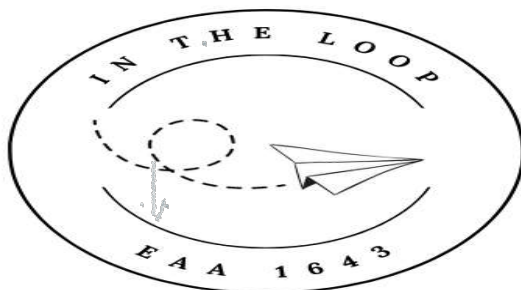


## E.A.A. Chapter 1643



**December, 2024**

### Upcoming Chapter Gathering Calendar

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| Dec. 14  | Holiday Gathering at Innkeepers in Galesburg                                 |
| Dec. 19  | VMC Club   |
| Jan. 11  | Regular Chapter Gathering, Program: Dr. Ayers, Airman Med. Examiner          |
| Jan. 16  | VMC Club   |
| Feb. 8   | Regular Chapter Gathering, Program: Alexis Quintana, Airythmia PPG Demo Team |
| Feb. 20  | VMC Club   |
| March 8  | Annual Chapter Gathering (program to be determined)                          |
| March 20 | VMC Club   |

### Chapter Gathering December 14 - Holiday Party

Our Chapter Gathering this month will be our annual Holiday Party! We will meet at the Innkeepers Restaurant at 80 N. Seminary Street in Galesburg at 5:30 pm on Saturday, December 14. Cost will be \$20 per person, members and guests welcome. We do ask that you please RSVP so the hosts can plan the appropriate amount of food. Menu is meatballs and baked brie for appetizers, baked chicken with sun-dried tomato cream sauce, parmesan risotto, glazed cooked carrots, dessert to be determined. If you have not already responded to one of Ellie's e-mails, please do so by Dec. 5th. See you there.

### VMC Club

After 3 months on hiatus while our leader was busy with fall harvest, we are back to regular meetings starting Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the international Stearman Community Center. The video scenario topic this month is: "Landing Gear Problem". The question of the month is: You are flying a single engine aircraft, the POH for which identifies a Demonstrated Crosswind Capability (DCC) of 17 knots. Approaching an airport for landing on runway 24, you check the ASOS to learn that the winds are 300 at 15 gusting to 25 knots. Is it a violation of the FARs to land this aircraft under these crosswind conditions? If you are not sure, come to the VMC Club meeting and find out.

**November Question of the Month.** How many of you are still wondering about the question posed last month? I won't print the whole question again since it involved a sectional chart, but here is the answer: You must remain below 700 feet MSL – the ceiling of the class G airspace where you can legally fly remaining clear of clouds. Above this, you enter the class E airspace and must remain 500 feet below the clouds.

### **Adirondack Chair project**

A while back, we brought up the possibility of building 2 or 3 Adirondack chairs like the ones they have at the Blue Barn at AirVenture. They could be put out here at the airport or donated to EAA at Oshkosh to use at AirVenture. Several people expressed some interest in helping with the project. But, to move forward, we need a volunteer to head-up or coordinate the project. If you would be willing to take this on and coordinate volunteers, contact Aaron.

### **2025 Dues**

2025 dues are now payable. You should have received the following in an e-mail from our Treasurer Ellie Repp, but in case you missed it, here it is again:

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

Don't forget to RSVP for the Holiday Party! It's coming up sooner than you think!

Email/Call/Text Ellie - 309-335-2887

When: Saturday, December 14th at 5:30 PM

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

Cost: \$20/person

RSVP: By December 5th

Cash or check can be made out to "EAA 1643" and paid to Ellie. Or, try our new PayPal link!

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/ADCJVSX4RQJ66>

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks!

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## **2024 Chapter Membership Survey**

We received this survey opportunity from Headquarters and are asking our members to complete the survey. Your input can help us improve our chapter.

Help share your ideas regarding your EAA chapter! The annual chapter member survey is now open. EAA would like to have **all chapter members** complete this 5-minute survey by **Tuesday, December 31**.

[Take Survey](#)

After the surveys are finalized, chapter officers will receive their chapter's results to better understand the thoughts from chapter members who elected to participate in the survey. You can use the survey feedback to improve the chapter experience for your local members. Additionally, this annual survey provides EAA with a snapshot of the type of events and programs chapter members want.

## **Other Aviation Activities**

I don't have any information on nearby fly-in/drive-in events for the next several weeks. EAA is offering a number of webinars though. I get regular e-mails from EAA listing webinar opportunities, and I am sure you do too. It is easy to register by clicking the link in the e-mail, but you can also go the website [eaa.org](http://eaa.org) and put your cursor on "News & Media" and select "EAA Webinars" from the dropdown menu.

## **Member accomplishments & activities**

Jim Watson now has his RV-7 sitting on its own landing gear.

Aaron Repp reports that he now has all the parts inventoried for his Kitfox. But before he actually starts working on the Kitfox, he is building a pedal plane kit for Isaac.

While this activity is not aviation related, you might be interested to know that two of our chapter members, Chris Mowrer and Dave Christensen, are involved in the Choral Dynamics show this weekend at the Orpheum Theater in Galesburg, titled "North Pole Shenanigans". Showtimes are 7:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, and 2:00 pm on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$18.00 and the beneficiary of the show is the Williamsfield Food Pantry.

## **Humor?**

A propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane to keep the pilot cool... when it stops, you can actually see the pilot start sweating.

Give a man an airline ticket and he will fly for a day. Push him out the door of an airplane and he will fly for the rest of his life.

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

Your newsletter guy,

Chris Mowrer