



The WingNut

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THE PREZ SEZ:

Hello Chapter 1 Members!!!!... And Happy New Year!

Been a while since a newsletter was sent out, and I apologize... but in fact, there was not much newsworthy since the last one due to COVID.

BUT... there are some things happening and I wanted to let you know what's on the calendar for the upcoming couple of months:

- Jim

Volunteers Needed!

EAA Chapter 1 is always looking for more volunteer help to make your chapter even better. If you'd like to help out by donating your time, we are currently looking for enthusiastic members for the following positions. If you're interested, please contact one of our board members. Thank You!

- Volunteer scheduler
- Doeents for race planes
- Activities for Young Eagles waiting to fly
- Weight and Balance
- Aircraft Loading
- Other items related to the YE Flight
- Snack Bar Sales
- Set up and tear down meeting chairs, tables, etc.
- Bringing Snacks etc. for the Chapter Meetings
- Clean area/grounds for Young Eagles
- Clean area/grounds for pancake breakfasts
- Help select materials for sale
- Sales people for matetials



If you have a specific skill that is not listed here, don't be shy!





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Calendar of Events

2021

February

6th Chapter 1 Board Meeting - Members Welcome
(Please email Jim O'Brien or Kevin Elardo for meeting info.)

16th Chapter Membership Meeting - Zoom
Meeting ID: 848 6550 0053
Password: 157561

(Detailed information follows)

Due to the current pandemic, all events are subject to change.
For the latest information, please check and "Like" our Facebook
page and also make sure to watch for our emails.



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James Ray Scholar Update

Our James Ray Scholar is progressing along nicely! I hope you all read the recap written and sent to you by Dave Cheney, who is our Ray Aviation Scholarship coordinator. Patricia Keckert loves flying and is fitting in well with the flying organization. The picture was taken on the day Patricia soloed. Her whole family along with several chapter members were there to witness Patricia's solo. 3 awesome take-offs and landings. Well done Patricia, and a big THANK YOU to Anthony Rizzo, her instructor at NEXTGEN Aviation, at Riverside Airport.



Zenith Cruiser Build

The leaders of the Zenith build are doing quite well! They have a lot of the tail feathers built and are starting to build one of the wings. This is something they do every Saturday, starting at NOON and they work for as many hours as possible.

As the old saying goes... "Many hands make for little work..." and the build could sure use some more help.

This is something the chapter has been doing all year, so if you have the smallest inclination to come help, learn something, socialize, or better yet do some work (!)... please come.

The build is right next to where the airport had their maintenance hangar... right by the first gate to the right. I believe it's hangar #29.

Robert Reiber and Bob Ree have been doing a fine job keeping this going...so PLEASE... come join the party!!!



Chapter Clean Up Days

We had a "Clean Up" day on Saturday, Jan. 24th, and again on the 30th, where we started the clean up in the space between Hangar 16a and Charlie's old hangar, where we store the Stits Playboy. There were 13 of us, and it's amazing how much work we accomplished in hours. We have the complete cooperation and support of the airport staff and operations... where they are going to help with a man-lift to trim the palms high, and to take away the trash bags full of leaves. All of the palm and tree branches that were removed were put in a pile, and the same company who trimmed the trees at the ClubHouse will chip all that we stacked up, when they come and grind up the palm branches that the airport has.

SO, in essence, we're piggy-backing with Flabob... saving the chapter some serious money. Please remember to thank the airport staff for their support!



Young Eagles

Many of you over the past months have contacted me and others about our Young Eagles Program. It's even a very tough year for that for the chapter and EAA as a whole. The numbers nationally are down to about 10% of normal, and hopefully, 2021 will see many more as the vaccine becomes more available and COVID numbers decrease. We had hoped that maybe April would be a good month to PLAN for Young Eagles, and as the days go by, and things continue to improve, we hope this is a good month to fly kids again.

Our new Young Eagles Coordinator, Tyler Powell, and I will get together and list the event when we believe it would be safe to do so, predicated on the restrictions relaxing. Stay tuned for more info as it becomes available.



Membership Meeting Speakers

We are always on the hunt for good speakers on a variety of aviation subjects that would be of interest to YOU!

If you have suggestions, we welcome them, as well as names and contact info, should you have someone specific or have any advice on what you'd want to hear. Please let a board member know and we'll do our best to get them on the chapter meeting calendar. Each board member can be found and contacted on the chapter's website or from the listing in this newsletter.



Let's Have a Chapter Meeting!

On February 16th, at 6:30... Please join us and the Chapter 1 members for the long overdue chapter re-start!!! The current restrictions still don't allow for in-person meetings, so let's do the next best thing.

We have lots to talk about and we're going to do just that. We are going to re-cap what was accomplished in 2020, and discuss getting the chapter from "Park" into "Drive!"

There are several new Chapter 1 Board Members who are going to tell about themselves, along with a reintroduction of the members who have been serving. Each board member has specific duties as far as events are concerned, and they will be discussing them for your information.

The March meeting will feature Beth LaRock, Flabob Airport Manager, who will be presenting on all things Flabob... completed and planned. If you haven't been to Flabob lately, you'll be in for quite a surprise.

And we have Dan Bigelow, Riverside Airport tower controller in line to meet the 1st time we are allowed to meet in person. I asked him to Zoom with us, but he said he'd much prefer an in-person presentation, so that's fine with me. Dan always makes for a good speaker because many of us are based there, and even more of us transition Riverside's airspace... and to have a refresher with Dan always makes for a fun night.

See you on the 16th. If you haven't ever done an online Zoom Meeting, the directions to do so, along with Chapter 1's log on info... are below. I suggest you familiarize yourself with the website and logging in beforehand, just so that you don't have trouble on meeting night!

I can't tell you how anxious we are to get the chapter moving again! 2020 was challenging, and we're going to do our best to get things back to at least some kind of normal activity. SEE YOU ON FEBRUARY 16th!

To join the Zoom Meeting from your computer, tablet, or phone, click or paste this link into your web browser:

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Meet 2 Of Our New Leaders!

I'd like to introduce Kevin Elardo and Tyler Powell to the chapter. Kevin has accepted the position of Vice-President, and Tyler Powell as our Young Eagles Coordinator. Both of these men are incredible assets to the chapter and we are very happy to have them on the team. I'll let them introduce themselves... and be sure to introduce YOURSELF to THEM when the opportunity comes. - Jim

Kevin Elardo

Hi Everyone!!! I'm Kevin Elardo and have been in and around SoCal aviation since I was 15, washing and refueling planes at French Valley Airport. There I earned my Private Pilot's license and went on to earn my CFII/MEI while attending Southern Illinois University (satellite campus) and graduating in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Aviation Management. After graduation, I commanded corporate Learjet models 31/35/55 & 60 transporting business executives, politicians, and celebrities throughout North and Central America. In 2009, I joined the U. S. Air Force Reserve to become a KC-135R pilot at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, CA. As such, I have become an instructor, pilot, and commanded flights all over the world to include air refueling, aeromedical, cargo, and passenger transports. In 2012, I joined JetBlue Airways and currently fly the Airbus 320/321 based out of LAX. My latest accomplishment is that I graduated from USC with a Master's in Business (Class of 2019) as well as becoming the Air Operations Officer (2018) and Director (2020/2022) for the March ARB airshows.

My current interests include aircraft restoration as a local Flabobian, and have recently restored a 1955 Cessna 180 and a 1969 C-150 Aerobat. I'm very happy to be an EAA Lifetime member and even more excited to be an active part of EAA Chapter 1's leadership. I can't wait to get the chapter back into the swing of things, and to be a part of our continued success! Make sure to introduce yourselves to me when we can meet again! I look forward to it!!!



Tyler Powell

Hi All! My name is Tyler Powell, I'm a CFI at California Baptist University and have been flying for the last six years. My aviation journey began while working at a sandwich shop in high school near the Hemet-Ryan airport, and was lucky enough to have had a customer offer me a ride in his plane after work. As you can probably assume, I took him up on the offer, watched the earth disappear below us and the rest is history. I was fortunate enough to attain my Private Pilot certificate during my senior year of high school. After graduating from UC Irvine in 2019, I completed training for my CFI certificate and have been teaching for CBU at the Riverside Municipal Airport for the last year and a half. I love everything about aviation whether it's teaching a brand new student how to land or grabbing a \$100 hamburger with a friend on the weekend. My journey into EAA Chapters began about a year ago when Chapter President, Jim O'Brien happened to be on the ramp when I was watching one of my students complete their first solo. Fast forward and here I am, excited to grow the Young Eagles program and hope to give many kids the opportunity to enjoy aviation as I do. I look forward to seeing the joy general aviation can bring to our local youth and to working with our team of pilots and volunteers to make it happen!



Ya Gotta Love Van's Airforce, RV builders and EAA Chapters

By Art Woods



In June 2020, EAA Chapter 179 in Albuquerque was gifted an RV12 fuselage kit and completed set of wings by the estate of New Mexico builder James Crouse. By July, we decided to take on the build and by mid-August we had a place to build, a team in place, and started collecting tools. And money as we still needed to buy the other kits including the empennage.

On August 26th, Adam Coffey posted a classified ad on Van's Airforce (VAF) offering to sell his completed RV12 empennage or give it to an EAA Chapter. He had a couple of people asking if he could ship to the east coast with his reply "if I'm going to ship it somewhere I'll just keep it and move it to Dallas."

I saw the ad about 8:30 PM and thought "it's probably already taken" so did nothing. But early the next morning, the empennage was still available. At the same time Konrad Werner had also seen the ad and sent his own email asking about it, thinking that maybe someone in our chapter would drive the 800 miles to California to pick it up. The main point from the seller was that he had to do something quickly or pack it all up and take it with him to Texas.



The enticement by CoffeyAviation on VAF Classifieds



Brian unloading at Double Eagle II in Albuquerque!

Enter Joyce Woods who knew Jim O'Brien of EAA Chapter 1 at Flabob. Jim was busy but referred Joyce to Brian – maybe he could pick it up from Fullerton to secure it for us. Less than 5 minutes later, Brian Duffield said he could pick it up by Noon. By early afternoon, Chapter 179 had possession of a tail kit in California!

But lo and behold that same great person, Brian, decided to DRIVE it to Albuquerque. And he even convinced his wife Susan that this would be a great road trip to include Carlsbad Caverns and see family in Scottsdale. They arrived with it on Tuesday, not even a week after the ad appeared in the popular Van's forum.

In only 2 months, we secured wings, empennage, and fuselage kit, now at home in a temporary shop with 179's project lead Lee Otto (RV10 builder).

Thanks to the Coffey and Crouse donations, we're on our way to generating that famous RV Grin!!!





Emilio with Brian and Susan Duffield of
EAA Chapter 1, Riverside, CA



Lee Otto cushioning empennage parts on arrival



Over 800 mile special delivery, in 12 hours

Randy, Lee, Brian, Susan, Joyce, Konrad, Art





Organizational Meeting of the RV-12 Build Team

A Salute to Bode Aviation! Dave Bice! Donors & Volunteers stepping up!

We gained immediate support to use a corner of a Bode hangar as our workshop to get started! Lee Otto put out a call for needed shop items and key items have begun to appear!

Local pilot / builder **David Bice** donated a most needed toolbox, sturdy workbench, parts bins and carpet to cover work tables. Other items are appearing daily so our shop is starting to take shape!

The chapter Build Team structure was established, and members will be able to sign up on a group calendar, working under supervision of experienced Lead Builders: Mark Sturm, Jim Kessler, Randy Reimer, Lee Otto, and David Otero. If you want to be added to Build Team communications, send Lee an email to n326jl@gmail.com

RV-12 Chapter Build: ACCEPTING TOOL DONATIONS

We would like to collect as many tools to support the RV-12 build as possible. We realize many in the aviation community are finished with their projects and have decided not to build again may want to sell or donate their tools. So far, we've collected: Drill press, Toolbox, band saw, air compressor, work benches and cabinets. If you can spare some, we still need:

- Assortment of screw drivers both slot and Phillips
- Assortment of pliers from needle nose to larger pliers and channel lock type
- Set of socket wrenches and extensions with ratchets swivels etc.
- Torque wrench
- Assortment of Vice grips and clamps
- Small ball-peen hammer
- Rubber and plastic hammers
- Cleco fasteners, cleco clamps and three to four cleco pliers
- Wire cutters, wire strippers Crimping tools
- Shop vacuum
- Bench grinder with scotchbrite wheel





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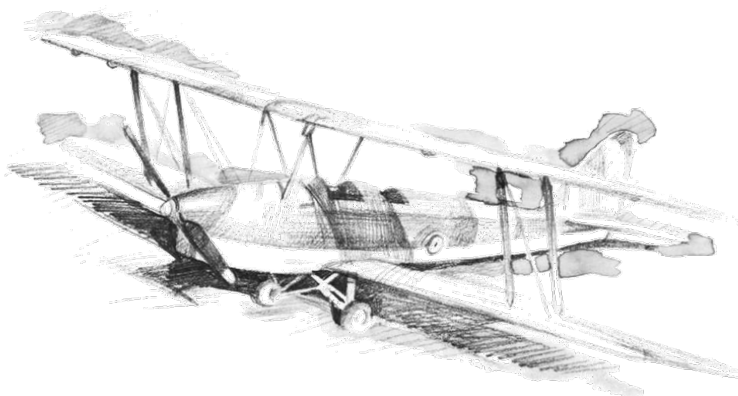
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Join us for our Chapter Meetings!

***Chapter Meetings are held on the 3rd
Tuesday of the month.***

***Snacks and Drinks start at 6:30pm.
Meeting begins at 7:00pm.
Join us for fellowship and fun!***

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