



FLIGHTLINES



Newsletter for EAA Chapter 1328, "The OVO Aviators"

August 2023 Edition

September club sponsored Activities

- **September 2-**
- **Fly to Urbana
Grimes for lunch
and museum tour**
- **September 16 -
EAA Chapter Meeting**

EAA Chapter 1328 "The OVO Aviators"

- Open to anyone interested in aviation.
- Membership meetings held 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 AM
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A note from your newsletter editor:

Historically the chapter president has been responsible for publishing our chapter newsletter in addition to conducting the affairs of chapter business. With the increase in the number of chapter projects and activities in recent months, it has also become increasingly difficult for the president to accomplish both tasks. Therefore, I have volunteered to take on the task of publishing the newsletter on a trial basis. I say trial basis, because I believe it needs to be determined if this type of newsletter is still of value as a means of communication in this age of social media, texting, and emails. Your feedback will rightly be the primary means of the evaluation process. So please don't hesitate to share your thoughts with me or any member of your chapter board of directors! Your input regarding future content is also welcomed.

Thanks in advance for your support and feedback.
Ron Huddleston
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August News & Views

Current chapter projects and activities for 2023 in no particular order:

- ◆ Obtain 501(C)3 status for Chapter 1328.
- ◆ In cooperation with Bob Kelly and Aviation Nation, chapter members have been trained as mentors for the students who will be completing the RV-12 build, originally started in Columbus.
- ◆ Repaint the interior of the bi-fold door on our chapter hangar.
- ◆ Conduct Young Eagle Rallies.
- ◆ Conduct individual Eagle flights.
- ◆ Obtain and award our first Ray Scholarship.
- ◆ Establish a chapter Library and Sim Lab in the terminal building spare room.
- ◆ Plan and conduct chapter flying activities and fly-outs.
- ◆ Hold a mid-summer pitch-in lunch instead of having an airport awareness day.
- ◆ Hold monthly business meetings/programs.
- ◆ Plan and conduct the chapter Christmas party.
- ◆ Start the process for establishing the "Build-and-Fly" R/C plane program.
- ◆ In cooperation with Ryan Curry, conduct airport improvement projects.

Status of these projects and activities has been documented primarily through monthly meeting minutes. For the latest updates please refer to the August Meeting Minutes which follow. For pictures and additional comments associated with many of these projects, as well as our latest fly-out to the Jerry Brown Hot Dog Cook-Out, see pages 4 and 5. Also, just a reminder that many more pictures and comments may be found on our Facebook page. Also, it appears that our chapter website is still a work in progress and could use some help! Once again, you are reminded that your feedback regarding the usefulness of this newsletter is important, and input for future articles is welcomed...

EAA Chapter 1328 August 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Those attending: Ron Huddleston, Brett Herrick, John Reen, Jerry Lowman, Daniel Pohle, Gavin Low, Greg Pittman, Bob and Glenda Kelly, Mike Clancy, Wyatt Brooks, Larry Stephenson, John Shoaf, Dick Shelton, Bryan Swank, new members - Melissa Gresham and her son Elijah Hatton

Meeting called to order at 9:30 by President Bryan Swank

June meeting minutes approved as published.

Treasurers Report- hangar door expenses- \$317.88, current balance- \$3830.66

New Business:

John Reen was formally recognized for completing his private pilot check-ride as EAA Chapter 1328's first Ray Scholar. John was also presented with a Zulu 3 headset donated by Light-speed Aviation. Further discussions centered around the fact that obtaining a private pilot's license continues to increase in cost, making scholarships increasingly important to young folks aspiring to a career in aviation.

Despite uncooperative weather, our recent pitch-in lunch was deemed a success with over 30 participants and plenty of food! Discussion of possibly making this an annual event resulted in a motion by Greg Pittman to do so. The motion was seconded, and voting was unanimous in favor of an annual mid-summer pitch-in to be held rain or shine.

Ray Scholarship- Discussion included the opinion that two scholarships may be available to our chapter. More research on the process is necessary. Also discussed was the possibility of establishing prerequisites such as passing the knowledge test, and getting some dual instruction for scholarship applicants. Discussions were tabled pending involvement of scholarship committee chairman, Jeff Malcomb.

The hangar door project is virtually finished under the leadership of John Shoaf. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile project! Next project may be cleaning of the hangar walls. Discussion was tabled pending research on possible approaches to the problem.

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RV-12 Build - Per Bob Kelly, "It is doing well as far as developing mentors. The students are doing well, no complaints." Bob announced there would be a training session next Monday evening on how to deal with epoxy and related materials. Bryan Swank commented that he would also like to finish up the tail cone with Wyatt Brooks on Monday, since that will be Wyatt's last night to work. Bryan also noted that the build is entering a transition period in which some students will be leaving, and new students will have to be recruited.

Christmas Party entertainment- Greg Pittman will contact David Graves to see if he might be available.

Library/Sim Lab- Bob and Glenda Kelly reported that the Library/Sim Lab is receiving finishing touches but is currently usable. All are welcome to put it to use.

501c3 - No progress to report. It was noted that the chapter could be missing out on major give-away programs such as RV-12 aircraft and flight simulators without 501c3 status.

Reminder- The Jerry Brown Hot Dog Fly-In is Saturday, August 19. Bryan will be looking for a headcount. This is a rain or shine event and is held in conjunction with Columbus Chapter 729.

Program – Brett Herrick made an interesting and informative presentation detailing his experiences with the use of EAA Chapter 729's Dynamic Propeller balancer on Rotax 912 ULS engines installed in RV-12 aircraft. Topics covered included benefits, limitations, considerations, and testing procedures associated with propeller balancing. Several questions followed.

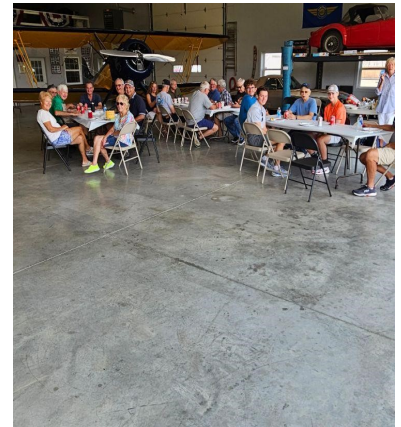
Meeting adjourned at 11:30 with attendees encouraged to stop by the Library / Sim Lab for a look and then check out the hangar door and RV-12 progress.

For the Secretary,

Ron Huddleston

A look back on recent activities and projects

Jerry Brown's Hot Dog Cook-Out



Our most recent chapter activity was Jerry Brown's hot dog cook-out Saturday, September 19th. It was held in Jerry's hangar on Kephart field (IN01). Six chapter airplanes with nine people flew in for the event, with a total attendance of approximately 25 folks. It should also be noted that three teenagers were in attendance, a good sign for the future! On display was Jerry's most recent restoration, an immaculate blue and yellow WACO UPF-7. After lunch, Jerry made a short presentation providing details on the plane and its restoration. It needs only the completion of FAA paperwork in order to make its first flight. John Reen, our first chapter-sponsored Ray Scholar and new private pilot, was afforded a cockpit check-out in the WACO! With good weather, good food, and good friends, a good time was had by all. In fact, Jerry Brown's concluding remark was that he wanted to do it again next year!



July Pitch-In Lunch



For various reasons, a 2023 Airport Awareness Day was cancelled. With an open date on our activities calendar, it was decided to hold a mid-summer pitch-in lunch. To make it a rain or shine event, it was also decided that it would be held in our chapter hangar. Attendance was great and after discussion at our August chapter membership meeting, the club voted to make it an annual event!

Prop Balancing Presentation



Brett Herrick emphasizes a point during his presentation at our August membership meeting.

Chapter Library/Sim Lab



Bob and Glenda Kelly have been spending a great deal of time organizing a chapter library and sim lab utilizing the spare room in the airport terminal building. Be sure to stop in to see the results of their efforts!



Hangar Door Project



The inside of the bi-fold door on our chapter hangar has undergone a complete seal and paint thanks to the efforts of the following chapter members: John Shoaf, Bryan Swank, John Smith, Joe Simpkins, Mike Clancy, Steve Schroer, Glenda Kelly, Jeff and Tonya Malcomb. It looks great and is a major improvement to the inside appearance of our hangar. A job well done!

RV-12 Build

The Monday evening build group, led by Bob Kelly, continues to make progress toward the completion of the RV-12, originally started as a project in Columbus. Bob has trained a number of chapter members as mentors and several local students have become involved in the project. Look for a more in-depth article on this major chapter project in next month's newsletter...

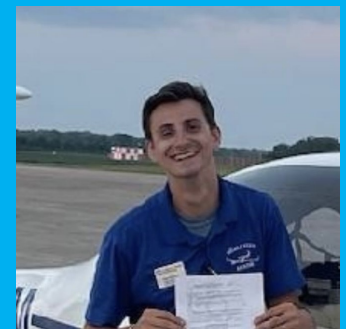


Member Accomplishments



Congratulations to John Reen, our chapter's first Ray Scholar, for passing his Private Pilot check-ride.

Congratulations to Dax Dausch and Madison Malcomb for passing their Certified Flight Instructor check-rides at Indiana State University.



2023 Activities Calendar

Our 2023 activities calendar is in a continual state of update. The latest version, news and announcements, club activities, meeting minutes, as well as area fly-in information may be found on the chapter website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1328> and our Facebook group: "EAA Chapter 1328" .

As always, please let me know if you have input for the newsletter. All it takes is a text, call, or an Email...

Thanks,
Ron

2023 EAA Chapter 1328 Meetings, Aviation events, & Fly-outs Calendar (Club sponsored events are highlighted in red)

September 2 - Fly-out to Urbana Grimes for lunch and museum

September 2 - Red Stewart Fly-In (September 2-4)

September 7 - Midwest LSA Expo (September 7-9)

September 16 - EAA Chapter Meeting (note 3rd Saturday date) - (Program - To Be Announced)

September 18 - Triple Tree Fly-In (September 18-24)

September 23 - Madison Air Show

October 7 - Fall Young Eagle Rally

October 14 - EAA Chapter Meeting & Rough River Fly-out (details to follow)

November 11 - EAA Chapter Meeting (Program -To Be Announced)

December 13 - EAA Chapter 1328 Christmas Party

FLYMARKET

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