

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc Newsletter
July 1, 2021

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

Chapter Gathering

The July Chapter Gathering will be held Saturday July 10, 2021 at 3:00 pm. in the Jet Air Hanger at KGBG. Dr. Robert Ayers, an AME with OSF St. Mary's occupational health department will attend and conduct a seminar on aviation medical issues. He will address questions previously submitted by members of the Chapter. This is sure to be a very interesting presentation with an opportunity to gain in person guidance and insight into the aviation medical process. We encourage all members to attend this unique seminar.

There will be no July Board of Directors meeting because of Oshkosh.

There will be no September Chapter Gathering since the Stearman Fly-In and the B-25 visit fall on the Gathering date. The Chapter will need its volunteer members to assist in the Fly In activities which will run all day.

However, there will be an August 14th Gathering with a different twist. The August Gathering will be held at the Scharfenberg Farm, 500 Knox Road 900E, Maquon, IL. The Gathering will start at 1700 (5:00 pm). Dean Stewart will be providing the burgers from his own stock which is a special treat. Thank you Dean. There will be hotdogs for kids, or adults which may prefer a barbecue hotdog. It will be pot luck so everyone attending is encouraged to bring something to pass. Please remember the weather likely will still be hot so if you bring a dish which is perishable, please make arrangements to keep it cold with ice or a portable freezer. Members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for themselves and their guests. Cold water and tea will be provided, otherwise it is BYOB.

In an effort to have a successful event where everyone has plenty to eat and drink, the Chapter is again requesting members to let the Chapter know if they will be attending (RSVP) and advise of any family or guests who will be attending. The Chapter wants to make sure everyone has a good time and it would be unfortunate if people simply show up without giving the Chapter a chance to have sufficient food and drinks on hand for everyone. The Chapter tried a barbeque once before and was forced to cancel it simply because very few members responded to let the Chapter know they were coming. So, if you don't RSVP and come to the Gathering anyhow, someone probably won't be fed and that may be you. So as a matter of courtesy, Chapter leadership asks everyone attending to let the Chapter know either on the Chapter Gmail, or by text, email or phone to one of the officers or directors (Matt Jern, Ellie Repp,

Aaron Repp or Bill Hurley), or the Chapter Liaison whose phone number and e-mail is at the end of this newsletter.

There will be no presentation at the August Gathering but Members are encouraged to share their Oshkosh experience, report on the status of projects, aviation events or trivia, plans or trips and personal accomplishments.

Young Eagles

The Board of Directors is very pleased to announce Matt Pankau submitted his name to the Board as a candidate for the position of Young Eagles Coordinator. With his aviation experience and energy the Board found Matt to be highly qualified for this position. Accordingly, at the June Board of Directors meeting, Matt was confirmed by the Board as the Young Eagles Coordinator for Chapter 1643. The Board is very grateful for Matt stepping forward and is confident all Members will support him in his future efforts.

B 25 Update by Aaron Repp

On Sunday, June 27th, Bill Hurley and Aaron Repp traveled to Ottumwa, IA (KOTM) to attend the first tour stop event for EAA's B-25 "Berlin Express". This provided a great opportunity to meet with Mike Hastings, EAA's Chief Pilot and Ken McKenzie, EAA B-25 pilot and an EAA Board of Directors member. We also had the opportunity to meet with all of the crew members for the day and gained lots of insight for our upcoming event.

We will be expecting the B-25 to arrive in Galesburg on the morning of Thursday, September 9th as it will be traveling from Lafayette, Indiana. We will plan for a 2pm media flight that day. The B-25 will depart Sunday the 12th headed towards Rockford, IL.

Good news, the B-25 will be offering ground tours once the day's flights have concluded! This will require 6 volunteers to be available for each shift. The crew explained that volunteer repeatability is key so that continuous repetitive training is not required. We will be using a website called SignUpGenius.com to organize our volunteer shifts. Ellie will send an email invitation out directly from this site where you can see the open volunteer slots and sign up. If you have any trouble, please reach out to Ellie and she will help you get signed up.

We are getting very excited for our B-25 tour stop as it approaches quickly. Get in contact with Aaron Repp should you have any questions or concerns.

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Stearman Fly In

At this time, it appears the EAA Chapter Historian will be presenting on Wednesday evening, September 8, 2021.

Colonel Tillman, the pilot of Air Force One on September 11, 2001, will be presenting on Thursday Evening September 9, 2021.

Members are encouraged to visit the Stearman website for updated information on Stearman Fly In activities and events

Name Tags

Many thanks to all members for using their name tags at Chapter events. If you did not receive one, or have misplaced it, please contact Matt Jern to obtain your new or replacement name tag.

Chapter shirts

Ellie Repp reports the Chapter T-shirts have arrived and Members are encouraged to pick up their T-shirts at the July Gathering.

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With little fan fare, Brian Vallero has joined Priester Aviation which is located at Chicago Executive Airport (formerly Palwaukee) in suburban Chicago. We all wish Brian the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Bill Hurley recently completed a 2600 mile round trip to Yakima, Wa., in his trusty Cardinal. The trip provided a host of flying challenges not found here in the flatlands of the Mid-West. While in Yakima he had a chance to tour the Cub Crafters factory and get a demo flight in their NX Cub, a nose wheel equipped Cub. Tail dragger Cub enthusiasts should take note the NX Cub actually has better short field performance than the tail dragger model. He also made a breathtaking visit to Mt. St. Helens, an active volcano located in the Cascade Mountains which spectacularly erupted in 1980 claiming over 50 lives and costing millions in damage.

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