



## EAA Chapter 648

Longmont, Colorado 80503

**Our next meeting is scheduled for January 10th, 2022**

**At our usual venue**

**Colorado Classic Aircraft Building by Bob and Carol Leyner  
at the Longmont Airport.**

Our speaker for the January meeting will be Brandon Buckspan.

Below is a quick blurb about his presentation:

***“Brandon Buckspan was an Aircraft Commander on C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from 2008-2011. He served on multiple combat missions to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Central Asia. He will talk about the history of the airplane, what it was like flying in the Global War on Terror and how he helped Vice President Biden find his lost luggage.”***



**T**hanks to all of you for reading our newsletter and I will keep on working to increase our readership but it has become more and more difficult to publish our Newsletter with very little “News” to report. In some situations it has been said that “No news is good news” but I don’t think that little piece of wisdom applies to a publication of a “Newsletter”. I need a little more participation by our members, letting me know what is going on in their lives, projects and travels that is of interest to the members of 648.

Also please remember it is 2022 and a good time to renew your membership.

For easy renewal go to our website. **Join or Renew via PayPal" simply by going to [EAA648.org](http://EAA648.org), on the left side of the screen, and pay for your membership with a credit card or PayPal account. You may also pay by cash or check by including your email address, EAA number, and phone number with your form of payment and sending it to our Chapter Treasurer:**

**Dan Berry, 930 Champion Circle, Longmont CO 80503.**

And don’t forget to patronize our advertisers if an aviation purchase is in your future.

**Remember, “Nothing happens until somebody sells something”**

*Happy New Year,  
Haiko*

**By the time a man is wise  
enough to watch his step, he's  
too old to go anywhere.**

*- Billy Crystal*

### **The President's Message:**

No presidents message this month.

### **Meeting News:**

#### **EAA 648 Christmas Party Report**

The Chapter celebrated its first vegetarian Christmas Party on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Dick and Dickie Socash. No arrangements were made for the



traditional turkey and ham, so we made do with salads and desserts. The attached photo says it all. Very low turnout. Our president Malcolm Dean had to leave early before the picture and our Secretary is behind the camera. Hardly the way to introduce our new member. Chapter 648 has a long history of being active in the aviation community and doing a lot to support young people interested in a career

in aviation. Don't let it die. Your support in the form of attendance at meetings,

support of the officers, and participation in Chapter activities is important and critical to Chapter survival.

Anyone thinking things are going well is sleepwalking through the times. Kids growing up with a cell phone as their closest friend, a government awash in incompetence and trending toward socialism, and excessive incivility define our present state of society. Our Chapter, our get-togethers, the programs and personal interactions are far more important than most realize. When teaching in the university environment, I was often criticized for taking attendance in class. “They’re adults. They make their own decisions, etc.” was the party line. “Heifer Dust!”(a polite way of saying B.S.) A person’s attendance encourages others to attend and be active. Class discussions, arguments, and spontaneous ideas and questions are what made the class successful. Speaking on behalf of the officers and others, I’m asking for your support in the coming year. Let’s get 648 back to where it belongs.

Dick Socash,  
648 Secretary

# For Sale



**STOL CH 801 HD/SD Complete Advanced Airframe Kit (AAK)**

My CH801 is fully assembled with a 6 Cyl., 230 HP Subaru engine and was flown for a few hours but sustained some damage in one of our violent spring storms, tearing loose from the tiedowns. There was some damage to the warp drive prop (three of the four blades need to be replaced), spinner, the leading wing STOL slats and the windshield.



I will sell the complete aircraft  
for **best offer**.

If interested call me (Haiko)

at 970-344-4599



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