

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc. Newsletter
April 4, 2022

April Chapter Gathering

The April Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 3:00 pm (that's right, this weekend!). Aaron Repp will be giving a demonstration on how to use Foreflight effectively. He will give a broad overview on how to plan a cross country flight. For those of you who use Foreflight, please bring your personal iPad's to follow along in the demonstration. For those of you who don't, he will be using the projector to show you what it looks like on his device. If you have any specific questions, please email them so Aaron has a chance to prepare an answer.

Future Presentation/Event Calendar

April - Foreflight Presentation by Aaron Repp
May - OSF Helicopter will attend the Gathering
June - Young Eagles Rally/International Young Eagles Day
July - Cookout or Ag Pilot Presentation?
July 25-31 - Oshkosh 2022!
August - Cookout or Ag Pilot Presentation?
September - Stearman Fly-In, No Gathering
October -
November -
December - Holiday Party

April Board of Directors Meeting

The April 2022 Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the boardroom at Jet Air. Members are always welcome to attend.

Young Eagles Update

The Chapter is planning to host its first Young Eagles Rally of 2022 on International Young Eagles Day - June 11th! Registration is open! There will be a static display station with a guided walk around, safety talk and question and answer. YE Committee members are getting posters printed to hand out around town, please plan to take some at the next Gathering so you can help disperse them at your local haunts!

Kids can sign up for the event here [https://youngeaglesday.org/?3201!](https://youngeaglesday.org/?3201)

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

Chapter 563 VMC/IMC Club

Bill Hurley has extended the welcome from Chapter 563, Mt. Hawley, for our members to attend their VMC or IMC club gatherings. Both are held at the Chapter 563 Hangar at Mt. Hawley.

VMC - 1st Sunday of the Month at 6:30 PM
IMC - 2nd Sunday of the Month at 6:00 PM

If anyone is interested in attending and would like additional information, please contact Bill Hurley at whurleylaw@gmail.com.

Fly-Outs!

Bill Hurley is also going to take point on scheduling some fly-outs this summer! If anyone has any ideas of fun places to go for lunch or an activity, we'd love to hear it! Rochelle is still on top of the list to make up for the weather cancellation last year.

AirVenture 2022!

AirVenture will be July 25-31. Who is planning to attend?? We have options to reserve campsites for our members or we can plan to have a meet up at the Chapters Pavillion if we are going to have a crowd!

Member Share

For those of you who listen to Podcasts, check out **Opposing Bases - Air Traffic Control Talk!**

For those of you looking for a new book, check out **The Forgotten 500** by Gregory A. Freeman!

For those of you with any suggestions to share with your fellow members, let me know!

Member Spotlight - Dave Scharfenberg

- When/How did you get interested in aviation?

Our neighbor Rex Davies had a C172 on his farm strip and he used to take me up for rides. I knew then that I wanted to fly someday. My first intro flight was in a Colt with one of the DeForests.

- Where did you learn to fly? In what?

Galesburg Aviation in a C150 in 1980. Later I bought the C172 from Rex and got my instrument rating from the new flight instructor, Andrea!

- What do you fly now? What have you flown before?

My Velocity and the R44 helicopter. I've got a little stick time in 50+ kinds of aircraft, the majority of my flying has been for Jet Air in piston twins, turboprops and jets.

- Do you have any aviation experience outside of the cockpit?

I spent 10 years building the Velocity.

- Have you had any particularly memorable flights?

Flying Jim Lovell with Andrea in a 210.

Flying the Queen of Jordan with Harrell Timmons in a Citation.

Trips to the Cayman Islands with Andrea in a Citation.

Over 100 organ donor flights, which were grueling but rewarding.

Some very scary flights I would like to forget.

- What do you like to do when you're not flying?

Working on projects on the farm, traveling, target shooting, spending time with the family.

- What's your favorite airplane?

That's a tough one. I think flying helicopters is the most fun. As far as airplanes go, probably the Lear 35. That could possibly change this year when I finally get to fly the L-39.

- Anything else you would like to share?

I hope EAA can be successful in bringing more young people into aviation. With soaring costs and regulations, flying is so much further out of reach than it used to be. I've really enjoyed AirVenture, the Stearman Fly-In, and doing Young Eagles flights.

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