

Frostbitten Flyer

EAA Chapter 850 Newsletter

Spring is a time of new growth after a season of dormancy and the same could be said of our EAA chapter. Over the past several months there has been little chapter activity following the close of our chapter room for the winter and a few of us going south. With the arrival of Spring I believe it is time to reestablish chapter activities and make plans for an active Summer of aviation.

While in Florida, it became apparent just how much our northern climate tends to curtail aviation related activities. In February, the skies were filled with general aviation aircraft, flying off to breakfasts, meetings, flight training and plain old sightseeing flights. On the flip side though, during the summer months, Florida's high heat and humidity make flying a morning and evening activity so I guess it all evens out. One of the fun events we were able to attend was the weekly "gathering under the big tree" at Spruce Creek Airpark. Featuring a large gathering of park residents (mostly by golf cart) and an impromptu airshow with everything from RV's to P-51's and other rare birds.

Locally, a trash pickup was held last Saturday along Kelly Johnson Road with EAA and flying club members as well as CAP cadets. There are still some sections of roadway that need cleaning so we will discuss at the meeting.

Plans are still underway to demolish our chapter building so we need to talk about finding a new location for our chapter possessions and what furniture we want to keep.

We are planning a Young Eagles Flight Rally on Saturday, June 18th beginning at 10am so we are in need of both ground volunteers and pilots to help out at this event. So far, we have 17 kids signed up but I'm sure that number will grow. If you have not yet received a volunteer invitation through the YEDAY program and you want to help out, you must contact me as I need to get you into the system. We are hoping to go paperless at this event.

We will also be participating in the Commemorative Air Force event in early August. They will be coming with several of their bomber and fighter aircraft. More details to come.

If you haven't yet paid your chapter dues for 2022, they are past due. I am also guilty of this since I just returned. You can pay Fred Joyal at Saturday's meeting.

We are in desperate need of a Newsletter Editor, since Will has left. This is an important position in an active chapter and I'm hoping one of you with writing skills will step up and help.

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