

EAA Chapter 846 Tool Crib Program

Introduction

EAA Chapter 846, along with EAA National, has instituted a new Tool Crib Program for the benefit of Chapter members to build and maintain their aircraft. This document will explain how to get the most of that benefit while protecting the Chapter's interest in these valuable assets.

This program will not only include tools owned by/donated to the Chapter but will also include tools owned by members who are gracious enough to offer their tools to be used by other chapter members.

Tools Available

A spreadsheet of available tools (Tool Listing) is attached to this document and is included on the Chapter website

Tool Categories

Each tool will be placed into a category, depending on the origin of the tool, as follows:

Chapter-owned Tools/Equipment

1. High End-Expensive/Complicated - This type of tool would be expensive/specialty tools which may require prior training or may require more than one person to operate safely.
 - a. Rental Fee-These tools require a rental fee to help defray the purchase cost of the tool. Refer to the Tool Listing for the applicable fee for these tools.
 - b. Tools listed as "High End" will require an accompanying chaperone from among the Tool Committee or Technical Counselors. The chaperone will accompany the tool and oversee its usage, ensuring the member learns the proper use and care of the borrowed tool(s).

High End Tools (as of 2/15/2020)

- a. Scales
- b. Propeller Balancer

2. Power/Pneumatic/Electronic - This type of tool may be unfamiliar to the borrower such that instruction/explanation may be required in order to assure proper, safe use of the tool. Such instruction, if necessary, can be provided by a member of the Tool Crib Committee or a Technical Counselor.
 - a. Security Deposit-These tools will require a security deposit prior to receipt. When the tool is returned in as-borrowed condition, the deposit will be refunded. Refer to the Tool Listing for the applicable deposit required for each tool.
3. Simple/Hand Tools- This type of tool should be fairly familiar to most members and should require no additional training unless requested by the borrower.
 - a. Security Deposit-These tools will require a security deposit prior to receipt. When the tool is returned in as-borrowed condition, the deposit will be refunded. Refer to the Tool Listing for the applicable deposit required for each tool.

Member-owned Tools/Equipment

These tools are offered by our gracious members who wish to assist other members with their project or maintenance.

A security deposit may be required to borrow these tools. Training in the proper operation of these tools may be obtained by the lending member. Both of these issues will be at the discretion of the lending member.

Policy

- Tools owned by EAA Chapter 846 are intended for the exclusive use of Chapter 846 members in good standing for use on their personal Experimental or Certificated aircraft.
- EAA Chapter 846 tools are not to be used in any commercial context. Specifically, they shall not be loaned, shared, or rented to non-members, nor used by members to provide a commercial service to non-members.
- EAA Chapter 846 tools (except “High End” tools) shall remain the personal responsibility of the borrowing Chapter 846 member at all times, including transit from the Tool Storage location to the aircraft location and back. Except for normal wear and tear or product malfunction, replacement or repair following loss or damage shall be the responsibility of the borrowing member.

- The Tool Committee and Technical Counselors will be available to answer members' questions or provide assistance in the use of any Chapter 846 owned tools.

Procedure

1. When a tool is needed, refer to the Tool Listing to determine the category of the tool and whether it is a Chapter-owned tool or whether it is available from another chapter member.
2. If the tool is chapter-owned, contact a member of the Tool Crib Committee to arrange to borrow the tool.
3. The borrowing member must fill out the Sign-Out sheet and provide the associated Rental Fee or Security Deposit at the time the tool is checked out. The Security Deposit will be refunded when the tool is returned. Should the tool not be returned within a reasonable time period, the security deposit may be forfeited.
4. If the tool is available from another chapter member, contact that member at the number or email provided on the Tool Listing and arrange to borrow the tool. Arrangements regarding Security Deposits and time frames will be between the lender and the borrower.

Should any questions arise, please contact either Bob Taylor at 440-653-7062 or Brad Wurst at 567-429-9579.