

**Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc Newsletter**  
**March 24, 2021**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:**

**Annual Meeting** The annual meeting of Chapter 1643 was held on March 13, 2021 at 3:00 pm in the Jet Air Hanger. 14 voting members out of 37 were present (37%) which established a quorum under the bylaws (25% required).

**Elections.** The election of the Directors and Officers was held as previously noticed. The members in attendance were polled for proxies and nominations. No proxies were present. There were no nominations for director or officer other than those people currently serving in that capacity. The members unanimously voted for the following Directors and Officers of Chapter 1643 for the term shown:

The elected Directors of the Chapter are:

Matt Jern	2 years
Aaron Repp	2 years
Ellie Repp	1 year
Bill Hurley	1 year

The elected officers of the Chapter are:

Matt Jern	President	2years
Aaron Repp	Vice-president	1 year
Ellie Repp	Treasurer	2 years
Bill Hurley	Secretary	1 year

The elected candidates thank the members for their vote of confidence in their leadership and look forward to bigger and better opportunities and activities in the near future for the Chapter and its members.

**Young Eagles Update by Ellie Repp - 309-335-2887**

Just a reminder that May 22, 2021 will be our first official Young Eagles Rally! The event is tentatively planned to start at 9:00 am. We have opted to have a closed registration for this event with Girl Scout Troop 3019 which has around 12 girls in 6th-12th grade.

We currently have 2 confirmed planes and pilots for this event (and a couple "it depends on farming"), and two confirmed ground crew. Bill Hurley has also volunteered his Cardinal and himself for ground orientation/static display. We still need volunteers including a Young Eagles Coordinator. EAA National wants at

least two members to be present for each aspect of the outing. Each YE volunteer needs to complete the YE training and background check and have a certificate of completion in their immediate personal possession at all times during the event. The training only takes a couple minutes on line via the EAA website. So check your calendars and let me know if you would be able to help! Lunch will be provided to volunteers after the event!!

Finally, it was also mentioned at the Gathering that in order to hold youth events, we may have to get background checks done with the Galesburg Police Department. We followed up with our most recently retired Police Chief and determined that the City offers a service where you can get a background check done if an event requires it and that event does not offer the resources to get the background check. Since EAA requires and offers a background check for youth events, no additional background check by the City of Galesburg is needed.

Once again, thanks to those who have already volunteered for this Rally and thanks to those who will! ; )

### **B 17 VISIT Aaron Repp**

All of the coordinator positions have been filled! I (Aaron Repp) will be the Tour Stop Chairman, Ellie Repp is the Volunteer and Equipment Coordinator, and Nate Compton & Ellen Larson have stepped up to be Co-Marketing Chairpersons.

One of the major updates this month is that the proposed schedule for the B-17 arrival might change. At this time, EAA is attempting to add an additional stop prior to coming to KGBG, this could push the arrival to September 8th or 9th instead of the 6th. Due to COVID19, EAA has also put a stop to the B-17 ground tours, but are hopeful that by the time September rolls around ground tours may be able to take place again.

Another change from the last Gathering is the location and set-up on the ramp. The B-17 has been pushed to the far south side where we will most likely have dedicated parking spots for flying passengers and have the space the aircraft needs. Self-serve would be closed for this layout.

We are still waiting on a response from EAA about the insurance requirements and stipulations, but we (and our EAA contact) are not concerned. It was basically stated that they have dozens of stops coming up before September and they just haven't had time to get to our concerns. In the meantime, I'll be attending monthly meetings with the City, Jet Air, and Stearman to coordinate and continue making progress on this exciting event!

If you are interested in volunteering, sign up at the next Gathering or contact Ellie!

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING.** The next regular Board of Directors meeting is March 31, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the Jet Air Board Room. Members are welcome to attend and observe Board Meetings. A typo in the previous news letter stated the meeting was March 25. That was incorrect and I apologize for any confusion.

**Chapter Gathering.** The next Chapter Gathering will be held on Saturday April 10, 2021 at 3:00 pm in the Jet Air hanger.

**Guest Speaker.** Ellie and Aaron have procured A.J. Hagar as the guest speaker at the next chapter gathering. He is the Army Flight Facility Commander in Peoria and will be speaking about the Chinook helicopter and drones currently in use by the Army. We encourage all members to attend and support what should be a very interesting presentation.

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

The Chapter wishes to welcome two new members:

Matt Pankau is a licensed pilot and member of a flying club at GBG

Bo Glaser is also a licensed pilot currently working on his Commercial Rating.

Other news:

Bill Hurley successfully obtained a high performance endorsement in the 210 operated by Jet Air.

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