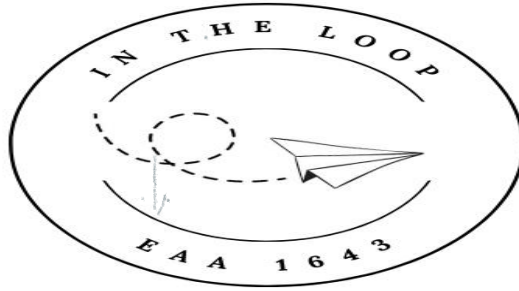


E.A.A. Chapter 1643



November, 2024

Upcoming Chapter Gathering Calendar

- Nov. 9 Regular Chapter Gathering, Program: Jeff Allen, DPE
- Dec. 14 Holiday Gathering at Innkeepers in Galesburg
- Jan. 11 Regular Chapter Gathering, Program: Dr. Ayers, Airman Med. Examiner
- Feb. 8 Regular Chapter Gathering, Program: Alexis Quintana, Airythmia PPG Demo Team
- March 8 Annual Chapter Gathering (program to be determined)

Chapter Gathering October 12

Our next regular Chapter Gathering will be Saturday, November 9 at 3:00 pm in the upstairs conference room of the Stearman Hanger at the Galesburg Municipal Airport (GBG). Jeff Allen, FAA Designated Pilot Examiner and Director of Operations for Jet Air, Inc. will be our presenter. Jeff will be presenting on common deficiencies and trends in pilot checkrides and then he will open it up for questions. This should be a very informative presentation for current and student pilots and a great opportunity to get to know your examiner before an upcoming checkride. If you know a pilot/student who is not a member of EAA or our chapter, this would be an excellent time to invite them as a guest.

You will notice above that we have programs for our gatherings planned through February next year. March will be our annual gathering for officer election and budget approval, but we could possibly have a program then, also. Aaron has done a great job contacting and arranging speakers and presenters, but we would really appreciate any ideas for future programs. Or maybe a volunteer to host a shop/project visit?

VMC Club

Regular VMC Club meetings are still on hiatus this month. The next regular VMC Club meeting will be December 19, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the international Stearman Community Center. But, just for fun, below is the November question of the month for you to think about. If I don't forget, I will publish the answer next month. Here is the answer to last month's question about yellow tinted areas on the charts: Answer: "According to the FAA's Aeronautical Chart Users Guide, yellow tinted areas of a sectional chart indicate populated places, with the range of population indicated by

the font style and size. However, that does not imply that areas not tinted yellow are sparsely populated.” In other words, just because it is not tinted doesn’t mean it’s safe to fly low.

Question: You are making a daytime VFR flight from Hyannis, MA to Martha’s Vineyard, MA as shown below. Conditions include a 1,000 foot overcast and 10 miles visibility. What is the highest altitude at which you can legally fly this trip under these stipulated conditions?



A Note from Our Treasurer about Membership Dues

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! You are now welcome to pay your dues online! If you choose this option, we will ask that you pay an extra \$1.00 to cover the fees associated with a non-profit business account. If you have any trouble with PayPal, please let Ellie know. 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

Other Aviation Activities

My search of SocialFlight did not reveal much in the way of nearby fly-in/drive-in events. It does seem to be a season for webinars, though. EAA is offering several over the next few weeks:

Nov. 6. “Distrust and Verify”. Presenter: Mike Busch

Nov. 12 “Christen Eagles”. Presenter: Chris Henry

Nov. 13 “Scanning the Gauges: Surviving VFR into IMC”. Presenter: Prof. Paul Such

Nov. 19 “EAA Ray Aviation Scholarships – Update for 2025” Presenter: Chris Gauger

Nov. 20 “IFR Departures: From Planning to the Enroute Environment” Presenter: Tom Turner

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 and put your cursor on “News & Media” and select “EAA Webinars” from the dropdown menu.

Missing handheld radios

Scott DeLawder reports that he loaned a couple of ICOM A-16 radios to the Stearman Fly-in so volunteers could keep track of traffic, but never got them back. It is possible that they just got stored by someone not realizing that they were not property of the Fly-in organization. Since several of our members volunteered, we are hoping that someone might have some information on the whereabouts of these radios. Let Scott or one of our officers know.

Humor?

I threw my cell phone off the roof and it broke. I guess the airplane mode wasn't working.

I asked the flight attendant to change my seat because of a crying baby next to me. It turns out you can't do that if the baby is yours.

A passenger, in a panic, asked if the plane was going the right way. To which Yoda replied, “Off course, we are.”

Until next time, fly high and grease the landing.

Your Secretary and Newsletter Guy,

Chris Mowrer