

# PASO ROBLES EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION (EAA) CHAPTER 465 NEWSLETTER – September 2020

The next regular meeting is planned for **September 16 at the airport at 7 PM**. You can join in person, if you are wearing a face covering, or remotely via access Zoom: (i) just download the free Zoom Software to your computer, (ii) open your Zoom account on your computer about 6:55, (iii) click on “*join meeting*” and enter the meeting number **880 1274 9224** and pass code **423323**.

The meeting will include a special presentation at **7:30**, via Zoom, from FFAST on aircraft maintenance for non-A&P owners. Participants will gain FFAST credits. The Zoom meeting number for this program is **160 6150 4665**, and the pass code is **610535**

**Note all EAA465 sponsored activities require face coverings plus social distancing when possible.**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

We continue to have a full set of activities planned for this fall (see details in the following pages), Implementation of each activity is being evaluated in light of the COVID issue:

- An invitation from Cloud Clippers Radio Control aviation to participate in their weekly flying event Sept. 13 AM,
- The start of our new VMC club, later this year
- A Fast Start program for new adult pilots in November,
- A Central and Southern California EAA Chapter fly-in Oct 11,
- A possible fly-out to Shafter in November,
- Our annual Young Eagles flying day Oct 17,
- A possible an engine building activity, etc.
- Our Chapter Ray Young Eagle Scholar, Aiden Bajema has completed , his solo and a cross country flight, and we have awarded a second \$3500 local Chapter scholarship to our second ranked Ray Scholarship applicant, Sean Thomas, toward his solo flight.



*Jeffs T6*

*If you have a favorite photo of your plane or an aviation activity send it to [ea465@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ea465@sbcglobal.net), we may put it in a newsletter and in our Display at the Airport terminal*

## **GETTING ENROUTE INFIGHT METARS AND/OR TAFS ON YOUR CELL PHONE**

**STEVE ELLS –CHAPTER CONTRIBUTING EDITOR**

Want to get the latest WX at your destination when you're in a remote area without a hope for a WIFI connection?? It's simple. Use my cell phone.

All that's required is to send a text to: 358-782. (Don't forget the dash!)

In the subject line type M then a space followed by your airport identifier for a METAR; or T, then a space followed by your airport identifier for a TAF. If you want both, type MT (space) airport identifier.

If you want the reports in plain text, add PT after a space after the identifier.

I gave it a try by typing MT KPRB PT. Within seconds, the following popped up on my cell phone screen;

*“Terminal Forecast for KPRB, Issued Sep 1 at 2347Z valid from Sep 2 at 0000Z until Sep 3 at 0000Z, Wind from 200° at 15 knots with gusts to 20 knots, greater than 6 statute miles visibility, Sky Clear. From Sep 2 at 0400 Z, Wind from 200° at 8 knots, greater than 6 statute miles visibility, Sky Clear. From Sep 2 at 0700Z, Wind is variable at 3 knots, greater than 6 statute miles visibility, Sky Clear. And on and on for both a METAR and TEXT for my home drome, in Plain Text.”*

If you want to brush up on your METAR and TAF interpretations, don't add the PT at the end. For more help go to: [R-FFSP-NSC@leidos.com](mailto:R-FFSP-NSC@leidos.com)

**CLOUD CLIPPERS OPEN HOUSE: SPECIAL EVENT FOR EAA465 MEMBERS  
INTRODUCTION TO FLYING RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT  
SPONSORED BY PASO ROBLES “CLOUD CLIPPERS” CHAPTER OF THE AMA**

**The objective of the National Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and the Paso Robles AMA Chapter, called the Cloud Clippers, is to build and fly Radio Controlled (RC) aircraft safely and share this great hobby with anybody who is interested**

**The objective of the Sept 13 event for EAA 465 adult and youth members, is to provide members an opportunity to fly an RC plane, using a “buddy box” with a Cloud Clipper member, as well as enjoy flight demonstrations of RC Short take-off and landing (STOL), sport, scale, and jet airplanes.**

**Possible follow-up activities with EAA465 members** include actually building model aircraft and learning to fly different aircraft. The Cloud Clippers already has a trainer, with all the accessories, just waiting for someone to build and fly it. The EAA also has a build and fly program to complement the Cloud Clipper initiative if there is sufficient interest  
<https://www.eaa.org/ea/ea-chapters/ea-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/EAA-Young-Eagles-Build-and-Fly-Program>

**Date and Time of Event, Directions: Sept 3 between 9:00 AM to noon.**

- Go east of Paso Robles on Highway 46, turn left on “Airport Road” toward the airport,
- Turn right on “Dry Creek Rad” for about a mile (go past the Estrella Museum)
- Turn left northward on to “Jardine Rd”.
- Just before the “Links golf course” make a left turn on “Beacon Road”,
- proceed all the way down Beacon through the gate and you will turn back to the East, at this point you will have to go down the runway, watch for the flagman, come down and park in the RC “pit area”.
- Please be courteous to our neighbors and keep slow enough to keep the dust down as there is sign that says Beacon rd. resident only (but this was for construction, it is open now”.

**Note that all participants are required to wear face masks and do social distancing even with the trainer and buddy box**

**If you have questions contact Ron Steinberger [resteinberger782@gmail.com](mailto:resteinberger782@gmail.com) 805 674 5749**

## **VMC CLUB AND FLYING START PROGRAMS**

### **VMC Program leader Marc Dart , Flying Start Program leader Kendall Pearson**

Start-up of these related programs is delayed due to Virus; we intend to get them started this fall or earlier

The Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) club is delayed due to the COVID and is anticipated to start at **6 PM before our regular 7 PM meeting in November, depending on COVID.** It is targeted at existing pilots who would like to improve their proficiency, learn new skills, tap into the experiences of other pilots and just do some hangar flying. It's also a way to recruit new members to our EAA chapter. The club is an EAA sponsored and supported activity, with many resources to support its mission More information can be found <https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA465/VMC-Club>

The Flying Start program is anticipated to start **Saturday AM November 7.** The program is targeted to adults who may have been thinking about taking pilot training but may need help in making a decision to do so.. This program promotes and involves interested adults in free half-day aviation/flying introductory seminar. This is followed by a free Eagle flight with similar benefits as the Young Eagle program, but done on a one by one basis as opposed to the day event we do for young eagles. Of course, once an adult starts PPL training, he/she may want to join the above mentioned VMC Club. Full information on the flying start program can be found at. <https://www.eaa.org/ea/eaa-chapters/ea/chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/flying-start>

**YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM**

**FREE**

**Airplane Rides for Youth (Young Eagles) ages 8-17**

**Sponsored by the Paso Robles Experimental Aircraft Association  
(EAA)**



**Paso Robles Airport Terminal**

**Saturday, Oct 3 from 9:00am-3:00pm**

- Aviation Displays 9:00 - 2:00
- Free Flights 9:00 - 3:00

We encourage you to pre-register at

<https://youngeaglesday.org/?yehome>

Phone Darrell Radford for more information 805 464 9863

**Face Masks are required for all participating youth, parents, & pilots**



**Please call Darrell if you can provide a plane or help with the Ground Crew**

Chapter 465 is soliciting funds to support its overall aviation programs, in particular introducing and promoting aviation as a career and/or avocation for Chapter young eagle members. Examples for use of these funds include: (i) funds to help the second ranked Ray Scholarship Applicant to start training for a private pilot's license (i.e. **if each adult chapter member donated an average of \$100 we could finance about 50% of training required for a PPL**), (ii) providing YE introductory flights for youth in N. county youth, (iii) sending selected YEs to a summer Air Academy at EAA national headquarters in Wisconsin, and (iv) materials to introduce YEs to building, operating, and maintaining aircraft.

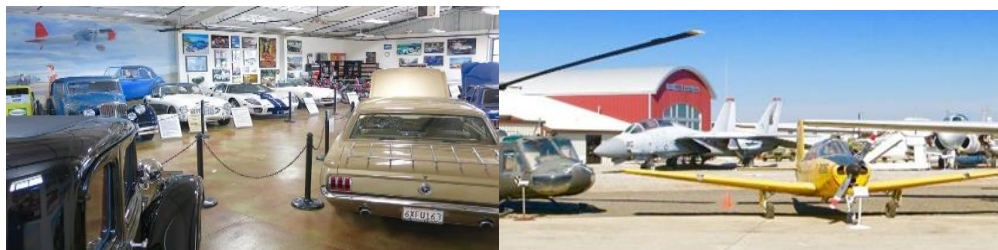
We have already raised about \$4300 from local businesses and Chapter funds from the sale of the Glasair kit and engine parts. All donations provide the donor with a tax credit because Paso Robles Chapter 465 is a 501 © 3 non-profit organization (EIN 84-2139203). Funds can be forwarded to Chapter 465 via PayPal to [ea465@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ea465@sbcglobal.net), or via check to Treasurer, EAA Chapter 465, 7460 Pinal Ave, Atascadero, Ca, 93442.

### **FLY-INS**

**Southern and Central California EAA Chapter fly-in** This event is going forward as planned on Sunday Oct. 11, it will have a focus on the Estrella Warbird Museum. The EAA has sent out the announcement to all Chapters within 300 miles, and the FAAST team has agreed to provide FAAST credit for the presentation on the NTSB and is advertising the event. We need chapter volunteers to help with plane parking and registration.

### **SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EAA CHAPTERS FLY-IN SUNDAY OCT 11, 2020 - HOSTED BY PASO ROBLES EAA CHAPTER 465**

We are getting reservations for the Paso Robles for the one-day event centered at the Estrella Warbirds & Race Car Museum [www.ewarbirds.org](http://www.ewarbirds.org) !!!



**The one-day event will include: participants must to wear masks, do not attend /arrive without one**

- Full day access to the Estrella Museum which opens at 10:00 AM
- A catered lunch
- Presentation and “Fast Credit” by the FAA Fast Safety team, and/or a retired NTSB official
- Fuel Discount anticipated

Pre-registered cost per person for the day is **\$32 up to Oct. 4, later or on-arrival registration \$42.**

**To register please send EAA 465:**

- An Electronic Mail message to [EAA465@sbcglobal.net](mailto:EAA465@sbcglobal.net), including the: (i) your name(s), (ii) type of plane, (iii) N number, and (iii) your EM and Phone number
- A check for the number of people in your plane times \$32 to: Treasurer EAA465, 7460 Pinal Ave, Atascadero, CA 93422, or send payment to our EAA 465 Pay Pal Account at [EAA465@sbcglobal.net](mailto:EAA465@sbcglobal.net)

To find out more about EAA465 go to <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea465>



## Fly-Outs:

We are planning these for every other month, they can be linked with our new VMC club. We have two possible fly-outs, depending on the status of the virus, including:

- (i) A Mojave “plane crazy” fly-out which occurs second Saturday of the month fly-in, and
- (ii) The Shafer Wings and Wheels day November 14.

We need a fly-out leader for each to find out for sure the events are happening, provide information to our members, and informally lead the fly-outs

## Aviation Building and Repair Projects

**Legal Eagle Ultra Lite .** This is at the airport and is now running well thanks to Jonnie Via, we need to get together to put on the wings, do some taxing around, Kendall has offered to store it in his hanger, and we need to decide what to do with it in the long run.

**Engine Build Project:** Several members have suggested we get an engine and have interested adult and young eagle members dismantle, rebuild, and run an engine. This could be done repeated times as a learning device, without spending a lot of funds. We have one engine already donated and another possibility. We need a team leader (s) who could organize and supervise a build day every few weeks, someone handy with a welder to build a test platform, and hanger space where we can house the engine build project.

**Chapter 465 Hanger project:** After review and discussion with members the committee recommended we not try to take-on building a new hanger at this time but rather look at existing options (i.e. donation and use of existing space). We are actively publicizing this option via Facebook, our Website , on bulletin boards, and at businesses at the airport. *We are a 501C(3) charitable organization. Do you have a hangar to donate for a tax-deductible donation? Would you like to donate funds or perhaps an airplane that we can sell to help us acquire a hangar? Please contact Tony Gaspar at 805-423-1816 or at [tony@connecthomeloans.net](mailto:tony@connecthomeloans.net) to discuss how you can help. Thank you!!*

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

2020 EAA Chapter 465 Activity Schedule 08/08			
<i>Check Newsletter, Facebook, Web Site for more details</i>			
TBD	Activity/Event	Contact/Liaison	
09/13	Cloud Clippers open house at Airport	Ron Steinberger	805 674 5749
09/16	Regular Chapter Meeting, 7 PM, Airport Terminal	Dave Fretwell	703 606 0865
10/17	Young Eagles flight	Darrell Radford	805 464 9863
10/11	South and Central CA EAA Chapter Fly-in	Dave Fretwell	703 606 0865
11/11	Regular Chapter Meeting, 7 PM, Airport Terminal	Dave Fretwell	703 606 0865
11/7	Fast Start/Eagles program (tentative schedule)	Kendall Pearson	805 586 0550
11/14	Shafter Wings and Wheels flyout	Need leader	
12/06	Xmas Party, 12:30 PM, Airport Terminal	Dale Ramey	805 466 3684

- **Check out our web site at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea465>**
- **Check out and post things on our Facebook Page**, Sean Thomas one of our Young Eagles is helping post content on a regular basis.  
<https://www.facebook.com/EAAchapter465/?pageid=1372309742934835&ftentidentifier=1411397102359432&padding=0>
- **If you want to join our Chapter we would welcome you (only \$20 per year), see following list of basic events, our member application form can be found at <https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA465/Archives>**
- **Also check out and post things on the KPRB Paso Robles Pilots Facebook Page**