

**Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc.,  
an Illinois Not for Profit Corporation  
Newsletter  
April 5, 2023**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:**

**April Chapter Gathering-Annual Meeting and Elections**

The April Chapter Gathering will be held at the Stearman Community Center hanger on Saturday April 8, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Aaron Repp will be providing a presentation to the Chapter describing the FAA's wildlife strike reporting process. This is often an unknown and/or misunderstood process by pilots and aircraft operators. So come join us and learn about what the term "Snarge" means.

**Board of Directors Meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held April 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Stearman Community Center at the Galesburg Airport. Members are always welcome to attend.

**Chapter Annual Meeting and Elections**

Thank you to all the members who attended the Gathering and Annual meeting. There were 21 members present including two new members which is a great showing of Chapter membership.

Chapter Elections were held and the following persons were elected to their respective office by unanimous vote of the members present:

Aaron Repp was elected as President and Director

Dave Scharfenberg volunteered his nomination and was elected to fill the Vice President & Director seat vacated by Aaron Repp's election as President.

The Chapter wishes to thank Matt Jern for his leadership in organizing and leading the Chapter as one of its founding members and as President since the Chapter was created. The Chapter's success to date is due in large part to Matt's efforts as an officer/director and member at large. Thank you Matt.

The Chapter also wishes to thank Stu Olmstead for coordinating the visit of ATC personnel to the Chapter for a highly informative presentation and question and answer session. Representing ATC was Bridget Musto Operations Supervisor at KPIA, Brady Seei Operations Supervisor at KMLI and Dustin Becher Operations Supervisor at KMLI. Their presentation included information about the recent

reorganization of approach control for KPIA and insight into the effect upon general aviation users in the airspace around KPIA and KMLI, ATC procedures and practices of general application as well as an extensive question and answer session. It was a highly informative presentation and a great opportunity for chapter members to gain valuable insight. Thank you Bridget, Brady and Dustin.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ellie Repp provided the Treasurer's report and the proposed budget, gave a short presentation and answered a couple questions raised by members. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the proposed budget was unanimously approved by Chapter members.

### **Young Eagles**

As most of you know, the weather for this past weekend's Young Eagle rally did not cooperate. With the high winds forecasted, the Young Eagle's committee decided to cancel the event in the best interest of safety and comfort for our flyers. A cancellation notice was sent to the Young Eagle participants and told them to stay tuned for our next event scheduled for June 10th, where they will be first to know when registration opens up.

The Young Eagles committee cannot stress enough how much we appreciate the support of our volunteers! We laid a lot of groundwork for this event that can be used for Young Eagles events in the future and there will also be brainstorming and discussion for additional backup plans for future events.

We would also like to announce that Jessica Vens has stepped into the role as the Chapter's Young Eagle Coordinator. We would like to thank Matt Pankau for his efforts and service over the past year.

### **Gatherings Survey**

Ellie Repp reported that the vast majority of members have responded to the online survey which inquired about options for Gathering dates and times. While not all members have responded, to date the response shows 70% of members wish to keep the current dates and times for Gatherings. With such a strong preference for keeping things "as is", the Board of Directors agreed no changes to meeting dates and times will be forthcoming.

### **Perks for Student Pilots**

The Board of Directors has approved a new member initiative which involves providing aviation students "actively engaged in primary sport or private pilot training" a free one year Chapter membership with the objectives of encouraging

their training and getting them engaged in the local aviation community. This is in addition to the 6 month full membership offered by EAA national to student pilots. If you know of a student who is actively training be sure to mention this opportunity to them.

### **Dues**

Members were and are again reminded that Chapter dues are now Overdue! If you have not paid your dues please do so.

### **Member Reports**

Dave Scharfenberg reports his L39 project at Code One Aviation in Rockford is not finished much to his disappointment.

Scott Dalauda recently delivered a Navion to New York. He reports being able to get out of town just before the blizzard hit.

Chris Mower recently visited the Commemorative Air Force museum. He also needs help with a fabric repair on his ultralight but another member immediately offered Chris a possible fix so hopefully that will be resolved shortly.

Rob Humpries is building an RV 12 project. He reports recently attending the fiberglass class offered by EAA in the hopes of facilitating the earlier completion of his project.

Randy May reports successfully soloing his first student with all the angst that comes with it.

### **Member Biography**

None submitted.

### **New Members**

The Chapter wishes to welcome Ishan Tali and Scott Bragg as new Members to Chapter 1643. Welcome to the chapter!

### **Member Accomplishments**

The EAA issued 2023 Chapter Service Award to the following members in recognition of their service to the Chapter:

Matt Jern as President

Aaron Repp as Vice President

Matt Pankau as Young Eagles Coordinator

Ellie Repp as Web Editor and Treasurer

Bill Hurley as Secretary and News Letter Editor

### **Galesburg Airport Advisory Commission**

The next Airport Advisory Commission is scheduled for April 20, 2023 at 3:00 pm in the Jet Air conference room.

### **Fly Outs**

With the return of warmer weather, longer daylight hours and more friendly weather, the prospect of member flyouts becomes more feasible. Historical favorites have been the restaurants at Rochelle, IL and Janesville, WI. However the Board is always looking for additional options.

Dave Scharfenberg brought up the possibility of the St Nicholas Brew Company at Southern Illinois Airport (KMDH). This is the home of the SIU flight training program. It is 197 mi south of Galesburg.

In addition, there is Eagle Creek Airport (KEYE) which is 200 miles east of Galesburg and just northwest of Indianapolis, IN. Bill Hurley has been there a couple times. The restaurant is a short and easy ½ block walk from the GA ramp, with indoor and outdoor veranda seating and a sophisticated menu including burgers. The only “tricky” part is it is in a different time zone so you can easily end up an hour late for your reservation. (Been there, done that).

Finally, the AOPA magazine had a short article on an aviation museum at Creve Coeur, Missouri (1HO). The museum is reported to occupy four full hangers including “golden age” aircraft in flying condition. It is 132.7 miles south of Galesburg on the west side and under the St. Louis class B. It is reported to be open on weekends. The article did not mention food options but that can be checked out.

So think about it and let the Board know if you are interested.

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