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ATC Privatization Bill
Call Your Representatives!

By Jim O'Brien - Chapter 1 President

H.R. 2997 is the ATC Privatization Bill that has PASSED the Congressional Transportation Committee, and we need to STOP this legislation. Among nearly all of the general aviation communities, I, along with EAA, am opposed to this legislation because it will give the airlines control over ATC, while significantly impacting operations and costs to us, in the form of landing fees, etc. It will in effect be similar to what general aviation is experiencing in Europe… and if you don't know what that's like, talk to people who have flown there. It's expensive, and creates a situation where flying is for the elite and wealthy only. I called the local Riverside office for Congressman Takano, our local guy, and the attendant had no idea of what I was talking about. So, I called the Washington office for Mr. Takano, and the attendant there also had no idea on this bill. I left my name and address, and was told I would get a reply via US mail, and my guess is that since postage is free for congressional members, that's the way responses are delivered. (Sorry for the sarcasm, but they've done this to themselves.) We have the finest ATC system in the world, and contrary to the airlines' influence, it's working just fine. As EAA President and CEO states… "It's a solution searching for a problem." In all actuality, general aviation has more activity than the airlines, and they are in favor of privatization because it saves them money, and they have no regard for us. We'd end up footing the bill.

Please call or email Congressman Mark Takano, (Democrat) and encourage him to oppose H.R 2997, ATC Privatization Act. This is VERY important, as flying and general aviation can and will change forever if we don't act. Pease copy and paste the link below to hear EAA's official position on this bill. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ml0ffhrO52E

Mr. Takano's website for emails and phone calls is: https://takano.house.gov

Please call or write NOW! If Mr. Takano is NOT your representative, as we have a few members not in our local area, please contact YOUR representatives as well. This is IMPORTANT AND CAN'T WAIT. Thank you!

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Calendar of Events

July

4th	Chapter 1 4th of July Party
6th	Chapter Board Meeting
8th	Young Eagles Rally and General Membership Meeting
15th	Pancake Breakfast Chapter 1 Clubhouse - 7am-10am
24th - 31st	EAA Airventure, Oshkosh WI

August

3rd	Chapter One Board Meeting
4th	Famous Friendly Flabob First Friday @ Five p.m. Family Fabulous Flying Film Festival
12th	Young Eagles Chapter One Meeting 1pm
19th	Aircraft Display Days Pancake breakfast 7am till 10am



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The Prez Sez...

By Jim O'Brien - EAA Chapter 1 President

Well, it's July already… and Chapter 1 is heading to Oshkosh for Airventure 2017. There are going to be about 15 of us camping under the Chapter 1 banner. Some of the campers are family, but they're certainly Chapter 1 proponents! This year at OSH, there are 2 special events happening. The first is on Friday at the Airventure Banner and patio. We have ordered and are dedicating 2 BrownStones: 1 to Andy Anderson and Bud Bell for their dedication to the chapter and flying Young Eagles, and 1 to Wes Blasjo for his efforts in making Chapter 1's Young Eagles program the success it has been and will continue to be. THANK YOU to all 3 of these fine men! The second event is on Sunday morning at the Memorial Wall where a permanent marker is going to be placed in memory of and forever gratitude to Tom Wathen. All of us that will still be at OSH at that time are asked and invited to attend both events.

We're getting things ready for the Spark of Love Toy Drive this November. We got a late start last year, and we're not going to let that happen this time! We have more volunteers to decorate drop-off boxes and more locations to place them. We're hoping to REALLY stuff the DC-3 this year with toys. Please bring one on November 25th… as we'll be hosting a fly-in (drive-in too!) for the aviators who want a fun place to be. We're hoping to get KABC Channel 7 on site to video the event. It should be fun.

On Monday, July 8th, our first Air Academy Scholarship winner Jaelyn Lopez heads to Oshkosh as Chapter 1's first attendee! We're excited to send her, and anxious to get her report,- both written and in person when she returns. Johnny Greene is our next candidate heading there. Johnny will be flying to OSH with other kids from Flabob's Build-a Plane Project, but staying after Airventure for his Air Academy session. They are organized by age, and since Jaelyn is younger, her session is earlier. We hope to have enough YE credits this year to send 2 more next year as well. For those of you who might have a youth in your family or neighborhood who might be interested, applications are available at chapter meetings.

We are scheduling a speaker for our August chapter meeting, and I apologize, but I don't have his name… but he had a catastrophic engine failure and has an excellent presentation. He brings the actual parts from his engine that failed, and his story about surviving is well worth coming to hear. We look forward to seeing you there at the chapter meeting on August 12th. Lunch at noon, meeting at 12:30, and speaker immediately afterwards.

We still are in need of someone with website know-how to rebuild our chapter website. It's totally outdated and difficult to update, so some changes are direly needed. If you or if you know someone who would be willing to help us, please contact me right away.

We are holding steady, actually growing slightly in membership. We usually get a couple of new members and work hard at recruiting parents of interested kids to come back and help us… and it's starting to work out in our favor.

Have a great summer!…. and look for a WingNut each month, as we've dedicated ourselves to keep you up to date each month. A lot of the content falls on my shoulders, but if anything comes into your email inbox that's noteworthy, please forward it to me and I'll forward it so that it gets into the WingNut.

Jim OBrien, EAA Chapter 1 President



Something to Brag About...

By Jim O'Brien



We have a pretty special young man in the midst of EAA Chapter 1... Eddie Kolb. Eddie has been at Flabob since I returned in 2010, but maybe even earlier than that. I got to know Eddie when we were rebuilding our Champ in Roger Farnes' hangar, as Eddie was attending the charter high school on Flabob and a regular attendee to the build-a-plane project at that time in the same hangar.

When these kids supported Chapter 1's Young Eagles as escorts and marshals, Eddie never missed. I also need to mention that Eddie is a proud Eagle Scout! Upon graduating high school at Flabob, Eddie enrolled in A/P school at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga. After 2 long years, he passed all of his classes, earned the credits necessary to take his tests, passed them all, and is now an FAA licensed A/P.

I say this because Eddie is one of the few who really took his time at Flabob seriously, and actually DID something for his dream of being involved in aviation and flying. Upon completing all this, Eddie remains dedicated to helping our chapter. I have never had anything but enthusiasm from him when asked to help at Young Eagles rallies. Being an Eagle Scout, Eddie is now our Scout coordinator, leading them through the aviation merit badge requirements.

We told Eddie of an EAA scholarship he could apply for at headquarters in Oshkosh, for an intense 3 week Sport Pilot License course. Eddie applied, and we chapter directors supported him by sending EAA our letter of recommendation, stating all that I have above. CONGRATULATIONS TO EDDIE on receiving the scholarship! Eddie leaves for Oshkosh shortly after Airventure ends to begin his flying career on a full ride... including room and board for the 3 week duration. He's ready to fly, as he had his medical in hand and a certificate where he passed the written FAA exam. Welcome to the world of flying Eddie!

Eddie Kolb is another example of how aviation and association with the people and their help that's available through EAA and a local chapter can really do for a willing candidate.

Eddie... We're VERY proud of you... AND grateful you're a member of EAA Chapter 1!

Jim OBrien
on behalf of the entire EAA Chapter Board

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- → Communication Basics – "How do I ask for help if I need it?"
- → Important Flight Instruments – "What does that dial do?"
- → Medical considerations – "Don't you need a doctor's note to fly?"
- → Fundamentals of Navigation – "Where are we now?"
- → Safety and Cockpit procedures – "What happens if I turn this knob?"
- → Weather Basics – "I see a cloud. Is it safe to fly?"
- → Weight and Balance – "Why can't I take my entire luggage set with us?"



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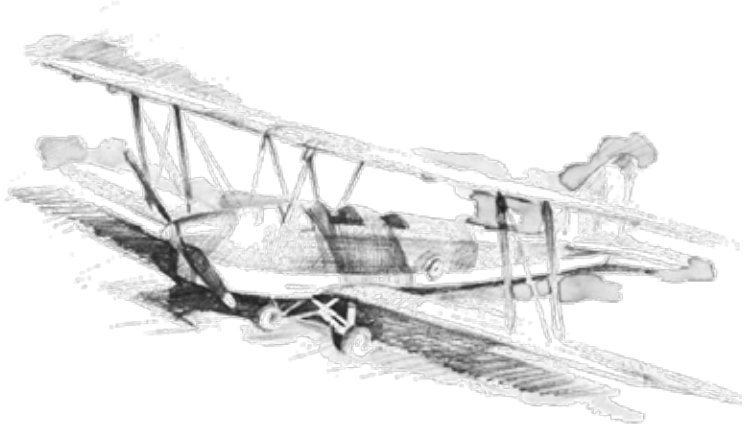
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