



# EAA Chapter 1612 Newsletter

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### From the Front Seat—President Eric Muehlberg

The weather forecast is a bit iffy for this Saturday's meeting. I guess we'll just have to see how it turns out. Our lunch before the meeting will be a Lasagna/Spaghetti Potluck. Should taste pretty good given the current forecast. Besides the normal meeting activities, we will be handing out the 2019 chapter service awards this Saturday. We've had a number of position changes among the chapter leadership for 2020. I'd like to thank those who served last year and to those who stepped up to help out in 2020. This is an organization of volunteers and without volunteers this chapter, like many other volunteer organizations, would cease to exist. Thank you again to everyone who has helped in the past and to those who will in the future.

Over the last month I had the opportunity to visit several ongoing chapter members' building/restoration projects. I've included two of them in this month's newsletter. Jesse Sullivan is making fast work of his Ran S-21 project. With the matched hole technology the airframe really goes together quickly. The fuselage was almost ready to stand on its own landing gear when I stopped by.



Doug Frantz is now working on the fuselage of his Stinson 108 restoration project. The Stinson is really an interesting piece of aeronautical engineering. This is one well built airplane.

The wings are recovered and only waiting on paint. He is also building a new stabilator for his Thorp T-18. Needless to say, Doug is staying busy and making real progress on both.



On a different note, January is when we renew our **chapter memberships**, still only **\$20.00 a year**. These funds are how we finance the chapter's activities through the year and pay our chapter renewal fees to EAA. Columbus Nobles, our new chapter treasurer, will be happy to accept your 2020 dues this Saturday.

I hope to see many of you this Saturday at the David J. Perry airport terminal building for a little aviation fellowship.

Tailwinds,

**Eric**

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*Summer is just 6 months away...nearly here.*

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

January's meeting will be held at the David J. Perry airport (1K4) in Goldsby, OK on Saturday the 11th from 11:30 to 1:30PM. Our lunch before the meeting will be a Lasagna / Spaghetti Potluck lunch. We ask those attending to bring a dish / pot of Lasagna or Spaghetti or an appropriate side dish or desert. The chapter will provide the drinks and tableware. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Eric Muehlberg at 405-923-6749



David J. Perry Airport (1K4)

## “Our” Chapter Newsletter Editor Dennis D’Angelo

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It is a new year and it is my hope that your holiday season was a joyous and safe one ready to start another year of aviation bliss. This year marks the beginning of a new decade and with it a new look for the EAA 1612 Chapter newsletter and website. Eric and I have discussed the need to use the newsletter and chapter website as a means of informing not only the chapter membership, but also those who visit our website to learn about our great organization and chapter. To accomplish this vision, we are going to need the support of the membership to be successful and this is where you can help.

The focus for the newsletter is to have the members provide some, if not all, of the content. We can use articles on your flying, building, or dreaming activities. Like EAA, our newsletter is for craftsmen, pilots, and dreamers who can learn from our experiences. I know that many of you have great talents as craftsmen, innovators, and teachers (thank you Christy and Rob Self, Kelly Troyer, and Mitch for your inputs) and the rest of us can learn from your abilities. Further, there are many who learn about Chapter 1612 through the material we pass in the newsletter. This is how I found out about the Oklahoma City chapters when I came from Florida. Reading past newsletters and reviewing the websites gave me a good idea of the chapters I would be interested in joining and the amount of activity in the area. So the newsletter, if done right, is a plethora of information for members and soon-to-be members alike. So what are we looking for? Any input that will help to inform,

educate, entertain or inspire those who enjoy aviation (thank you Jim Busha). The inputs can be about flying experiences, construction or design activities, how-to-articles—we all have tricks of the trade others would like to know about, instructional methods, or picture stories of your flying accomplishments. Inputs need not be polished works of art; my editorial staff will work to make them literary gems. So, brush off the computer keyboard, typewriter, or your pen and paper to help personalize the Chapter 1612 newsletter. Eric and I strongly believe the newsletter will be more meaningful if we all participate in making it “Ours.”

I wish you all a prosperous new year, one filled with many flying stories. Send your inputs

and thoughts on how to improve the newsletter to me at [EAA48@aol.com](mailto:EAA48@aol.com) or mail them to me at 2420 Forest Glen Dr. Choctaw, OK 73020. Thank you for all that you do and will do for Chapter 1612.

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## VMC Question of the Month

### The question:

What is the meaning of “BA GOOD” on NOTAMS and the standard aviation weather products, such as METAR/TAF, SIGMETs, AIRMETs, etc.





### What is it?



#### **The November "What is it" is a Smith Termite**

Wilbur L. Smith, was an experienced wooden construction aircraft homebuilder, having built a Pietenpol Sky Scout in 1930. He designed the Termite using chalk on a basement floor. Don Cookman later drew up the

plans.

The aircraft is a braced parasol wing monoplane with all-wood construction. The exception being the motor mount, struts and landing gear are made out of steel. It was designed to use an Aeronca E-113C 36 hp engine. Spruce was used as the structural material with birch plywood covering. The spars are from an Aeronca K. The controls are modified from a Piper Cub. The aircraft does not have brakes or a tailwheel.



#### **Here is the January "What is it?"**

### Classified Ads

**For Sale:** 1938 Taylor-Young. Low time Continental A-65 installed and original Continental A-40 available. All engine modifications have approved 337s. Asking \$15K. Contact Wally Black at [stearman3@hotmail.com](mailto:stearman3@hotmail.com)



**For Sale:** Steve Ingraham has three experimental engines in his hangar he'd like to sell: a Buick aluminum 215 V-8, an EA-71 (1600 cc) Subaru, and a 4 cylinder AO-84. Give him a call at 405-822-0621 or come give them a look on Saturday; he needs to free up some space in his hangar.

**For Sale:** 7" dia. prop end, 6" dia. engine end, length: 4" "Saber MFG" Black anodized ext 4" long with threaded stainless prop lugs. Lugs are 3/4" diameter for 1/2" prop and engine bolts. Will fit O & IO-360 Lyc engines and is common on RV-X or other A/C with wooden props. Was used for about 16 hours and replaced by a longer ext. New price is currently \$453. Make a reasonable offer.



Contact Kelly Troyer at [kel-tro@att.net](mailto:kel-tro@att.net) (405) 853-5226

### Tool Loaner List (more to come here)

- **Wing Rotisserie** – Terry Joy has a wing rotisserie he used to paint his Piper Colt. He would loan it to someone for a similar project.

- **Aircraft Weight and Balance Scales**

- **Paint System**—High Volume, Low Pressure paint gun

We have acquired more tools for use. We are developing a tool list which we will post in the newsletter and on our Chapter Website in the near future. *Stay tuned.*





## Who is EAA and Chapter 1612?

**W**e 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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