

# EAA CHAPTER 1058

## FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:

2022 Officer roster. President Jesse Alread, Vice George Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer William Varn.

We welcomed two new members:

Stephen Murphy - pilot and builder/restorer

Dana Labounty - pilot and builder/restorer

We are doing some outreach program with express purpose of engaging youth into the aviation sphere of career occupations. Doctor Paul Alexander is heading up this effort on behalf of the Chapter. We thank him.

Our Young Eagle Coordinator for the year is Mark DeFields.

The 24 January Chapter meeting was well attended with 10 members and guests. The business meeting was lively and fruitful. It looks like the monthly evening meeting on the third Tuesday at 6:30 pm is most suitable for most of the members.



There was considerable discussion about the Young Eagles Program. Some comments about it merely being a numbers game or it wasn't serving a real need to changing focus to a targeted youth group. It appears we will have to come to a consensus on remaining traditional within the EAA protocol or revise it to fit local needs and desires. We heard from Bill Varn that the YE numbers have declined most probably do to the pandemic. Stay tuned.

The Chapter has a strong supporter in the form of RISE-AERO. Mark DeFields will provide gratis fuel for YE programs and is providing a meeting location. Additionally, he is soliciting our help for an August grand opening of the new Airport Terminal Building and assistance with the December Breakfast Club at the Airport. Thanks Mark.

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MEMBERS CORNER: We stopped by Sam Watson's hangar to get an update on his RV 12 project. The rear fuselage and tail section is near completion, and he is currently working on the front fuselage section which is stored in his garage. Due to delays from covid issues the turnaround time on the wing kit was ten months. The finish kit, which includes the canopy, cowling, landing gear and wheels, engine mount and the wing-root and fuselage fairings, will be the next order. Hopefully, the turnaround time will improve. He will make a final decision on the engine and avionics and hopes to complete the project over the next twelve to eighteen months.

Sam has completed two projects. The first was a Long Ez powered by a 160 HP Lycoming O-320 and a Kitfox IV powered by an 80 HP Rotax 912.

We look forward to seeing the RV 12 in the air!



*Kitfox IV*



*Long Ez*

Hope to see you at our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30PM.**