



# EAA Chapter 263

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## Welcome to the 263 Newsletter!

by Robbin Keenan

This is the first newsletter for the newest EAA Chapter - 263! Since this is also my first gig as a newsletter editor, I'd love your input and help.

I've been reading other chapters' newsletters and getting ideas. Like our meetings and events, it really is a team effort, as well as a way to share our stories with one another.

Since some of the newsletters I've looked at are from chapters who have been in existence much longer than we have, they have content about their recent and upcoming activities. We'll get there!

Other information some have included are:

- a "first person" story of a flight, an experience, or a whole trip (including photos!) I'm an ex-Kodaker, so in my opinion, the more photos, the better ;-)

- articles from EAA or other pilot sources. Here your help would include what sorts of information you'd like to see.
- tips and hints on training, building, flying, aviation all!

### President's Corner

Welcome to the EAA Chapter 263 President's Corner. A big thank you to all that have joined our



chapter and to all who will make this chapter a great success! Aviation is in our genetic make-up and I am so excited and honored to help lead this group.

I want to start my first posting with a challenge. I challenge **you** to make 263-KVYS one of the most successful EAA

chapters in the region. We are so proud of our airport and what we have to offer. I challenge **you** to make sure this chapter continues for years to come by helping to introduce the world of aviation to the next generation of aviators. I challenge **you** to bring a young future pilot to one of our meetings. I challenge **you** to help us create new and exciting programs, and ways to get the community involved in what we have to offer.

Since you are reading this, you already know the joys and benefits of aviation. If you have just started your training or perhaps have 1000's of hours in your logbook, we all remember our first time we sat in the left seat, and the first time the nose lifted off the runway and we were flying. Those memories are what I want to create for the next generation of aviators. We have a tremendous amount of talent amongst our members. Each and every one of **you** have a special talent that you need to share. Let's share our knowledge and more importantly, **let's pay it forward.**

We were all young dreamers once! See you soon. ~Dave

# Decisions

by Robbin Keenan

Bill and I are new pilots, and especially new to flying in Illinois. We started flying lessons in Cape Girardeau MO (KCGI), and then in Gulf Shores, AL (KJKA) when our instructor moved. Our gyro was delivered to KVYS in March after we finished our certifications. Our plan is to gradually increase our territory by making longer and longer trips to local airports. In July, we planned to make our longest trip thus far, to Decatur. Our annual inspection was coming up at Gaitros Aviation and we wanted to make a pre-trip to check out the area before we had a deadline for our inspection day. The weekend before ended up being perfect! It was forecast to be a beautiful day - 90 min to 2 hr flight there, lunch, and then back. Easy! Right? As we all know, things can change, and sometimes quickly.

We leave under blue skies and light wind conditions. We arrive in about an hour and 45 minutes. We meet the attendant at the FBO, get fueled up, and then enjoy a wonderful lunch at The Red Barn Kitchen. Back to the FBO, chat a bit more with the crew there, then out to do our preflight.

During preflight, Bill finds a broken spring on our prerotator. After a little "what now" panic, we spring into team mode. He heads off to get a courtesy car and find a new spring, and I set about opening the cowling just enough to take the broken spring out. Long story short, I get the cowling apart and the spring out, he finds a new spring, we get it back on, we test it, and it works. Woohooo!



Now it's 4:30. Still no problem. Still plenty of time to get home. Check the weather; it looks good all the way. We take off and get about halfway home and hmmm, it looks hazy most of the way ahead. We can still see more than 10 miles but it looks "off".

Bill tries to check the weather, but the internet isn't working in our location. Just as he gets a signal and finds out that there is possible "weather" forming ahead of us, I look west and we are directly east of Mt. Hawley. We decide to divert away from the front and I turn toward Peoria. Bill texts my sister and finds that it is storming in Lacon (another possible diversion airport, closer, but still in the direction of the funky-looking weather) so we continue to Mt. Hawley.

It just so happens that Mt. Hawley has been on our to-do list because there is a Panera right next door! We check our weather and flight apps once we land; there are two pop-up storms directly over Peru and Lacon.

We enjoy dinner at Panera, then check weather again. The storms have cleared and winds are calm.

We walk back to the airport and meet a guy who is taking pictures of our gyro. He lives nearby and occasionally stops down to see what's at the airport. We invite him to come and take a closer look while we do another pre-flight and triple check the new spring. He gets some pictures for his collection, and we get on our way.

Another 43 minutes and we land in Peru. A longer day than expected, but at least our "3 hour tour" didn't turn into years on an island. ;- ) Some good decisions, some lessons learned (we need a few wrenches, and a spring added to our repair kit!), and we are a great team ♥

## AERONAUTICAL DECISION MAKING

So what exactly is ADM? In AC 60-22, the FAA defines ADM as a Systematic approach to the mental process of evaluating a given set of circumstances and determining the best course of action.

[FAA Safety.gov ADM](#) (link to PDF)

## EAA ARTICLE

## Why Fly?

Some call it pure joy. Others would tell you it's the discovery and adventure. For some flyers, it's about building new skills and opening new doors. And others will tell you it's a way to give back; to help others. For some, flying isn't just a hobby, it's a profession. It's an expression of freedom, others would say.

But no one could argue with the fact that flying is just "plane fun".

One thing is for sure: while your love for flying is personal, it's also universal. Enthusiasts around the world share the same burning passion for aviation, a collective obsession that's at the beating heart of EAA.

Our love for aviation shows itself in different ways. Maybe it's in the details of a restoration project, or in the eyes of a youngster during her first flight. Whatever sparks your obsession, the EAA will help you chase it with everything we've got.

Aviation takes us to places we've only ever dreamed of. Then it pushes us further, to places we could have never imagined. EAA is your guide to getting the most out of the world of flight and giving your passion room to grow. Your search for a like-minded, curious community of flyers of over.

<https://eaa.org/eaa/learn-to-fly/why-fly>

### EAA Meeting Minutes 12 June 2019 6:30 pm, Illinois Valley Regional Airport Press Room

George Wilts opened and chaired the meeting.

16 people were present, each person gave a short introduction.

Requirements to start a chapter:

- 10 members
- 4 officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

There was consensus for future meetings to be second Thursday of month 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Zeman

### EAA Chapter 263 Minutes 11 July 2019 6:30 pm, Illinois Valley Regional Airport Press Room

Dave Lourie opened and chaired the meeting.

14 people were present.

The 4 required officers were voted upon:

President: Dave Lourie

Vice-President: Joe Kinzer

Secretary: Joe Zeman

Treasurer: Stan Tutoky

Optional positions: Newsletter & website editor: Robbin Keenan volunteered

There was a Chapter 263 in this area that deactivated, we will petition to reactivate.

\$40 dues were decided, write check to **EAA Chapter 263**, will discuss a name later.

George Wilts will take chapter application package to EAA headquarters tomorrow.

A 2019 EAA Chapter Membership Roster was submitted with 14 names.

Meetings will still be second Thursday of the month 6:30, goal is to not be over an hour. Many ideas were proposed for unit activities.

Dave Lourie briefed a list of approved activities we may do, then briefed a list of unacceptable activities we may not do.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Zeman

### EAA Meeting Minutes 8 August 2019 6:30 pm, Illinois Valley Regional Airport Press Room

Dave Lourie opened and chaired the meeting.

20 people were present.

EAA Chapter 263 is now official, still brainstorming for a name.

Chapter Email: [263.eaa@gmail.com](mailto:263.eaa@gmail.com)

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EAAchapter263/>

EAA hosted Website: <https://www.263.eaachapter.org/> Web site is very basic now, desired to have more information and links.

Suggested areas to add: Pictures, Videos, Testimonies, Stories.

Treasurer report was approved.

11 July 2019 meeting minutes were viewed and corrected. Motion to accept by Joe Kinzer, Stan Tutoky seconded. Motion was voted and approved.

Hanna Albrecht presented an outstanding demonstration of parachute inspection and repacking of Joe Kinzer's parachute. Many questions were also answered on parachutes and skydiving. Thank you Hanna and Joe!

**Next meeting Thursday 12 September 2019.**

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Zeman



it would take 2-3 hours to properly pack a chute that would be used again. . (Joe purchased a replacement emergency chute at Oshkosh, and was retiring his old one.)

Our August 8<sup>th</sup> guest speakers Hanna Albrecht, member of the Misty Blues All Woman Skydiving Team, with Joe Kinzer, owner of the parachute, demonstrated emergency parachute deployment.

Then Hanna, FAA Master Rigger, followed with a demonstration on how to re-pack the parachute, noting that



Hanna also provided a link to the [manual](#) for this emergency parachute system. The first 10-20 pages have a lot of practical instructions for wearing/using the system. It may be of some interest.



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**Next meeting: 6:30 pm, Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Illinois Valley Regional Airport (business meeting at 6:15)**

**Topic: Bill and Robbin Keenan will show a short video on gyroplanes and then get their Magni gyro out for show-and-tell.**

**Snacks: open for a volunteer!**