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**EAA CHAPTER 240**

# **ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP 2021**



# PRESIDENTS INTRO - MIKE PARRY

**C**hallenging year doesn't begin to describe the past twelve months as the world, the nation, the region and the Chapter have worked to manage and reduce the impact of the pandemic, which closed out so much of our regular, everyday activities. The information your Board has compiled here is a reflection of that, and the highly limited events and happenings we have been able to attempt as a Chapter. Yet - as you will see - there are highlights amongst the lowlights, and we're still here, increasingly active and still growing!

This written report replaces what would normally be presented and discussed directly with the membership at the November Membership Meeting, where we would provide a summary of the activities, accomplishments, challenges and a view of the year to come. My thanks to the Board members for their sterling efforts through the year and for compiling this narrative to update the membership, as we have been unable to meet in-person in a formal session. *Mike*

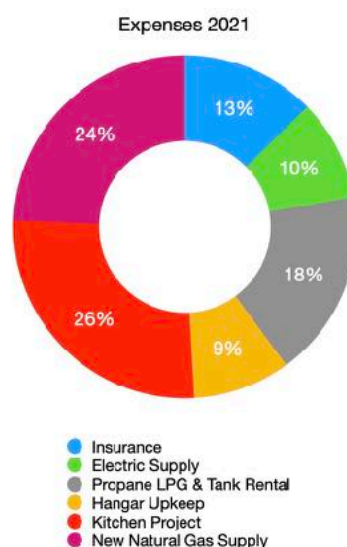
## TREASURY - MELISSA ORTEGA

Coming into 2021 the sale of the Chapter's PA-22 assisted us immensely in staying afloat. As we all are aware in 2020 we had zero fundraising due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Unfortunately we experienced much of the same in 2021.

Income	
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Membership Dues	\$4,840
Membership Donations	\$1,630
Hangar Rentals	\$1,567
Social & sales	\$266
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$8,903</b>

Expenses	
Insurance	\$1,557
Electric Supply	\$1,177
Propane LPG & Tank Rental	\$2,177
Hangar Upkeep	\$1,133
Kitchen Project	\$3,258
New Natural Gas Supply	\$3,000
Misc Expenses	\$1,100
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$13,402</b>

Note: excludes Scholarship donated funding



Chapter fundraising normally brings in ~50% of our annual income. As you will see the hangar use fees contribute to our annual income as well as our membership dues.

Our membership is one of our best assets! Through member donations and our members' hard work we

were able to update both our bathrooms, shower room and kitchen area.

With new members joining and our existing membership dues made it possible to keep with our monthly and annual expenses which include Kauffman Gas, PECO, Chapter Insurance, EAA National Dues. Another big win for the Chapter is the natural gas line that will be installed. We will have a direct line, which eliminates the need for propane and expensive propane tank rentals and filling costs.

The Fred Kacena 2021 Scholarship received a generous donation from The Stott Foundation. This allowed EAA Chapter 240 to offer three Fred Kacena Scholarships. Without this donation EAA240 would not have been able to offer scholarships for 2021 due to our lack of fundraising income due to COVID-19.

Chapter projected ending balance for this fiscal year that closes on December 31, 2021 will be \$5,432.89. As we move into 2022 with the projected income from dues for 2022, we shall see a significant increase in our income. It is with hopes that our fundraising events, chapter activities, social events, and fly outs will be back to normal.

We survived 2020, and 2021! See you all in 2022, it's going to be a great year for EAA Chapter 240! *Melissa*

## MEMBERSHIP - PAUL DOLAN

As this year comes to a close I'd like to focus on the positive. Our Chapter has flourished this year in our membership numbers which is always a great thing to report. With so many uncertainties in our world and right here at home, it's been comforting to see us stay together, grow, and make our EAA240 family stronger than ever.



I'm happy to report our current membership to date is now 198 strong including 12 new members and even a few members that have rejoined! As 2022 gets its stride I anticipate further growth as we open up more and introduce new events and Chapter gatherings.

We are now collecting membership dues for

the 2022 year or the 2022-23 years if you'd like to pay in advance. Payments are easily made at the web site , or here at <http://eaa240.org/renew-membership-dues/> , or by mail via EAA Chapter 240, PO Box 240, Toughkenamon, PA 19374.

Also, don't forget to get your official EAA240 Name Badge at <http://eaa240.org/eaa-chapter-240/members-only/badge/> - still only \$11.00! Worn with pride!

Your continued generous support and dedication to our Chapter has, and for the foreseeable future, made us a Chapter to watch. TFRs and COVID aside, let's make 2022 a positive, healthy, and memorable year. *Paul*

## YOUNG EAGLES - DALE & LIZ ROBINSON

Pandemic restrictions greatly limited the flights the Chapter offered in the last twelve months.

On May 16 2021 Nate Hauser and Bud Swenson flew a small group of Young Eagles for a local Boy Scout Troop. Look forward to returning to scheduled events in conjunction with Pancake Breakfasts in 2022!

Our current plans are for flights on the following dates (subject to change):

- ~ Saturday, April 16th
- ~ Saturday, May 21st
- ~ Saturday, June 18th
- ~ Saturday, September 17th
- ~ Saturday, October 15th



Boy Scout 'Young Eagles'

Pilots are encouraged to fly Young Eagles flights individually which allows for more flexibility with scheduling. If you would be interested in doing some ad hoc flights, let Dale Robinson know via email at: [daleandlizrobinson@yahoo.com](mailto:daleandlizrobinson@yahoo.com) and we can coordinate with youth and parents as they reach out via the EAA240 website .

The pilot guidelines can be found at [https://www.eaa.org/-/media/Files/EAA/Other/YE\\_PilotGuidelines\\_2020.ashx](https://www.eaa.org/-/media/Files/EAA/Other/YE_PilotGuidelines_2020.ashx). Don't forget to verify that your background check is current as it needs to be renewed every 3 years!

Of note, EAA has issued a new registration/waiver form for Young Eagles. It no longer has the tear off booklet that explains the experience, just a single sheet to be filled out by parent/guardian and pilot. The old forms may be used until December 31, 2021. New forms are available from EAA and we will put some in the 240 Hangar along with log books and certificates for pilots who would like to do some individual flights. *Dale & Liz*

## HANGAR UPDATE - JOHN LESLIE

Despite the challenges of COVID 19, the chapter and its many volunteers donating their time and with funds donations from the general membership, we have been able to update the kitchen including a new tile floor throughout the kitchen including the



*New Flooring - summer 2021*

hallway, the restrooms and shower room. All the walls were painted, and new moldings installed. New six panel interior doors were installed in the rest rooms and shower room. All exterior doors were painted including the exterior stair for the meeting room.

Currently the chapter is in the process of upgrading the existing lighting in the kitchen and rest rooms to LED flat panel lighting. One LED fixture has been installed in the women's room.

Looking ahead, we will be adding a L shaped work counter with cabinets in the kitchen. The counter will have the computer and printer also the cabinet will store some of our pancake equipment. In the hangar space, we would like to add a finish to the concrete floor in order to help keep the floor cleaner. Also looking at repainting the hangar walls.

Considering the COVID-19 limitations I believe we accomplished a lot this past year! I want to personally thank all the members who gave their time and skills to make this happen. *John*

## SECRETARY - TIM KLINE

The Chapter held seven Board Meetings for the 2021 year.

It has been an honor to serve the EAA240 Membership as Secretary for the past two years. We had many challenges to overcome due to COVID-19. We worked together as a Board also involving member volunteers updating the kitchen through generous donations which kept the expense to a minimum in hopes we would be able to resume Pancake Breakfast fund raising activities, which are a vital source of income for the Chapter. Unfortunately COVID-19 stayed with us much longer than originally predicted and we were unable to host an event.

I hope for the future of EAA240 the Board looks to move away from the same old thing and engages the growing younger crowd in and around the airport to find out how through mutual association it is beneficial to both. *Tim*

## VICE PRESIDENT REPORT - OCTAVIAN CODREANU

2021 was a tough year for our chapter, from an event planning point of view. While we thought we'd be able to return to normal by summer time, this ended up not being the case, unfortunately.

We were able to take advantage of Zoom to hold five membership meetings during the early part of the year, with interesting guest speakers covering a variety of topics (aircraft photography, engines for experimental aircraft and how the recurring TFRs have affected our flying habits, to name some).

As the year progressed, we felt more comfortable with the idea of opening the doors of the chapter hangar and having our members join us for different social activities, starting with an ice-cream social, our first gathering in-person in more than a year. Following that, we decided that we could have a few more open hangar events and even a couple fly-outs.

Starting in July, we planned a few fly-outs, out of which we were only able to fly two of them (more on that a bit later). The pilots and passengers were happy to be back in the air as a group, and, with the exception of slower service due to staffing shortages, our overall fly-out experience has been positive.

We're hoping to get a better start to the 2022 fly-out season. We're learning the TFR schedule and we'll do our best to select dates that don't conflict with them. We're always planning on using the next week-end as a rain date. But we need your help for that - we've definitely been experiencing a shortage of pilots and airplanes for our planned fly-outs this year. We'd like to see more pilots/owners join us, and if you're not able to, we'd like to hear why and to use your feedback to better organize the events, giving more of our members a chance to join us and explore the area. While COVID is still something of concern, we'll do our best to select destinations where we can be in an outdoor or well ventilated indoor space, minimizing the risk. Do you have a favorite spot you'd like us to plan a fly-out to? Please let us know.

We received a generous donation from the Stott Foundation, which allowed us to offer the Fred Kacena Scholarship Awards this year. A selection committee reviewed multiple applications, conducted Zoom interviews with the applicants and selected three finalists, with each of them being offered up to \$4,000 for their flight training. If you joined us at our September deck party, you had the chance of meeting two of them, and the third one is always involved in the airport community. We're really pleased with our selection for this year, and we're looking forward to 2022 and the next group of future pilots. OC.



*Fly-Out to Delaware Coastal Airport & Restaurant*

I'm happy to leave 2021 behind - it was a difficult year, and I want to thank you all for being chapter members and sticking with us in these tough times. I'm looking forward to a better 2022 (fingers crossed), with more in-person membership engagement and more events for us to participate in and talk about. We'll plan on more fly-outs and we'll aim to spend more time outdoors, especially if the conditions don't improve as fast as we'd like to. While Zoom has been a good aid for chapter membership meetings, in-person hangar flying is a lot more fun and we're looking forward to having a few more in-person membership meetings and guest speakers. *Octavian*

## PRESIDENTS WRAP - MIKE PARRY

The challenges of the past year will, in part at least, continue into 2022 as the pandemic lingers, and Secret Service-imposed TFR's are set, and changed, and changed again. Both of these challenges serve to inhibit how we will approach and go about even the basic Chapter activities in the new year. But we are definitively moving from the negative to the positive in both our outlook and our actions.

The Chapter Board itself had challenges in the year too, as opinions diverged on a range of topics, from expense approvals, reporting standards and - inevitably - our approach to COVID restrictions and their implications and impact on planned Chapter activities.

Building on Melissa's financials report above and unable to do any of our traditional fund-raising in 2021 which, in a typical year, would generate approximately 50% the Chapter annual income, we relied on hangar-space rentals (for the projects under construction in the Chapter hangar), member donations, the sale of the PA-22 project, dues renewals and new member joins to sustain our funding. As Paul reports, the Chapter attracted new members and had strong renewals of membership, which contributed to a reduced-but-still-healthy treasury balance. This enable us to completed general maintenance of the facility, fully pay our operational costs (LPG, electricity etc) but also use the 'down-time' to substantially upgrade the kitchen and bathroom areas, aided by significant personal donations of funds and skills from individual members. We also committed to converting our LPG supply to Natural Gas, an investment in our future, in efficiency and in a medium term cost saving.



A highlight of the challenging year was The Stott Foundations donation that enabled the Chapter to offer three extended Flight Training Scholarships. Without this generous support we would not have been able to offer Scholarships this past year. We end the year (at November) with a balance in excess of \$5,000 which, in the full circumstances, is a good place to start the new year. The membership renewal process is about to restart and we hope that, with prompt attention of the expanded membership, our balance sheet will improve rapidly and support the full range of Chapter activities. Our fund-raising should recommence in the spring 2022 with the



Pancake Breakfast event dates we've now published at our web site. We came through 2021 and 2022 promises to be a great year for EAA240.

For the new year we are already setting dates for Pancake Breakfast fund-raising events, for Young Eagle flights, for Chapter Fly-Outs and for Saturday-at-the-Chapter-Hangar fun events....and more. We'll be ready to adjust times, or dates, or locations as hurdles are presented. But we'll hold many, many Chapter fun and educational events in 2022. Your Board is committed to a very active year, with a fully engaged membership. We'll be working with and alongside the Airport Management & team, the Flight Connection Flight School, Brandywine Soaring Association, the Aero Club of Pennsylvania and EAA Chapters (and National) to identify opportunities to promote and enjoy regional aviation, with a particular focus on diversity and on youth.

Your role? Step-up, join with us, volunteer to help in our programs, support our events, support your Chapter, support each other. This is a volunteer organization and we stand or fall by the extent of volunteering we achieve. Yes, this means YOU!

I look forward to seeing you - face-to-face - very soon at the Chapter hangar. And, as always, you can share your suggestions and feedback with us.

*Mike Parry, President EAA Chapter 240*



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