

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc Newsletter
October 1, 2021

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

October Chapter Gathering

The October Chapter Gathering will be October 9, 2021 at 3:00 pm in the Jet Air hanger

October Board of Directors Meeting

The October Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday October 27, 2021 at 4:00 pm in the board room at Jet Air. Please note the meeting will convene at 4:00 pm instead of 5:00 pm. At its meeting of September 29, 2021, the Board of Directors adopted the change of time for all future board meetings to accommodate recent changes in work schedules of board members. Chapter members are always welcome to attend and observe board meetings.

B-25 Success

By any measure, the B-25 visit was a big success. Subject to harvest demands, Aaron Repp hopes to present more detailed information about the B-25 visit at the Chapter Gathering. However all the feedback about the visit, the Chapter and its members from EAA National and the B-25 crew has been very positive and complimentary. Chapter volunteers and their efforts were a huge contribution to this success. More details to come at the Chapter Gathering.

Chapter T-Shirts

Chapter T-shirts sold well during the B-25 visit and have depleted the Chapter inventory. In addition, several chapter members have expressed an interest in acquiring additional T-shirts for themselves, guests, birthday presents, etc. Accordingly, the Chapter will be offering another opportunity to acquire Chapter T-shirts.

Signup sheets to purchase T-shirts will be available at the Chapter Gathering. Payment is requested at the time the order is placed. Pricing and color availability are being investigated at this time. If you are unable to attend the Chapter gathering please mail/deliver a written order request with corresponding payment to the Chapter at its address or to Ellie Repp directly prior to October 15, 2021. Checks should be made payable to Chapter 1643.

Holiday Party

Covid-19 notwithstanding, the Chapter is exploring options for a Chapter holiday party in December. Jill Pankau has graciously offered to investigate the options available to the Chapter and to report back to the Board. Please think about your preference/availability for dates in December to attend such a Gathering. The regular Chapter gathering date, i.e., second Saturday of the month, may be a good option. Thank you to Jill for undertaking this effort.

Young Eagles

At its recent meeting, the Board briefly discussed additional Young Eagles activities. This discussion was tabled however when it was recalled the Chapter does not have a Young Eagles committee. Matt Pankau previously agreed to be the Chapter's Young Eagles Committee Chairman however, efforts to provide necessary staffing for the committee were put off pending the B-25 visit and everything that involved. That said, the Committee needs to be staffed with additional volunteers so Matt has some support for Young Eagles activities. Matt will be at the upcoming Gathering and may have a word or two to say about his vision for future YE activities. If you are interested in volunteering please make your interest known at the Gathering or feel free to reach out to Matt directly.

Chapter Projects and Speakers

After being consumed by efforts to prepare and execute on the B-25 visit, other Chapter activities were effectively placed on hold. Now that the B-25 visit is history, the Board of Directors wants to follow through on that energy and consider other chapter activities consistent with its charter guidelines and limitations applicable to "new" Illinois 'not for profit' corporations such as the Chapter. In that regard, the Board is looking for suggestions from Chapter members on projects, activities or speakers which would be of interest to membership and further Chapter objectives.

The Board would like to have speakers for the Chapter gatherings so ideas from the members are always welcome. Chapter outings to ATC facilities (subject to Covid-19 limitations) or project presentations are another option. Then there are actual projects, i.e., learning how to construct a wooden wing rib, wiring an intercom, replacing a tire, or other such projects are options.

So, please reflect upon things you would like to see, hear or do and let the chapter know at the Chapter Gathering. If you are shy, just LEGIBLY write your idea on a piece of paper and hand it to the meeting chair at the next Gathering.

Chapter Historian

The Chapter has undertaken several significant events and activities in its short history which are hopefully just the beginning of a very successful Chapter going forward. In that regard, the Board had a brief discussion of how to capture and document these experiences so as to record the history of the Chapter and its members through photographs, articles, newsletters, and other means, effectively creating a Chapter archive. In that regard, the possibility of a Chapter Historian was discussed. The Chapter Historian would collect, manage and preserve memories of these special events for the Chapter. Such a person would need some organizational skills and likely some level of proficiency with modern media technology (which excludes me by definition). If you have an interest in undertaking such an effort on behalf of the Chapter, are organized and have a camera or smart phone, please consider volunteering as Chapter Historian and let one of the officers/directors know of your interest.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Chapter is happy to announce several new members have joined Chapter 1643 bringing Chapter membership to 47. The new members are:

Joel Wilford
Jon Ponder
Chad Ponder
Rich Norton
Charles Nelson

The Chapter welcomes these new members and looks forward to their participation in the many present and future activities of the Chapter and its members. Please reach out and welcome these members when you have the chance.

Deepak Dogra successfully completed his private pilot certificate in September 2021. Congratulations Deepak!

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