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Flying All Winter Long

by Robbin Keenan

While Bill and I have gotten out flying several days in January and February, the winter weather and shorter days in northern Illinois are not always conducive to long trips or even getting out at all! What to do to keep skills sharp and learn new things?

Webinars to the rescue! I've included the February and March EAA Webinars list on the next page.

And here are a few photos from our January program. It was a very informative tour of the OSF Life Flight hangar and helicopter.

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EAA February/March Webinars

We've announced our February and March webinars that you can enjoy from the comfort of your home. EAA webinars are free to all aviation enthusiasts. Pre-registration is recommended since space is limited to the first 1000 registrants.

EAA gratefully acknowledges the support of [Aircraft Spruce and Specialty Co.](#) for its generous sponsorship of our webinar programs

February Webinars

Bolted Joints in Tension

Wednesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: Mike Busch

Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

[Register Now >>](#)

Tips & Tricks for Recording In-Flight Videos

Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: Martin Pauly

[Register Now >>](#)

Removing Winter Rust and Spin Avoidance

Wednesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: Gordon Penner | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

[Register Now >>](#)

Become a Better Chapter Leader – Presidents/Vice Presidents

Thursday, February 13 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: Charlie Becker

[Register Now >>](#)

EAA Flying Start: A Great Way to Grow Your Chapter

Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: Serena Kamps

[Register Now >>](#)

Vans RV Maintenance Common Questions

Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: Vic Syracuse | Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

[Register Now >>](#)

Chapter Chat: Tax Exempt Basics

Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: Patti Arthur

[Register Now >>](#)

Bang for the Buck: Affordable Aircraft Building

Wednesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: Tim Hoverstein

[Register Now >>](#)

Become a Better Chapter Leader – Secretary/Treasurer

Thursday, February 27 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: John Egan

[Register Now >>](#)

March Webinars

Bolted Joints in Shear

Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: Mike Busch

Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

[Register Now >>](#)

Stabilized Approaches and Go-Arounds

Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. CDT

Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

[Register Now >>](#)

How to Read and Call an Aerobatic Sequence

Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. CDT

Presenter: Jim Bourke | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

[Register Now >>](#)

ATC and You: Communicating With Confidence and Clarity

Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. CDT

Presenters: Richard Kennington and Bob Obama | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

[Register Now >>](#)

Chapter Chat: Donations and Contributions to Chapters

Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. CDT

Presenter: Patti Arthur

[Register Now >>](#)

President's Corner



Happy New Year everyone!

As we venture forward into our first full year as a Chapter I took a look back at years past for some of the experiences that both inspired and furthered my passion for aviation. Below is a brief article that I submitted to EAA as part of their *50th Anniversary of AirVenture* last year, recounting but a few of my EAA memories:

"The first time I attended EAA Oshkosh in 1987 was — wow — beyond the scope of what I had expected. The whole trip was one big adventure for my brother and me. We drove up in my rusty Oldsmobile and stayed for several days of the show, lodging in between each day at a motel in New Holstein, Wisconsin. The most significant highlight for me, and I think for my brother as well, was meeting Pappy Boyington in person. We got to shake his hand and thank him for his service. Between my brother and me, we had just enough cash, after figuring out what we needed for gas for the journey home, to combine our funds and get Pappy's book. We still treasure that moment to this day!

As for memories from other years there are many, chief among them being my wife's first EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in 2012. I think the memory I retell most was from camping at Camp Scholler in 1991. I believe it was Monday at about 6 a.m. maybe, I awoke in my tent to the sound of a jet spooling up. I got up and pulled up my lawn chair to see what was about to head out. I heard it rolling out and bam, the F-117 jumped up above the tree line and took up orbit over the area! The next thing I knew, a tanker lumbered into the air and went into orbit. While I watched this from my tent, the F-117 hooked up to the tanker boom while the two continued to circle during the fuel transfer. When topped off, the two split apart and each headed off on its own course. Again, I got to watch this from my tent!

One more tale - it's hard to stop as I could go on and on - was from 2012 when we got to see Glacier Girl for the first time since I saw the P-38 (pieces of it) at EAA Oshkosh 1992. It was fresh out of the ice, literally, back in 1992. Still brings a tear to my eye having gotten to see it in the air exactly 20 years later! Those and countless other experiences keep me coming back.

I would like to take a moment to thank and recognize the late Col. Joseph R. Weber (1923-2014) who was my high school aircraft construction teacher. Without his enthusiasm about EAA, I might have never experienced any of it. "

Having had the opportunity to attend all four TBM Avenger Gatherings at KVYS I look forward to building that same history of aviation experiences at KVYS for us, our families, friends and all we meet. I am honored to be your President and thank you for the trust you've placed in me. -Mike

EAA Chapter 263 Meeting Minutes 5 December 2019 6:30 pm, Lone Buffalo Restaurant, Ottawa IL

The meeting was a wonderful buffet meal with gracious host Peter Limberger.

17 members and 7 guests were present.

Introductions were made around the table.

The only item of business was the welcome news that Mike Fuller accepted the call to be our new Chapter President, to be installed in the January meeting.

Thanks to Peter Limberger, Dave Lourie, Joe Kinzer, Stan Tutoky, Robin Keenan whose efforts to make this event happen I am aware, and to others I am not aware of who also helped.

Next meeting Thursday 9 January 2020 6:30 pm at the airport.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Zeman, Secretary

EAA Chapter 263 Meeting Minutes 9 January 2020 6:30 pm, Illinois Valley Regional Airport Press Room

Chapter President Dave Lourie opened the meeting. 9 members and 5 visitors were present.

Dave Lourie made motion for Mike Fuller to be new Chapter President. Robbin Keenan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Lourie gave motivational departing speech, he leaves for Phoenix on 9 February. Robbin Keenan gave card and t-shirt to Dave for his service to the organization.

Mike Fuller gave introductory speech as new Chapter President.

Introductions were made around the room.

Stan Tutoky had met with Brad Deckert and had several observations and proposals. Brad is always looking for volunteers to help with things around the aircraft and hangar.

Stan proposed considering to have our monthly meetings at Brad's hangar. Thursday is not a good night for Brad to meet there, actually his TBM Avenger organization meets there on Thursdays including next Thursday 16 Jan at 5:00 pm if anyone is interested in attending that meeting. A brainstorming session proposed Friday nights at Brad's hangar for our future meetings. An email message will be sent to members for their inputs.

Business meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Then we went to OSF Life Flight hangar for a tour. The tour was interrupted by a call to respond and we observed the aircraft preparation, push out of hangar, start up and takeoff, and return for unknown reason. Thank you OSF Life Flight for your informative presentation of the valuable service you provide!

Next meeting is Thursday 13 February 2020 6:30 pm at the airport.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Zeman, Secretary

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Next meeting: 6:30 pm, Thursday, February 13th at Illinois Valley Regional Airport (business meeting at 6:15)

Topic: Long time CFI and airline pilot, Joe Kinzer, talks about the basics of multi-engine flying.

Snacks: open

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