

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

Paso Robles Airport (KPRB) Terminal

The regular 7:00 PM April 8, and related VMC Club, meetings are cancelled

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea465>



(young eagles examining member planes at recent pancake breakfast)

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:**

- Impact of Corona Virus: Several Chapter activities have been postponed including (i) the regular Chapter Meeting at 7:00 PM Wednesday April 8, and related 6.00 PM meeting of the VMC club have been cancelled (we expect the May meetings to go forward but will advise all members accordingly in the May newsletter, (ii) the Young Eagles fly day has been postponed from May 23 to October 3, and (iii) the Bonanza fly-in has been postponed along with related planned fly-outs to Mohave in April and potentially Columbia on Father's day .
- Ray-scholarship Program. Our EAA Chapter 465, after being notified, by the EAA National office, that we will have access to \$10,000 to help finance a young eagle to gain a private pilot license (PPL), has proceeded with asking for applications from our Young Eagle members,.
- Continuing Chapter promotions/events. We are looking forward to implementation of our new VMC club and related fly-outs, the Southern and Central California EAA Chapter fly-in on Oct. 11 which is being promoted and getting a good initial response, and we have applied to EAA to host the 2021 Regional Boot camp for Chapter leaders.

**VMC CLUB (CLUB LEADER MARC DART [mpdart11@aol.com](mailto:mpdart11@aol.com) )**

The VMC club is a way for all pilots who would like to improve their proficiency, learn new skills, tap into the experiences of other pilots and just do some hangar flying! The club is an EAA sponsored and supported organization, with many resources to support it's mission. The EAA also has an IMC club, which is for instrument rated pilots, and the VMC club is a spin-off of that. So, essentially, the VMC club is for non-instrument rated pilots, but instrument rated pilots fly VFR too, so they also can benefit from being involved. As your VMC Coordinator, Marc has participated in the EAA Coordinator training which gains me access to all the VMC club tools such as the extensive audiovisual scenarios library, special presentations, and access to email blasts to get the word out to all pilots- EAA members or not- so that as many pilots get the word about our program. It's also a ay to recruit new members to our EAA chapter.

Kendall Pearson has signed up to be our official CFI. Each club needs a CFI who will be the go-to person for the "right" answer to our questions. Even though, as we all know, for many flying scenarios there can be multiple ways to do things, but having a CFI like Kendall involved, will keep us informed of what the regulatory right answers are, tap into his extensive experience as a pilot and CFI, and make sure we all understand the safest ways to do things.

Summary information was provided at our March 11 regular chapter meeting regarding the club. Due to the current coronavirus situation, our inaugural meeting for the club is temporarily postponed. We will continue to assess when we will be able to reschedule the kick-off meeting with plenty of notice to everyone. We look forward to when that can happen and when we all can do some hangar flying together. In the meantime, for more background information you can go to <https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA465/VMC-Club>

**INTERESTING AVIATION BITS AND PIECES  
STEVE ELLS –CHAPTER CONTRIBUTING EDITOR**

The famous Beechcraft Staggerwing, otherwise known as the D-17S is revered for its beautiful shape and iconic mix of a radial engine—the Pratt and Whitney 450 hp R-985, it's a biplane with the lower wing mounted farther forward on the airframe in what's known as a reverse stagger configuration, and it's a conventional (tailwheel) landing gear airplane.

There're little known and unusual facts about the Staggerwing—there has only been ONE airworthiness directive (AD) on the airframe. It's certified as a 5-place airplane and the airplane is level when stagger (horizontal distance between [the upper and lower] wing trailing edges near fuselage) is 25.6 in.



## **YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS (PROGRAM LEADER BILL SIEGEL**

**(bugsluke@yahoo.com )**

### **Ray Scholarship Program.**

Through the national EAA organization, The Ray Aviation Foundation has donated a number of \$10,000 scholarships to be used by local youth for official flight training. The local Paso Robles chapter 465 has been granted selection and administration responsibilities for one of these scholarships to be used during 2020.

The Paso Robles EAA 465 Young Eagles Coordinator, Bill Siegel, has sent information to all Chapter Young Eagles on how to apply for the scholarship. The Chapter scholarship committee will hold a selection process to recommend our candidate to the National EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship Committee for approval and funding. When approved our EAA chapter 465 will administer the scholarship in accordance with Ray Aviation rules and guidelines.

EAA 465 Ray Scholarship application must be completed by April 15, 2020 to be considered. Forward applications to Bill Siegel, 1180 Rolfe Ln, Templeton Ca, 93465 ro to [bugsluke@yahoo.com](mailto:bugsluke@yahoo.com). Applicants will receive an application receipt conformation by email with subsequent email notifications on the applicants progress in the selection process. This announcement will certainly generate a lot of questions. Contact Bill Siegel at 305 962 4027c, or [bugsluke@yahoo.com](mailto:bugsluke@yahoo.com) with questions. Make the subject line Ray Scholarship.

### **Additional funding for Young Eagle Scholarships**

Our 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 youth members. Examples include the costs of: (i) providing YE introductory flights for youth in N. county youth, (ii) obtaining matching funds to supplement the \$10,000 fund that has recently been offered to Chapter 465 from the EAA National Office to finance selected YEs obtain a private pilot license (PPL), (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. The minimum amount we need to raise is \$3,500 in matching funds for the initial EAA financing, but if our Chapter can raise \$17,000 we can then fund a PPL for two young eagles and send one or two to the EAA summer Air Academy.

The Paso Robles Chapter 465 is a 501 © 3 non-profit organization (EIN 84-2139203) and donations are tax deductible. Chapter 465 will provide donors with required documentation if requested. All funds donated will be managed by the Chapter 465 Board of Directors following EAA national guidelines, will be placed in a special account, and will be used to support programs outlined in the previous paragraphs. 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.

**New Young Eagle Flights:** Our original date was May 23, but due to the Corona Virus, the event has been rescheduled to Oct. 3, 2020 - see following flyer,

**FREE**

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

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



Paso Robles Airport Terminal

No Reservations required, but you can pre-register at

<https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA465/Young-Eagles>

Phone Bill Siegel for more information 305 962 4027



## **FLY-IN AND FLY-OUT OUT ACTIVITIES:**

**Fly-ins:** Our Chapter has a goal of sponsoring at least one fly-in per year to meet new aviators and different aircraft types, and promote our Airport and community.

- Pacific Bonanza Society (PBS) This event was scheduled for April 3- to May 3, but has been postponed until late spring. We will update soon as possible, check the following web site as well <https://www.pacificbonanza.org/MbrPgm/Events/EventsFuture.asp>
- Southern and Central California EAA Chapter fly-in This event is going forward as planned on Sunday Oct. 11 that will have a focus on the Estrella Warbird Museum. See following Page for details.
- 2021 EAA Regional Boot Camp for Chapter Leaders in CA. We have applied to the National EAA office to host this event, past events were at Flabob, and Sacramento Executive Airport. These events are attended about 70 people from 30 Chapters.

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

Join us in Paso Robles for a one-day event centered at the Estrella Warbirds & Race Car Museum [www.ewarbirds.org](http://www.ewarbirds.org), which has the highest tourism visit rate on the central coast after Hearst Castle!!!



#### **The one-day event will include:**

- 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@sbcgloabl.net](mailto:EAA465@sbcgloabl.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)
- Hope to see you there. To find out more about EAA465 go to <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa465> which has a link to send us any questions you may have.

**Fly-outs:** We are planning these for every other month, they are linked with our new VMC club. the next several at Mojave, and Columbia for June Father's Day, may be delayed due to the Corona Virus.

### OTHER INTERESTING ACTIVITIES

- Ultra-lite: Jonnie Via has moved our Legal Eagle to his shop where he and other volunteers are analyzing it in detail, we want to display it at our events.
- Cloud Clippers: we are looking forward to a visit to the Airport Cloud Clippers field, once the virus and wind calms down, Ron Steinberger is the contact person.

### ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF

- Check out our new web site at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea465>
- Check out and post things on our Facebook Page  
<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 flyer, our application form can be found at <https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA465/Archives>

2020 EAA Chapter 465 Activity Schedule 04/01			
<i>Check Newsletter and other parts of this Web Site for updates and more details</i>			
TBD	Activity/Event	Contact/Liaison	
04/08	Regular Chapter Meeting 7 PM, <b>Cancelled</b>	Dave Fretwell	703 606 0865
04/08	VMC Meeting, 6:00 PM, <b>Cancelled,</b>	Marc Dart	805 239 4184
04/15	Deadline submission of Ray Application to Chapter	Bill Siegel	305 962 4027
05 TBD	Chapter visit to Cloud Clippers Field	Ron Steinberger	805 674 5749
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05/13	Regular Chapter Meeting, 7 PM, Airport Terminal	Dave Fretwell	703 606 0865
05/13	VMC Meeting, 6:00 PM, Airport Terminal	Marc Dart	805 239 4184
05/23	Young Eagles Flights <b>Postponed to 10/03</b>	Bill Siegel	305 962 4027
05/30	Pacific Bonanza Society Fly-in <b>Postponed to June</b>	Marc Dart/Dave F	805 239 4184
06/10	Regular Chapter Meeting, 7 PM, Airport Terminal	Dave Fretwell	703 606 0865
06/10	VMC Meeting, 6:00 PM, Airport Terminal	Marc Dart	805 239 4184
07/08	Regular Chapter Meeting, 7 PM, Airport Terminal	Dave Fretwell	703 606 0865
07/08	VMC Meeting, 6:00 PM, Airport Terminal	Marc Dart	805 239 4184
08	No events		
09/09	Regular Chapter Meeting, 7 PM, Airport Terminal	Dave Fretwell	703 606 0865
10/03	Young Eagles flight and Pancake Breakfast	Bill Siegel	305 962 4027
10/07	Regular Chapter Meeting, 7 PM, Airport Terminal	Dave Fretwell	703 606 0865
10/11	South and Central CA EAA Chapter Fly-in	Dave Fretwell	703 606 0865
11	No events		
12/06	Xmas Party, 12:30 PM, Airport Terminal	Dale Ramey	805 466 3684

# **EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION (EAA) PASO ROBLES CHAPTER 465**

EAA embodies the spirit of aviation via the world's most engaged community of aviation adult and youth enthusiasts. EAA's 250,000+ members in 1000+ chapters, including Paso Robles Chapter 465

## **Recent Activities**



**Flyout to Catalina**



**Hosting Ford Trimotor**



**Young Eagle & Member Plane**

Enjoy the fun and camaraderie of sharing their passion for flying, building and restoring experimental, antique & vintage, commercial, warbird, ultra-lite & radio-controlled recreational aircraft.



**JOIN US VIA OUR REGULAR SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
7:00 PM MEETING AT THE PASO ROBLES AIRPORT TERMINAL**

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