

EAA CHAPTER 643 JULY 2018 MONTHLY MEETING

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Special thanks to EAA Chapter 643 Past-President Joe Preston who hosted our monthly chapter meeting in his hanger. After some chapter business was discussed Rich Kulesa shared his recently completed and flawless RV-14 rudder with the meeting attendees. Joe then demonstrated the use of several different pieces of sheet metal equipment and encouraged fellow members to practice bending scrap pieces of aluminum on their own. He also demonstrated riveting and hopefully by the end of the evening he motivated a few more of us to jump into homebuilding. Whether or not we generated another aircraft project, it was an enjoyable and educational event. Thanks Joe!

We also we want to extend a welcome to some new members, particularly Joel and Carlos. We look forward to seeing you both again!

September Fly-In Planning

- Adam Silverstein our Fly-in Coordinator shared plans and objectives for our annual flyin event which is scheduled for **Saturday September 8th at Sky Manor Airport.**
- We strongly urge every Chapter 643 member to help pitch in for this usually well attended and popular event for local pilots. Adam began to collect names of volunteers, but we clearly need many more. Even if you can step in for just a few hours to help work the kitchen, park aircraft & cars, greet pilots, or just to help sell some 50-50 tickets, that will make a big difference.
- While “locals” are welcome to attend, we really want to target pilots and we will be marketing the event with that objective. We are crossing our fingers for good weather and TFR free airspace.
- Contingencies will be discussed at our August monthly meeting, but at this time we do not have backup plans should we be unable to execute our flyin on the 8th.

Young Eagles

- Frederick Slapa our YE Coordinator summarized another successful chapter event held last month at Alexandria Airport wrapping up their 2017/18 STEM program.
- Our chapter has flown 87 Young Eagles year-to-date which is very close to our goal to reach 100 by December. Several of our members are each near or just over the suggested target of 10 YE flights for each active YE pilots. Whether you can fly 10 or even just a couple, every YE flight is both worthwhile for aviation and will possibly generate a future pilot.
- Our next event will be in October after the summary TFR season has passed.

Scholarship Report

- Our Scholarship Committee has now rolled out the updated application for the Donald R. Gordon Aviation Scholarship program (see EAA643.org website) and we are asking all chapter members to both help advertise and to seek out potential applicants.
- Our fund has grown from the generous donations of many chapter members and we plan on supporting up to two aviation scholarships of \$750 each targeting local student pilots (dependent on the quality of applicants).
- We anticipate selecting the awardees at the end of this calendar year and formally presenting the scholarships at the January 2019 meeting.

Oshkosh – July 23-29, 2018

- Many of our chapter members will be attending all or part of AirVenture in July and several will also be serving as EAA Volunteers & Air Show Performers.
- Please considering using our private Facebook site [Chapter 643 Closed Facebook Page](#) as a place to post your Oshkosh highlights and to connect on site with fellow members.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting is scheduled for **August 20th** and is planned for the Sky Manor Meeting Room.
- A detailed agenda will be posted prior to the meeting and we expect to cover a lot of topics. Of course we will be reviewing detailed plans for our September Flyin Event.
- Our August meeting has traditionally been used to offer experience flights to fellow members. More details on that prior to the meeting.