



EAA Chapter 648

Longmont, Colorado 80503

**Our next meeting is scheduled for February 14th, 2022
KLMO Rick Hall's Hangar 21, near the Airport Road entrance
at the Longmont Airport at 7PM.**

Malcolm and Alex had a number of speaker cancellations, so, the meeting will be a discussion of the type of presentations the chapter is looking for.



Thanks to all of you for reading our newsletter and I will keep on working to increase our readership. I just had a major overhaul on my right leg – a knee replacement. Still hurting a bit. I guess airplanes are not the only machines that need new parts every once in a while.

**You know you've landed
with the wheels up if it
takes full power to taxi to
the ramp.**

Secretary's Report for EAA Chapter 648 January Meeting

Our first meeting of the year, January 10, 2022, was well attended and offered a good program to start things off in the right direction for the Chapter. Vice President Alex Gustofson chaired

the meeting in the absence of President Malcolm Dean who had a work schedule conflict. Started with the usual Pledge of Allegiance right on time and on to the respective reports.

Two special guests joined us for the meeting. Mike Sales who to-date built two planes and is working on a third, and James (Terry) Frazier, a Glider pilot. Both extraordinary gentlemen who have our respect.

Treasurer Dan Berry reported membership at 48 dues paying members and including one student membership and special honorary memberships for Bob and Carol Leyner who graciously allow us to use their facilities for our meeting site. The Chapter recently paid the yearly EAA National membership and insurance fees, \$100 and \$483 respectively, leaving our bank balance slightly above \$1700. Chapter membership dues of \$20 per year are now due, and can be given directly to Dan or paid through PayPal.

As for the Secretary's Report, The Christmas Party at the So cash residence was short on attendance but afforded good conversation and vegetarian food for those attending. A good chance to meet newest Chapter member, Bill McIntire who relocated from Alaska to Longmont, taking that first step in considering building an airplane by locating and joining a local EAA Chapter. Also, an appeal for newsletter articles. It's been often said that everyone has fifteen minutes of fame, along with valuable experiences and wisdom that should be shared with others. Members, please send newsletter items to Haiko Eichler directly or to any of the officers a couple of weeks before the next newsletter is sent out.

Speaking of the newsletter, Haiko reported about 140 newsletters are sent out but less than half are opened in the email system, and perhaps half of those that are opened don't go to the actual newsletter content, but only see the initial cover page.

We were discussing the effectiveness of our newsletter. Below are the official figures for the January 2022 issue.

January 2022 Newsletter Sent via Email

- 140 sends
- 66 (47%) opens
- 29 (21%) clicks (actually opening the newsletter)
- 0 (0%) bounces
- 0 (0%) unsubscribes

Flying the C-17 Globemaster III, our program presented by Brandon Buckspan, son of member Ken Buckspan. Coming right to the point, an absolutely great presentation covering Brandon's



flight history in Iraq, Afghanistan, throughout the middle east, in the US and internationally. The slides were excellent showing what it was like operating in two combat zones and what it was like to fly this plane. Of particular note, Brandon spent time explaining some of the technology built into this plane that allows it to carry a heavy load, operate at slow speeds in

and out of short runways and service a variety of missions both Tactical and Strategic as he put it. Our thanks to Brandon for an excellent way for the Chapter to begin 2022.

PICTURES FROM THE MEETING



Our two special guests at left, Mike Sales and James Frazier



Newest member, Bill McIntire, 180 combat missions off carriers in Viet Nam



No introduction needed. Newsletter Editor Haiko and Willie along with Brandon Buckspan at far left,

1-22 EAA 648 Secretary's Report
Dick Socash

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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