



EAA Chapter 1612 Newsletter



DAVID J. PERRY AIRPORT (1K4) GOLDSBY, OK

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From the Front Seat—President Eric Muehlberg

Thanksgiving is now behind us and Christmas is less than 3 weeks away. I'm sure everyone is busy trying to get everything done with the time remaining. But even with all the rush this is one event you will defiantly want to fit into your holiday schedule. It's time again for the annual EAA OKC Tri-Chapters Holiday Dinner and party at the Twin Lakes airport. Gary and Karen Manning will again be hosting the event at their hangar located at 13801 Chandelle Drive, Newalla, OK on 10 December at 4:30 pm. This is always a well-attended event with usually 100+ members and guests in attendance and a great opportunity to talk all things aviation with friends old and new. The chapters will provide the meats and the drinks and everyone is asked to bring an appropriate side dish or desert to share. Again, this is one holiday event you don't want to miss.

Since the Christmas party falls on our normal meeting date and this is such a busy time for everyone, **we have decided to cancel our regular Second Saturday 10:00 meeting this month. So the Christmas party will be our December Chapter 1612 meeting.** Our next regular chapter meeting will be on 14 January 2023 at 10:00 am at the David J. Perry Airport (1K4) terminal building. I will forward a link in a separate e-mail for those interested in watching the EAA December 2022 chapter video.

The recent Tri-Chapter movie night was a well-attended event. Everyone I've spoken with about the movie "Into The Sky" has said it was highly informative and well worth watching. Stuart Yeo, EAA Chapter 1098 Vice President, recently wrote the following in the Chapter 1098

newsletter about the movie night. "Movie night was held on 11 November 2022 at Karen and Gary's Hangar, Twin Lakes Airport (2OK2). The event was complimented with excellent food and beverages, including popcorn and hotdogs. If you didn't get a chance to join us for the event, the movie can be found on Vimeo. We learned a great deal about Oklahoma being at the forefront of aviation from watching the movie—from the early days of aviation with those Oklahoma pioneers like Wiley Post and Will Rogers through Oklahoma having a Space Port at Burns Flat (Clinton Sherman Airport). The movie included some of the great work done by folks like Lt Gen Thomas P. Stafford (who has an amazing museum at Weatherford, OK). He was an astronaut on Gemini, Apollo and flew the Shuttle and then went on to support development of the F117 and B2. The movie certainly puts Oklahoma in a great light and promotes aviation companies coming to the state. It also compliments EAA's work with Young Eagles and Eagles flight programs to promote folks getting involved in aviation."

Chapter 1612 is currently working with a local t-shirt vendor on the design of our new chapter shirts and hats displaying our chapter logo. We should have some of the new items to show everyone at the January 2023 meeting. It has been a long time coming, but we're almost there.

The chapter is using some our earned Young Eagle credits from 2021 to purchase an iPad to allow parents to electronically sign their digital forms on the Young Eagles Day site. This means we will be able to do away with the paper forms and the cost of mailing those forms to EAA. Another positive is the information is immediately transmitted to the EAA. This also saves the EAA Chapter office

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time by not having to manually enter the information from each form into the Young Eagles data system.

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Tailwinds,

Eric



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Meeting Location: David J. Perry Airport (1K4) Goldsby, OK

NO MEETING THIS MONTH. Please attend the Tri-Chapter Christmas party at Gary Manning's hangar Twin Lakes Airport (13801 Chandelle Drive, Newalla, OK) on 10 Dec 21 from 4:30-8 PM. **Please drive and bring your favorite food to share.** If you have questions contact Eric Muehlberg at 405-923-6749 or smuehlberg@pldi.net.



Twin Lakes Airport (20K2)

Heraldry of the Chapter Logo

If you look closely at the logo on page 1 and below you will notice a few changes to our insignia. There is heraldry behind the chapter logo we should all be aware of as it is our history.

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First, the logo was designed to reflect our wonderful state which is in the background and is shown in a tan color to exhibit the red dirt so well known as part of the Oklahoma landscape. The light blue background represents the blue within EAA logo and the clear blue sky of Oklahoma which makes flying here so great. Next, the aircraft were chosen to showcase the types of aircraft we build and fly in the chapter. At the top is a Dyke Delta which signifies our roots in design and scratch building. Further, we have a Dyke builder in our chapter—Kelly Troyer. At the bottom is the RV series of kit aircraft many of our chapter members build and fly. To the left is the Champ which represents light sport, antique, and the general aviation aircraft flown by our members. Finally, to the right is an ultralight which reflects the chapter's past history which began as an EAA

Ultralight chapter. The outer ring has stars that signify four of the EAA aviation interest areas—Ultralights, Light Sport, Vintage, and Aerobatics. What of Warbirds? That is the reason for the large 4-blade propeller in the center of the logo.

Finally, the use of Central Oklahoma Sport Flyers signifies the type of flying our members generally do and represents where we are located without tying us to a specific location.

Many chapters have lost the heraldry of their logo/patch; however, Chapter 1612 lead-

ership did not want this to happen. We will ensure the EAA Historian has information and wanted you to be aware as well.

We should all be proud of our past and look forward to a bright future for Chapter 162. Thank you for all that you do for the chapter and, more so, for all that you WILL do to keep our chapter great. See you at the Christmas party. Until then...

...keep 'em flying.

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VMC Question of the Month

The question:

It is Christmas eve and you are on left downwind to runway 17 at the El Reno airport (El Reno OK) when you see Santa and his sleigh off to your right and slightly higher, planning to land on the same runway. Who has the right of way in the traffic pattern and why?

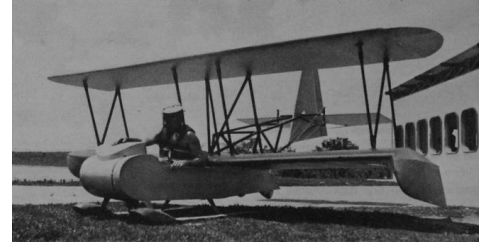


What is it?



It is the Stits SA-8A Skeeto. The Skeeto is an early homebuilt ultralight designed by Ray Stits and initially intended to be an affordable light aircraft that could be built complete for under \$500 in 1957. The fuselage was welded steel tubing, with mostly fabric-covered wood construction for the wings and control surfaces. The engine for this

kit venture was to be an off-the-shelf, low-cost model. Test flights were limited to the length of the runway after the aircraft was registered as a "research and development" project. The roll rate was so low at 20-30 mph, that rudder turns were preferred. The 3- to 4-pound wing loading was considered impractical for flying. An example of a SA-8 Skeeto was donated to the Claremont, California Air Museum in 1958; it is now in the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



Here is the January 2023 "What is it?"

EAA and Chapter Merchandise

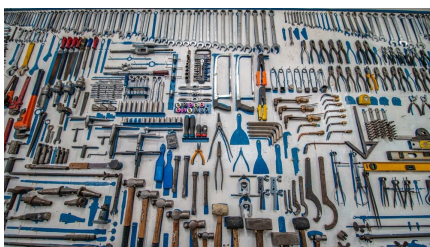
We will be selling merchandise to help fund chapter activities. These pictures are examples of what we plan to offer; hats and shirts with the Chapter 1612 logo.

Eric will discuss at the next meeting. *dd*



Tool Loaner List—

Check our website for more info



Don't Miss These Coming Events



10 Dec 22—Annual OKC Tri-Chapter Christmas dinner held at Gary and Karen Manning's hangar Twin Lakes airport 13801 Chandelle Drive, Newalla, OK 73957 from 4:30-8:00 PM

7 Jan 23— Oklahoma Antique Airplane Association monthly meeting/fly in Pauls Valley Airport (PVJ field) from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

More coming next month.



Other Stuff For Sale

Zenith CH 701 project - Owner is asking \$5,000 and includes a Continental C-85. Project is located at KOUN. Contact the owner, Keith Layre at 405-629-9279 (request that you text him).



Corben Baby Ace and Baby Ace Model D plan sets. Plans were donated to the chapter, and funds raised by from their sale will go to support chapter programs. The plans will be available for inspection at the July meeting. Price for either set is \$75.00.



Chapter Meeting Pictures—2022 in Review



EAA Leadership Bootcamp-March



Young Eagles-June



Chapter Leaders Breakfast at OSH-July



Doug making coffee at OSH--July



Lawson and Young Eagle-June



EAA Leadership Bootcamp-March



Tri-Chapter Christmas Party-Dec 21



Self's Presenting-April



See you next year!



Did you read the entire newsletter?



Check the chapter website for more pictures and information @

1612.eaachapter.org

Chapter 1612 Meeting Minutes 12 November 2022

- Meeting brought to order by President Muehlberg at 10:15 AM. Thirty-three members present
- New members the Anderson family, were introduced at the start of the meeting.
- The chapter flew three Young Eagles before the meeting start
- VMC question on Aeronautical Chart airport nomenclature, lighting information and airport of entry customs processing were discussed. Very informative and interesting discussion
- “What is it” aircraft the Ray Stits “Skeeto” was discussed by VP D’Angelo
- President Muehlberg queried the membership about the movie “Inside the Sky” which was shown at Gary and Karen Manning’s hangar on October 15,2022. Most members thought the movie was good; however, it did have a focus on bringing aerospace companies to Oklahoma. VP D’Angelo, mentioned the movie can be edited to highlight education, aviation history, and military aviation in the area
- President Muehlberg addressed purchasing Chapter merchandise for sale to membership. He also addressed the changes being made to the Chapter logo/patch and stated that there would be more information on the changes in the next newsletter
- Final discussion topic was on how to use the Graham Lee, aluminum tube and gusset construction technique. This construction process use pop rivets in place of welding to build a fuselage. It is employed in the Graham Lee and by Aerodrome Aircraft in Holden MO. President Muehlberg brought an example of the construction process and gave a very informative presentation on how this technique could be used in the design of a light sport aircraft.
- Meeting closed at 11:20



Who is EAA and Chapter 1612?

We are the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) a growing and diverse organization of members with a wide range of aviation interests and backgrounds and a mission of growing participation in aviation to include antiques, classics, warbirds, aerobatic aircraft, ultralights, helicopters, and contemporary manufactured aircraft.

EAA and Chapter 1612 enables you to share the spirit of aviation with the most passionate community of recreational pilots, builders, and restorers. We are an association that offers the fun and camaraderie of participating in the flying, building, and restoring of recreational aircraft with the most passionate community of aviation enthusiasts. Come join us today!

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EAA Chapter 1612 Membership Form



Date _____

EAA Member # _____

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____

(Annual chapter dues are \$20.00)

Optional information _____

What are your aviation interest / goals? _____

Are you a pilot? (Yes) (No) If yes, what ratings do you hold? _____

Do you hold a maintenance rating? (Yes) (No) If yes, what ratings do you hold? _____

Have you built / restored or are you building / restoring an aircraft? (Yes) (No) If yes, what type(s)? _____

Are you contemplating building or restoring an aircraft? (Yes) (No) If yes, what type(s) interest you the most? _____

Do you own or have you owned an aircraft? (Yes) (No) If yes, what type(s)? _____

What type of presentations would you like to see at future meetings? _____

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