

# EAA CHAPTER 66



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### Presidents Message March, 2021

#### David Burns, President Chapter 66

Great things are happening here at Chapter 66! We have had a number of speakers come and visit and share with us interesting facts about aviation and aircraft. We are going to continue to make this a priority as we move forward. This Month we are looking forward to hearing from Dick Sola, a FAA Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE). We also recognize that we have a lot of knowledge in our members and will encourage you to share your experiences with those of us who have not been exposed to this information.

Thanks to Steve Gagnon and Izzy Briggs for sharing information on fiberglass and its application. It is nice to see how the project has progressed and why Fiberglass is a viable option for airplanes.

We are scheduling a presentation on **April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM** for a group of homeschooled at the EAA building. Please mark it on your calendar. I am asking anyone who would like to participate to please let me know and plan on attending this meeting. We are looking for Pilots who have served flying big aircraft to provide information about careers in the industry. Also we would like our builders to be available to talk about building and repairing airplanes and how this too can be a career. We know you have the knowledge and are good at sharing, if you can please help.

The winter months are coming to an end in March and we plan on a one big event before everyone leaves. Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>, we will host a fish fry at Arcadia. Again Jeff Dukes and Chuck Black are organizing this event and it looks like they have a great start on it. If you are willing to assist with food prep, airplane parking, or any of the other tasks that are needed please contact Chuck or Jeff. We hope to make this an annual event and have a lot of fun doing it.

Later in April we will see a lot of the snow birds leave for their roost in the north. This year I plan to spend more time in Missouri where I am building a summer home on Table Rock Lake just outside of Branson, MO. I have spoken to Steve Gagnon about continuing on with the meetings and events and he will be leading these activities for the summer.

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# AVIATION CAREERS REBOUNDED ON GA'S SHOULDERS

## JOB-SEEKER ACTIVITY ON THE RISE

AOPA February 12, 2021 By David Tulis

**Certain segments of aviation hiring are on the rise once again, according to [JSfirm.com](https://www.jsfirm.com), an aviation jobs website and AOPA partner that has seen a significant uptick in new career opportunity listings and job search activity.**

Several months after the coronavirus pandemic brought commercial aviation and associated hiring to nearly a standstill, job seeker activity is showing a marked increase with interest in positions for maintenance technicians, corporate pilots, medical evacuation specialists, and certificated flight instructors.



JSfirm.com Executive Director Abbey Hutter said the company has been “eager to see what 2021 would bring us” after a devastating year that saw thousands of aviation industry layoffs, cutbacks in commercial service, and stunted growth in other aviation sectors.

“January alone has seen a record number of job postings on JSfirm.com, even compared to pre-pandemic numbers,” the company said, calling attention to a 19-percent increase in job postings over the previous quarter. In addition, website traffic from job seekers has been on a steady increase since the new year. January job seeker activity increased by 48 percent over December 2020,

and the number of pilots “who have joined our website as job seekers has doubled over the past year,” Hutter noted.

She pointed out that filling the ranks for aircraft mechanics and avionics specialists “is always crazy” because of attrition. Hutter also emphasized that the need for CFIs “never goes away from our website. It’s that rotation that’s always been there,” as flight instructors gain time and experience before moving on to higher paying positions in the other aviation sectors. As more people get out of their homes and travel, the demand for air medical evacuation specialists is also picking up.

Activity in corporate aviation has been surprisingly robust, said Hutter, with jobs being filled before they are officially posted. “When one of those Part 91 corporate jobs [opens] up, a lot of the time companies don’t have to advertise it” before the position is filled, Hutter explained. JSfirm.com has a confidential ad service that only shows the job description, but not the name of the company, its location, or the type of aircraft in use because job seekers have become adept at pinpointing the company by those clues. “Those [positions] seem to be very active. The corporate aviation sector is definitely strong.”

Hutter added that administration roles, engineering positions, and avionics jobs are very active at the moment.

“I think the way to look at it is that I don’t think there is a sector that’s not hiring, except for some of the major airlines,” Hutter added. She said it’s a situation in which companies realize they need to be in a position of strength when travel returns so they can quickly spin up operations. “Some of them are saying, ‘We either need to grow or we’re going to go out of business,’ so they’re hiring again.”

Overall, the JSfirm.com website currently has about 19,000 job positions posted, which is about double the 9,000 positions the website saw at the depths of 2020’s economic downturn.

“I think we’re definitely still in the tunnel, but we can see the light at the end of it,” said Hutter. “You can’t stop the world forever.”

David



**\$15 FISH FRY \$15**  
**April 10, 2021**  
**11am-2pm Campground Pavilion**

**YES...** as you wander the peaceful skies of Florida, you may see this banner flying at the Arcadia airport fuel pumps. This is announcing the next event that EAA 66 is sponsoring. Be sure to put this on your calendar.

**From Candy Rhodes, Young Eagles Coordinator**

It was a beautiful Sunday morning for our March Young Eagles Rally. Congratulations to our newest Young Eagles, Seweryn and Isaiah. Isaiah has also started coming to Build Night. A special thank you to Anthony and Curt for flying, and to Eric for stepping in as Air Boss and for his educational insight. Lastly to Pep and Kevin, thank you for always stepping up to ensure our Young Eagles have a great experience at our Chapter.





This Just in from John Coleman, Membership Chairman

## MEMBERSHIP

We have 78 dues paying members of the 158 on our mailing list. If you are unpaid mail a \$30 check to EAA 66 PO Box 60204, Ft Myers, FL 33903 or pay a board member at an activity (check preferred). All paid members received an email receipt. Unsure, email [jcn2650f@aol](mailto:jcn2650f@aol) and I will confirm. A list will be available at next general meeting. Also, we will discuss providing all paid members a listing of members phone numbers for communication convenience. If this is agreed to at the meeting this will be done by 3-19. If one does not want info published, email me and it will not be published. Again, encouraging everyone to where name tag at gatherings. Mingle and talk to those you do not know. Chapter Tan Short Sleeve Shirts are available for a bargain \$15.00. **Fred's Awards** and **Graphics By Fran** info on the website. Update your profile while you are there.

John Coleman

**WEBSITE INFO:** Pilots, there is now a Ride-Along listing on the website of people who would ride-along with you on a flight thanks to Joe Keenan. For those pilots who would like a ride-along person on a flight, log into our website, look under MEMBERS ONLY section at the RIDE-ALONG LIST. Any person who wishes to add their name to the list, email your name, phone number, and whether you are seasonal or full time to John Coleman [jcn2650f@aol.com](mailto:jcn2650f@aol.com)

Also, all members, please update your profile

I am sending out individual emails on open member dues.

Thanks, John

### **THE NEXT BIG EVENTS COMING UP ARE:**

#### **Regular Meetings**

- **Next Breakfast: Current planning is for April 4<sup>th</sup> (yes that's Easter), 8 to 10am. Shop cleanup is for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am & takes about an hour**

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

- **Board Meeting 2nd Thursday of every Month. Next meeting is Apr 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30, at the Chapter House.**

- **General Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month at Chapter Building. Next meeting is...**

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30. Burgers & hotdogs served at 6:30**

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

#### **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.

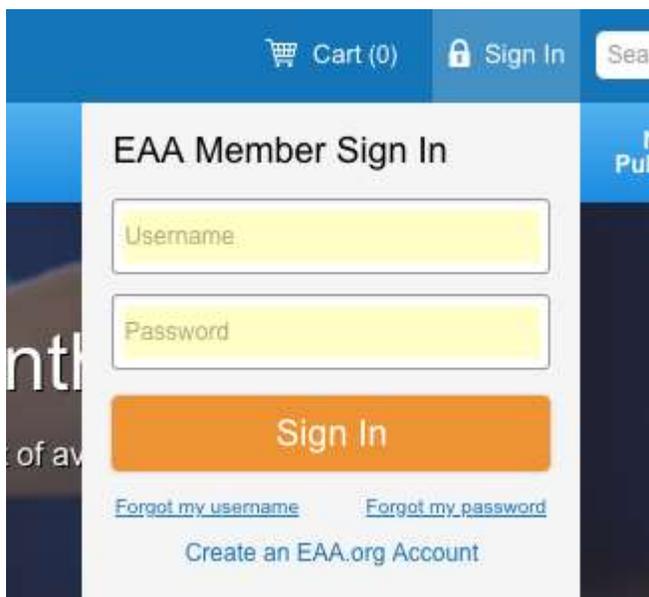
- All Young Eagles pilots
- All Chapter Young Eagles Coordinators and Field Representatives
- Two-deep leadership supervisors
- Volunteers who will work with youth in ongoing programs other than Young Eagles
- EAA staff

**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.

A screenshot of the EAA Member Sign In form. The form is centered on a white background with a blue header. The header contains a shopping cart icon with 'Cart (0)', a lock icon with 'Sign In', and a search bar. The form itself has a title 'EAA Member Sign In'. Below the title are two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. Below these fields is a large orange 'Sign In' button. At the bottom of the form, there are two links: 'Forgot my username' and 'Forgot my password', and a link 'Create an EAA.org Account'.

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

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## Contact Information [edit](#)

Email Address

Primary Address

Main Phone number

**Not Disclosed**

Cell Phone number

**Not Disclosed**

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## Order History

[Go to Order History](#)

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## Training Information

[Go to Training](#)



Personal Information

Password

Training Information

**Training**

Course	Completed
<b>Available Training Courses</b>	
<b>Background Check</b>	
<i>Processing takes 7-10 days.</i>	
<b>Youth Protection Training</b>	
<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](mailto: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

		Official Use Only	<u>Treasurer's</u>
<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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