

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc. Newsletter
January 3, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

Happy New Year to Chapter 1643. The Directors hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. 2022 was an interesting year for the Chapter and the Board is hoping to make 2023 even more successful and fulfilling for its Members. A number of ideas are being considered to expand the aviation experience for the Members, attract new Members to the Chapter, increase participation in Chapter Gatherings and other events. However, the Directors also continue to invite Members to submit questions, concerns, ideas and suggestions for the Chapter. Members don't need to make a formal motion at a Gathering to express an idea. An email, text, phone call or conversation from/with a Member is always welcome and may be made anonymously if preferred. More on this later.

January Chapter Gathering

Jim Watson is hosting the January Gathering at his home and will provide an update on his RV project. Jim's address is 618 200th Ave, Monmouth Il 61462. The Gathering will be held at the regular date and time that being January 14, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Thank you Jim.

Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held January 25, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the meeting room of the Stearman Community Center at the Galesburg Airport. Members are always welcome to attend.

Young Eagles

The next Young Eagles event is scheduled for April 1, 2023. A second YE event is scheduled to coincide with International Young Eagles Day on June 10, 2023, which is also the normal June Gathering date, so mark your calendars. June 11, 2023 is the backup rain date. More information will be forthcoming from the Young Eagles Committee in the near future.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer submitted her current report at the Board of Directors meeting showing cash on hand to be \$4,594.77. The Treasurer also reported the Chapter's checking account had been moved to a no service charge account at Tompkins State Bank after fees and monthly charges were initiated by the Chapter's previous bank. The treasurer's report was approved by the Board of Directors.

February Gathering

The February Gathering is scheduled for February 11, 2023, 3:00 pm at the OSF helicopter hanger in Galesburg.

March Gathering

The March Gathering is scheduled for March 11 at 3pm in the conference room at the Stearman Community Center. This is an important meeting for the Chapter as it is the annual meeting for the Chapter. Among other business, the annual budget for the chapter will be approved and 2 chairs for officer and director will be elected. The Chapter needs a quorum of Members to attend to make the election official. In addition, the Directors hope to have a representative from Air Traffic Control available to make a presentation to add some practical information for Members. We hope all Members take the opportunity to attend the Gathering and participate in the Chapter's future success.

The offices which will be up for election are President and Treasurer of the Chapter. Recall the Chapter staggers the election years for officers and directors to facilitate the smooth operation of the Chapter and avoid the confusion which could result from all officers and directors being changed at the same time. These offices are currently held by Matt Jern and Ellie Repp respectively.

In addition, 2 board of director seats currently held by Matt Jern and Aaron Repp will also be up for election.

Any Member in good standing is entitled to serve as officer and/or director and may be nominated, or may self nominate for an office, in advance of the Annual Meeting and should let an officer or director know of their interest. Alternatively, nominations may also be made at the annual meeting. So if you have an interest in serving the Chapter as an officer or director the March Gathering is your chance. Officers and directors are elected to a two year term.

Dues

Member dues are now "due" for the year 2023. Dues must be paid currently to be a Member in good standing of the Chapter. Dues remain the same from last year, that being \$20.00 for individuals and \$35 for a family membership.

National Weather service presentation

The National Weather Service in Davenport has advised that they would be interested in making a presentation for the Chapter (even though Galesburg is apparently in the Lincoln service area). NWS can either make a presentation in

Galesburg or at their Davenport office. A presentation in Galesburg may be more convenient for Members but a visit to Davenport may be more informative as NWS could also provide a "show and tell" of their facility and possibly a radiosonde launch. The Board would welcome any thoughts from Members.

Member Biography

None submitted

Chapter Accomplishments

In lieu of a Member Accomplishments, Aaron Repp presents the following look back at the Chapter's Accomplishments in 2022 which were possible only because of the active participation of Chapter Members:

As we ring in 2023, we have many Chapter events and accomplishments to look back on from 2022.

At the Annual Gathering in March elections were held and Stu Olmsted was welcomed to the Board of Directors to fill our fifth Director seat.

The Chapter held a fantastic, and sizable, Young Eagles event on June 11th with 48 kids taking to the skies, for many, this was their first airplane ride! This was a big undertaking and would not have been possible without our many volunteers and pilots.

Several guest speakers stopped by and shared experiences and advice with the Chapter, including Michael Madura, OSF Chief Pilot, in February as he discussed the OSF MedEvac flight operations. In August we welcomed Captain Steve Selliers of the Galesburg Fire Department to discuss hangar fire safety. After the Ag Spraying season had concluded, we had a captivating presentation by local Ag Pilot, Ryan Anseeuw. Warren Smith, Front Line Manager at the Springfield Flight Standards District Office presented "FAA: Friend or Foe?" which qualified for WING credit.

Several events outside of our "normal" gatherings were held along the way. We had a Chapter fly-out to Rochelle, Illinois KRPJ on June 18th with a nice meal at the Flight Deck Bar & Grill as we watched skydivers land just a few yards away. In July, Dave and Andrea Scharfenberg welcomed us to their backyard for a Chapter BBQ and a game based on Cross Country Flight

Planning. We concluded the year with a Holiday party at Cherry Street, complete with a taco bar.

The Chapter has welcomed not only new members, but a new location at the new Stearman Community Center. This facility will be great to hold our monthly gatherings and also Young Eagles events.

We are excited for what 2023 brings as we are working on Young Eagles events, guest speakers, fly-outs and more! Thanks for being the most important part of EAA!

Sincerely,

Aaron Repp
Vice President, EAA Chapter 1643

Message from National

I received the following message from Charlie Becker at National EAA with a request it be included in the Chapter's Newsletter. The message follows verbatim:

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 23

An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA will be hosting our third annual Homebuilders Week online learning event for aircraft builders: (www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will start on Monday, January 23, 2023, and run until Friday, January 27, 2023. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 11:30 a.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your

airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van's Aircraft, Inc.

Visit EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to review the schedule and sign up for a session.

Galesburg Airport Advisory Commission

The next Airport Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2023 at 3:00 pm in the Jet Air conference room. There is a lot of interesting information presented at these meetings with discussion involving the airport or aviation in Galesburg. Subjects recently discussed include resurfacing plans for the airport, hanger leasing, hanger construction, future plans for airport improvements and operational details. There is also a public comment period where interested persons can make public comment, voice concerns, questions or express ideas on the airport, its plans, operations and other relevant issues. It is a public meeting so you can just show up, no reservations or agenda needed. It also affords a glimpse into how government works. Personally, I have found it very interesting and informative and would encourage others with an interest to attend.

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