



2022 "Important Dates"

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### **General Meeting**

March 12th 8:30 AM

Gateway EAA Chapter 1401
Merced Regional Airport
HANGAR 10

### **Board Meeting**

March 31st
7:00 PM
Mike Bodine
2519 Sea Breeze Ct.
Merced, CA



## Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Mike Smith has gotten the website up and running full tilt. Check it out!

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Sorry we missed last month's meeting. Jon Kwiatkowski gave a great presentation on photographing aircraft at KMCE I am told. Regretfully since I was not there, I was unable to take any photos. Therefore, the Current Events portion of this month's newsletter is empty.

Mike, Margaret and Kim are heading to Oshkosh Air Venture this July. Anyone else planning on attending? John and I went in 2015 and it was well worth the trip. John and his dad went in 2017 and really had a great time. If you can make it some time it is well worth the trip.

One of John Gottschalk's co-owners; Steve Harrison is selling his share of the 182 Cessna as he purchased a plane for himself. Information is in the Advertisement section. Wish we could afford to buy him out but unfortunately not in our budget. When Eric finishes his project, we may lose him as well. Will miss Steve but happy he has his own plane now.

As always, I pray God blesses you all with good health, prosperity and clear blue skies!

**Bonnie** 



## **President's Post**

#### March 12, 2022 Gateway EAA Chapter 1401

Mike Bodine

Our March General Meeting is March 12, at 8:30AM at Merced Yosemite Regional Airport, Hangar 10.

We have not confirmed our guest speaker for the Merced meeting. We are following several routes and will have a presentation.

We are still in the process of developing our EAA Brochure, to be placed in public places, to introduce EAA chapter 1401 to the public. We thank all of you who have given us pictures of your aircraft we will use them in developing and promoting our EAA Chapter 1401 Brochure.

We are still looking for speakers for future Meetings.

National Young Eagles day is June 11! Should we consider our Young Eagles event on the same date? We have not decided as there is a major conflict The Merced County Fair is the same weekend.

Many of our chapter members have already scheduled for the EAA National Event in Oshkosh July 25 – 31, 2022. Is anyone else interested?

Mike

# 2022 Gateway EAA Tentative Meeting Schedule

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Board Meeting	General Meetings	Meeting Location	Meeting Agenda and Activity
Mar 3	Mar 12	EAA Hangar #10	Aircraft display and Social
Mar 30	Apr 9	EAA Hangar #10	Aircraft display and Social
May 5	May 14	EAA Hangar #10	Aircraft display and Social
Jun 2	Jun 11	EAA Hangar #10	Aircraft display and Social
Jun 30	July 9	EAA Hangar #10	Aircraft Display and social
Aug 4	Aug 13	EAA Hangar #10	Aircraft Display and social
Sept 1	Sept 10	EAA Hangar #10	Aircraft Display and social
Sept 29	Oct 8	EAA Hangar #10	Aircraft Display and social
Nov 3	Nov 12	EAA Hangar #10	Aircraft Display and social
Dec 1	Dec 10	EAA Hangar #10	Chapter Christmas Party and Aircraft display

## **Lift Your Spirits**

What kind of spells do leprechauns use?



Why do leprechauns hate running?



They'd rather jig than jog.

What do you call a leprechaun who broke the law?



How can you tell if a leprechaun likes your joke?



He's Dublin over with laughter!

#### A BIT OF HISTORY

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#### **Crane's Pie Pantry Restaurant & Winery**



Before there were pie flights, actual flights were taking place on the Crane farm! Papa Crane (pictured on the right with his dad HB) learned to fly at 15 years old. He used to tell us "I got my pilot's license before I had a driver's license!" The hanger was just south of where the pie pantry sits today, and the airstrip ran east to west where the corn maze is now Crane Orchards. People always ask when wandering through "the airplane room" in the restaurant, "why all the aviation memorabilia?" And this is why. Our childhood was full of Papa telling us many tales of his early flying memories (including visiting a girl in Pullman in his dads Piper Cub, staying entirely too late, and his dad having to light the runway with his truck's headlights so he could make a night landing back on the farm). As kids, he'd take us up in his single engine Cessna for the most beautiful views of Allegan county and shared his love and passion for flight that we continue today.  $\heartsuit$  thank you for the memory's grandpa. #fennvillehistory #michiganhistory #avaition— in Fennville, Michigan.

## Plane & Pilot



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The Marvelous Mooney M20

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