

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc. Newsletter
March 4, 2022

March Chapter Gathering

The March Annual Gathering will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 3:00 pm and is the Annual Meeting of the Chapter where elections of Officers and Directors will be held. A quorum of active members is required to conduct elections, so please consider attending the Annual Gathering or fill out the attached proxy and email it back if you know you will not be able to attend. The proxy can be filled in with any member in good standing you choose to vote on your behalf. You may also fill in President Matt Jern to vote on your behalf.

This year we have on the ballot:

- 2 Board Seats currently held by:

- Ellie Repp
- Bill Hurley
- Empty Seat

- 2 Officer Positions currently held by:

- Vice President - Aaron Repp
- Secretary - Bill Hurley

Any chapter member in good standing is eligible to be elected as a Director or an Officer of the Chapter. Members can self-nominate for either or both offices or can be nominated by other members. The Board would ideally like to have a 5th Director seat, which currently sits empty. If you have any nominations, please express that to any sitting Board Member or Officer. We welcome all interest in furthering the future of our Chapter!

March Board of Directors Meeting

The March 2022 Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the boardroom at Jet Air. Members are always welcome to attend.

Membership Dues

A reminder that 2022 dues are past due. Dues remain unchanged at \$20.00 for an individual membership and \$35.00 for a family membership. You will need to be a member in good standing to participate in elections, gatherings and events.

Young Eagles Update

The Chapter is planning to host its first Young Eagles Rally of 2022 on International Young Eagles Day - June 11th! Ground school and subsequent flights are scheduled to start at 9:00 AM and will continue into the early afternoon depending on interest. Additional details are being planned, but if members have any potential flyers who would like to participate, they can reach out to a Young Eagles Committee member or sign up for the event here <https://youngeaglesday.org/?3201!>

Any pilots or ground volunteers who are interested in helping out should contact Matt Pankau - flyboy3771@gmail.com.

Member Biography - Aaron Repp, Vice President, Chapter 1643

You might not have guessed it, but Aaron was born and raised in the big city of Denver, Colorado. He didn't have much of an aviation background save a great-great grandfather who flew a Fairchild PT19. He studied aviation technology at Metropolitan State University of Denver focusing on airport management and air traffic control, all while working line service at XJet located at Centennial Airport. Aaron was one of the first to participate in a program aimed at getting students a Glider certificate prior to a private pilot's license to see if it shortened the process. It did and he earned his glider private in 2008 from Mile High Gliding in Boulder before earning his private and instrument at Centennial Airport.

Aaron fell in love with mountain flying when he and his good friend attempted to complete landings at all 72 public use airports in Colorado in 2015-2016 in a Cessna 172. They ended up 6 airports shy of the goal and hope to return in the near future to finish the list!

Aaron began the Aviation Management internship with the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority (ACPAA) at Centennial Airport (the second busiest General Aviation Airport in the U.S. with over 300,000 yearly aircraft operations). Aaron gained valuable experiences in airport operations, snow removal, emergency response, aircraft rescue and firefighting, and airport planning and development. After the internship, Aaron was hired as the Noise & Environmental Specialist for ACPAA where he managed the system that provided a real-time look at the airspace and how flight paths

and noise were affecting the community, provided guidance and recommendations to local zoning, and was a liaison for the community noise roundtable (something that is very popular in the Denver area!).

It was at ACPAA that Aaron met Ellie. When she suggested moving to help with the family farm, Aaron didn't hesitate. In 2017 they got married, loaded the U-Haul, and moved to Illinois! Aaron completed his commercial and CFI with Jet Air and then served as the Chief Flight Instructor for nearly 5 years. Aaron now enjoys part time flight instruction at Jet Air while helping with the family farm, primarily hauling grain in a semi truck. Family and aviation are key pillars in Aaron's life and has found a happy balance on the farm and in the air.

Ellie Repp
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