



Chapter 1384 March 2020 Newsletter.

We warmly invite you to attend the next Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1384 meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 15th 2020. We welcome your opinions and your support for our programs!

The stated purpose of EAA is “To grow participation in aviation by promoting the “Spirit of Aviation.”

EAA encourages **building your own** safe aircraft.

What you missed at the last meeting on Sunday, February 16th at 1pm in the Skytech break room:

Visitor Tom Judkins, Warren Reames, John Raffensparger, Alan Hawk, Marty Teramani, Steve Koziol, and Mike Baldwin were there.

It would be nice to see **YOU** there March 15th...

****EAA 1384’s annual Fly-in is Scheduled for June 21st, 2020 from 9am to 3pm.**

- That is the **Saturday before Father’s Day. Rain Date is Sunday, June 22nd (Father’s day).**
- Discussions included:
 - Do we open it to the public again? (Yes)
 - The 50/50 raffle went well last year. That is returning.
 - No discussions about food, but expect it to be free food with a suggested donation like last year.
 - What kind of special guest should we invite? (Maybe an FAA or AOPA presenter. Perhaps Chelsea the ATC from Frederick, maybe a presentation about Basic Med, or liability insurance or the AOPA legal plan, etc., the Model A Club, the Corvair club or a classic car club)
 - We need a big enough support group and big enough advertising so we do not repeat the dismal attendance of the AOPA presentation last year. Civil Air Patrol might help if it is a public non-profit event (not a private fly-in for only Vans builders for example). If you have ideas for guests, please let someone know so we can contact them and make arrangements.)
 - Warren has the free plans printed for the JDT Minimax. Perhaps we could build a few jigs and buy some inexpensive wood from Michaels or Hobby Lobby so people could have a “hands-on” experience building a wing rib.
 - Maybe get some scrap aluminum and have a demonstration about basic pulled and driven rivets.
 - Have completed airplanes on display.
 - Have a couple Tech Councilors on hand to explain home building and experimental aircraft.
 - Perhaps reach out to Gettysburg or Frederick to make this a multi-chapter joint venture.
 - Partner with Skytech AND Dream Flight School.
 - The name? Westminster EAA1384 Open house or Westminster Flight Festival.
- **We need to finalize all these issues (and more) at the next meeting so we can start to advertise and contact the support.**

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- **May 16th is learn-to-fly day. June 13th is Young Eagles day.** We do not have the support of pilots nor airplanes for either of these right now. We are looking for pilot and airplane volunteers, and of course, ground support.

****Let's re-paint the Compass Rose on the apron!**

- Scheduled for Saturday the 9th of May 2020. Rain Date is the 16th of May. We may have the funds to pay for paint and supplies, but we need volunteers.

****How do we grow the chapter? Why do we need to grow?**

- Warren has starting to study this, here's what he discovered so far:
 - Having our own hangar would be a great draw. It would be a place where members could build their aircraft with help from others and room to store their parts. Tools could possibly be available. Other chapters have a hangar. But it is a chicken and egg situation. Hangars are expensive. To afford a hangar we need more active members. But to have more active members, we need a place to build things. Which comes first?
 - We could "up our game" with EAA's new web sites for chapters. We need a volunteer to create our new site through EAA.
 - A good newsletter is a great start. Warren is doing it (for now). If you want to step-up and take over, please help!
 - Email AND printed newsletters each have their strong points.
 - Scheduled monthly meeting including these things would make a great draw:
 - Food. Coffee and doughnuts or pastries. Light snacks.
 - A guest speaker.
 - A presentation. Could be a how-to video, a special interest aircraft video, or a hands-on class.
 - Keep the meeting to a set schedule. Like Every 3rd Sunday at 1pm.
 - Get the notice out weeks in advance. Give people time to plan.
- **The important thing to remember is that we are a volunteer service organization that promotes experimental aircraft, and we need to offer something to the community. What could we offer?**
 - The aim of EAA is to foster and encourage building your own SAFE airplane.
 - Perhaps we could reach out to the local high schools for a few things like:
 - Each student must work a minimum number of hours in community service. Perhaps while helping at our public events, we could also offer free plane rides for the volunteers. Steve K. has ideas for a suggested route for the Young Eagles day and other events.
 - Maybe the students could learn something about aircraft in anticipation of a future in the aircraft industry.
 - Let them know this is a way to learn, have fun and achieve something different at the end.

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Meet in the Skytech break room at Carroll Count Airport.

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