

**Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc. Newsletter**  
**September 1, 2022**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:**

**September Chapter Gathering**

There will NOT be a September Chapter Gathering. In lieu, please take some time during the Labor Day week/weekend to enjoy the 51st Stearman Fly-In!

(Don't forget to send your "Ag Pilot Questions" to Aaron!)

**Stearman Fly-In**

The Stearman Board has generously extended an invitation to the Chapter to attend the **Pizza Dinner and Presentation Night on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 PM in the Stearman Community Center**. The presentation will follow dinner and is by Dr. Susan E. Northrup, The Federal Air Surgeon for the FAA. (Please see the description below.) The event will be *free* to Chapter members, courtesy of the Stearman Board, and there will be a Q&A after the presentation!

Dr. Susan E. Northrup is the Federal Air Surgeon for the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. In this capacity, she leads the Office of Aerospace Medicine in Washington, D.C. and the strategic management of the FAA's aviation medical programs, which oversee all pilots. Together with the Deputy Federal Air Surgeon, she shares responsibility for the direction and management of all FAA medical programs. This includes the development and establishment of airman medical certification, the air traffic control specialist medical qualification policy, the application of that policy in medical decision making, the medical appeals process, and the oversight of aviation industry drug and alcohol testing programs. Dr. Northrup oversees the FAA's aeromedical education programs, the planning and conduct of aerospace medical and human factors research, and the investigation of aircraft accident medical factors.

A private pilot, Dr. Northrup is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel. She is board certified in aerospace medicine and in occupational medicine. She is an acknowledged expert in aviation. She has authored several scientific papers on accident investigation, the use of sleep aids by pilots, cabin air quality, and bioterrorism. While serving in the Air Force, she was the U.S. Head of Delegation to NATO's aeromedical working group.

In addition, Scott Delawder is going to be putting up a tent near his T-hangar for EAA members to congregate during Stearman week! Hopefully everyone can stop by to say hi while they're enjoying the festivities!

**September Board of Directors Meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the board room at Jet Air. Members are always welcome to attend. Any changes will be emailed.

**Young Eagles**

Unfortunately, our planned September 17th Young Eagles Event has been cancelled. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Matt Pankau!

As we look longer term, we are excited to announce that we will be planning and hosting a series of events in the coming year. The growing Young Eagles Committee is committed to making inroads with our local communities while finding even more opportunities to introduce the next wave of aviators to aviation. As we close out 2022, the committee and board will be communicating 2023 event dates and details but we always welcome your input and ideas around expanding our programs.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and pilots who have contributed to growing our Young Eagles Program. Please stay in touch if you are interested in volunteering for future events as we have a great need for pilots and ground volunteers to make these events successful!

- Matt Pankau - Young Eagles Flight Leader

### **Community Flyout Opportunities**

For you outdoorsy folks, **Havana Regional Airport is hosting a Fly-in and Camp Out** at the airport on Friday September 16, 2022. Telescopes and night sky guidance will be provided by the Sangamon Astronomical Society. The public is welcome to attend. All Participants are requested to arrive before dusk. Apparently, the airport has showers and bathrooms and a courtesy car for those wishing to spend the night in town. A PDF is attached with other details and contact information.

**Macomb Chapter 1667 is hosting a Poker Run on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>!** The Poker Run starts at 8:00 AM and participants fly (in any order they choose to) to Canton, Galesburg, Burlington, Keokuk with a final approach at Macomb by noon for lunch and awards! Registration recommended, but not required. Please see the attached PDF flyer for more information.

### **Chapter Activities**

**September Gathering** – NONE – Please join us at the Stearman Pizza Party!

**October Gathering** – TBA

**November Gathering** – Warren Smith – FAAST Wings Seminar “FAA: Friend or Foe?”

**December Gathering** – Holiday Gathering (further details TBA)

### **Member Accomplishments**

Aaron & Ellie Repp have finally put their name on a Kitfox project! It will arrive...someday...