

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc. Newsletter
November 1, 2021

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

November Chapter Gathering

The November Chapter Gathering will be held on November 13, 2021 but with a twist.

The Chapter will endeavor to conduct its first flyout for 1 pm-ish lunch at Rochelle IL as its Chapter Gathering. If the weather is suitable, Chapter members shall briefly convene at KGBG at noon, with departure to Rochelle to follow shortly thereafter. It is anticipated that most aircraft could make the trip in about an hour.

Please respond to this email if you are interested in participating in the fly-out as a pilot with an aircraft and please indicate if you would be able to take a fellow chapter member(s) with you. If you are interested in the fly-out and do not have access to an aircraft, please respond to this email and we will try to coordinate a pilot for you to ride with to Rochelle.

The Board plans to convene telephonically early on Saturday to evaluate the weather and participation interest in the event. If the Board determines the flyout is not feasible, then an e-mail will be sent to members by 9:30 am advising the Gathering shall convene at its regular time of 3:00 pm in the Jet Air hanger. In that event, Dave Wilson has graciously offered to make a presentation regarding his journey on building an RV 8. If the flyout proceeds, each pilot, as pilot in command, remains responsible to determine whether the flight to Rochelle is appropriate and may be safely undertaken by himself and any aircraft he proposes to use.

December Holiday Chapter Gathering Sunday December 12, 2021

The December Chapter Gathering will be held on SUNDAY December 12, 2021 at Prairie Street Pasta in Galesburg IL and will feature a 4:30 pm cash bar and 5:00 pm plated sit down dinner, not a buffet. The price for each person attending will be \$20.00. This Gathering is open to members and their family members. A limited selection from their normal menu items will be offered. In fairness to management, since the restaurant will be opening specially for this event, the Chapter needs to provide a reasonably good turn out to make the event economically feasible. Chapter members are requested to advise Ellie Repp of the number of persons in their party who will be attending and to arrange to forward their payment to Ellie no later than December 1, 2021 so that the Chapter can advise Prairie Street Pasta of the persons attending. The Chapter really needs members to be proactive in signing up early for the dinner. While last minute attendees will not be turned away at the door, it is preferable the

Chapter knows who is attending so the restaurant can stock adequate supplies and have sufficient staff on hand to make the dinner a pleasant experience for everyone.

As part of the holiday spirit, a book exchange will be held as part of the Gathering. Each person attending is requested to bring an aviation related book, in new or gently used condition, appropriately wrapped, as an exchange gift.

Further details will be presented at the November Gathering or as they become available.

November Board of Directors Meeting

The November Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 4:00 pm in the board room at Jet Air. Members are always welcome to attend.

EAA revenue sharing from B-25 event

The Chapter received a revenue sharing payment from EAA National for the B-25 visit in the amount of \$3,446.30. These funds have been deposited to the Chapter Bank account. This was an extraordinary opportunity for such a new chapter and was made possible by the efforts of Aaron Repp as tour stop coordinator, Ellie Repp for putting together the scheduling for volunteers, and all the chapter members who supported the event by their efforts as volunteers or otherwise.

In addition, in light of the extraordinary cooperation between the Stearman Foundation and the Chapter during the event, the Board of Directors felt it was appropriate to acknowledge this cooperation with a Chapter donation of \$500 to the Stearman National Foundation.

Name Tags and T-Shirts

12 new T-shirt orders had been received. In addition, the Chapter will purchase 14 additional T-shirts to be held in inventory for future purchase by Members or other interested parties.

Also, Daniel Wolford advised the Board of a source for engraved name tags at a cost of \$5.00 each. The Chapter is passing this information along for Members information. If you want an engraved name tag, please contact Ellie Repp as she will coordinate requests and ordering of name tags. Daniel provided a sample of his name tag for your information and it is shown below:



The Chapter would like to submit one order for members who are interested so please followup with Ellie at your earliest opportunity. A signup sheet will also be at the Chapter Gathering.

Membership Dues

As you may recall, the Chapter previously adopted the calendar year as its fiscal year. Dues for 2020 were reduced based on a pro rata rate to December 31, 2021. Accordingly membership dues for 2022 should be paid prior to January 1, 2022 to maintain your active membership in the Chapter. An active chapter membership is also required to participate in Young Eagles events or other Chapter activities. The Board requests members to pay all membership dues no later than December 31, 2021. Dues remain unchanged at \$20.00 for an individual membership and \$35.00 for a family membership.

Young Eagles

Matt Pankau, the Young Eagles Coordinator gave the Board a brief report on Young Eagles activities and options for Gatherings. It was the consensus of the Board that undertaking a Young Eagles flying event before the end of the year

would be difficult to achieve and likely not feasible until warmer weather returns next spring. However Matt mentioned the option of different Young Eagles activities which could be undertaken, including potential Young Eagles build projects available from EAA. Matt will be investigating potential YE build activities and obtain a sample YE activities project kit to explore different YE projects which would be feasible for the Chapter to undertake. Hopefully Matt will be able to find different appropriate options which the Chapter can pursue to facilitate future Young Eagles events. More to come on this.

Chapter Organization

At its October meeting, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to renew the Chapter's charter with EAA for the year 2022, along with the Chapter insurance and other organizational items. Considering that 2021 was really the first full year of Chapter activities, all members can be proud of the Chapter's achievements with hopefully bigger and better things to come.

Other Chapter News

Chuck Scharfenberg has become the proud owner of a Twin Comanche. Congratulations Chuck!

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