



EAA Chapter 1250 News

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Winter 2020

EAA Chapter 1250 Quarterly Newsletter

January 31, 2020

President's View

The new year brings new hopes, dreams and plans. Our plans are as follows:

- Create a quarterly newsletter
- Finish the Back Country Supercub workshop project
- Grow our membership
- Have fun!

This quarterly newsletter will have articles like:

- Happenings - Event calendar
- Member spotlights. Who is building what...
- President's view
- Member articles - Feel free to post any size article.
- Classifieds. Aircraft-related items for sale or wanted.
- Local news. KPTW and N47 updates.
- News from EAA central, Oshkosh and other local chapters

We welcome Ken Licwinko as our new newsletter editor. He will be publishing this quarterly newsletter electronically via email and will have one printout at our EAA hangar.



Happenings for 2020 - Dates to be provided

- Four quarterly meetings, including our big June picnic
- Two Young Eagle events - May and October
- Weekly workshops, Saturday's and Tuesday's from 9-Noon
- Help with PAOP Fly-in Breakfast in September
- Two outings: Tour of Reading tower and Golden Age Air Museum airshow at Grimes Field
- Civil Air Patrol Squadron 1007 Hangar Visit

We thank our 2020 Board Members for serving you, our loyal EAA Chapter 1250 members and the aviation community:

Tim Drager - President
Tom Quinn - Vice-President
Todd Miller - Treasurer
Rich Zadrejko- Secretary
Jayne Taylor - Young Eagles Coordinator
Glenn Long - Web Editor
Fred Van Ryn - Social Media editor
Ken Licwinko- Newsletter Editor

Yours in Aviation,
Tim Drager
President, EAA Chapter 1250



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Below is an image of the EAA Chapter 1250 postcard. Please feel free to take these post cards from the workshop and distribute them throughout the Aviation community or forward the photo to prospective members. The more members we gain, the more impact we can have on the Aviation community.

You, Sport Aviation and EAA Chapter 1250, Inc. Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to attend our events and join our chapter. We are a group of aviation enthusiasts, aircraft builders, and pilots who get together with like minded people to share ideas, exchange information, encourage safety, serve the local aviation community and have a lot of fun doing so. Please come to our next meeting or event as our guest. i.e see Aircraft Builders' WorkShop every Saturday morning at Heritage Field. **9-Noon Every Saturday**

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Update on the Back Country Super Cub project:

There has been progress on the Back Country Super Cup via Saturday and Tuesday morning workshops. The braking system has been filled and bled. The wiring harnesses have been cleaned up and bundles have been tied with lacing cord. The wingtip lighting systems & fitting the engine cowlings are progressing.





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- Member spotlights

Billy Kershner is building a Sonex with a 3.3L Corvair engine

Ken Licwinko is building a Zenith CH750 STOL

News from the EAA Central -AirVenture News for 2020

December 12, 2019 - The aircraft and personnel of the [U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command](#) (AFSOC) will be among the highlighted programs at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2020.

AFSOC is comprised of highly trained, rapidly deployable Airmen, who conduct special operations missions worldwide. Airmen who undertake Special Operations careers specialize in unique skills such as parachuting, scuba diving, rappelling, motorcycling, survival skills, and more. Aircraft in the command include specialized mobility aircraft such as the MC-130, CV-22 and C-146, Close Air Support aircraft such as the AC-130 gunship, and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft such as the MQ-9 and U-28.

“Even those who have a solid familiarity with the U.S. Air Force often know little about its special operations units and the important mission they fulfill, so we want to bring some visibility to that at Oshkosh in 2020,” said Rick Larsen, EAA’s vice president of programs, publications, and marketing, who coordinates AirVenture

features and attractions. “The Air Force has been extremely cooperative through the years at showcasing its remarkable people and aircraft at AirVenture, and we look forward to discovering even more in 2020.”

AFSOC was officially formed in 1990, but has a heritage that reaches back to Army Air Forces operations during World War II. In the three decades since AFSOC’s formation, it has been involved in missions around the world in both independent campaigns and in conjunction with other military branches.

“We are excited to highlight specialized airpower at the nation’s largest air show, but it’s the Airmen flying these aircraft who provide our real value to the nation. ... Humans are more important than hardware. The 20,000 innovative problem solvers in this command are exactly what we need to maintain our competitive advantage in the future, and I am proud to showcase them at Oshkosh,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Jim Slife, commander of Air Force Special Operations Command.”

The exact aircraft and activities will be announced as they are finalized, but are expected to include aircraft flying during AirVenture air shows and presentations by USAF Special Operations units throughout the week.

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<https://eaa.org/airventure/eaa-airventure-news-and-multimedia/eaa-airventure-news/eaa-airventure-oshkosh/12-12-2019-EAA-AirVenture-Oshkosh-2020-to-Highlight-US-Air-Force-Special-Operations>



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EAA Encourages Caution Regarding Aircraft Registration

January 16, 2020 - EAA is warning its members to regard any solicitation they may receive regarding aircraft registration renewal, especially those that call for using a search engine to find the registration site, with a healthy dose of suspicion.

EAA is aware of several businesses — with names, web URLs, and logos that may appear reminiscent of a government agency — that notify aircraft owners of impending registration expiration (mined from publicly available registration information) and direct them to use search engines such as Google to find the proper renewal site. These businesses then buy ads from search engines to make their site appear first, before the FAA website, in search results.

Such operations add little or no actual value to the transaction, and charge a hefty fee for essentially duplicating the same process that the FAA directly administers for a mere \$5. EAA members should ensure they are on the [FAA's online registration portal](#) before filling out information and entering payment.

Unless a business is known to be reputable and offers a tangible service above and beyond a simple registration renewal, such as expedited processing or automatic renewal, EAA members should deal directly with the FAA. If any members want EAA's help with registration renewal or any other issue, please contact us at 800-564-6322.

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Length 20.2 ft / 6.2 m (flight mode)
Vehicle Width 6 ft / 1.8 m
Wing span 26.9 ft / 8.2 m
Fuel capacity 30 gal. including
Maximum Airspeed 200 mph / 322 kph
Cruise speed 160 mph / 257 kph
Max driving speed 125+ mph / 201+ kph
Range 450 miles / 724 km
Fuel capacity 30 gal / 114 L
Take-off distance 1,100 ft / 335 m
Landing distance 1,600 ft / 488 m
Stall speed (with flaps) 67 mph
Samson 190 hp liquid-cooled V4

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