

**Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc.,  
an Illinois Not for Profit Corporation  
Newsletter November 3, 2023**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:**

**November Chapter Gathering**

The November Chapter Gathering is set for November 11, 2023 at 3:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at the Stearman Community Center.

We will have a very special guest speaker, Tommy Wojtowicz, presenting on his journey around the world in a Cessna 152! Tommy's flight took him through challenging international airspace and lengthy oceanic crossings. Tommy will have pictures from his journey and if the weather is conducive, he plans to fly the Cessna 152 that he used to circumnavigate the world to the gathering!

**Board of Directors Meeting**

The November Board of Directors meeting will be held November 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at the Stearman Community Center.

**Galesburg Airport Advisory Commission**

The next Airport Advisory Commission is scheduled for November 16, 2023 at 3:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at the Stearman Community Center.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reports members are starting to pay their 2024 dues. The Board has maintained the current dues structure for 2024, that being \$20 for individuals and \$35 for family memberships. Dues for 2024 are "due" no later than January 1, 2024 to be a member in good standing of Chapter 1643. The current balance of funds on hand is \$6,915.55. A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached to the end of the newsletter.

**Young Eagles**

Jessica Vens gave a report to the Board regarding her recent attendance at the EAA Leadership Academy in Oshkosh. While too expansive to repeat everything in the newsletter, one of the highlights mentioned at the Academy is the ability of the Chapter and chapter members to provide "one off" Young Eagles flights, that is, flights conducted outside of a formal Young Eagles event. There are requirements including compliance with EAA's Youth Protection training and acquiring the signed waiver as required for all Young Eagle rides. However, this provides the Chapter a valuable recruiting tool which can be used to capture the interest of an aspiring Young Eagle without waiting for a formal Young Eagles event which may be a couple months in the

future. Jessica would be interested in hearing from any Chapter pilots who would be interested in volunteering for such “one off” missions.

The Board requested Jessica to make regular reports on Young Eagles matters at the board meetings. If you have interest in the Young Eagles program, Jessica would welcome the support and help of chapter members in the implementation of the Chapter’s Young Eagles activities. In addition, remember all members are welcome to attend Board meetings, or alternatively, can raise questions or make suggestions at the Chapter Gatherings.

More information will be forthcoming in the future.

### **Member Reports**

Randy May recently completed his successful multi engine check ride.

Scott Bragg recently completed his successful private pilot check ride.

Congratulations to Randy and Scott for these exciting accomplishments!

### **New Members**

No report.

### **Holiday Party**

The Chapter’s holiday party this year will be on our normal Gathering day, Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at Innkeepers in Galesburg. We will have appetizers at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 and a cash bar. It will be \$20 per person which can be paid at the November Gathering or mailed to Ellie. If you are bringing kids, let Ellie know so pricing can be obtained!

What: Holiday Gathering

When: Saturday, December 9th, 5:30 PM

Where: Innkeepers, 80 N. Seminary St., Galesburg, IL 61401

Cost: \$20/person

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