

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc. Newsletter
July 1, 2022

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

July Chapter Gathering

The July 9, 2022 Chapter Gathering will be held at the home of Dave and Andrea Scharfenberg who have graciously opened their home to Chapter members to facilitate a barbeque dinner following a very brief meeting. The meeting will commence at 1700. Dinner will follow immediately afterward. Sam Caracci and Jessica Vens have volunteered to cook their secret pulled pork recipe as the center piece delicacy. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass. The Chapter will provide water, ice tea and lemonade. If you wish a different beverage then its BYOB. .If you plan to attend you are requested to confirm your attendance (RSVP) with any of the Chapter officers or directors (Matt J, Bill H, Ellie or Aarron R). You should bring lawn chairs for everyone in your party. There will be no presentation at the July Gathering but Members are encouraged to share their Oshkosh plans, report on the status of projects, aviation events or trivia, plans or trips and personal accomplishments.

If you have any questions on how to get there or get lost along the way, call Ellie at 309-335-2887

Ellie advises the bridge repair on Highway 8 has been completed so your GPS should work. Ellie has also provided the following directions for members:

Coming from the **Abingdon** area, take Martin street east from route 41 which becomes Highway 20. Continue a couple miles over the new bridge, continue straight past the RT 8 intersection, then at the next Y in the road, keep right past the grain bins and continue **STRAIGHT** onto the gravel road. The driveway is a 1/2 mile long gravel and the farm shop will be on your left when you enter that driveway. If you go up a big hill and pass a greenhouse, you've gone too far.

Coming from the **Knoxville** area, GPS should get you there. Follow Highway 8 south of Knoxville until you hit the T, Left at the T (Highway 20), then at the next Y in the road, keep right past the grain bins and continue **STRAIGHT** onto the gravel road. The driveway is a 1/2 mile long gravel and the farm shop will be on your left when you enter that driveway. If you go up a big hill and pass a greenhouse, you've gone too far.

Coming from the **Maquon** area, GPS should get you there. Follow Highway 20 west towards Abingdon. When you get to the Y next to the grain bins, Highway 20 continues right, but you will **KEEP LEFT** around the farm shop onto Knox Rd 900 E, continue **STRAIGHT** onto the gravel road. The driveway is a 1/2 mile long

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July Board of Directors Meeting

There will be no Board of Directors meeting for July as it conflicts with the EAA flyin in Oshkosh

Young Eagles

Congratulations to the Young Eagles Committee and all the Chapter members who participated in the Young Eagles event. Matt Pankau said it all in his previous message to members but another "well done" won't hurt.

June Flyout

With favorable weather prevailing, nine chapter members and two guests participated in the first successful Chapter 1643 flyout to the Flight Deck Restaurant in Rochelle IL. Attendees included: Dave and Andrea Scharfenberg along with Aarron and Ellie Repp made the trip in their R44, Chuck Scharfenberg in his twin Comanche, Matt Jern accompanied by his Dad in a C-172, Stu Olmstead and guest Ellen Larsen in a Steen Skybolt, and Bill Hurley and Chris Mower in Bill's C-177 Cardinal. Dave and Andrea were the lucky winners of the free lunch drawing after the rules committee was compelled to agree that splitting a lunch with your spouse still qualified as a "lunch". That rule is under review. That said everyone had a good time with good food and conversation. Despite universal support from attendees, Andrea did not jump out of perfectly good airplane with a parachute although Dave did get his jump seat ride up, and down, in a Cessna Caravan. And a good time was held by all. Hopefully this will not be the only flyout for 2022.

Chapter Activities

The Chapter continues to solicit ideas regarding speakers or activities for Chapter gatherings. If members have ideas on presentations or subject matter please pass them on to your officers or directors.

Member Biography

Due to the press of time and the editors return home late last night, this month's featured Member Biography by Stu Olmstead will be in the August issue. Stu will offer his experience in his own words. Should be an interesting read.

Member Accomplishments

Deepak Dogra recently made a big step up when he purchased a Cherokee Six 250. Deepak is currently working off the proficiency requirements and should be flying around solo soon. Congratulations Deepak!

Bill Hurley made a trip to Lake Vermillion, Minnesota where he trained with Steve Brooks, a CFI with Adventure Seaplanes in Tower, Mn, and earned a single engine sea add-on rating in a C-172L. Bill reports it was a hoot with the nuances of water operations in a pontoon plane being a whole new universe. It is also proof that old dogs are still trainable. Congratulations Bill!

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