President's Corner

The calendar is winding down for this year with two remaining meetings for 2015. Friday, November 13th at 7:00pm we will be meeting at Chapter 2 VP Larry Zepp’s home (note location change from original calendar) 2818 Trent Drive, Fort Wayne, IN. We will get the update on his Zenith Zodiac 650B in its final stages of assembly. Then on Saturday, December 5th at 6:00pm we will again have our EAA2 Christmas Carry-in Dinner in the Hoosier Air Museum at the DeKalb County Airport. Bring a dish to share. It is always a good time to have a relaxing dinner and conversation with other members and guests and then take a stroll among the many vintage aircraft and other aviation memorabilia. I hope you can keep these two dates on your calendar. As the Board is meeting Nov 9th at 5:30pm to plan for 2016; if you have any ideas for new Chapter events, activities, speakers or Chapter promotions, please get them to me at mark.beck@eaa2.org. Also, your suggestions for the Chapter's 60th anniversary celebration/commemoration in 2016 would be welcome. As we approach the blustery late fall weather we can hope for some of those gentle breezes and sunny skies so inviting to pilots. Fly often and fly safely!

Mark Beck
October Meeting Minutes

Chapter Vice-President Larry Zepp welcomed approximately 32 members and guests who came out for the monthly meeting at Archie James' workshop.

Larry updated us on upcoming events. Check the website for all the information. Larry introduced Archie James and Greg Rands and thanked them for hosting this month's meeting and project tour.

Archie and Greg are currently working on a Kitfox project. They put together an informative presentation and shared the history and challenges of this project.

The wings and fuselage are both mostly done. Both will be covered in fabric. They also have a couple of engines that have been acquired for the project. Thanks to Archie and Greg for sharing their project and refreshments with the group. We look forward to seeing the project again in the future.

Minutes submitted by Paul Simunek,
Homebuilt Corner—EAA Founder’s Innovation Prize

Introducing the Founder’s Innovation Prize! The goal of the prize is to keep the spirit of innovation alive in the EAA community and leverage its creativity toward solving specific challenges facing the general aviation community. The top finishers will receive a cash grant toward developing their product and prominent exposure at AirVenture.

The 2016 Challenge

The 2016 EAA Founder's Innovation Prize is a contest to solve the problem of fatal loss of control accidents in amateur-built aircraft through innovation. The contest is intentionally open-ended, with the only stated goal to reduce fatalities from this type of accident in amateur-built aircraft dramatically over the next decade - 25% in the next five years, 50% in the next ten.

Individuals and teams of EAA members (membership is required) can sign up for the contest using the entry form below. Full contest rules are also attached. Initial applications will be accepted through June 1st, 2016 and final submission of all materials for consideration are due July 1st.

To Apply

● Familiarize yourself with the EAA Founder’s Innovation Prize rules ● Complete this application ● E-mail it to foundersinnovationprize@eaa.org -or- USPS mail to Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc., 3000 Poberezny Road, Oshkosh, WI 54902

View Official Rules and Application (PDF) To complete application, save file to your computer

Judging

The top five entries will be judged live at AirVenture 2016 during a Theater in the Woods event. The judging panel is as follows:

Burt Rutan

legendary designer of SpaceShipOne - which in 2004 became the world’s first successful civilian spacecraft - as well as creator of dozens of other aircraft, has agreed to serve as chief judge for the five-member group.

Dick VanGrunsven

Designer of the Van's RV series of aircraft kits, which are the world’s most popular kit design with more than 9,000 completed aircraft now flying worldwide.

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Are you a pilot? Are you building an aircraft? Are you an aircraft owner? Are you just “plane nuts” about aviation?
If so, then join us! Visit our website at www.eaa2.org and click on “Join EAA2”

Charlie Precourt
Former NASA astronaut who flew on four space shuttle missions, including twice as shuttle commander. He is currently general manager of Orbital ATK’s Propulsion Systems Division and also chairs EAA’s safety committee.

Rod Machado
Recognized as a renowned aviation safety speaker, he also has more than 10,000 hours of flight instruction time and is recognized as the voice of Microsoft’s Flight Simulator software.

Dave Morss
One of the country’s preeminent civilian test pilots and air racers, Morss has tested hundreds of aircraft designs and also appeared on the TV series MythBusters as an expert on aircraft design and safety.

The judging criteria include:
1) Cost to implement
2) Ease of Installation
3) Wide Applicability to the GA Fleet (with a focus on amateur-built aircraft)
4) Effectiveness in mitigating the problem

Prizes
The winning individual or team will receive a prize of $25,000, with $10,000 awarded for second place, and $5,000 for third. The five finalists will also be featured in EAA media leading up to the final award.

For More Information
If you have specific questions, email foundersinnovationprize@eaa.org. Information courtesy of EAA.org

Fair skies and tailwinds,
Larry Zepp

EAA2 Young Eagles
Each year the kids that we send to Air Academy write their sponsoring chapter a thank you letter. On the following pages are letters from Angela Bougher and Mason Lehman who attended Air Academy this past summer. They both are active in our chapter; both in meetings and Young Eagles. (See pg. 5-6)

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagle Coordinators
Dear EAA Chapter 2,

Thank you so so much for the Young Eagle credits and monetary donations so I could go to Air Academy! It was even better than I could’ve imagined! It was extremely helpful and fun. I found amazing friends and felt like I belonged everyday. This camp taught me to fly better, understand more about how a plane works, and most important it helped me decide what courses to take.

Once I started making things and did a zero-g, I’ve decided to be a plane mechanic, plane acrobatic, and give rides all in both planes and helicopters. I know it’s a lot but I’m positive I can do it. I absolutely can’t thank you enough! I’ve been trying for years to figure out what pilot I wanted to be. But thanks to you I have and I can start learning all I can to reach my goals!

Sincerely,

Angela Boykin
Dear EAA Chapter,

Thank you for sponsoring me to go to the Air Academy. I had a great time there. I got to fly in a helicopter and a Cessna 172.

We got to do a challenge course which was a 40 foot rock wall. None of the staff members could climb it during their training. I was able to make it up with many of the other campers.

Thank you for letting me come here. I made many new friends there. I hope I can go there again.

Sincerely,

Mason Lehman
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