

EAA Chapter 1643 Newsletter
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TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

As anyone who has started a new business, created a new organization or undertaken a new venture will tell you, the first several months are the most difficult. Getting people and a workable process in place involves a myriad of details and often proceeds in fits and starts. The obstacles created by Covid-19 and the shutdown of the offices of the Secretary of State of Illinois and the IRS have caused significant delays in what would otherwise be a quicker process.

As part of the Chapter's organizational effort, I have agreed to be the Communication Liaison for the chapter. Drafting this newsletter is one part of this effort. So, the format and content of this letter is a work in progress and hopefully you will see improvement in both as time goes on. More on that later. Now for the Chapter news:

Chapter Gathering: The next Chapter gathering is scheduled for July 25, 2020 at 3 pm. in the Jet Air hanger at KGBG. At this time the agenda includes starting the gathering promptly at 3:00 pm with brief reports from the officers of the Chapter and any new business which may come before the meeting.

Upon completion of the formal activities, the movie "Living in the Age of Airplanes" will be shown in the hanger. There will be popcorn and KOSH 2020 door prizes awarded to selected attendees. The movie is about an hour long and is styled in a manner which should interest both young and old. Members are welcome to bring families and friends.

In this current environment of CV-19 and the often conflicting guidance being offered by public and health officials, the Chapter requests everyone to be cognizant of and actively participate in the best practices for keeping yourself, and everyone with whom you interact, safe and healthy. Needless to say, if you are not feeling well, or have reason to believe you or your family/friends have been exposed to CV-19, or the flu, or other contagious illness, please stay home.

Members: The chapter has over 30 members with many diverse and varied backgrounds. Most members' dues have been paid in full as of this date. The Chapter requests those members with outstanding dues to do what they can to make their dues payments current.

Committees: The Treasurer previously communicated with the members about organizing a couple of committees to help foster an active chapter with regular events, speakers and other activities. Such events include more than just flyouts. Examples could include field trips to ATC facilities (once they reopen); guest speakers from aviation specialties including ATC personal, avionics reps, AME's, mechanics; tutorials, demonstrations, and other items. The chapter needs the help of its members to make these things possible. If you are interested in helping or have other ideas, please contact Ellie Repp.

Chapter Organization: The Chapter believes it has completed all steps necessary to satisfy the EAA's organizational requirements. The Chapter had hoped to receive verification of its status from EAA headquarters this last week. However, vacations and staggered work days/hours of the contact people at EAA, ascribed to CV-19, appears to have delayed receipt of the requested confirmation. Hopefully this confirmation will be forthcoming this week.

The Chapter continues to await confirmation from the IRS of its approval to move forward with the Chapter's 501(c)(3) status. The Chapter has reached out to a CPA with extensive experience in this area who indicated a willingness to assist in completing the application process in the event of an impasse with the IRS.

Members Having Fun:

Brian Vallero is currently in Minnesota, somewhere, working to improve his proficiency and obtain a couple new ratings. Good luck Brian.

Rumor is KGBG is becoming a hotbed of CFI wanna-bes successfully completing their written and check rides.

Members are encouraged to submit tales of their achievements or activities for inclusion in the newsletter.

Future Events:

As discussed further below, one of my goals is to improve notice of local aviation activities to members in hopes of improving interest and participation.

Chapter 563 located at 3MY (Mt. Hawley) is having a hamburger fly in on August 29, 2020 from 1100 to 1300. Rain date is August 31, 2020. In addition they advise:

Chapter 563 will provide hamburgers, sides, and drinks to EAA pilots and their passengers who fly in.

They will not be advertising this to the public nor on Social Flight or the like. On the food line, servers will be wearing masks and we will space tables apart in the hangar. We'll encourage people chatting after their meal to wear masks, but we won't call the police if you don't. These provisions are to allow them to file for EAA event insurance, which requires us to heed CDC recommendations.

This is well established chapter with several projects and many interesting people. Their hanger is at the south end of the runway, which is as far from the ramp parking as can be, of course.

From the Right Seat:

Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) provide important information identifying temporary changes to components of the National Airspace System. As a recommendation from the aviation

community, the FAA has begun to streamline NOTAM issuance through its NOTAM Modernization Effort. In early 2019 the FAA announced that it would begin to reduce the amount of published content in the Notices to Airmen Publication (NTAP), a large document published every 28 days with large amounts of critical and permanent air traffic system and airport-specific NOTAMs. The effort began by removing "Part 1, FDC NOTAMs", which continue to be available through briefings obtained through Leido's Flight Service (FSS).

Fast forward to 2020 and the FAA has developed a NOTAM search, providing pilots with a single access point to retrieve NOTAMs and the Notices to Airmen Publication has now been retired. No information has been lost and it will be easier to access through the new digital format. There has also been a large effort to remove "PERM" NOTAMs from the system and the FAA claims to have reviewed and removed over 600 permanent NOTAMs and made associated updates to charts.

There is still a long road ahead in the NOTAM Modernization Effort as the FAA strives to achieve a single technology gateway for NOTAM information, improve the presentation of NOTAM information, and align U.S. NOTAMs to the standards set by ICAO. Additional information about the NOTAM Modernization Effort can be found at the following links:

FAA NOTAM Modernization Effort

<https://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/notam/>

NBAA "FAA to Discontinue Notices to Airmen Publication, Relocate Information"

<https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/airspace/faa-to-discontinue-notices-to-airmen-publication-relocate-information/>

AOPA "FAA Slimming Down Notices to Airmen Publication"

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2019/january/02/faa-slimming-down-notices-to-airmen-publication>

From the Communications Liaison:

Over the course of my career I learned to embrace the axiom "Be careful what you ask for, you might get it". Mindful of this adage, I nevertheless agreed to be the Communications Liaison in an effort to make sure chapter members are aware of Chapter events and other local aviation related activities so as to foster interest and participation. My experience, personal and professional, with volunteer organizations is that lack of communication was one of the biggest obstacles to overcome. In this day and age of almost instantaneous and universal communication via social media it is hard to believe that communication would be an issue. However, I personally have been frustrated by short notice, or no notice, of activities in which I had an active interest and which I would have attended but for not knowing about it. I hope to change that and encourage everyone to give the Chapter (or me) a heads up on events of which they become aware so the Chapter can spread the word to its members. I will be reaching out to other chapters and airports for information on events of interest. Let me know if

you have any suggestions on this process, suggestions about the newsletter, or any ideas you may have to improve the Chapter and make it a success.

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