

EAA CHAPTER 643 JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Special thank you to Jerry Cotter who hosted our June Meeting at his home and shared his incredible workshop with the chapter. For those of you who attended, it was clearly one of the most impressive collections of equipment, tools and supplies that any of us has seen before. Jerry's varied interests are only matched by his enthusiasm and skills. Thanks again Jerry from all of us.

Also we want to extend a welcome to two potential new members who attended our meeting. Piyush Patel & Dennis Harvan. We look forward to seeing you both again!

Election of new chapter Vice-President

- Congratulations to fellow member Doug Logg who was unanimously elected as our new Chapter 643 Vice-President. Doug has been a member of our chapter for many years and has a passion for aviation and EAA.
- Bruce Windom who served as Chapter VP earlier this year is relocating to South Carolina and will unfortunately be leaving the area this summer. All of us want to extend our thanks to Bruce for his efforts this year to ensure the ongoing growth and success of Chapter 643. Bruce brought forward numerous ideas, helped secure interesting speakers for our meetings and he was instrumental in adding social media to our group. His contributions and friendship will be sorely missed.

Young Eagles

- Chapter 643 will be holding a closed YE Event associated with the STEM program at Alexandria Airport on the evening of **June 28th** (5:30-8:00pm).
- Frederick is still looking for additional volunteer pilots and ground crew. – Please contact Frederick if you are available for a few hours to support a really great program.

Scholarship Report

- Scholarship committee is fine tuning the entry criteria for the Donald R. Gordon Aviation Scholarship program and will be asking all chapter members to both help advertise and to seek out potential applicants later this year.
- 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.
- 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.

Chapter Consultation with Aviation Attorney at Oshkosh

- EAA National is increasingly encouraging local chapters to consider establishing themselves as “501 (c) (3)” qualifying charitable organizations. Chapter 643 is not currently organized in this way and like everything else, there are pros and cons to making this possible change.
- In order to help gather more information, we have been offered a 1 hour private consultation with an experienced EAA Aviation Attorney during AirVenture on Monday 7/23.
- Later this year, a summary of what we have learned and a recommendation will be shared with the entire chapter 643 membership for consideration.
- If you have an interest in participating in this consultation meeting and also plan to be at Oshkosh on 7/32, please contact [Brent Connelly](#) directly.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting is **July 16th** and is planned for the Sky Manor lower hangers – See you in July!