

**Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc.,
an Illinois Not for Profit Corporation
Newsletter February 3, 2024**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

January Chapter Gathering

Well, January was the Gathering that wasn't because of the blizzard and arctic temperatures which affected this area. The Board hopes everyone "weathered" this incredible event safely. Any business intended to be conducted at the January Gathering will be addressed at the February Gathering.

February Chapter Gathering

The February Chapter Gathering is set for February 10 at 3:00 pm in the upstairs conference room of the International Stearman Community Center.

As part of the Gathering, you are invited participate in the first Chapter Chili Cook-Off! Whip up a batch of your favorite chili and bring it to the International Stearman Hangar on Saturday, February 10th at 3pm for a chance to win it all! Please bring your chili in your own crock-pot and we will plan to do the tasting at the beginning of the Gathering. Bottled water will be available. If you wish, you can bring your own soft drinks or non alcoholic alternatives. Please no beer or other alcoholic beverages. If you can, please let Ellie or Jessica know if you plan to bring a chili. Otherwise, bring yourself and an appetite!

Since we had to cancel the January Gathering due to weather, Retired Air Force General and pilot, William "Robbie" Robertson will be presenting in the upstairs conference room after we taste your delicious chilies. Robbie is a Peoria native and served in the 182nd Airlift Wing of the Illinois Air National Guard during his 41 years of service in the Armed Forces.

Board of Directors Meeting

The February Board of Directors meeting will be held February 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at the International Stearman Community Center.

The March Gathering/Annual meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on March 9, 2024 in the upstairs conference room at the International Stearman Community Center.

Galesburg Airport Advisory Commission

The next Airport Advisory Commission is scheduled for February 15, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at the International Stearman Community Center.

President's Report

A reminder that the Chapter elections will be held at the March Gathering/Annual Meeting for Chapter 1643. At this time the offices of Secretary/Director and Vice President/Director will be filled for a two year term. Paper ballots will be used in the election process. You must be a member in good standing to vote in the Chapter elections or hold office as Officer or Director in the Chapter.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reports the current balance of funds on hand is \$7,181.42. A copy of the December Treasurer's report is attached to the end of the newsletter.

The final bill for the holiday party at Innkeepers cost \$505.00. After member ticket purchases of \$500, the net expense to the Chapter was \$5.00. Additionally, since the venue and food at Innkeepers was well received, a reservation for the 2024 Holiday Party has already been made with Innkeepers. It will be held on the regular Gathering date, that being the second Saturday of December, December 14, 2024 starting at 5:30 pm. So, no excuse not to mark your calendar now.

Young Eagles

Jessica Vens also reported Young Eagles events are scheduled for April 13 and June 8. The June 8 date coincides with the National Young Eagles day. Pilots and ground volunteers will be needed to make these events a success. Watch for signup sheets.

Jessica would like to ask if those who are already on the Young Eagles committee intend to stay on board for the coming year? Jessica would also welcome any other members who would like to join the Young Eagles committee.

If you wish to be involved with Young Eagles, the Young Eagles Committee or other aspects of the program, you may also reach out to Jessica directly.

Member Reports

None submitted

New Members

No report.

Chapter Gatherings

If Chapter Members have any other ideas or activities, seminars, or discussions they wish to see included in the monthly Chapter Gatherings please let any Board member or officer know. All such suggestions/ideas would be welcome.

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The comment period on the FAA's proposed dramatic overhaul and expansion of sport pilot privileges and light sport aircraft parameters expired on January 22, 2024. No further public comments or complaints may be submitted before the final rule is issued. I hope you took the opportunity to contribute your thoughts to the proposed regulations which will affect all of us general aviations pilots for years to come.

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EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION 1643, INC.
INCOME STATEMENT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME

DIRECT PUBLIC SUPPORT	
CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -
INDIV/BUS. CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 2,210.00
EAA COMMISSION INCOME	
TOTAL:	\$ 2,210.00

OTHER INCOME

INTEREST INCOME	\$ 5.91
MERCHANDISE	\$ 620.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 500.00
TOTAL:	\$ 1,125.91

PROGRAM INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 1,445.00
YOUNG EAGLE CREDITS	\$ 220.08
TOTAL:	\$ 1,665.08

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 5,000.99

EXPENSE

BUSINESS EXPENSES

CHARTER FEES	\$ 100.00
INSURANCE FEES	\$ 322.00
REGISTRATION FEES	\$ 110.00
TOTAL:	\$ 532.00

OPERATIONS EXPENSE

EVENT SUPPLIES	\$ 157.13
EVENT FOOD/DRINK	\$ 694.60
YOUNG EAGLES	\$ 241.63
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 69.72
MERCHANDISE	\$ 384.90
MISC.	\$ 159.98
TOTAL:	\$ 1,707.96

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

CASH AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ -
DONATIONS	\$ 210.00
TOTAL:	\$ 210.00

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$ 2,449.96

NET INCOME: \$ 2,551.03