

**Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc Newsletter**  
**May 1, 2021**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:**

**Chapter Gathering**

The May Chapter Gathering will be held Saturday May 8, 2021 in the Jet Air Hanger at KGBG.

**Young Eagles Update**

The First Young Eagles Rally is still on for May 22, 2021. The Rally officially starts at 9:00 am but all volunteers are requested to be present no later than 8:30 a.m. at the Jet Air Hanger. Lunch and debriefing of the YE volunteers will take place immediately after the Rally is concluded.

We will have the girls split up into 4 "stations" where they will: learn about instruments, do a pre-flight walkaround, hear about aviation experience and opportunities, and go on their flight!

At this time, Bill Hurley has volunteered his Cardinal for static display and orientation at the event. Two pilots have volunteered to fly attendees using 172's. If you wish to volunteer yourself as pilot or your aircraft for flying with Young Eagles attendees, please contact Aaron Repp at your earliest opportunity.

In addition, there will be a meeting for all Young Eagles Volunteers immediately preceding the Chapter Gathering, that being at 2:30 pm May 8, 2021. It is important that all volunteers attend this meeting which is being used to put the final touch on plans and procedures for the Rally. The Chapter needs a hard count of participating pilots and aircraft no later than this pre-event meeting.

Remember, all volunteers need to possess at the Young Eagles event on their immediate person, i.e., to produce if requested, proof of their satisfactory completion of the EAA background check.

Once again, thanks to those who have already volunteered for this Rally.

**B 17 VISIT**

At this time, there is no additional information to report on the B-17 visit. Logistics are still being coordinated with the city and EAA National. The Board of Directors continues to await guidance from EAA National regarding several aspects of the event. As further information becomes available, members will be advised at the Gathering or via this newsletter or e-mail. Volunteer opportunities are still available. Contact Ellie Repp if you wish to volunteer.

## Chapter Equipment

Ellie Repp reports the Chapter has obtained a table and other supporting equipment for use at Chapter events. A more detailed report will be provided at the Gathering.

## Name Tags

EAA National has recently stressed the importance of members wearing name tags at Chapter events. This will be especially important at the Young Eagles Rally and B-17 visit. Frankly, it is also helpful for members trying to get acquainted with each other and to make new members and guests feel welcome. You should have received a name tag at the time you became a member. If you did not receive one, or have misplaced it, please contact Matt Jern to obtain your new or replacement name tag.

## Chapter shirts

Ellie Repp has contacted various vendors about obtaining chapter shirts for members. We will be placing an order for chapter T-shirts! They will be \$20 each and you have a few color options. One will be a brightly colored option as an alternative to wearing a vest while working on the ramp during the B17 event (for any of you volunteers interested!). We will have an order form at the Gathering, otherwise, please send your order to Ellie ([elliekjhs@hotmail.com](mailto:elliekjhs@hotmail.com)).

## Stearman Fundraising Shirts

Speaking of shirts, the Stearman people are trying to raise funds for their fly-in event for, among other things, getting a band for evening entertainment. This may be a good opportunity to demonstrate the Chapter's support for aviation events in this area and generate some goodwill with the Stearman organization.

These shirts will only be available for purchase through May 20th and will not be available at the Fly-In itself. Use this link to support our Stearman friends!

[https://www.customink.com/fundraising/national-stearman-fly-in?utm\\_campaign=desktop-campaign-page-share-v3&utm\\_content=national-stearman-fly-in&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=copy-link](https://www.customink.com/fundraising/national-stearman-fly-in?utm_campaign=desktop-campaign-page-share-v3&utm_content=national-stearman-fly-in&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy-link)



### National Stearman Fly-In, Supporting National Stearman Fly-in NFP Inc

This year, we will celebrate 50 years of the fly-in and to welcome everyone into the International Stearman Community Center. The money raised from this fundraiser will help support the event, and you get a cool shirt! Get more information about the National Stearman Fly-In at [www.stearmanflyin.com](http://www.stearmanflyin.com). Free shipping to those who choose to pick up...

[www.customink.com](http://www.customink.com)

### **Chapter Website**

Thanks to the efforts of Nate Compton, the chapter website is now operational. The address is [chapters/ea.org](http://chapters/ea.org) then select Chapter 1643. Thanks Nate for all the work and effort! Thoughts and suggestions for the website can be communicated to Nate.

### **Electronic Payments**

Several members have expressed an interest in using electronic funds transfers to pay chapter dues, membership fees, etc. In order for the Chapter to do this, it must join a payment network such as Pay-Pal or Venmo. These organizations would charge the Chapter a fee for becoming a member, and a fee to the Chapter and the payer for each transaction. This concept is becoming more popular despite the fact it reduces, albeit nominally, the proceeds the Chapter would receive for each EFT transaction. That said, the Chapter wishes to implement processes which are more convenient for members. Aaron Repp has taken the lead on this effort and will make a more detailed report at the chapter gathering. Be assured however, the Chapter will continue to accept checks and cash.

### **Gathering Presentations**

One purpose of an EAA chapter is to share the knowledge and experience of chapter members with other members for both entertainment and educational purposes. The Board would like to encourage members to share their aviation experiences at Gatherings with other members. These experiences can include a great hamburger joint or dining experience or more technical experiences such as routing issues when flying IFR in or around the Chicago Class B airspace, or pitfalls to cutting a canopy on a RV-14. It doesn't need to be a power point presentation with handouts. For instance, the author is anticipating a trip to Yakima, WA which will involve some high altitude mountain flying in a normally aspirated Cardinal for a flatland pilot. The planning for such a flight could be an interesting subject for discussions, i.e., member's experiences for routes, dealing with mountain turbulence and DENSITY ALTITUDE, sights to see, bad experiences to avoid etc. If there is interest in making such discussions/presentations a part of a Chapter Gathering it could be incorporated in the Gathering Agenda. Please let your chapter officers or board members know of your interest, or if you think it is a bad idea.

Also, if you have an idea for a speaker or presenter, please pass it on to the chapter officers or directors.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.** The next regular Board of Directors meeting is May 26, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the Jet Air Board Room. Members are welcome to attend and observe Board Meetings.

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

Harold Timmons just returned from a 2 ½ day ferry trip flying Jet Airs newly acquired AT-6 from California. Now that sounds like an experience!

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