



EAA Chapter 166 Newsletter

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SAT., 30 MAY 2020 MEETING IS CANCELLED!

NEXT POSSIBLE COOKOUT/MEETING DATE: *SAT., 27 JUN 2020 at 10:00 AM*****

President's Message:

Hi Everyone!

Something must be going on because I've run in to Barry Stoner on one occasion and Jack Olsen on another, at the grocery store . . . at 6:00 AM! I'm guessing that we're there because at 6:00 AM there aren't many people and it makes hunting and gathering a little easier???????

Our Chapter Officers, Rick, Tom, Linc and myself met at my hangar on May 14th to discuss and decide our adjustments for our Chapter so we can continue and/or pick up where we left off before the effects of the virus. We discussed our next meeting(s), maybe Zoom, June cookout, maybe a July meeting since no Oshkosh, our RV-12 and EAA's 2019 Chapter Survey, which many of you submitted, thank you!

Here are the results of our meeting:

- If you have an interest in holding a Zoom meeting next week, for our May meeting, please let me know.
- How about Saturday, June 27th for our annual cookout/meeting? We will have the opportunity to keep our distance being outside and abide by the proposed guidelines due on June 20! We will try for next month and I will be sending out our monthly newsletter as usual to keep everyone informed.
- Our RV-12! Below is our new RV-12 logo! Designed by Joe Cassineri. Thank you, Joe! I sent out an email earlier today,



to those who are interested in helping with our RV-12, updating our plans to move into Hangar 2 in June. If you did not receive the email but are interested in helping, please let me know so I can put you on our RV-12 email list.

-Our three Student Members who are Student Pilots update!

Below is Wave Thomas who has about three hours of flight instruction and who has also completed ground school. Wave is also one of the ORIGINAL RV-12 builders at the school where we first began building our plane! In the picture below, Wave is also holding the first five sections of the RV-12 instruction manual. Wave cannot wait to get building again! Keep going Wave!



Joe Cassineri is another one of our Student Members who is also in flight training and who is very close to flying his FIRST SOLO, probably within the next week or two! I can only imagine Joe's excitement! Joe is another reason our Chapter exists: to promote aviation, especially with young people!

Finally, Daniel Royer, our Ray Scholarship recipient, who began his flight training last May, is on track to take his Private Pilot check ride (and pass!) next week, before the end of the month! I spoke with Daniel a few days ago and his passion for flying is still loud and clear!

Finally, a few words about the results of EAA's 2019 Chapter Survey:

I received the 2019 results on May 4th, with an explanation and results of not only our Chapter, but all Chapters that participated. Approximately 7,000 people submitted their responses.

My first thought, when I began going through the data, is that we had **33 of our members out of about 50, who submitted their responses.** I believe that is significant in terms of interest and that those 33 Chapter 166 members took the time to say what they liked, what they didn't like or maybe both, but they took the time to do it. THANK YOU! When Rick, Tom, Linc and I met, we took into account the suggestions made such as promoting our Chapter, fly-outs, etc. and we will be talking more about these at future meetings. Following are the questions, the results (of question 1) and explanations (to question 1) regarding our NPS score and finally, recommendations our members made.

The survey asked five questions:

1 - **On a scale of 0 to 10, how likely are you to recommend your chapter to a colleague or friend?** This question measures our chapter's **Net Promoter Score (NPS)**, which is like our overall score on how well members enjoy our Chapter. It is a rating that many Fortune 500 companies use. We scored 84, while the overall EAA Chapter network score was 64. Since this question encompassed an overall regard for our Chapter and EAA also asked members to explain their response to this question, I have

copied our results below. The remaining four questions were simple responses with no explanation, so I did not include the results here, but let me know if you'd like to see them.

2 - On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied are you with your chapter's monthly gathering?

3 - Why did you decide to join your chapter?

4 - How did you hear about your chapter?

5 - On a scale of 1 to 5, how interested are you in aircraft homebuilding?

EAA CHAPTER 166 2019 SURVEY – 32 Members responded

Question #1: On a scale of 1 to 10, how likely are you to recommend your chapter to a friend?

BELOW: Open-ended responses for, "Why did you give the score above(Scale 0-10)?"

Score with individual explanations
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Chapter leadership and members are enthusiastic and engaged in aviation related activities - opportunities for social engagement with like minded aviation enthusiasts.

Excellent members and good social activities.

Friendly, knowledgeable people

Good aviation experience

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Great people who area all passionate about aviation. We also have a wide variety of aviation enthusiasts.

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EAA CHAPTER 166 2019 SURVEY – 33 Members responded

What is one thing you would recommend to improve your Chapter?

Responses
An iPhone app with aviation activities and events of our chapter would be great!
Better meeting facility
better presentations
Engage youth participation
Have meetings during weekday evenings
Hold flyouts
I wish we had more hands-on education on building, such as a fiberglass construction or riveting, wiring, etc. The nearest SportAir workshops are a seven hour drive and seem to be held there only once a year (when I'm not available). While there have been many people willing to help informally, it would be great if we had an 8 hour or 2 day class on, say fiberglass techniques, perhaps taught by an outside instructor, on-site. I don't know if we'd have enough uptake to justify it or not, but I know I would greatly enjoy this. I'm also not familiar with the "tool crib" concept, but I'd guess it would be a central locker with important but infrequently used building tools that could be "checked out" for use in projects--that would be helpful and probably save those building projects from some of the cost impact. Again, don't know if there's enough interest to justify the investment or not.
I would like to improve our web site, especially with posting tons more pictures, in order to have more people access it and create more interest.
I wouldn't change a thing.
Improve our tool crib - which now involves borrowing from individuals.
It's a great Chapter
Local advertising
Membership outreach
More focus on building and less on youth activity
More funding would help bring improvements in community out reaches, and definitely improve the overall conditions.
more interesting programs
More involvement by more members.
More members
More youth outreach initiatives to get young people turned on to aviation.
Nothing
Stronger presentations from experienced members.
Working to attract more young adults (30-50) from local aerospace industry (Pratt & Whitney, Sikorsky, Kaman, ...). Young Eagles are great, but seem to rarely end in new Chapter members for the long-haul.

Until hopefully next month when we can all get together again,

Keep healthy and **BLUE SKIES!**

-Steve Socolosky

Secretary's Report by Linc Turcotte: THERE WAS NO MEETING IN APRIL.

If you would like to join EAA Chapter 166, please click on the link below.

[EAA CH 166 MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)



Daniel Royer in the cockpit! – It had to start somewhere!