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## Low 'n Slow Fly-in Weekend of May 16



For all of you 'tube and fabric' airplane buffs, Flabob is the place to be on May 16 for sure!

What started out 5 years ago as the 'Aeronca Fly-in,' has opened its doors and emerged as the Low and Slow. Each year, Champs, Chiefs, Cubs, Taylorcrafts, Luscombes, Funks, Interstates, and many other types

are likely and DO fly to Flabob. Many excellent restorations are here to see and owners are on hand to talk about their airplane and flying in general. However... ALL TYPES AND MODELS ARE WELCOME! Even if you fly a 'Spam Can'... You might win an award if you enter the judging!

Friday's are arrivals for many of the out of town attendees. Tents get pitched and pilots and passengers set up for 'home away from home' for the weekend. The Friday arrivals are treated to a lasagna dinner, complete with salad, garlic bread and ice cream sundaes for desert. Old friends make new friends and the conversations cover all subjects around the fire pit after the sun sets... However, you can guess what most of the talk is about.

Saturday is the BIG day. The local attendees arrive and get parked and registered. Everyone is welcomed, and greeted with a cold bottle of water. A continental (or 'Lycoming Breakfast as it's advertised!)... Is offered, but the Flabob Airport Cafe is there if you'd like something hot. Coffee and OJ... Muffins and fresh donuts.

Lunch is available to everyone...\$5. Hamburgers and cheeseburgers, chips, cookies and a cold drink attracts many, as the picnic tables fill up with hungry people. Last year, we served 90 burgers.

The afternoon games are one of the main attractions...Flour Bombing and something new this year.... STOL contest. (Short field take off and landing contest). Starting around 1:30, everyone heads towards the taxiway to watch, cheer and laugh, as the short take off is judged and the bombers take to the air. Closest to the target gets the coveted Bomber Trophy. Shortest take off and shortest landing roll claims awards as well. Volunteer judges, outfitted with tape measures, keep their scores, and trophies are presented at the awards dinner. It's a blast to watch, volunteer for, and better even to participate in.

Many much appreciated sponsors have contributed a lot of incredible items to be raffled off. Dinner tickets and raffle tickets are available. This year, many of the sponsors of years past have sent goodies... Such like Aircraft Spruce, Avemco, and Poly-Fiber. This year, Concorde Batteries and David Clark have donated BIG... WITH... you guessed it... A battery certificate and a head-set. It's always fun and the dinner is a great way to bring the weekend to a close.

After dinner... The fire pit comes out... And with the aid of cold adult libations, the laughter and camaraderie continues.

The website for registration and more info is [www.swlowandslow.com](http://www.swlowandslow.com) or feel free to contact any of us at the numbers below. We organizers are grateful to Chapter 1 for sharing their clubhouse and a few tables and chairs, so that we can make it nice for our guests. The grass area, picnic tables and trees make for a great place to have an event like this.

Flabob is such a great place! Come by for the fly in... Or just come by!

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A new president,  
 New board of directors  
 A new editor,  
 A new era for Chapter 1!

# Calendar



## May 2015

- 1st – First Friday Flicks**  
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 1st-3rd – SW Baby Cessna Roundup**  
Flabob Airport
- 9th – Young Eagles**  
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 9th – Chapter Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
- 9th – Board Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 2 p.m.
- 16th – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**  
Flabob Airport
- 15th-17th – SW Low & Slow Fly-In**  
Flabob Airport

## June 2015

- 5th – First Friday Flicks**  
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 13th – Young Eagles**  
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 13th – Chapter Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
- 13th – Board Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 2 p.m.
- 20th – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**  
Flabob Airport

## July 2015

- 3rd – First Friday Flicks**  
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 4th – Fourth of July Membership**  
Chapter One Hangar - all evening
- 11th – Young Eagles**  
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 18th – Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**  
Flabob Airport
- 20th-26th – AirVenture 2015**  
Oshkosh, WI



# The Prez Says...

Well, here we are, full speed into summer! Flying weather is getting better as the winter winds are passing us by.

Lots of things are happening around Chapter 1. Of course our Young Eagles events are still going well, after making some needed changes to most of the areas involved in putting it together. Dave Cheney is heading out to the local schools, and making presentations to student assemblies. We've printed 1,000 fliers and we expect a good return on this investment in numbers of kids interested in flying with us. Dave has also put together a new and improved presentation for the kids before they fly as a Young Eagle. We do this at 8 a.m., and it's not just about airplanes...it covers a lot of aviation aspects. This was long overdue, and a BIG "Thank You" goes out to Dave for 'canning' this so that any of us can make the presentation based on the slides.

We've also made some changes to the flying aspects. We will be working with the CAP Cadets from Chino to act as escorts and help the pilots and YE's with the certificates upon return. A pilot will be assisting fliers on the ground, in lieu of our young adults. We're doing this only for safety reasons, as we sure want to avoid any problems. Each YE pilot has been and will continue to be briefed on some necessary 'basics'... as we found it necessary to review and establish common sense procedures so that everyone has a 'way out'... should one of the situations we addressed arise again. All the pilots are on board with this, and that makes me very happy.

Allen Teets has volunteered to help Wes Blasjo as assistant co-ordinator for Young Eagles. Due to health reasons, Allen wasn't able to attend April's rally; however, many of you were contacted by Allen via telephone inviting you to the meeting we had on April 6. We're happy to have Allen helping us, and we look forward to having him as a valued member of the team!! We have not yet established a date for the Chapter 1 Fly-In... as we have serious plans to breathe new life into it. We're thinking of a Saturday in October, and since we've made connections with other local chapters, we're finding things would go better together. They help us, we help them. This was evidenced when three of us from Chapter 1 helped Chapter 92 from Chino when the EAA Ford Tri-Motor was in town. A great experience to demonstrate our willingness to assist, and to build a more friendly relationship with chapters in the area. The neighboring chapters will certainly be invited, and asked to help and participate.

We will be announcing our Monthly 'Fly-Outs' via email shortly, and will be hoping to invite other chapters to join us. Look for those dates and locations soon!

Each Spring, EAA conducts a Chapter Leadership Academy, and I was unable to attend for work and our own chapter events at that time. So, when I went back on my own this past February, I presented the idea of having a Leadership Academy at Flabob, since it's hard and expensive for most of the West Coast chapters (and even the local ones in SoCal) to travel that far. They liked the idea and ran it up the EAA flagpole and we got a HIT. We've tentatively scheduled a one-day Chapter Leadership Academy for January 30, 2015. We scheduled it for this time specifically, because many of the chapters have elections in the fall, like us, and this gives us the best opportunity to get the newly elected leaders the chance to get the best help EAA has to give without the problem of traveling half way across the country. We've settled on a maximum of 50, so those of you interested, or in other chapters, contact Charlie Becker in OSH to get on the list. I'm sure they'll announce it after AirVenture in July.

As far as Oshkosh, who's going? Roberta and I are, and we'll be camping at Camp Scholler again this year, but with a little addition. We're having a big banner printed up as 'EAA Chapter 1 Oshkosh Headquarters!' Anyone from the chapter or otherwise, who would like to visit us... we'll be camped under the trees directly across from the remote grocery near the camping drive-

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# From the Editor's Desk

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## On a job now completed

Sometimes it pays to give the job to a younger person.

A while back, I needed to have a new fluorescent light installed in a recess above my kitchen sink. I examined the job, and decided that with my one bad leg and two left hands, I'd better hire someone to do the task for me.

I live in a 55-plus retirement community, a nice place where the only dark hair is provided by a bottle and a beautician. I looked in the advertising section of our community newsletter and saw that several park residents were offering "handyman" services. I called one and told him what I needed. He said he could do it right away, and asked if he could bring along a friend who knew more about electricity.

In a short time, there was a knock at my door, and there stood two septuagenarians in work clothes carrying tool boxes. I invited them in, showed them the job, got two ladders set up for them to work with, then retired to my computer to let them have at it. A half-hour job, I figured.

They worked quietly for about a half hour, then took a break. The old light was still in place. We chatted for about 15 minutes then they went back to work. Moans and grunts punctuated the exercise, with a few soft curses. "My arm's falling asleep!" one growled. "Yeah," said the other, "and I think my back's going out!"

They finally got the old light down...after about an hour. Then they began to install the new one. The moans and grunts became more frequent. The curses got louder.

"Oh, my back! My back!" one yelled as he almost fell off the ladder.

"Sit down, Jim. Let's take a break," the other said. So, huffing and puffing and sweating and looking ever so tired, my handymen plopped into chairs and mopped their brows. Finally one announced, "I'm going home to take a nap!"

"Me, too!" the other agreed. "We'll be back in a few hours."

About three hours later, they returned and completed the job. Their attitudes indicated that they held me responsible for their pain and suffering, and that their \$40 fee was so low as to be a favor.

If I'd have hired a younger experienced handyman, the job could have been done in half an hour. While I felt sorry for the gentlemen, and appreciated their completing the task...sometimes it pays to give the job to a younger person.

And that's what I'm doing as editor of *The WingNut*. This will be the last edition for which I serve as your editor. For the past 10 years I've endeavored to keep you all informed and entertained through these pages. I realized that, for many of you, this is your only link to Chapter 1 and the Flabob community. I tried to let you know what was going on here, and make you feel a part of it.

But now I feel it's time to hand the reins over to someone who can breathe new life into the publication. And we have just the person to do so. Greg Yonge will be your new editor. As a young IT professional, Greg's computer skills are way, way beyond mine. Greg has long helped with our monthly Young Eagles rally (on the computer, naturally), and has been our membership chairman for the past few years. I wish Greg the best as he takes on the not-at-all-easy task of being your newsletter editor. Please help him out. Send him letters. Send him stories. Send him pictures. Send him a note of encouragement from time to time.

I would like to thank Wes Blasjo for being a constant contributor. Always late, but always very well written. Thanks, too, to Jon Goldenbaum for his steady stream of excellent stories and pictures over the years. And a special thanks to my good friend Ray Stits for getting the snail mail versions of *The WingNut* out issue after issue.

And thanks to you all for reading! Your letters and support meant the world to me. It's been a great 10 years!

Adios, and blue skies!

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# Update on Stinson restoration project

By Jan Buttermore

The Stinson restoration group whose members are EAA Chapter 1 again went to the Riverside Air Show as the "Orange T Shirts." They were responsible for the Antique and Vintage aircraft parking, for ensuring that any aircraft in our area did not run their engine behind the crowd line. Also, they assisted the performers in moving their aircraft through the crowd before the show and afterwards. They were also trained to assist in crowd control if there was an emergency. They were quite impressed on seeing the airshow from the inside as well as being part of the workings.

When the airport closed for the airshow, they then assisted the Commemorative (Not Confederate) Air Force personnel in moving the aircraft involved in the day's activities. At the airshow wrap-up meeting, they were specifically mention for doing an excellent job assisting the CAF ground crew. Some of the many Flabob participants were The Flabob Express DC-3

which was open for tours. Several EAA members displayed their aircraft including Steve Frenzell's Cub, Tom Jones' SuperCub, and Barry Duble's PA-28-235. Also several members manned the Easy-Up where information on the chapter and Young Eagles events was passed out. Thanks to all.

**Stinson Project**—a 108 (no dash) serial number 2. The oldest in the FAA registry.

The Flabob Airport's Stinson restoration project was featured at the Historical Society meeting held in Hangar 16A. Many members of the society visited the project and complimented the group's abilities in fabric covering. The members did all the paint prep work and now the aircraft is now in the process of being painted by Nando Mendoza. After that, there will be assembly of the many painted parts, as well as installation of radios, new fabric interior, ELT, etc. They will also assist (under supervision) the completion of the annual inspection.

## Prez Says... *(Continued from Page 3)*

in entrance. We'd love to have you join us for dinner and a cold or hot drink as the sun sets on Wisconsin!

We are still in need of volunteers... for YE, School outreach, events, and membership. Please bring an interested friend to the 'new and improved' chapter meetings. Something newly added is the EAA Monthly Chapter Video... every month highlighting something aviation appropriate for every EAA member. They're great, and very well produced. We have some great cooks...and every month, we have something better than last month to enjoy.

April is 'Volunteer Appreciation Month' and I'd like to personally send out my THANK YOU to all those who have helped the chapter and me since my assuming your president's role. The Board has been exceptional, and the volunteers on YE Saturday and most appreciated. A special THANK YOU to Kathy Rohm for all the time and work she put into getting us in the direction we're headed in now... from 'status quo' to productive. The pilots are my friends and cohorts in enjoying giving someone the gift of flight, and the donation of your time, effort and expense are the keystone of this chapter's success and existence. Thanks to everyone who makes this chapter the great one that it is.

Together, let's make it even better!!

Respectfully,

Jim O'Brien

EAA Chapter 1 President

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# 20 Young Eagles, 11 pilots in April

April's Young Eagle Flight Rally was again one of those months when we almost had more pilots than youth to fly. Eleven pilots flew 20 youth. Fortunately, Chapter 1 has very resourceful pilots who gave extra long flights and provided additional instruction that made the flight a BIG bonus flight.

We welcome back Larry Van Dam and his award winning Bonanza. Larry hasn't flown with us for several years, but he is back and having as much fun as he ever did. We also welcome Bobby Lee Litchfield and his Cherokee 140. Bobby Lee is bringing the YE Program at Ch 448 at Cable Airport back to life after a dormant time. Another new pilot, David Wakefield, flew with us for the second time in his beautiful Navion with the great glass panel.

It is really great to have these new pilots join in flying young eagles. Some months the number of available YE pilots has been pretty thin, so having new pilots gives the month-after-month reliable pilots a little breathing room.

As an aside, Mike Clearman flies youth in his Marquart Charger MA-5. Some of you may not know that this plane was designed and built by the late Ed Marquart, one of Flabob's early designer/builders. Others in this category are Ray Stits, Lou Stolp, Bill Turner, Bill Clouse, Mark Lightsey and Clayton Stevens. These pioneer builders from Flabob have made a HUGE contribution to the homebuilding movement. They were all members of Ch 1 at one time too.

It is "brain-strain" time! What are the names/models of the planes that these designers built? Hint, some designed and built more than one plane/model. Lets flood the editor's in basket with emails or letters naming these. There will be a prize for the one(s) who get them all.

The ground school is now being taught by Dave Cheney, as well as a recruiting/outreach program in the Riverside Unified School Dist. Middle Schools.

Preflight instruction was conducted by Jim O'Brien and John Adair. Everyone knows Jim, but most probably don't know John. John is a long time pilot and CFI, and has had a photo studio business that he is retiring from. He is now offering his services to Chapter 1 and we welcome that. Thanks, John.

We appreciate all those who help out each month with the YE program as well as helping with all the Chapter 1 things that need to be done. This behind-the-scenes work is what makes the YE program run smoothly. Thank you, each and every one.

- Wes Blasjo, Young Eagles Coordinator

## Pilots Who Flew:

Allyn Auck	Cessna 172
Michael Clearman	Marquart Charger
Larry Conley	Ercoupe
Bobby Lee Litchfield	Cherokee 140
James McKinley	Aircoupe

James Meeker	Taylorcraft
James O'Brien III	Cessna 150
George Pruitte	Cessna 210
Ray Stits	Cessna 162
Larry Van Dam	Bonanza
David Wakefield	Navion



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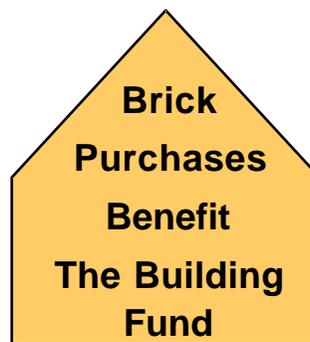


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