

EAA CHAPTER 66



KFMY-Page Field Fort Myers, FL Dec Newsletter



Presidents Message December, 2020

David Burns, President Chapter 66

This month brings us to a season of fellowship and family and we all hope that everyone is looking forward to a new and exciting year. In November we held our first monthly meeting in some time and were pleased with the turnout. Hamburgers and hotdogs were served. We are again planning on a December meeting on the Third Tuesday of December 15th. We do request you wear a mask.

A couple of notes, our dues have gone up by vote to \$30 a year and they are payable now so we encourage everyone to bring an envelope with your name and Dues printed on the outside or a check with Dues in the memo space. This makes everything easier. Be sure you list your name and your EAA Membership number. Remember also that you need to be a member of EAA National to participate in our Young Eagle events and other activities. Although we have not had many activities or breakfast on Sundays, our expenses continue, rent, water, insurance, electricity, etc.

We need a new Secretary! First thanks to Ruth Ann for her years of service, she has decided she needs more time with Howard so we have an opening for anyone who wishes to contribute. This position requires 2 meetings a month and taking notes on meetings. We will ask for volunteers at the next meeting. If you want to let us know in advance that you are willing to serve please send an email message to Board@eachapter66.org

Sunday Breakfast was today December 6th, 2020. We had 22 people show up and partake of pancakes and eggs and a good time was had by all. We arranged a large area outside for eating and left a couple of tables inside. This worked out well for social distancing. Our cooks all wear masks and so too did a lot of people as they came into the building.



We hope to see more of you in January as we continue to weather the storm so to speak and stay safe.

Looking for an avionics technician? We found out that Matt Ketz is now working on his own and can be reached at (239) 565-1150, or at mattkatz17@gmail.com. We know he does some good work and it is hard to find someone who will work on experimental or certified airplanes, so give Matt a call if you need help and see what he can do. Matt is scheduled to visit with us at our April 20th meeting to discuss issues and answer your questions about systems and integration.



Congratulations !
Tim Parker, has completed his RV 9-A and it is back from paint looking good! Tim used a paint design from the first Hornet one on which he worked on as an engineer. Great colors and nice tail emblem!
Congratulations



TIM.

Congratulations to Dave Stone! December 5, 2020 was the first flight of his RV7 at Page Field. Dave bought a partially built airplane and completed it in record time (according to our standards). Now we have a new member to the RV grin club!
Congratulations Dave Stone and Abby!



Paul Yocum has been working with Ray to get his airplane airworthy. Great seeing you working on your airplane again Paul! Nice to have another member in the sky!



Congratulations to Fred Unger! Fred completed his 40 hour test flights and is now out and about in his GlasAir 1 Retractable. After 20 years of dedicated building Fred completed his airplane and is now flying! Fred used an IO 360 and flies at 200+ MPH. Fred had his airplane at Arcadia and it really is a sharp looking airplane! Congratulations Fred we look forward to seeing you bring it to one of our breakfast.

Congratulations to Steve Gagnon! With the help of his friends he has installed his wings on his Cozy!



Steve has been working on his airplane in Punta Gorda in his new hangar and going through all the little details that are necessary for a first flight, not to mention all the suggestions from those of us who have looked under the cowling and made

suggestions. I don't know how many people have said that the engine is on the wrong end, but then again Steve just smiles and knows that is what they will see as he goes by. We are looking forward to the first flight!



I have to say something about myself...in November, I completed my IFR certification. I am very proud after realizing the effort it took. And there was a tough ground school FAA test not to mention questions for oral exam. However after flying and completing the requirements I was granted IFR privileges and I look forward to using them carefully.

BUILDERS NIGHT CONTINUES

Ray continues to manage the builder's night and activities. Work is progressing!



As you all are aware a vaccine for the Covid-19 virus is about to be distributed. However it is not here yet! Please be aware that our meetings are voluntary and we encourage everyone to wash your hands frequently and wear a mask in the building when possible. If you feel sick or test positive please stay home.

David

MY JOURNEY TO FLIGHT DESTINATION AVIATION

Autumn Pepper Rhodes Vol.1.2

After joining EAA Chapter 66, I spent the next year volunteering at the monthly Young Eagle Rallies and attended Build Night when I could. The concepts behind the forces of flight came naturally to me and I loved learning and flying. As summer approached, I was given the opportunity to apply for the chapter scholarship to Destination Aviation, a weeklong aviation camp at Sun-n-Fun in Lakeland, Florida. This week at camp allowed my passion for aviation to really blossom!

My week of Destination Aviation had daytime students and overnight students, aged 11-13. There were four girls, and 12 boys. Since I lived a few hours away, I was an overnight camper. There were around six over- night campers, and I was the only girl, so I had my bunkroom to myself. I think we had an advantage as overnight students because of the friendships we formed. We would get up in the morning, eat breakfast together, discuss our class materials, have class, lunch, more activities and then hangout and do something fun in town before or after dinner and then hang-out until bedtime. I made some great friends during that week who I still talk to. In our classes, we learned everything from weather observation and knowledge, to aerodynamics and parts of an airplane. It was basic information, nothing too in-depth for our age. Even so, I know that those lessons helped me progress in my flight journey at a faster pace.

Our classes covered everything from weather observation, to



parts of the aircraft and aerodynamics. We made gliders and learned about flight planning. One of the first activities we participated in was a Discovery flight. At home, our EAA flights often fly along the river or the coastline so it was interesting to be flying over land the whole time. We also had time every-day to practice on the flight simulators. The Sims had a curriculum we followed teaching basic flight instruction. An advantage to being overnight students included being able to practice after hours. We also enjoyed being able to choose different airplanes to fly. The simulator lessons were important because they impacted what we would be allowed to do on our flight day. The best part of Destination Aviation was flight day! We drove over to Vero Beach and in groups of 3 would fly with a CFI with each student taking a 30-minute leg of the trip. Part of our studies were preparing for these flights and practicing on the simulators. My flight instructor told me I was a natural! Flying really is the greatest thrill!



For graduation, each student picked a topic we found most interesting and made a presentation. We could work in groups if we felt more comfortable. Being the overachiever I am, I chose the hardest topic – creating a manual flight plan. I found it remarkably interesting and challenging, but that is why I loved it. I showed everyone, including my parents, how to plot a flight plan, calculate fuel and maximum gross weight. This experience influenced my love for the mathematical and logistical aspect of aviation.



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Destination Aviation
June 2017

When I came home, I made a presentation to Chapter 66 on what I learned and accomplished at camp. I had so much fun at Destination Aviation, I went back the following year and saw some of my friends. We were five girls to ten boys and I picked flight planning again as my presentation topic. It was another great week of aviation learning and being with my peers who share a passion for flight.



Applications Now Open! AOPA Flight Training Scholarships Available

AOPA members have access to a wide array of benefits, including flight training scholarship awards. Made possible through donations to the [AOPA Foundation](#), these awards can help members reach their aviation goals. Review the available scholarship options below. Apply today or forward this email to someone who would benefit from financial assistance with flight training for a primary certificate or advanced training.

The deadline for scholarship applications is Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (EST).

AOPA High School Flight Training Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of the Ray Foundation, 80 exceptional high school students, ages 15 to 18, each will receive a \$10,000 flight training scholarship to pursue a private, sport, or recreational pilot certificate. This scholarship program is a component of the AOPA You Can Fly program, a collection of initiatives working to building a larger, more vibrant pilot community.

AOPA Teacher Flight Training Scholarships As part of the AOPA You Can Fly program and thanks to the generosity of the Ray Foundation, up to 20 teachers will be awarded flight training scholarships of \$10,000 each to pursue a private pilot, sport pilot, or recreational pilot certificate.

AOPA Primary Flight Training Scholarships

Current AOPA members, including AOPA AV8RS, who are at least 16 years of age on February 14, 2021, are eligible to apply for a flight training scholarship of \$2,500 to \$7,500, to be applied to training for a private pilot, sport pilot, or recreational pilot certificate.

AOPA Advanced Flight Training Scholarships

Current paid AOPA members with aviation career aspirations are encouraged to apply for an advanced flight training scholarship, ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000, to pursue one of the following ratings or certificates:

- Instrument

- MEI (Multi-Engine – Instructor)
- CFII (Certificated Flight Instructor – Instrument)
- CFI (Certificated Flight Instructor)
- Commercial

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Forward this to a prospective or current pilot today!

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This Just in from John Coleman, Membership Chairman

Tizz that time of the year - 2021 dues are due Jan 1. Eight people paid so far including 2 new members. Dues for 2021 are \$30.

Two ways to pay:

Mail check to: EAA Chapter 66 PO Box 60204 Ft Myers, Fl 33906

See me or a board member at a meeting/builders nite. Check for \$30 is preferred. Your receipt will be emailed to you.

A reminder to go to our chapters web page: <https://eaachapter66.org> and at least update your profile picture (prefer picture of yourself) and Add a little description (180 characters or less) under your NAME (see mine).

I have the tan club shirts available for \$15. Remember your name tags at events; you won't forget it if you ware your tan shirt.

John Coleman

THE NEXT BIG EVENTS COMING UP ARE:

- - Slowly starting to get everything off HOLD due to the Covid 19, without risk to members

Regular Meetings

- **Next Breakfast: Current planning is for January 3rd. Shop cleanup is for Jan 2nd at 9am & takes about an hour**

-Saturday Coffee & Doughnuts: Still Suspended (for now)

- Board Meeting 2nd Thursday of every Month. Next meeting is Dec 10th, at the Chapter House

**- General Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month at Chapter Building. Next meeting is...
Dec 15th, at 7:30. Burgers & hotdogs served at 6:30**

- Builders Night is every Thursday 7:00 – 9:00PM

Page Field Aviation Day has officially been cancelled for this fall season due to the Covid 19.

This bears repeating...Builders Nite Participants & Young Eagle Youth Protection Policy & Program (YPP)

With Builders Nite restarting, we have been working to include High School Aviation students into the mix. The goal is to augment/expand into a STEM program. Todd Callahan, the Aviation Program Instructor at the Estero High School, has been working with the EAA 66 Board to accomplish this. With the introduction of Young Aviators (under 18 years of age), EAA 66 assumes the responsibility to protect those minors who are attending builders nite. This is the same policy that EAA mandates for Young Eagles pilots and volunteers.

To that end, the EAA Chapter 66 Board is recommending that all participants in Builders Nite complete the EAA's Youth Protection Policy. It is a relatively easy process and is good for several years. The process is to;

- 1) On your computer, Search for EAA Young Eagles Volunteers, and click on the "Youth Protection Policy & Program" link
- 2) There you should find the following information that explains why and how this process works...

EAA's Youth Protection Policy and Program sets basic requirements for EAA staff and volunteers who work with children under age 18. It includes online best-practices training and, for certain categories of volunteers, a basic background check (**U.S. and Canadian residents only**).

All of the following persons are required to complete both the online training and background check. Both steps are necessary and the cost is covered by EAA.

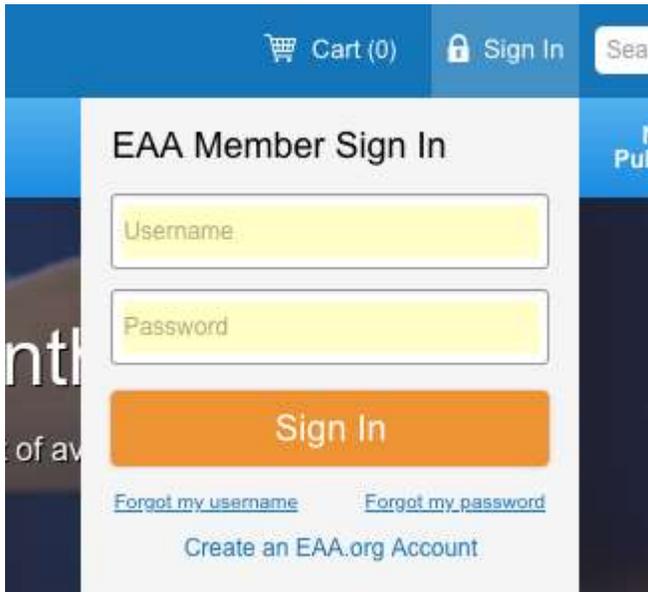
- All Young Eagles pilots
- All Chapter Young Eagles Coordinators and Field Representatives
- Two-deep leadership supervisors
- Volunteers who will work with youth in ongoing programs other than Young Eagles
- EAA staff

Note: While not all volunteers who will work in some capacity with youth in an EAA-related program or event are required to complete training and basic background checks, we *strongly encourage* them to complete both steps.

If you're wondering whether your volunteer activities should comply with the training and background check, please review the [policy](#) and the [frequently asked questions](#) pages on this website.

Training Access Instructions:

1. In order to access the Youth Protection Training you will need to [sign in to your account](#) at EAA.org. If you do not have an online account, simply go to the sign in area at the top of page and create a username and password.



2. Once you are logged in at EAA.org, go to your Account Profile page by clicking "My Account" at the top of the page.



3. At the bottom of your Account Profile, click "Go to Training" then select "Training Information" and "Go to course" for the course you're looking to take.

My Account

Welcome, [REDACTED]

Personal Information [edit](#)

Name

Member number

Contact Information [edit](#)

Email Address

Primary Address

Main Phone number

Not Disclosed

Cell Phone number

Not Disclosed

Order History

[Go to Order History](#)

Training Information

[Go to Training](#)



Personal Information

Password

Training Information

Training

Course	Completed
Available Training Courses	
Background Check	
<i>Processing takes 7-10 days.</i>	
Youth Protection Training	
<i>You may also need to complete the background check at the end of the course in order to participate in some youth programming.</i>	

Order History

The online training and background check review will typically take about 20-25 minutes. After information is submitted for the background check, we expect verification to take no more than 10 business days.

Upon successful completion of the online training and review, and the background check, each volunteer will receive an e-mail confirming he or she has successfully met the basic requirements of the Youth Protection Program and a printable wallet-sized card.

For complete information about EAA's Youth Protection Policy and Program, please review the Policy and the program FAQs on this website.

If you have further questions and would like to contact someone at EAA Headquarters, please call our membership services office at 800-564-6322 or e-mail membership@eaa.org.

Any Chapter member who attends any activity with minors for more than 4 hours (day camp, YE rally, build night) per YEAR (Yes, That's per year) should complete the Youth Protection Policy and Background Check.

AS USUAL, if you should have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to ask.

Steve G. ed

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A DAR

I'm including this e-mail I received.

Hello Joe and Steve,

I am writing this to let you and your Chapter know that I am available in your area should you need a DAR. I am attaching a brief ad if you want to put in your web info or news letter for your members information.

I am also trying to get a certification in the next couple of months for the FAA Orlando MIDO to do an over the shoulder on me since most of my DAR work has been too far for them to travel. If someone has an aircraft ready and were interested I would reduce my fee 50%. If so I would appreciate if you could let them know and they can call me for information at 216-233-0613.

Thanks and best regards,

Pete Udem

216-233-0613

For Your Convenience...here's a EAA Chapter 66 application Form in case you need it for a new member. It's also available on the EAA Chapter 66 web site.



EAA CHAPTER 66 APPLICATION

Please give Application to Treasurer or a Board Member. Checks payable to "EAA Chapter 66"

Chapter Yearly Dues \$30.00, Renewed Beginning of Year Mail To: EAA 66 PO Box 60204 Ft Myers, FL 33903

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<u>Initials</u>			
Date of Application _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Joined in Jan. 1 to Sept 30 = \$30.00	
Date Paid _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cash (circle) Ck# _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Joined in Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 = \$30.00, includes next year	

National EAA # _____

Expiration date _____

We strongly suggest for you to join National EAA to get all of its benefits. Ask for an application.

Male Applicants First Name _____ Mi _____

Female

Last Name _____

Spouse Name _____

Local Address Street _____ Apt. _____

City _____ Fl. Zip _____

Please notify Newsletter Editor of change of address & e-mail so you can get your newsletter

Local phone _____ E-mail _____

Work Phone _____ Cell _____

These numbers will not be listed and only used by members for official business

Airman Ratings _____ Current Y__ N__

Repairman Ratings _____ Current Y__ N__

Present Aircraft Owned or Building _____

Aviation or EAA Experience _____

i.e. Builder, Sport, Warbird, Antique, Aerobatic, Military, Instructor, Advisor, etc.

Do you have any subjects you could give a program on? Y ___ N ___

What? _____

Would you like to participate on a committee or the board in the future? Y ___ N ___ Maybe ___

Occupation or experience _____

The chapter may need your expertise at some point. **Retired is not an answer.**

We can always use your help somewhere. If you see somewhere you could help i.e. Monthly breakfast, Young Eagles, dinners, or you have an idea for a new position we could use, just jump in. Your input or help will be appreciated.

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Initials

SO...For you who have made it this far into the newsletter. You've probably noticed that the DUES ARE NOW RAISED TO \$30. AND, they are payable NOW!!! (Hey. Really. It's just 5 bucks more for a really GREAT organization of aviation minded WONDERFUL PEOPLE!!) (AND, we make great aircraft) (AND, WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN DOIN IT!!!)

Just sayin...Steve G, ed (don't shoot me, I'm just the editor).

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