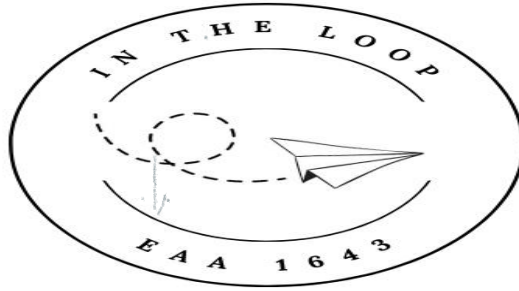


E.A.A. Chapter 1643



March, 2025

Upcoming Chapter Gathering Calendar

- March 8 Annual Chapter Gathering. Program: Alexis Quintana, Airythmia PPG Demo Team
- March 20 VMC Club
- April 12 Young Eagle Event
- May 10 to be determined

March 8: Annual Chapter Gathering, Officer Elections

Please join us for our upcoming Annual Chapter Gathering this coming Saturday, March 8th at 3pm in the Stearman Hangar conference room! We will hold Officer Elections, which will require a quorum of the membership in good standing (Chapter Member with paid dues and Member of EAA National) and you need to be at least 18 years of age to vote. A voting proxy has been attached to this email. If you know that you will not be able to attend the March 8th Gathering in person, we ask that you please complete the proxy and email it to ea1643@gmail.com BEFORE the gathering.

We will also have a special guest presenter, Alexis Quintana, Powered Paragliding Instructor and Member of the Airythmia Powered Paragliding Demo Team, who will be traveling in from Michigan to be with us for our gathering!

Alexis's career in aviation began in 2013 working customer service at an FBO in Colorado (KAPA, Denver jetCenter). She is the first in her family to work in aviation and immediately understood the passion that hooks people in this industry. She immediately became active in the local Women in Aviation chapter, serving as Vice President for 5 years, and attended AirVenture Oshkosh multiple years, and earned an Aircraft Dispatcher certificate. In 2019 Alexis left Colorado to travel the country in a self-converted van and visited many aviation museums across the country, volunteered for the first time at AirVenture, and learned to fly a powered paraglider in Texas. After initially learning to fly a PPG, she worked at the school she trained at assisting with teaching ground schools, managing business operations, and assisting as an on-field training intern for two years. After two years of internship, she earned her own instructor certification. Alexis was then invited to fly as a part of the paramotor demonstration team, Airythmia, that has since performed at Sun n Fun, AirVenture, and multiple other airshows. In 2022, Alexis was elected to serve as the

paramotor's national organization (USPPA) Vice President and now serves as the organization President.

VMC Club

Please join us at our upcoming VMC Club meeting on Thursday, March 20th at 5:30pm in the Stearman Hangar 2nd Floor Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to attend! This will be our last VMC Club meeting until June to allow for the planting season.

Video Scenario: Electrical SNAFU

Question of the Month:

Pyrotechnic Signaling Devices (e.g., flares, flare guns) are often carried on general aviation aircraft to be used in emergencies. However, these can also pose a hazard when the aircraft is in flight. Does the FAA provide guidance regarding precautions to be taken to reduce the safety risks?

2025 Dues reminder

It's not too late! We are accepting payment for 2025 Dues. They remain the same as last year, \$20 for individual memberships and \$35 for family memberships. **Dues need to be paid to participate in chapter elections.** You can bring cash or check to a gathering, mail a check to Ellie, or at long last, Chapter 1643 has a PayPal account!

Dues PayPal Link:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/G3JG2HCMS379S>

If mailing a check, please make it out to EAA 1643 and mail to:
Ellie Repp
989 Knox Hwy 20
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Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$7,094.76 in our Chapter bank account. Please see the separate attachments showing the final Income/Expense Statement from 2024 and the Preliminary Budget for 2025. You will also find the current Year-to-Date Income/Expense Statement, which we will try to remember to share each month, as well.

Our AED Fundraiser accounts for the "Miscellaneous" Income in 2024 and much of the "Donations" Expense, also. Our Young Eagles Program Budget reflects the Young Eagles Credits we expect to receive from National. However, please remember that \$1,832.18 still remains earmarked for Young Eagles thanks to Dave Wilson's Memorial contributions from last year.

If you ever have any questions about the Treasurer's Report, please feel free to ask. Our Chapter Board Meetings are always open to membership if you want a more behind-the-scenes look!

Young Eagle Day, April 12

We are planning to have a Young Eagle Day instead of a regular chapter gathering in April. Our Young Eagle Coordinator, Jessica Vens, is looking for volunteers. She will have more information at the gathering this Saturday. **All volunteers should have a current EAA Youth Protection Program card.** If you have not yet completed this training and background check, please go to eaa.org and type "youth protection program" into the search bar. One of the links in the results will take you to the training and background check page.

Other Aviation Activities

Sun n Fun Aerospace Expo - April 1-6, 2025, Lakeland Linder International Airport (LAL), Lakeland, FL

Although warmer weather is just around the corner, I didn't find any other nearby pancake breakfasts or flying activities for the next several weeks.

Member activities/accomplishments

Jim Watson now has his RV project sitting on it's own landing gear and canopy fitted. Way to go, Jim!



Quotes

"Sometimes, flying feels too godlike to be attained by man. Sometimes, the world from above seems too beautiful, too wonderful, too distant for human eyes to see."
Charles Lindberg

"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return."
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