



# Wickenburg EAA Chapter 883

## JANUARY 2025

**President's Message.** As I begin the second year of my term as Chapter President, I think of all that our Chapter has accomplished in 2024 and what might lie ahead of us in 2025. Because of the enthusiasm and energy of our members and the Board we have been busy. Thank you to everyone who made it possible. *Phyllis Wells*

*In 2024 Chapter 883:*

Had 8 interesting meetings  
Helped with Fly-in and Classic Car show  
Held an Adult Eagle Flying Event  
Offered Ground School for 6 future pilots  
Recruited Margaret Sucher, Flight Instructor  
Started flight lessons in Aguila area  
Added 20 new members to EAA and our chapter.  
Held another Adult Eagle Event  
Had articles & pictures in Wickenburg newspaper  
Set up social media on Wickenburg Bulletin.  
EAA Leadership Program attended by Mike A.  
Elected new Board for 2025



### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025

Saturday, January 11 – Chapter meeting

Wednesday, January 15 – Ground School starts

Saturday, January 18 – Fly-in & Classic Car Show

Thursday, January 23 – New Board meets

## **JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING**

ANNUAL CHILI COMPETITION. This year we will have three judges: Barbara Greissing, Gary Dyer and Scot Porter. They will sample and select (in their opinion) the 3 best Chilis. Then the rest of us will get to eat our fill.



IF YOU ARE BRINGING CHILI, CALL BELINDA KUCK @ 801-425-2902  
SIDE DISHES AND DESERT WILL BE PROVIDED



FLY MARKET. To add some revenue to our coffers we will be having a Fly Market, featuring aviation related items in good working condition. If you have something you no longer need, consider donating it to the Fly Market. Put a price on it and we will add the money to our dwindling bank account. (see treasurer's report on page 4).

CHANGE IN MONTHLY MEETING DATE. Due to the many conflicting activities scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, it has been decided to change our meeting date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

JANUARY MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025  
10 A.M.  
EAGLE ROOST COMMUNITY CENTER  
ANNUAL CHILI COMPETITION  
FLY MARKET

**\*ITEMS FOR SALE: Headsets, Radios, T Shirts, Books**

### **A NEW YEAR and a NEW BOARD**

The new Board will meet monthly to plan and guide the Chapter through the coming year. All chapter members are encouraged to contact Board members if they have questions, concerns, and/or ideas. We especially want to hear from you if you want to volunteer your special skills. The first Board meeting for 2025 will be on Thursday, January 23. Any chapter member may attend. Call P. Wells for time and place. (719-429-4999)

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## **FLY-IN AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW – SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

Plans have been finalized for this popular annual event. Ron Erlinger has put together an exciting group of cars. The Town of Wickenburg has negotiated to have two food vendors as well as the popular “Kettle Corn” vendor. Glen Floe has sent out the invitation to pilot groups, airports and the military. We expect to have another good showing of airplanes, cars and spectators.

Our chapter will be helping in several important ways. We will be advising in-coming and out-going traffic (remember Brent Wenger did this last year). We will be directing aircraft to and from parking and we will be working the sign-in booth for visiting pilots. All pilots who fly in will receive a free “Breakfast Ticket”.



**FLY-IN - LAST YEAR**

We have a large group of chapter members who have volunteered for this important event. All EAA volunteers need to arrive at the pilot's lounge at 6:30 AM on Saturday, January 18. Coffee will be available along with Safety Vests and last minute instructions. All persons involved in parking **MUST WEAR A SAFETY VEST**.

### **GROUND SCHOOL 2025**

As a result of having the “Adult Eagle” event in November we have recruited four students who are interested in attending a ground school. Margaret Sucher, CFI, will be conducting the weekly classes and students will use Sporty's On-line Private Pilot Course. Classes will be held every Wednesday morning at the Wickenburg Library starting January 15. The goal of the ground school is to prepare the students to take the required FAA Knowledge Exam and to prepare them for their flight lessons. Each student will be assigned a mentor who is expected to keep in touch with the student, encourage them in their studies and keep them interested in flying. The students are: Mike Clancy, Bryon Zacher, Sheryl Christy, and Karl Tayler. Each student will receive a 6 month membership in EAA and will be reimbursed \$175 for the cost of the FAA Knowledge Exam.

**TREASURER’S REPORT. KAREN CHAPMAN**

Note: At the December meeting many members were surprised to learn that we do not have enough money in our treasury to sustain our chapter. No one ran off with our money! We just don’t have enough revenue to cover our modest expenses. This concern has prompted our Treasurer to prepare the following report.

We currently have \$1,689.52 in our checking account. In 2024 we collected dues from 44 Members for a total of \$440. We can expect to collect at least that much in 2025 and maybe more since we have more people attending and on our roster. To date we have collected \$290 for 2025 dues, but it is not yet deposited into our account. This would bring our account balance to \$2,129.52. \$500.00 of this is dedicated to the Monroe McDonald Scholarship Fund. This means we really only have (providing everyone pays their \$10 this year) \$1,629.52 available.

Now to the nitty gritty, where does that money go?

Chapter Renewal	\$ 125.00	
Insurance	432.00	
AZ Corporation Commission	65.00	
Eagle Roost (for use of Community Ctr	160.00	This is \$20 per meeting Oct - May
Misc. Expenses	<u>200.00</u>	
Total	\$ 982.00	

So, anyone with half a brain can see that we spend more than we take in every year. At this rate we will only be able to operate for another 3 years. So, we are proposing that dues be increased in January 2026 to \$20 per member.

In the past spouses were not charged Chapter dues, BUT if spouses want to pay a membership fee, we would be more than willing to accept it.

If you have not already paid your 2025 dues, please plan on doing so at the January meeting.

Note: Paying Chapter dues does not make you a member of EAA. To receive the benefits of EAA membership a person must use the EAA on-line membership form and pay \$48.00 per year. In order to serve in a chapter office, fly Young Eagles or Adult Eagles, receive the benefit of insurance coverage at EAA events, receive reduced fees at Air Venture, receive “Sport Aviation” magazine and take advantage of many other benefits a person must be a member of EAA.