

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc Newsletter
JANUARY 30, 2021

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

Pursuant to the Chapter bylaws, the President has called a Special Chapter Gathering for February 14, 2021 at 3:00 pm at the main hanger of Jet Air located at the Galesburg Illinois Municipal Airport (KGBG).

This Special Gathering is in lieu of the Regular Chapter Gathering of Saturday, February 13, 2021 so as to not interfere with members attendance at funeral services for Keith Brown.

Regrettably, the Chapter has received some somber news. For those of you who have not heard, we lost a fellow aviator this past week. Keith Brown passed away last week. A good man known to many who was very involved not only in the flight community, but his local community as well. He always shared his bright and positive demeanor and was a friend to all. His visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 13 in the Jet Air hangar. Funeral services will commence at 11:00 in the hangar.

CHAPTER GATHERINGS

As of Monday the 25th, Governor Pritzker's Emergency Declaration and Executive Order have been modified thereby moving our region of Illinois into the "Tier 1" restrictions subject however to continued observance of social distancing and other requirements. However this change allows the Board of Directors to allow for regular Chapter Gatherings to resume. Future Chapter Gatherings will take place on the second Saturday of each month at 3:00 pm as previously announced.

Agenda for Special Gathering February 14, 2021

The Board of Directors has some very exciting announcements to be discussed in much greater detail at the Chapter Gathering.

EAA National has advised the Board of Directors that Chapter 1643 will be hosting the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" visit to Galesburg, Illinois in September, 2021! The visit will coincide with the celebration of the 50th Annual Stearman Fly-In to be held in Galesburg on September 6-11, 2021. The Aluminum Overcast makes a yearly tour around the country stopping at airports with local EAA Chapters and we are very lucky to have this opportunity, especially so soon after our organization. It will bring a lot of attention to KGBG and our Chapter. In addition to attracting new members, the visit will provide fund raising opportunities for the Chapter. EAA National has provided some general guidelines including the undertakings expected of Chapter 1643 to make this a successful event. However because of the Stearman Fly-In running at the same time, this event will have many unique aspects to be coordinated and planned. The

preliminary details will be discussed at the Gathering but planning will be an ongoing process as the event details are worked through. There are many roles which will need to be filled for a successful event but one of the most important of these will be volunteers! While September may seem like a long way off, the Chapter needs to get started with the planning process now. To that end the Board of Directors has appointed Aaron Repp as the Tour Stop Chairman in part because his prior airport operations and management experience at Centennial Airport (KAPA) in Colorado, the second busiest general aviation airport in the USA. Ellie Repp has been appointed the Volunteer and Equipment Chairman, having previously been the Galesburg Stop Chair for the 42nd Women's Air Race Classic in 2018. She has experience with the extensive coordination for support services and dialog with the City of Galesburg which are involved in holding a general aviation event in Galesburg. However there are many roles to fill and people needed to fill them to make this a success. So if you want to participate there will be plenty of opportunities to become involved. Accordingly, all members are strongly encouraged to attend the Chapter Gathering on February 14 at 3:00pm in the Jet Air Hanger.

The Board has also recently received some long sought definitive guidance from EAA National regarding the initiation of a Young Eagles program at Chapter 1643. Prompt implementation of the guidance received by the Board could facilitate the Chapter conducting a Young Eagles event as soon as mid May or mid-June of this year. Many members have previously expressed great interest in a Young Eagles program and with their help the Chapter can also get this effort moving. Details such as volunteer pilots, volunteer ground personnel, dates, background checks and similar issues will be discussed at the Chapter Gathering. If you have an interest in the Young Eagles and inspiring potential young aviators you are strongly encouraged to attend the Chapter Gathering and get involved in the program.

Also on the agenda will be the approval of the Chapter 1643 logo. This logo was previously introduced to the Chapter in the fall of 2020. Neither the Board nor the officers have received any adverse comments to the proposed logo. Therefore a vote will be held to approve the logo as presented. Once approved, the Chapter will be able to order apparel and other merchandise with the logo affixed and establish greater Chapter recognition in the EAA and general public.

The Treasurer will present a financial statement for the year ending December 31, 2020.

If any members desire to place a matter on the agenda please contact one of the chapter officers or the Chapter Liaison.

Chapter Member News

Congratulations to Nate Compton for recently passing his Private Pilot checkride. Good Job Nate!

From the looks of it, 2021 could be a very exciting year for Chapter 1643 with lots of events and experiences to come. Members are always encouraged to bring their ideas and suggestions to the Chapter. Your active participation as a member will always be critical to the success of Chapter 1643.

Hope to see you on February 14, 2021 at 3:00 pm

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