

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc Newsletter
August 18, 2020

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

You may notice the Chapter name is different than that previously used. Unfortunately, obstacles encountered with the IRS on obtaining “not for profit” status revealed it was more expedient to reapply for tax exempt status which necessitated the chapter name be changed.

Hopefully this will facilitate quicker and favorable action on the Chapter’s application for tax exempt status.

The Chapter now has a mailing address:

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc
275 Lloyd Stearman Drive
Galesburg Il 61410

All correspondence, dues payments, and other communication with the Chapter should be addressed as shown above. You may add “ATTN_____”, if you wish to expedite your communication to an individual person or officer.

Chapter Gathering: The next Chapter gathering is scheduled for August 29, 2020 at 1500. The gathering will be held at the home of Jim Watson, 618 200th Ave, Monmouth Il 61462, 309-221-4391. Jim has a nice workshop and is actively building an RV-7a. He will give a talk about his progress on his RV-7A build and no doubt some valuable insight on the project. At this time the agenda includes starting the gathering promptly at 1500 with reports from the officers of the Chapter and any new business which may come before the meeting. The formal meeting will then be closed and Jim will make his presentation. It might be helpful for attendees to bring their own chairs and non-alcoholic beverages, if needed.

CV-19 remains a concern and government officials continue to make recommendations, and enforcement threats, about social distancing and face masks. Pritzker’s request for enforcement fines of up to \$2,500 against businesses that don’t enforce face mask rules against patrons was approved by the Illinois Joint Committee on Administrative Rules on August 11, 2020. Not-for-profit corporations, like Chapter 1643, appear to be included within the scope of the rule and the face mask mandate. Accordingly, the Chapter has and continues to request everyone to be cognizant of and actively participate in the best practices for keeping yourself, and everyone with whom you interact, safe and healthy. If you are not feeling well, or have reason to believe you or your family/friends have been exposed to CV-19, or the flu, or other contagious illness, please stay home.

CHAPTER ACTIONS

At the last meeting the question of a Chapter directory of members and their projects, for use by members, was briefly discussed. Understanding that some Chapter members may not wish to share their contact information with members at large, at the next chapter gathering the sign in sheet will have a space to indicate whether a member is willing to have their contact information and project info, if any, included in the directory. The Chapter feels obtaining written confirmation of a member's consent to disseminate a member's contact information is appropriate. Unless a member provides written consent they are willing to share their contact information, by so indicating on the sign-in sheet or otherwise in writing, the chapter would endeavor not to include them in the directory. The directory is for member use in connection with Chapter activities and not for use as a networking tool for any other purpose. Dissemination to non-chapter members would be discouraged.

Members: The Chapter now has over 35 members with many diverse and varied backgrounds. The Chapter continues to request those members with outstanding dues to do what they can to make their dues payments current.

Committees: The Chapter is still looking for members to fill the various committee positions. If you are interested in helping or have other ideas, please contact Ellie Repp.

AVIATION EVENTS

As briefly mentioned at the last Chapter gathering, NATA has an event scheduled at the Galesburg Airport for September 4-7, 2020. NATA (North American Trainers Association) conducts seminars on formation flying. Limited information is available about the event. Apparently several aircraft may participate including an AT-6 and several L- Birds. Additionally, Mr. Mulligan, a replica of a Howard DGA-6 may be making an appearance. The original Mr. Mulligan won the Bendix and Thompson trophies in 1935. This is not an EAA or Chapter sanctioned event. No further information about the event is available at this time.

Chapter 563 at Mt. Hawley inquired if any of our chapter members would be attending their fly-in lunch on August 29, 2020 from 1100-1300 at Mt. Hawley Airport. They are trying to get a head count. So far only one Chapter member has indicated an interest. If you are interested in attending please call Bill Hurley at 312-316-6360 at your earliest opportunity so he can give Chapter 563 a head count. I note this fly-in is conveniently timed as our next chapter gathering is at 1500 on August 29, 2020 so anyone attending would have plenty of time to get back for the 1643 gathering.

The Midwest LSA Expo appears to be a "GO" for September 10-12, 2020 at the Mt. Vernon Airport (KMVN) in Southern Illinois. On August 12, 2020 I contacted the airport administrator who indicated the airport authority and exhibitors were planning to proceed with the show. The administrator says their plans are consistent with current CV-19 guidelines. That said, the CV-19 situation remains fluid and changes in the Governor's mandate, such as those in the St. Louis area, could affect the event. Mt. Vernon is 173 miles at 155 degrees from KGBG. The website mentions FREE food and drink after 4 pm. Numerous exhibitors are listed to be present although I assume this is subject to change. This would be a great fly-out opportunity either individually or as a group. I you wish to call ahead to confirm the event is proceeding; Chris Collins is the airport administrator and can be contacted at 618-242-7016 or managemvaa@mvn.net.

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