

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc Newsletter
September 12, 2020

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

Chapter Gathering: The next Chapter gathering is scheduled for Saturday September 26, 2020 at 1500. The gathering will be held in the main hanger of Jet Air at the Galesburg Airport. At this time the agenda includes starting the gathering promptly at 1500 with reports from the officers of the Chapter and any new business which may come before the meeting.

CV-19 remains a concern and the Chapter urges members to comply with social distancing and face mask requirements imposed by Governor Pritzker and approved by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules for the House of Representatives, State of Illinois (JCAR). This emergency administrative order imposes further limitations and restrictions on activities conducted by organizations in Illinois and providing for enforcement penalties. Following his inquiry, Mr. Hurley received a staff interpretation from JCAR that the chapter, as an Illinois not for profit corporation, was subject to the administrative order, including but not limited possible enforcement action in the event of noncompliance. Enforcement actions include the possibility of fines of up to \$2,500 against businesses that don't enforce face mask rules against patrons. Not-for-profit corporations, like Chapter 1643, appear to be included within the scope of the rule and the face mask mandate. Accordingly, the Chapter has and continues to request everyone to be cognizant of and actively participate in the best practices for keeping yourself, and everyone with whom you interact, safe and healthy. 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.

CHAPTER ACTIONS

At the last Chapter gathering a sign up sheet for participation in the Chapter directory was made available for members to indicate their consent to participate in the directory. Since not all members were present at the last gathering, or may not have given their consent, the attendance sheet will again be made available to provide an opportunity for members to consent to participation in the member directory. Please be sure to indicate on the sheet if you wish to participate.

Members: The Chapter continues to request those members with outstanding dues to do what they can to make their dues payments current.

Committees: The Chapter is still looking for members to fill the various committee positions. If you are interested in helping or have other ideas, please contact Ellie Repp.

Chapter Organization. The proposed minutes from the Chapter gathering of August 29, 2020 are attached and will be presented for approval at the next Chapter Gathering. Please review the draft minutes for further information on the Chapter's organizational status.

Brian Vallero resigned as Chapter Secretary in light of conflicts with work and other obligations. The Chapter accepted Brian's resignation with regret and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the Chapter. Bill Hurley was unanimously elected to replace Brian as Secretary of the Chapter.

The Board of Directors meeting will take place Monday September 14, 2020 at 1600 in the Jet Air offices at the Galesburg Airport. While chapter members are not entitled to vote at the Director's meeting, members are welcome to attend.

CHAPTER EVENTS

Brian Vallero recently obtained his instrument, commercial and certified flight instructor while attending a very strenuous training program in Minnesota. Congratulations Brian.

Word is the Stearman organization has received City approval to erect a hanger/office facility at the airport. Further details should be forthcoming in the near future.

Bill Hurley has made contact with Dan Ibrahim, President of Chapter 1642 at Marshall County. They anticipate meeting in the near future to discuss possible opportunities for cooperation and participation in aviation related activities between the two chapters.

Members are encouraged to submit reports of aviation related activities and achievements by others, or themselves, for inclusion into the newsletter.

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**Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc
August 29, 2020 Chapter Gathering Minutes**

Minutes of Chapter Gathering held on August 29,2020 at 3:00pm.

Meeting was called to order at 3:07 by the President.

The President canvassed the meeting and determined a quorum was present in person or by proxy.

Upon motion made by Bill Hurley and seconded by Stu Olmstead the minutes of the chapter gathering dated July 25, 2020 were approved and filed in the minute book.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

The President reported on the corporate organizational status. The filed articles of incorporation have been received from the State of Illinois reflecting the new chapter name. The FEIN application was submitted and a new FEIN has been issued in the new Chapter name. An application seeking approval of not for profit status for the Chapter under the new name has been submitted to the Internal Revenue Service and is pending. The President will be transmitting the Chapter's organizational documents to the EAA at Oshkosh for their approval whereupon the Chapter's charter should be issued by the EAA.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion duly made by the President and seconded, the by-laws of the Chapter were approved and the Secretary recorded the bylaws in the minute book.

Brian Vallero next spoke to advise the Chapter that he could not continue as Secretary of the Chapter due to conflicts with his employment and other activities. Accordingly Brian resigned as Chapter Secretary effective immediately. The Chapter accepted Brian's resignation with regret and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the Chapter.

Whereupon, nominations were opened to appoint a new Secretary of the Chapter. The President nominated Bill Hurley as secretary. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed and the President called for the vote to appoint Bill Hurley as Secretary of the Chapter. The vote having been taken, Bill Hurley was unanimously elected Secretary of the Chapter.

The floor was then opened for discussion.

The President noted NATA intentions to conduct their training at Galesburg the first weekend of September. In addition apparently several Stearman owners had made plans to visit Galesburg during what would have been the traditional Stearman Fly-In in September. The President emphasized whatever activities may take place, they are not EAA or Chapter sanctioned activities. So as to avoid possibly triggering interaction with law enforcement over Gov. Pritzker's administrative orders, neither the Chapter or any Chapter members, in their capacity as Chapter members, are authorized to participate in either the NATA or Stearman activities. The Chapter takes no position on chapter members in their individual capacity electing to participate in NATA or Stearman activities.

In that regard, Bill Hurley was recognized by the President. He stated that he had made inquiry of an Illinois representative, who is a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules for the House of Representatives, State of Illinois (JCAR) which had just approved Gov. Pritzker's recent CV-19 emergency administrative order imposing further limitations and restrictions on activities conducted by organizations in Illinois and providing for enforcement penalties. The purpose of the inquiry was to ascertain whether not –for-profit clubs like the Chapter were subject to the administrative order. Mr. Hurley was provided a response which purported to be a staff interpretation from JCAR that the chapter, as an Illinois not for profit corporation, was subject to the administrative order, including but not limited possible enforcement action in the event of noncompliance. This advice emphasizes the need for the Chapter and chapter members to avoid Chapter actions which could be construed as being in violation of Pritzker's administrative orders. Again, this concern applies to the Chapter and Chapter activities only.

Scott Delauder was recognized by the President. Scott discussed the Poker Run being sponsored by the EAA Chapter at Marshall County.

The President recognized Brian Vallero for his recent accomplishment of earning his instrument, commercial and certified flight instructor rating. Congratulations were offered to Brian for his achievement.

There being no further business coming before the Chapter, after motion duly made and seconded, the Chapter Gathering of August 29, 2020 was adjourned.