



EAA Chapter 263

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SHARING OUR LOVE OF FLYING

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President's Corner



Welcome to the EAA Chapter 263 President's Corner.

As we say goodbye to the holidays and 2019 and look ahead to a new year and new decade, things are looking really exciting for our chapter in 2020. We had a wonderful holiday celebration and gathering in Ottawa at the Lone Buffalo. It was fun just to get together and visit and learn a little more about our fellow members. We have a new President in Mike Fuller, and new members from all walks of life, and a shared passion for aviation. We have young members to help us continue what we started for years to come.

I am very grateful to all of you who all allowed me to help re-start the chapter and set the foundation for future aviators, be it pilots, mechanics, or just fans of flight. As President for a little while longer, my last challenge is for you to think outside the box and ask:

- What can we do to get more creative with the chapter?
- What would make me want to join 263 if I wasn't already here?
- What activities can we do to share the knowledge and spread the "gospel of flight".
- What can I do to help the annual "TBM Salute to Veterans" to become THE premier aviation event of the Midwest? Sure, the event happens each May, and we have thousands of visitors, but I see thousands of potential members for 263!
- Am I will to help grow the LP High School Aviation classes already started right here, and maybe go visit other area schools and get them involved?
- What of my knowledge can I "pay forward" to someone just starting out? Someone taught us what we know and it is your directive to pass that knowledge along.

The options for growth are only limited by our imagination. I have made a career out of thinking outside the box and now I challenge you to do the same. Our chapter is blessed with many opportunities. The location at KVYS is a perfect place to get involved and become part of the world of flying.

We have many diverse planes based here. Nearly every day a new, and sometimes unique aircraft, will stop by enroute to their destination. We have TBMs visiting each May. We have our own local TBM, a Stearman, a Pitts, a Magni gyroplane, an ultralight, jets and many other here as their base. The surrounding community is filled with individuals wanting to be part of the world you have already joined.

As I look forward to my new chapter of my life out west, I am so happy that the one message I have been telling anyone who would listen; to "get the next generation involved", has been heard and the results are started to become reality. I thank you for listening and thank you for giving me a chance to create yet another fabulous memory to carry with me throughout my life

"Aviation is proof that given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible. "

-Dave

EAA Meeting Minutes 5 December 2019 6:30 pm, Lone Buffalo, Ottawa, IL

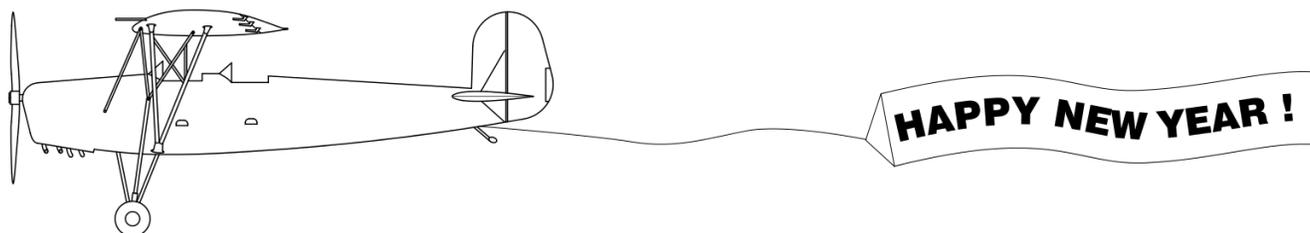
President Dave Lourie welcomed everyone to the buffet spread. Because no one was flying, we also shared many libations. A wonderful time was had by all!

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Next meeting: 6:30 pm, Thursday, January 9th at Illinois Valley Regional Airport (business meeting at 6:15)

Topic: OSF Life Flight facility (we'll walk down there from the meeting room, or carpool as needed)

REMINDER: This is **YOUR** newsletter. Please **suggest** topics and **submit** articles on topics you'd like to see or share. Thanks! ~Robbin

