a successful pancake breakfast for the DC-3 Fly In, and a fun July 4th Party. Chapter 1 had an excellent contingency at Airventure this past year. Brian and Susan Duffield, Denny Fitch, Stacy Simec, Madalyn Simec, Brandon Knight, Kelly MacDonald, Ron Hull, Bobby Lee Litchfield, Jimmy O'Brien, and I enjoyed Oshkosh chapter camping. It was awesome! We also honored Wes Blasjo, Andy Anderson and Bud Bell with permanent BrownStone markers at Airventure... Wes for years of service to the Chapter as Young Eagles Coordinator, and Andy and Bud for their long time commitment to flying Young Eagles from the start. We had a great fly-out to Oceano last week in August, with 7 airplanes and 25 attendees. We In October, we manned the Aircraft Spruce Customer Appreciation Day at their store in Corona, and came home with an extremely generous donation to our Air Academy efforts. We're cooking pancakes for Veterans' Day at Flabob, Spark of Love Toy Drive, and our annual Christmas Party. I'm very proud of the chapter Board of Directors, Young Eagle pilots and volunteers, and all of the other people who contribute a little or a lot to the efforts of the chapter. We did all this with a minimum number of people... Just think of what more we could do with a little more help. Volunteering is a rewarding experience... and helping someone is something to keep forever.

We look forward to seeing you at our events coming up soon.... and especially to seeing you more often at Chapter 1 events.

Jim OBrien  
EAA Chapter 1 President





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## November

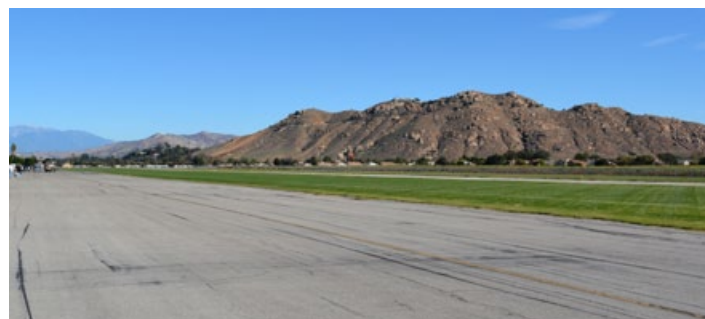
- 2nd Chapter Board Meeting
- 4th Young Eagles Rally and Chapter Meeting\*  
(\*note date change from usual)
- 11th Flabob Veterans' Day Celebration &  
Chapter 1 Pancake Breakfast (7:00 AM)
- 25th Chapter 1 and ABC7 Spark of Love Toy Drive  
Fly-In to "Stuff the DC-3"
- 30th Election Ballot Return Deadline

## December

- 2nd Chapter 1 Christmas Party  
Hangar 16A, 6:01 pm

## January

- 16th Chapter Membership Meeting - 7:00pm



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# The Prez Sez...

By Jim O'Brien - EAA Chapter 1 President

*(Originally written in October)*



Well, Fall is upon us...it's the middle of October, and the weather is threatening cooler, but we still are having hot days. The Santa Ana's are starting to blow, and good clear visibility winter flying is approaching. We've had a busy past couple of months... with Young Eagles, Chapter 1 Eagles Event, working Aircraft Spruce's Customer Appreciation Day, and our monthly pancake breakfasts. Your board of directors are a great bunch of people, and we're making good decisions regarding all chapter business.

I am pleased to report that the Chapter's financial position is the best it's been in years. We're going to need to spend some of that money when we lose the clubhouse, and have to make improvements in Charlie Weber's old hangar, which the Chapter has taken possession of. We are planning to assemble the Stits Playboy... donated to us as reported previously. We will use it for the pre-flight portion of our

Young Eagles rallies. A friend of the chapter has offered his large loader to help us clear the area of unsightly plants and shrubs, to make the hangar more visible. We'll have to get a roll-off dumpster to dispose of all we remove. We also plan to paint the inside/outside white, with EAA Chapter 1 in LARGE letters to let everyone in the taxiway know where our home is. The grass area in front is also going to be scraped, leveled and sprinklers installed. (Chapter work days approaching!!!!) We are currently asking for donations or discounts on trees to plant, similar to the ones in the area that Ray built. It'll be really nice once the new trees mature to match the ones in front of the old clubhouse. We had an excellent day working with Aircraft Spruce earlier this month for their Customer Appreciation Day. We had the CAP cadets there to help us, and sadly, besides the members of the board, there was only 1 chapter member helping. It saddens me that we don't get more participation, as we have more events to participate in, as you've requested... and we still aren't getting volunteers. Has everyone forgotten how beneficial doing something for someone else feels? I hope not, because we at Chapter 1 have an obligation to those who went before us to help us maintain our worldwide notoriety of service to the aviation community. New members or old, please come. We can't wait to have you help!!! Elections ballots are being prepared to be mailed to you, and we ask that you vote and return your ballots when received. We always include a return envelope already stamped to make it easy to reply. We appreciate you addressing this when it arrives in your mailbox.

Our Spark of Love Toy-Drive Fly In is on the schedule for Nov. 25th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Flyers and a report of that following in this WIngNut. Don't forget our Chapter Christmas Dinner, Dec. 2nd, 6:01-9PM. Catered in the BIG hangar... Prime Rib, Turkey, Ham and all the fixin's... including desert, \$20/person. We have a FUN theme this year... the UGLIEST CHRISTMAS HAT contest! Get creative, there will be good competition!

Happy Halloween, and as always,  
Fly safely, Fly often!  
Jim OBrien  
EAA Chapter 1 President



# Chapter 1 Board Member Changes

by Jim O'Brien - EAA Chapter 1 President

The Chapter 1 Board of Directors accepted the resignation of 2 board members this past month, due to circumstances beyond their control.

Chris Leasure, our Secretary, had a personal situation that dictated that he move back to Texas. It was sudden and wasn't something he was happy about. Chris has settled back into his life before California with his old job back, and will soon be signing up for Aviation School at a local college, to continue pursuing his pilots license.

Steve Frenzel has also resigned his position on the board as well. Steve is busy with work and family, and just doesn't have the time at this point in his life to offer the service he'd like.

We all want to say a sincere THANK YOU to both these fine men, who have contributed a lot to the chapter and it's efforts.

Brandon Knight, a fine young man who is a maintenance technician at Riverside Airport has accepted and been approved by the board to assume the duties of Chapter Secretary. Brandon was the first person I met at Riverside Airport when I moved there 1 1/2 years ago, and has been a great friend and help to me since. Brian Duffield and Brandon flew Brian's 182 to OSH for Airventure this past summer, and had a great time together. Brandon, all on his own, stepped up and signed up to volunteer on the OSH Flight-Line during Airventure, and was a great companion to camp with. A married man with a 1 1/2 yr. old son, Brandon is already starting out to be a chapter asset.

Dave Cheney, a Flabobian, EAA member, and a Chapter 1 member for many years, has stepped up to offer to fill the slot on the board that Steve vacated. You'll see his name on the ballot, and I encourage you to check his name. Dave is a former executive with Fleetwood Travel Trailer Division, is currently a respiratory therapist at Riverside Community Hospital, and has been a pilot and owned several planes for some time now.

Please join me in welcoming both of these fine men!!!



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# Chapter 1 Sending 3 to Air Academy in 2018

by Jim O'Brien

After getting such an enthusiastic response and 2 well written letters of gratitude from the 2 youths we sent to EAA's Air Academy over the 2017 summer, the board has elected to send 3 students this year.

We made this decision based on several reasons... the experiences reported from this year's attendees had a very significant influence on that. We also had a very generous donation by Aircraft Spruce and Specialty, along with donations from it's vendors at the October Customer Appreciation Day at their store in Corona.

All of the proceeds from the raffle, along with all of the donations from the attendees for food and beverages was donated to Chapter 1, allowing us the ability to send 1 additional student!

We announced the Air Academy Contest in August, and had good response, but nothing like it truly warrants. The Board read the application essays and each member gave each essay a numerical score. The top 3 essays with the highest scores were selected. ALL of the essays were well prepared and thought out. It wasn't easy, as we wanted to be able to send them all, but even with the EAA Credits we earn from our Young Eagles flights, we're still dipping heavily into the donation from Aircraft Spruce. Last year, we had just enough to send 2, but the weather beat us up a few months, and we were short some credits due to that.

We want to offer CONGRATULATIONS to our 3 EAA Chapter 1 Air Academy Recipients:

Trace Justin Parker - 17

Parker Carl - 16

Ashton Graves - 15

These fine young men are going to have the experience of a lifetime! They are going to be spending 5 great days with 50 kids from all parts of the United States, gathered together because they all love aviation. Can't think of a better summer trip!!!

Again.... CONGRATULATIONS!!!!... and it's our pleasure to be able to help you achieve your goals.

Jim OBrien

EAA Chapter 1 President



## **New Chapter Meeting Day and Time**

**Starting in January 2018, the EAA Chapter 1 Membership Meeting  
will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.**

Over the past few years, the number of attendees has dwindled down to just those of us who support the Young Eagles Rallies on the 2nd Saturday. Unfortunately, the world has changed, and we don't get Chapter 1 members and their spouses to attend any longer.

We stopped having pot luck lunches, but have been providing lunch to meeting attendees, sometimes at a marginal profit, but mostly at the expense of the chapter. Getting speakers to give up their Saturday to drive and attend our noon meeting basically consumes a whole weekend day for the people we ask to speak, and have determined that taking a whole day from them is a disincentive.

So, we decided, frankly, we have nothing to lose by changing the date and time... and stand a better chance of getting quality speakers to present during the regular work week. We'll have coffee, drinks, and snacks available, but we won't be serving any hot food for dinner. We sure hope this encourages you to work your way back to the chapter we all love and support.

The meetings will start at 7 PM... and we'll be sure to get an updated list of speakers scheduled for the upcoming months as far in advance as we can, so that you can plan accordingly. Should we see no improvement, the board has agreed to revisit this in June... giving it 6 months... but we sure HOPE that it makes it more convenient for you to attend.

See you on JAN 16th.... our first nightly EAA Chapter 1 Membership Meeting!!!

FYI... we are working to get a local helicopter pilot who was on duty rescuing people after the hurricane in Houston. He personally rescued over 400, and at one point, witnessed 29 helicopters working within his line of sight. Should be an interesting presentation!

Jim OBrien  
EAA Chapter 1 President



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## A Little Bit of Aviation Humor

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The young man finally gets to the air base and makes his way to the aircraft only to find that the latrine pump truck has been left outdoors and is frozen solid, so he must find another one in the hangar, which takes even more time.

He returns to the aircraft and is less than enthusiastic about what he has to do. Nevertheless, he goes about the pumping job deliberately and carefully (and slowly) so as not to risk criticism later.

As he's leaving the plane, the pilot stops him and says, "Son, your attitude and performance has caused this flight to be late and I'm going to personally see to it that you are not just reprimanded but punished."

Shivering in the cold, his task finished, he takes a deep breath, stands up tall and says, "Sir, with all due respect, I'm not your son; I'm an Airman in the United States Air Force. I've been in Thule, Greenland, for 11 months without any leave, and reindeer are beginning to look pretty good to me. I have one stripe; it's two-thirty in the morning, the temperature is 40 degrees below zero, and my job here is to pump \$4@^ out of an aircraft. Now, just exactly what form of punishment did you have in mind?"

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# EAA Chapter 1 Christmas Party

## December 2, 2017 6:01PM



### EAA Chapter 1 Christmas Party

We are celebrating another year of the chapter's events with our annual Christmas Party, at Hangar 16A, The Ray Stits Hangar.

Instead of the usual UGLY SWEATER contest, we are having an UGLY HAT contest!!! Wear your ugliest Christmas Hat imaginable, and win a special prize!

The Flabob Cafe is catering... Ham, Turkey and Prime Rib are on the menu, with ALL the fixins.

Time: 6:01 PM  
Date: December 2, 2017  
Location: Hangar 16A, Flabob Airport  
Cost: \$20/Person

RSVP REQUIRED 951-847-5474 Lv. Msg.





# EAA Chapter 1 Christmas Party

The Annual EAA Chapter 1 Christmas Party is taking place on December 2nd, at the usual start time of 6:01 PM. (For the life of me, I don't understand 6:01, but Ill stick with tradition!!)

We are having the Flabob Cafe cater the event in our big hangar, serving Turkey, Ham, Prime Rib, stuffing, vegetables, rolls, salad, and desert... all for \$20 per person.

Since it's NOT a Pot-Luck, and we are not preparing any turkeys and hams, we DEFINITELY NEED TO KNOW how many are attending.

## We need you to RSVP!!!

We certainly want to have enough for everyone, but we sure don't want to order more than we need.

We are going to have some great prizes to give away... and we're having a special raffle for an iPad Mini... with enough memory to efficiently run ForeFlight.

The THEME for this year's party is an 'UGLY CHRISTMAS HAT' contest... and a special prize for the UGLIEST!!! Everyone votes.

We are going to be playing a game, and there will be plenty of Christmas aviation fellowship.

Bring your friends, but PLEASE... let us know.

RSVP to (951)847-5474, or email [chapter1youngeagles@gmail.com](mailto:chapter1youngeagles@gmail.com)



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## **Spark of Love Toy Drive** **STUFF A DC-3 Fly-In**

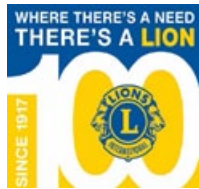
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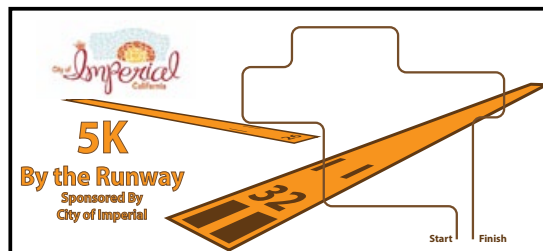
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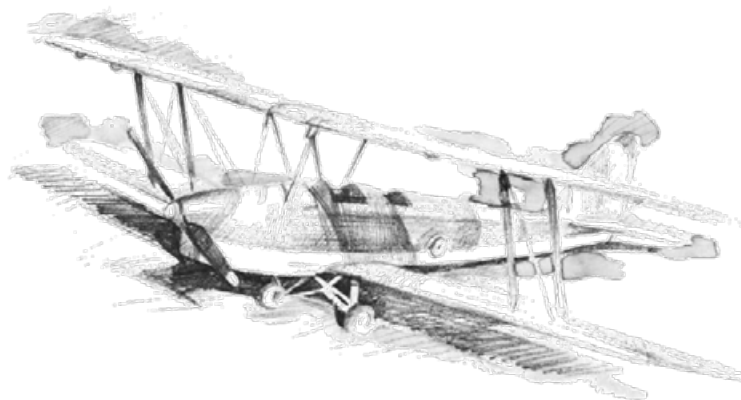


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