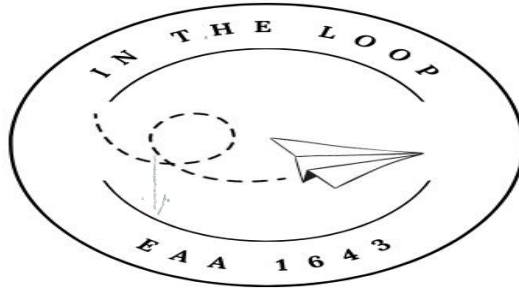


E.A.A. Chapter 1643



January, 2025

Happy New Year

Upcoming Chapter Gathering Calendar

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| Jan. 11 | Regular Chapter Gathering, Program: Dr. Ayers, Airman Med. Examiner |
| Jan. 16 | VMC Club |
| Feb. 8 | Regular Chapter Gathering, Program: Chili Cookoff |
| Feb. 20 | VMC Club |
| March 8 | Annual Chapter Gathering. Program: Alexis Quintana, Airythmia PPG Demo Team |
| March 20 | VMC Club |

Chapter Gathering January 11

Our next Chapter gathering will be Saturday, January 11th at 3:00 pm in the 2nd Floor conference room of the International Stearman Community Center at the Harrell W. Timmons Galesburg Regional Airport. Our program will be by Dr. Robert Ayers. Dr. Ayers is an FAA Airmen Medical Examiner in Galesburg at the OSF St. Mary's medical center. There are lots of discussions in the aviation industry about medical certification and Dr. Ayers plans to discuss the last years work at the FAA on mental health, VA issues and the new colorblindness testing, among other things, including a question-and-answer session.

So that nobody feels they're being put on the spot in front of a doctor, anyone is welcome to submit questions to Aaron Repp (aaron.repp@gmail.com), which will remain confidential. He will pass them along to Dr. Ayers anonymously ahead of the gathering. There will also be a shoebox and note cards available at the gathering so that you can write in questions. If you have an in-depth question, please consider getting it submitted ahead of time in case Dr. Ayers needs to do any research on the matter.

VMC Club

Our next VMC Club meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 16 in the International Stearman Community Center at 5:30 pm. Title of the video scenario: A Pattern of

Confusion. The question of the month is: You're planning a VFR cross country flight in your 1977 Cessna Cardinal RG, which does not have a Minimum Equipment List (MEL). As you're taxiing out for departure, you notice that the turn coordinator is inoperative (red flag showing). Can you legally fly the airplane on this flight with the turn coordinator inoperative?

2025 Dues

We are now accepting payment for 2025 Dues. They remain the same, \$20 for individual memberships and \$35 for family memberships. You can bring cash or check to a gathering, mail a check to Ellie, or at long last, Chapter 1643 has a PayPal account!

Dues PayPal Link:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/G3JG2HCMS379S>

If mailing a check, please make it out to EAA 1643 and mail to:

Ellie Repp
989 Knox Hwy 20
Maquon, IL 61458

Other Aviation Activities

My search of socialflight didn't show any nearby fly-in/drive-in events for several weeks, but there are several online webinar type activities. EAA has Homebuilders Week January 27 - 31 with 5 days of webinars on various topics related to homebuilding. You can see a complete list just by going to the EAA website at eaa.org. Since flying weather is hit or miss this time of year, it's a good time to take advantage of these learning opportunities.

Your Board of Directors

Since last March, the Chapter 1643 Board of Directors has consisted of Aaron Repp, President; Dave Scharfenberg, Vice-president; Ellie Repp, Treasurer; Chris Mowrer, Secretary; and Stuart Olmsted. Meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month and our next meeting will be January 29th at 6:00 pm in the conference room of the Stearman Hangar. Chapter members are always welcome to attend.

Galesburg Airport News

You probably noticed in the announcement of the next chapter gathering that there is something different in the name of our airport. First, the status has been upgraded from "municipal" to "regional". That change will qualify the airport for additional federal funding for upgrades and maintenance. Second, the City Council decided to honor Harrell Timmons by naming the airport after him. A well-deserved recognition of all the years of service at the airport with Jet Air and in our community.

Humor?

Question: How often do airplanes crash? Answer: just once.

I tried to sue the airport for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

Job interview hint: If you are a pilot interviewing for an airline job, do not describe yourself as "down-to-earth".

Three conspiracy theorists boarded an airplane. Now, you can't tell me that's a coincidence!

That's all for this month. Until next time, fly high and grease the landing!

Your newsletter guy,

Chris Mowrer