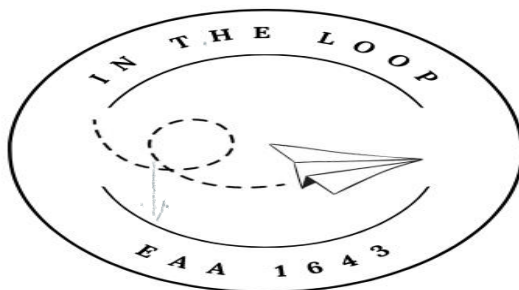


E.A.A. Chapter 1643



February, 2025

Upcoming Chapter Gathering Calendar

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| Feb. 8 | Regular Chapter Gathering, Program: Chili Cookoff |
| Feb. 20 | VMC Club |
| March 8 | Annual Chapter Gathering. Program: Alexis Quintana, Airythmia PPG Demo Team |
| March 20 | VMC Club |
| April 12 | Possible Young Eagle event? |
| April 17 | VMC Club |

February 8 Chapter Gathering; Annual Chili Cook-off

Our upcoming February 8th Chapter Gathering will feature our Chapter's 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off! We will plan to meet in the Stearman Hangar at our normal gathering time at 3pm for a warm bowl of chili and a good time to visit with some hangar talk. Please feel free to whip up your favorite batch of chili for everyone to enjoy and the winner will receive an award plaque and bragging rights! The Chapter will be providing a power strip for anyone who brings a crock pot, plus crackers, utensils and water. If anyone has any snacks to share that they would like to bring other than chili, that's fine, too. Hope to see you there!

VMC Club

Please join us at our next VMC Club meeting, Thursday, February 20 at 5:30 pm in the Stearman Hangar at the Galesburg Airport. Everyone is welcome to attend. Instead of the usual video scenario, Bill Hurley will share a presentation on his VFR trip in his Cessna Cardinal from Galesburg, Illinois to Yakima, Washington. Bill's presentation will discuss VFR decision making throughout his trip and the challenges he faced navigating mountainous terrain.

The Question of the Month is: You're on a VFR cross country flight in your VFR-equipped 1977 Cessna 172, flying by pilotage at about 3,000 AGL, on your way home with a friend. You're returning later than planned, and your friend asks if he can use his cell phone to call his wife to say he'll be late. Since you're flying VFR and not even using any onboard electronic navigation, is it legally permissible to let your friend make the call?

In the past, I have published the answer to previous month's questions for the months that the VMC Club did not meet. I won't publish the answer to this one, so if you want to know the answer, come to the meeting.

2025 Dues reminder

We are accepting payment for 2025 Dues. They remain the same as last year, \$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!

Dues PayPal Link:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/G3JG2HCMS379S>

If mailing a check, please make it out to EAA 1643 and mail to:

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Other Aviation Activities

Feb. 15 Winter Ski plane/Wheel Plane Fly-in. IC8 Cottonwood Airport, Rockford, IL. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Lunch served, watch weather conditions. Contact Doug Miller 815-654-0545

Feb. 18-20 EAA Virtual Ultralight Days Three days of on topics related to ultralights (fixed wing, weight shift, PPC and PPG). To register, go to eaa.org, put your cursor on "events & experiences" and select "ultralight days from the drop-down menu. This will take you to a page where you can pull up lists of the webinars each day and register for each one separately.

Feb. 22 The 44th Annual Ultralight & Light Sport Aviation Safety Symposium. Southwestern Illinois College Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Rd, Granite City, IL. Registration starting at 8:00 am, Breakfast and lunch available provided by EAA Chapter 64. Speakers covering a broad range of topics, vendors, networking opportunities, raffles. Free event except for food and raffles. Website: [Illinois Ultralight and Light Plane Symposium](http://IllinoisUltralightandLightPlaneSymposium.com)

Quotable:

"Hug your kids at home, but belt them in the airplane" unknown

"There are two critical points in every aerial flight - it's beginning and it's end".
Alexander Graham Bell

"You hafta AFTA (Always Fly The Airplane)" Frank "Woof" Beagle, Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame member

One of my favorite sayings from my old instructor: "Any landing you can walk away from is a good landing, and if you can use the airplane again, it's a great landing"

Until next time, fly high and grease the landing!

Your newsletter guy

Chris Mowrer

