

# *The WingNut*

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## The Prez Sez...

Hello everyone!

Sorry it's taken so long to get a WingNut together, but despite not getting any news out over the past few months, the chapter and me personally have been very busy. All of the content for the newsletter falls on me, and believe me it's pretty overwhelming. So.. I'm asking that any or all of you, who might discover something that would be of interest to our members, submit it to me or Greg Yonge, the newsletter editor.

If you find an article in a magazine, newspaper, or discover something while 'hangar flying', send it or write it up and we'll put it in the newsletter. This will help immensely, especially me. Thanks!

There's lots to tell, so I'll just get to it. We're financially solvent, and holding our own. If you hadn't noticed, we now occupy Charlie Weber's hangar, just to the left of our big hangar, as you look from the taxiway. Brian Duffield, who does a LOT for the chapter in addition to being a valued board member, arranged for 2 signs which are now mounted to the front doors. They look awesome, and let everyone passing by know that Chapter 1 is alive and well at Flabob. We also have a template that we are going to use to paint "EAA" in 10 ft. letters on the roof as well, - so that EAA Chapter 1 is visible to arriving traffic.

Also arranged by another active Board Member, Dave Cheney handled the entire project of procuring EAA Chapter 1 embroidered polo shirts. We have 3 colors: black, blue and white. A perfect sized Chapter 1 logo is embroidered on the left side of the shirt, and they look AWESOME! They are available during any chapter event for \$25. You can't buy a plain shirt for less, so buy 1 and show your chapter pride!

We've had much better attendance at chapter meetings since moving them to the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We've had a great line-up of speakers, and have equally qualified speakers to present for the meetings thru 2018. PLEASE plan to attend! We have lots of room, camaraderie, and even great snacks and drinks. When you attend, we have name badges that we can make on the spot, as I am a big fan of name badges. We all wear them whenever we're at a chapter event, so that new people can identify who's who immediately. Also, please say HELLO to anyone you don't know, and it's always best to be friendly and welcoming. Nothing worse than coming to a chapter meeting and not feeling welcomed...so everyone's help in doing the right thing is appreciated!

OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING is SEPT 18th, so we look forward to seeing you there! Our presenter is Tracy Rodriguez. Tracy has been an aerial photographer for 16 years, and since we ALL take pictures while flying, Tracy is going to fill us in on how to do it better! It's definitely something we all could improve on... so please plan on attending.

Set aside some time because this newsletter is a bit long catching you all up on what's happening at Chapter 1. Lots of information and good news to report! Fly Safely... Fly Often!

Jim OBrien - EAA Chapter 1 President  
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# Calendar of Events

## 2018

### September

- 6th Chapter One Board Meeting
- 8th Young Eagles
- 15th Aircraft Display Days, Pancake breakfast 7am till 10am
- 18th Chapter 1 membership meeting 6:30pm
- 29th Aircraft Spruce Super Sale (Chapter 1 food service all AM)

### October

- 4th Chapter One Board Meeting
- 6th Flying Start at Riverside Airport (RAL)
- 13th Young Eagles
- 16th Chapter 1 membership meeting 6:30pm
- 20th Aircraft Display Days, Pancake breakfast 7am till 10am

### November

- 1st Chapter One Board Meeting
- 3rd Young Eagles
- 17th Aircraft Display Days, Pancake breakfast 7am till 10am
- 20th Chapter 1 membership meeting 6:30pm
- 24th Toys for Tots fly-in, drive-in, walk-in

### December

- 7th Hangar Christmas Party decoration event at 5:00pm
- 8th Christmas Dinner @ 6:01PM
- 19th Aircraft Display Days



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# Chapter 1 Youth and Young People Update

Before anything else is said, we all owe a debt of gratitude to the CAP cadets and their leadership for their continuing support with Young Eagles and all Chapter 1 events. These kids are some of the most willing and helpful we've seen in a long time. They show up early to set up, and they stay late to clean up every time. Without them the chapter would certainly not be able to do as much, as this squadron of volunteers is invaluable! THANK YOU to the Flabob CAP Squadron for all that you do for Chapter 1. So, when you have the chance... tell them THANKS personally.

As many of you might remember, Eddie Kolb, who was a Build-a-Plane participant for many years, a Young Eagle, and a Young Eagle volunteer and marshaller, Eagle Scout, A/P graduate and recipient of a Sport Pilot License scholarship at EAA Oshkosh, had a milestone at the August Young Eagle's rally. Since getting his pilot's license on that scholarship, August was the first chance Eddie had to fly Young Eagles! He flew 3 of them, and took some of the CAP volunteers for rides in the Cessna SkyCatcher previously owned by Ray Stits. How fitting is that? I submitted an article to EAA's Milestones, but as of yet, did not see anything from them in print or on the email they send monthly. Maybe this month! BUT... for Eddie to get his license at EAA, and then to pay it back by flying Young Eagles, is noteworthy and Bret Steffen at EAA told me as much. Congratulations Eddie!... and we look forward to seeing you each month flying more kids with the rest of us!



Trace Parker, who started out as a Young Eagle, volunteered each rally, and won one of the Chapter 1 Air Academy scholarships, passed his PPL check ride last Tuesday! HIS and MY primary instructor, Ralph Braun, was very confident that Trace would pass first time. Trace is a smart and capable young man, who is determined to make aviation a big part of his life. Congratulations from ALL of us at Chapter 1 on your achievement! Trace told me that he is looking to move to Georgia soon, and although we hate to lose him, we wish him all the best in his life and aviation career. I told him that he MUST get back involved with the nearest EAA chapter to his new home in Georgia!



# EAA Chapter 1 4th Annual “Sons of Beaches” Fly Out

Once again, the Sons of Beaches Fly Out was a total success! This year we had more airplanes and more people attending than ever before! We even had a couple of attendees from Fullerton Airport, who heard about the event via Facebook....so those of you who have Facebook accounts be sure to LIKE Chapter 1's page.

The weather cooperated fully, as August always brings the coastal eddy to L52,Oceano Airport. All weekend the temperature didn't exceed 70 degrees! Most of us had long sleeves or sweatshirts for most of the time there. Friday the fog burned off early, so everyone had a clear approach, arriving before and after noon. We had 26 people camping, and 10 airplanes!

Friday night always finds us at the local Mexican place for tacos and hearty libations. Saturday morning, Roberta makes breakfast burritos, and lunch is just usually snacks, but Saturday's dinner is the event's crown jewel. Along with Oceano being a great place to camp, our host, Joe Lestmeister was once again the real unsung hero of the weekend. Joe makes sure the grass is mowed the week prior, and he always finishes the job by weed eating. He brings firewood for the weekend, coolers full of cold drinks, and is certainly a candidate for the TV show Master Chefs because of what he can do to cook tri-tip and chicken thighs BBQ'd over oak! We ate like kings! Tri-tip, chicken, baked beans, garlic bread, mac and cheese, salad, and brownies and raspberry cobbler with whipped cream for desert!

Jolee Lucas, who is active with the “Friends of Oceano Airport Committee,” made sure that their annual summer movie night was on our weekend. She's a great aviation supporter, flies a nice Mooney, and is also a representative for the California Pilot's Association. She goes all out bringing popcorn, chairs and tables, games for the kids, and a whole lot more to help make our weekend and theirs a better one. Kinda like “together we're better”.

Joe Lestmeister also designed the Sons of Beaches (SOB's!!) logo, and we had that printed on T-shirts. SO, all this: food, drinks, T-shirt, etc for the whopping price of \$35. So if you want to have some fun camping, Son's of Beaches 2019 is the place to be! (If you aren't thrilled with sleeping in a tent, there are several hotels within very close proximity to the airport as well.) See you next year at Sons of Beaches!!!!.... August 23-25, 2019.





# 65 Years of EAA Chapter 1!

As you may or not be aware, EAA is celebrating 65 Years this year: 1953-2018. It's a BIG milestone for any organization, and EAA is no exception. This year at AirVenture, the 65 Year logo was evident on all the literature, handouts, banners and souvenir programs. It was a big deal at the 2 dinners I attended there, the Young Eagles dinner and the LifeTime Member dinner. Quite the milestone. Well, as the very first EAA chapter, on January 24th 2019, Chapter 1 will be 65 years old! The original charter is hanging in 16A by the board room door, and it's a prized possession of the chapter, as many original chapter charters have gotten lost along the way.

To celebrate our milestone, and being the first chapter of EAA, (the first of a foundation of chapters that EAA as a whole has been built on,) we are having a first-class dinner party to recognize our 65th Anniversary. Yes, on Saturday, January 26th 2019, at Hangar 16A, at 5 PM.

Since EAA celebrated 65, and Chapter 1 started the whole chapter movement, EAA National finds this a very important event to attend. I emailed and spoke with Jack Pelton, and he put the date on his calendar, and plans to attend. Be advised, that it was 9 months out when I invited him, and if something more urgent or pressing requires him to be elsewhere, he might not be able to attend, but he definitely WANTS to attend. His dad was a Chapter 1 member, and Jack spent many Saturdays at Flabob when his pop attended meetings here, so even Jack has some roots with us here at Chapter 1 and Flabob.

We also have plans to host an EAA Leadership Academy on the Friday before, and will hopefully have 50+ chapter leaders attending to get all the information needed to build or better their respective chapters. We hosted the very first off-site Leadership Academy EAA ever did, and since, they have conducted 4-5 of these each year in strategic locations to educate chapter leaders. So, the folks from the EAA Chapters Department will be staying to celebrate with us.

We have dinner tickets available now. We are limiting the event to **200 tickets**, and they are \$50 each, which includes a catered dinner by McGrath's Catering of Riverside. We are having steak and salmon, along with all the fixins'. We will have a big banner that we would like everyone to sign so that we can display that in the hangar permanently. We will have 'adult beverages' but we can't sell them... BUT... we will have a Chapter 1 donation location across the room for you generous drinkers!!!! LOL!

Everyone is going to go home with a very nice etched glass tumbler, and we are now getting some excellent donations of aviation and non-aviation items to raffle off. This is a VERY BIG deal for those of us on the board who have been working so hard to keep the chapter alive, and we sure would like for you to join us as we celebrate 65 years. It's going to be a very memorable night, that's a promise.

You can purchase tickets from any of us board members at any Chapter 1 event. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept credit or debit cards, but we can take a check. If you are unable to attend a chapter function but want to attend the dinner, please MAIL us your check and we'll mail you that number of tickets, no problem. Our address is: EAA Chapter 1, PO Box 3667, Riverside, CA 92519

We also need PHOTOS of days past, so if you have some, and can send copies or an email scan of them, that would be great. We'd like to have a moving collage of them on a big screen while everyone is arriving and during dinner.

ALL past presidents, officers, and board members are especially invited to attend. We would love to have as many of you present as possible. Records are difficult to find, so we don't have a clear roster of all of you who have served Chapter 1 so well, so an email to me would be nice, because I would sure like to recognize each and every one of you. I can be reached at 951-847-5600 or email me at [redwhitechamp@me.com](mailto:redwhitechamp@me.com)

Thanks!... and I look forward to having you at our 65th Anniversary Celebration

Jim O'Brien, EAA Chapter 1 President



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Oct. 6, 2018 8 AM

EAA Chapter 1 Eagles Rally

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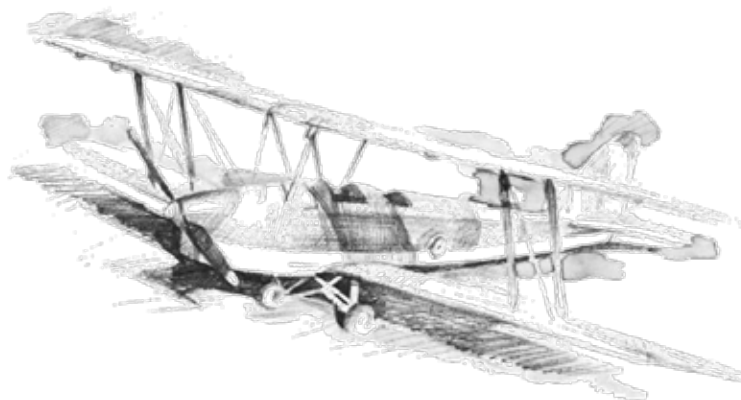
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## ***Join us for our Chapter Meetings!***

***New Meeting Day and Time in 2018!  
Chapter Meetings will be held on the 3rd  
Tuesday of the month.***

***Snacks and Drinks start at 6:30pm.  
Meeting begins at 7:00pm.***

***Flabob Airport, Hangar 16A  
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