

PASO ROBLES PILOT



Monthly Newsletter of EAA Chapter 465- www.EAA465.org

Meeting on January 15 @7pm
At Airport Terminal Upstairs

President's Message

As the newly "elected" leader of Chapter 465 let me first wish everyone a Merry Christmas and best wishes to all for the New Year. As we know the economy, aircraft sector, and income for many individuals has been in the doldrums for the past few years. These factors have had a collateral impact in participation in EAA Chapters, and possibly active membership participation in our Chapter. However there is evidence that the economy is rebounding. The gross domestic product and the stock market have rebounded, consumer spending is up, interest rates and inflation are low, unemployment is substantially down, and the USA is again recognized as one of the leading economies in the world.

While these positive trends take time to "trickle down" to Paso Robles and our individual budgets, there is reason to be positive about 2015 and the future of Chapter 465. Members of the GA community in N. County, and Chapter 465, are faced with the choice of continuing to let Chapter 465 "dwindle"

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or take action and build on the positive happening around us in the national, state, local economy and the strong support for KPRB voiced by the new town council. *And I would be surprised, even in bad economic times in Paso, there are not retired people with funds, time, and an interest in building an experimental airplane.*

I personally do not want to see Chapter 465 to "expire". I hope many of you feel

the same way. As a member of the General Aviation community, an experimental aircraft builder and owner, I appreciate the contribution EAA 465 has made to my aviation experience in N. County. I feel the Chapter can continue to do so for me and others. I ask you to join the Chapter Officers in “resuscitating” Chapter 465 in 2015. Several current officers, along with past president Ralph Richards, met together on December 8 to draft a 2015 action plan, which includes the following basic elements.

- **First: refocus Chapter activities on the core mission of EAA** (*see end of this message*). We recognize that N County has multiple aircraft related organizations (i.e. Estrella Warbirds, Paso Robles Airport Association, Cloud Clippers, 99ers, SLO EAA, Cal Pilots). Each of these organizations has a positive role to play in aviation. But their missions are significantly different, and EAA needs to focus its activities on its key mission/niche, and not “*compete*” with other aviation organizations.
- **Second: “sort out” our niche by meeting with the other aviation organizations** to identify where EAA can/should **lead** (i.e. Young Eagles, Ford Tri-motor visit, experimental fly-in’s, etc.). At the same time we need to clarify where the EAA 465 can **cooperate** with other aviation organizations (i.e. fly-outs, help sponsor AOAP regional fly-in), and where EAA 465 should **follow/support** (i.e. Warbirds Show Aug.2015. I have already discussed with Estrella (Smoot), PRAA (Corman), SLO EAA.
- **Third: listen to Chapter members, get new ideas, involve them, and have**

them share responsibility for planning and execution of activities. If all members “do a little” no-one has to “do a lot”!

- **Fourth: plan ahead and set out a basic annual schedule of activities in January 2015.** There is a lot going on in N. County, many of us are members of multiple organizations which do plan ahead. If EAA Chapter activities do not get on someone schedule, we will get poor participation and attendance.
- **Fifth, keep Chapter business meetings focused, short, and practical.** We may not need a “formal” meeting ever month. But need to think about early identification and promotion of special activities where EAA should and can take the lead.

IN SUMMARY: We hope you will join us at the first 2015 EAA Chapter meeting on Thursday, January 15, 7:00 PM, at the Airport Terminal Conference Room. The objective of this meeting is to “flush out” and identify specific activities to implement the core mission of EAA and respond to member interests. *We need your input and assistance. I have attached a draft form that we will use at the meeting to help capture your input and develop our 2015 plan of action.*

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PS: don’t forget to send in, or bring to the January 15 meeting, your EAA membership renewal (form attached to this Newsletter)

EAA MISSION & VISION

We are...

A community of passionate aviation enthusiasts that promotes and supports recreational flying.

Our vision...

A vibrant and growing aviation community.

Our mission...

To grow participation in aviation by promoting the "Spirit of Aviation."

We serve the community by:

Inspiring new participants in aviation

- Inviting the public to experience flight
- Providing a compelling view of possibilities
- Nurturing interest in aviation
- Supporting clear pathways to participation

Enriching the participation experience

- Protecting rights and the freedom to fly
- Encouraging affordable flying in a local environment
- Cultivating and providing knowledge, information, and resources
- Embracing diverse interests, camaraderie, and fun
- Supporting and promoting aviation events and activities

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Brainstorming for Strengthening EAA 465 Programs and Activities

| Sample Program/Activities | EAA Role | | | |
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| | EAA could lead this Activity/priority | EAA should coordinate with other Aviation Organizations | EAA should support other lead organizations | I will help |
| Organize seminars on building experimental aircraft, new developments, FAA regulations, GA flying tips | x/1 | | | |
| Provide technical support to individuals building experimental aircraft | x/1 | | | |
| Organize regular young eagles flights | x/1 | | | |
| Liaise with other EAA Chapters (i.e. SLO) on promoting and organizing joint activities | x/1 | | | |
| Promote and coordinate participation in EAA state/national activities and seminars (Sun and Fun, webinars, etc.) | x/2 | | | |
| Organize/support building of an experimental aircraft with partners (i.e. school, etc.) | x/3 | | | |
| Promote and organize EAA experimental type club fly-ins (i.e. ultra-lite, RV, Lancair, Glasair) | x/2 | x | | |
| Attend free EAA October briefing at Oshkosh for EAA Chapters to get ideas on how strengthen Chapter 465 (member must pay air fare) | x/1 | | | |
| Etc. | | | | |
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| Promote/organize aviation activities not directly related to experimental/GA recreational flying | | x | x | |
| Work with FAA (FAST/Wings) to promote GA flying | | x | x | |
| Airport Cleanup | | x | x | |
| Airport Day in Paso Robles | | x | x | |
| Meet with Town of Paso, Chamber of Commerce to market/promote airport development, | | x | x | |
| Meet with Town of Paso, Chamber of Commerce, private sector to market/promote development of unused facilities in the area which could bolster would overall economic development and where EAA could play a role. | | x | x | |
| Etc. | | | | |
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Editor's Message

by Phil Corman



Chapter 465 Minutes – Dec 8

Officers Present: David Fretwell (President) Darrel Radford (Vice President) Ralph Richards (Immediate Past President), Dale Ramey (Secretary/Treasurer)

The objective of the meeting was to do forward planning for 2015 and address issues related to dwindling membership and a need to refocus Chapter activities on the core mission of EAA. The following items were discussed and agreed.

Next Meeting and Objective: Due to the holidays it was agreed to hold the next general meeting Thursday Jan. 15, 7:00 PM at the usual meeting place (Airport Terminal Conference Room) Dave will call Roger and confirm. The overall focus of the meeting will to do forward planning for 2015 and get input from members

Telephone tree: the Executive Committee member will call all members on or before December 25 to advise them of the meeting date, objective, and encourage all to attend in order to refocus and resuscitate the Chapter.

IRS Form: I called EAA, they are a 501c3 as I expected but each chapter registers itself so we have to find out what ours is, I would think you can go on the IRS site and find our number

somehow, and I think there is an income ceiling (i.e. 25,000) below which we do not have to report to the IRS annually. **Dale, can you follow upon this and report back – the form itself may be self-explanatory.**

Web Site: I will follow-up with Phil, who does a nice job of the Newsletter and Web Site and go over needed updates (i.e. officers, membership, putting in a starting page with new pending events which can have short blurbs plus links). **Phil give me a call when you are available and we would like you to do a good demo of the web site at the Jan 15 meeting, and get input at the same time.**

Young Eagles: we have an EAA member who just moved to the area who is proficient at organizing Young Eagles flights and we intend to do on this spring and regularly after that, and get her to join our Chapter. **Richard will contact the lady and make sure she attends the Jan 15 meeting if at all possible.**

Meetings with other local Airport Organizations: **Dave will initiate a meeting with the Presidents of Estrella (who requested such an informal meeting) and PRAA (both together) before Jan 15 if at all possible. .I will also follow up and meet with the president of the SLO EAA Chapter.** The objective of these informal sessions will be to see where EAA 465 should/can lead, where EAA can coordinate activities with others, and where we can follow/support activities of others. The mission of the organizations is somewhat different; we need to focus on our “niche”.

Next Newsletter: I will draft a “president’s message” outlining our initiatives, and get it to **Phil so the newsletter can go out on or before December 25 so everyone is fully aware of our Jan 15 meeting.**

EAA 465 Publicity: We need to get the Chapter program, activities, and meetings in the local press, at different events, etc. **Ralph will take the**

lead to work on developing a list of contacts, outlets where we can advertise our Chapter, and promotional material. (I.e. written blurbs for media, banner for use in a booth at events, even a collapsible booth).

Possible Speakers/Activities: These will hopefully be well flushed out at the January 15 meeting, a starting list is attached, several short and long term suggestions (in addition to the Young Eagles flights) were discussed including: possibly getting a “not used” experimental kit donated so we can involve youth and adults in building a kit over time, getting our booth in the Estrella Event in August and in Paso Craft Fairs and parades, joining SLO on their breakfasts – one a month host the breakfast at Paso, Visit Tom Brinks Fastener Shop as an activity in February, etc.).

Executive Officers Meeting: The group agreed that it would be a good idea to have a one hour breakfast meeting, say each quarter, of all officers to keep the momentum going on new initiatives. I will initiate these meetings.

ummary: there a number of specific activities listed above, please drop the all officers an EM (just respond to this one) to tell us when you have complete your initial work with a target of being completed on or before January 15 so we are all prepared for our next meeting.

Thanks for all your support and if everyone does a little, including our members, no one will have to do a lot to make our chapter grow and prosper.



by Phil Corman

PRAA Update: [Click Here](#) for Details
[Click Here](#) to join the PRAA mailing list.

Please encourage your family and friends to join the PRAA by sending an email to philcorman@hotmail.com or [CLICK HERE](#) to join. Our membership has is currently 260 strong. Please join and pass this along to others interested in the airport.

EAA Information

EAA Member Benefits

- EAA Insurance - Aircraft, Non-Owner, Renters & Personal
- EAA Aircraft Financing
- EAA Flight Planner
- Discounts on FAA written tests at LaserGrade
- EAA credit card 10% savings from Aircraft Spruce
- You can save 'hundreds – even thousands – of dollars' on your next Jaguar or other Ford car
- You can buy your John Deere Tractor for less money
- EAA has discounts for Hertz and Enterprise car rentals

Interesting EAA Chapter Web Sites

EAA Chapter 1 at Flabob www.eeach1.org
EAA Chapter 7 at Long Beach www.eaa7.org
EAA Chapter 14 at San Diego www.eaa14.org
EAA Chapter 1000 at Muroc www.eaa1000.org
EAA Chapter 170 @SLO
www.eaa170.blogspot.com

PRB Websites

Paso Robles Airport Association
<http://www.prb-association.com>
Paso Robles Airport
www.pasoairport.com

EAA CHAPTER 465 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Chapter membership dues are \$20/yr. Please help us to verify your personal info.
 Members with e-mail will receive the chapter newsletter via e-mail for their review.
 Members without e-mail can receive copies of the newsletter by mail or at the meetings.
Return the completed form to the Chapter Treasurer, or any Chapter Officer.

Name: *(Please Print)*

Address *(Number, Street, City, State, Zip)*

Email

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

EAA National Membership #

Expiration Date *(MM/YYYY)*

FAA Ratings

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| Light Sport | <input type="checkbox"/> | ASEL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seaplane | <input type="checkbox"/> | CFII | <input type="checkbox"/> | IA | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Private | <input type="checkbox"/> | Multi | <input type="checkbox"/> | Instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | Avionics | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rotocraft | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ATP | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | |

Aircraft Project Underway

I need help in:

Selection Design Construction Other

Aircraft Now Owned

Newsletter: I prefer to receive my newsletter via e-mail , printed via U.S. mail , or at meeting

Special Skills *(That might be helpful to members)*

Payment Enclosed \$20.00

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Please mail this form with payment to:

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 Atascadero, CA 93422

Or bring with you to any Chapter meeting

<http://www.eaa465.org/site/index.php>