

**Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc. Newsletter  
December 3, 2022**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:**

**December Chapter Gathering**

Don't forget the Holiday Gathering is being held on our normal Gathering date of **December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM!** The Gathering is at Cherry Street Brewing Co., 57 South Cherry Street, Galesburg, IL 61401. We will be on the second floor, so it would be easiest to enter through the east entrance, which is from that new parking lot downtown. Cost is \$20 per person for those who haven't paid yet. There is a cash bar opening at 5:00 pm with food being presented at 6:00 pm.

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Due to illness and scheduling conflicts the November Board of Directors meeting was cancelled with all matters being continued to the next Board of Directors meeting to be held December 28, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the meeting room of the Stearman Community Center at the Galesburg Airport. Members are always welcome to attend.

**Young Eagles**

No Report.

**Future Gatherings**

Jim Watson has offered to host the January Gathering at his home and provide an update on his RV project. Jim's address is 618 200<sup>th</sup> Ave, Monmouth Il 61462. The Gathering will be held at the regular date and time that being January 14, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Thank you Jim.

The February Gathering is scheduled for February 11, 2023, 3:00 pm at the OSF helicopter hanger in Galesburg.

Bill Hurley has reached out, once again, to the National Weather Service in Davenport Iowa regarding a tour and radiosonde launch "flyout", or more likely drive out. Followup from Justin Schultz of NWS is expected in the next couple days. Details to follow.

**Member Biography**

None submitted

## **Member Accomplishments**

Aaron Repp was unanimously elected to be chairman of the newly formed Galesburg Aviation Advisory Committee at the committee's first meeting in November.

Stu reports he has put the canopy on the Skybolt and that he has bought a Stearman. Congratulations Stu!

Bill Hurley hasn't got his tailwheel endorsement yet, but hasn't done any donuts on the runway either.

Donivan Godsil, after being thwarted by a disinterested broker from buying a Champ near Chicago, got a heads up from Phillip Wolford about a Stearman that needed a home. According to Donivan, "the stars aligned" and he was able to purchase his "dream airplane". Of interest, Donivan's Stearman is one of 150 PT-18 Stearmans originally equipped with a Jacobs R755. The current engine was overhauled by NAS Corpus Christi in 1947 and packed in cosmoline until installed on this aircraft and has 280 hours since overhaul. Also, supporting documentation shows the airplane was test flown in 1940 by Deed Levy, apparently a Stearman test pilot of some renown. Great stuff Donivan! Congratulations and thank you for sharing the story.

Equally impressive, including Jet Air's, that now makes 6 Stearmans based at Galesburg.

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