



EAA Chapter 1250 News

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First Half of 2021

EAA Chapter 1250 Quarterly-ish Newsletter

President's View

Tim Drager 23 April 25, 2021

Our Chapter continues to thrive, bolstered by EAA Central's leadership. It makes me happy when prospective members unexpectedly contact me and ask about our Chapter programs. Our April 24 quarterly meeting had a new high of about 40 participants! Our speakers, Chris Jordan and Irv Soble, were riveting and fun.

I will give you my view of our recent past, present and future.

PAST

This winter, we continued to make progress with the Back Country Supercub. We had record participation at a winter Tuesday workshop with six members working on the cowl, doors, step and windows. Our Saturday workshops typically have about 10 members. Best wishes to Billy Kerchner, who flew his Sonex plans-built airplane after completing extensive taxi testing.

PRESENT

We are doing three things:

- Planning the summer and fall activities

- Implementing adult Eagles Flight and Young Eagles workshop programs

- Working on the Back Country Supercub project

FUTURE

Remaining 2021 activities include:

- October 2 - Young Eagles Flights. We need pilots, airplanes and ground support helpers

- Fall - RV Fly-in, led by David Valcik

- Outings: Reading tower, Grimes flying circus or Pitcairn museum visit TBD

- At least five of our members will be attending Oshkosh. I will have my Chapter Spaghetti Dinner to those souls who can make the trek to Camp Scholler.

- Complete the Back Country Supercub project. We have already started the engine with all systems go! It's getting close completion, but we need your help to go from 90% complete to 100%. Come and learn how to build airplanes.

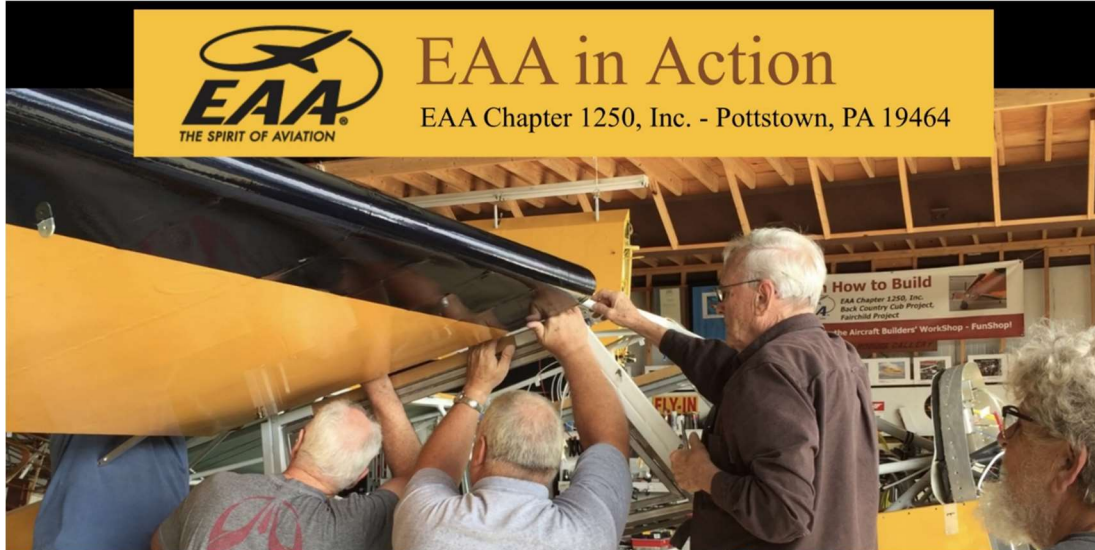


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EAA in Action
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You, Sport Aviation and EAA Chapter 1250, Inc. Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to attend our events and join our chapter. We are a group of aviation enthusiasts, aircraft builders, and pilots who get together with like minded people to share ideas, exchange information, encourage safety, serve the local aviation community and have a lot of fun doing so. Please come to our next meeting or event as our guest. i.e see Aircraft Builders' WorkShop every Saturday morning at Heritage Field. **9-Noon Every Saturday**

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Young Eagle Flights

The Young Eagle Flights have been scheduled for the fall. The date is October 2, 2021 0900-1200. EAA Chapter 1250 will be looking for pilots, airplanes and ground personnel to make the event a success as it was pre-Covid 19.

-Flying Circus Air Show at the Golden Age Air Museum, Grimes Field, Bethel, PA Weekend of September 4th&5th 2021

-Harold F. Pitcairn Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum Horsham, PA - TBD

-A Van's Aircraft RV Fly-In at KPTW Fall of 2021

Upcoming Outings

-Air Adventure 2021 Oshkosh, WI
July 26 – August 1, 2021

-Air Traffic Control Tower Tour at the Reading Regional Airport – TBD





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Back Country Cub

There has been progress on the Back Country Cub that Chapter 1250 has been working on for a while. The different windows and associated trim are taking shape. Carb Heat, Slats and Interior are progressing. Remember that Saturday / Tuesday mornings are good times to help make progress on this plane.

Quarterly Meetings

SPRING

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of EAA Chapter 1250 was held 24 April 2021. The meeting was held a little later in the season so that the weather would be a little warmer and the hangar doors could be left open and people could still “Social Distance” outside. We had a record turn out with around forty people in attendance. Highlights included Chris Jordan the Heritage Field airport manager.



Chris Jordan gave a very brief overview of the vision of the new airport owner, and

some of the upgrades and additions the owner would like to implement in the coming years.

Following Chris, we had Irv Sobel, a former Air Force fighter pilot and later commercial airliner pilot who still holds records in the Boeing 747.



Mr. Sobel maybe up there in years and his eyesight poor but his enthusiasm is contagious.

Today he spoke about some of his times as a 747 pilot and then talked about his foundation and the school he is trying to form to get disabled folks to learn sailplanes. Irv stated this wouldn't be free. Students would be required to pay the exact same freight he paid all those decades before, and not a penny more!

You can learn more about Irv from the Smithsonian Website:
<https://airandspace.si.edu/support/wall-of-honor/capt-irving-s-soble>

As Irv makes progress the newsletter will keep the readers informed. Both Mr. Jordan, and Mr. Sobel were awarded memberships in EAA Chapter 1250.



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After the speakers were finished, lunch was served consisting of burgers, hotdogs and delicious sides and tasty desserts.

Summer

The Summer Meeting of EAA Chapter 1250 was held 26 June 2021. The weather held off and the event was a success.



Irv's tale can be viewed on YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/fmZNdWgRafU>

Afterwards lunch was provided by the chapter.

Member Updates

President Drager gave a brief synopsis as to the direction the chapter is heading as we wind down from the pandemic along with a few dates of activities that chapter members should try and keep available.

We were honored to have Irv Sobel back to tell another story from his youth. This time it was promises made to his uncle and the antics in aviation that were required to complete his mission.



Billy Kerchner is making progress on documenting his initial forty hours on his scratch built Sonnex Legacy A. He currently has enjoyed twenty-two hours in his flying machine.



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Ken Licwinko has been training for his Private Pilot Certificate. On July 5, 2021 Ken had his first Solo flight in a Cessna 172.

Air 2 Air Photo Session



EAA Chapter 1250 member Dave Valcik in his home built RV-12 along with Mike Schultz of the Stratus Foundation of Blue Bell, PA flew in formation. Mike brought a RV-12 over to Heritage Field for this informal photo session near the Green Lane Reservoir.

Civil Air Patrol visit



The chapter was pleased to have a visit from Civil Air Patrol Squadron 1007 on June 12, 2021. The agenda included a Pre-Flight Controls and Demonstration, Metal Working, Avionics and Instruments, and Aircraft Woodworking. Lunch was provided by the Chapter. A big thank you to all those that helped out.





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Local Events

Heritage Field held an Antique Fly-in during the weekend of May 21-23. The field was divided between pre-1955 and post 1955 years aircraft. There were quite a few rare antiques in attendance. A few members displayed their airplanes on the modern side. Some members helped with operations of the event.

The EAA has a division for those who have interest in vintage aircraft. Check out the following link for more information.

<https://www.eaa.org/eaav/aviation-interests/vintage-aircraft-association>





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Mid-Atlantic Air Museum WWII Weekend

The 30th Anniversary of WWII Weekend took place during the weekend of June 4-6th, 2021. There were many displays of WWII era aircraft on the ground and during the air shows. The Commemorative Air Force has a large presence along with many privately owned war birds from L-Birds, to trainers, to fighters, and heavy bombers.

The EAA also has a division that specializes in "Keep 'em Flying": That's the motto — and the mission — of EAA Warbirds of America, the EAA division that provides programs and services to those interested specifically in former military aircraft. More information can be found at: <https://www.eaa.org/eaaviation-interests/eaawarbirds-of-america>

