

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc Newsletter
June 1, 2021

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

Chapter Gathering

The June Chapter Gathering will be held Saturday June 12, 2021 at 3:00 pm. in the Jet Air Hanger at KGBG. There will be barbeque burgers with buns provided by the chapter for attendees. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass around. In an effort to make sure we have enough burgers, we ask members to rsvp for themselves and any guests to Matt Jern at matthewjern@gmail.com.

At the Gathering, Members are encouraged to report on the status of projects, aviation events or trivia, plans or trips and interesting aviation experiences and personal accomplishments. Don't be shy, sharing your experience can be a great source of inspiration and motivation for people who aren't sure about undertaking a new project, are stuck on a project or trying to push an old project across the finish line, getting new training or a rating they had always thought about, or being assured their missteps or misadventures are not unique to them.

Young Eagles

The First Chapter 1643 Young Eagles Rally was an unqualified success. Volunteers started showing up at 8:00 am to set up the learning stations and discuss last minute changes and modifications to the Rally. The Girl Scouts and their leaders/parents arrived on time and were split into three groups of four. Each group got a presentation on basic flight instruments and navigation tools, including Foreflight navigation demonstration, by Nate Compton and Bill Hurley; a walk around aircraft inspection by Aaron Repp and Dave Christiansen; and a flight with Matt Jern, Scott Delawder, Dave Scharfenberg or Matt Pankau. All the girls appeared to have fun and the parents were also engaged. After the Rally a couple parents reached out to thank the Chapter for the outing. A very positive event for both the Chapter and the attendees. Lunch and debriefing of the YE volunteers took place immediately after the Rally was concluded.

The Chapter wants to thank Jet Air for their generous use of the main hanger which was an excellent forum in which to conduct the Rally.

The Chapter also wishes to recognize the following members who helped make the Rally a safe and successful event:

Dave Scharfenberg
Matt & Jill Pankau
Bill Hurley
Scott Delawder

Nate Compton
Dean & Julie Stewart
Jim Watson
Daniel, Cricket & Levi Wolford

Chris Mowrer
Aaron & Ellie Repp
Bo Glaser

Matt Jern

HK Olmstead

Dave Christensen

Cal Ruderman

Brandon Pugh

Special recognition and thanks is given to Ellie and Aaron Repp who were really the driving force behind the inspiration and organization for this event. Ellie and Aaron were the defacto Young Eagles Coordinator for the Rally without which this Rally would not have been such a success. A job really well done.

Ellie and Aaron's efforts show just how important a Young Eagles Coordinator is to a YE Rally. Given the success of the Rally, the Board of Directors would like to conduct further rallies in the future. However, the Chapter must have a designated Young Eagles Coordinator before the Board can schedule future Young Eagles Rallies. This issue was brought up when the Chapter was first organized but the intervening Covid-19 disruption has probably dimmed everyone's recollection about the necessity of a YE Coordinator. A number of members have already volunteered to be on a YE committee so a Coordinator is not faced with handling all the issues themselves. The last event also demonstrated the volunteer support the Coordinator could call upon. Finally, the Board of Directors and officers are also available for assistance and guidance.

If you would like to volunteer to be the Chapter 1643 YE Coordinator, please reach out to any of the officers (Matt Jern, Ellie Repp, Aaron Repp or Bill Hurley). It would be great if the Chapter could announce a Young Eagles Coordinator at the Chapter Gathering.

B 17 Update by Aaron Repp

We recently learned that EAA's B-17 Flying Fortress has been grounded for the foreseeable future and possibly for the better part of a year. The problem was discovered during a routine pre-flight inspection by the crew as they noticed fittings inside the wing showing fatigue. So for now, the B-17 remains grounded in a hangar in Punta Gorda, Florida as EAA tries to work out a maintenance schedule for the aircraft. More information can be found at the following link: [EAA News-and-Publications](#)

This is obviously unfortunate news for our chapter as we were anticipating the B-17's arrival for the National Stearman Fly-In on September 8th. We are very happy to announce that EAA has offered to bring the newly restored B-25 Mitchell to the Fly-In event and we will continue to plan accordingly! The B-25 Mitchell is smaller and will require less volunteers to assist with the daily events. We still have a lot of questions to be answered from EAA regarding the B-25's operations. I will continue to bring updates to the monthly Chapter Gatherings as we continue to learn more information.

Apparently the EAA's first B-25 event is scheduled to be held in Ottumwa IA on June 25-27, 2021. Ottumwa is 92 miles on the 277 radial from KGBG VOR, a short trip even in a 172 for those who are interested.

Treasurer's Report

Ellie Repp reports the Chapter has paid all its outstanding bills and currently has cash on hand of \$1,920.00. A more detailed report will be provided at the Gathering.

Name Tags

Many thanks to all members for their diligent wearing of name tags at the YE Rally. Members are encouraged to wear them at all Chapter events. You should have received a name tag at the time you became a member. If you did not receive one, or have misplaced it, please contact Matt Jern to obtain your new or replacement name tag.

Chapter shirts

Ellie Repp will be placing an order for chapter T-shirts after the Chapter Gathering on June 12! They will be \$20 each and the color options are Navy, Gray and Blaze Orange. The Chapter will have an order form at the Gathering, otherwise, please send your order to Ellie (elliekjhs@hotmail.com). To facilitate availability for future purchases the Chapter is buying a limited number of extra T-shirts for new members, guests etc. Members are however encouraged to order/buy their shirts on or before June 12 so the Chapter reserves are not depleted.

July Gathering Presentation

Dr. Robert Ayers, an AME with OSF St. Mary's occupational health department has agreed to be a speaker at the July 10, 2021 Chapter Gathering. To facilitate an "on point" presentation, Dr. Ayers has suggested that members can submit anonymous questions in writing, on note cards the chapter will provide, which he will then address in his presentation. That way nobody will be put on the spot by publically asking what might be a very pertinent, but yet personal question. This is a wonderful opportunity to air all those lurking questions which members may be reluctant to ask for any number of reasons.

If you have an idea for a future speaker or presenter, please pass it on to the chapter officers or directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. The next regular Board of Directors meeting is June 30, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the Jet Air Board Room. Members are welcome to attend and observe Board Meetings.

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None to report.

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