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Newsletter of Sierra Chapter 403

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CORRECTION...

In the April newsletter, I credited the youth activities article to Sharon Larson. That was incorrect. Their last name is Larsen with an "e". Credit goes to Sharon Calaguas-Larsen. My apologies for the mistake. -Mike Zieba

FROM THE PRESIDENT

What is EAA?

For those who have not visited the EAA.org website, this is what national says EAA is.

"Who We Are

How does one describe an EAA member? That question does not have a definitive answer.

EAA members represent every aspect of aviation and often have multiple interests. We fly them. We fix them. We even build them.

EAA members are what we like to call the "keepers of the flame." Sure, we love airplanes. But it goes beyond that.

It's about passion, camaraderie, that ol' can-do spirit, and a grassroots way of sharing our love of aviation with others.

It's the airplanes that bring us together. It's the people who keep us coming back.

Mission & Vision

We are...

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

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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”*

What is an EAA Chapter?

“EAA's local chapters are about people, bringing together individuals interested in learning more about aviation as well as sharing their own knowledge.

Join (or start) a local chapter and get involved in grassroots recreational aviation in your own backyard.

Chapter members are involved in a variety of social and educational activities, including Young Eagles rallies, fly-ins, building seminars, and more, to build awareness in the community.

There are several types of chapters — EAA chapters, Vintage Aircraft Association chapters, Ultralight chapters, International Aerobatic Club chapters, and Warbirds of America squadrons.”

I think Sierra Chapter 403 does a fairly decent job at achieving some of National's goals. We have a very robust Young Eagles program, a very limited youth program, and IMC/VMC clubs.

Could we do more?

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Meet Evert and Gus Young

Chapter 403 members for the past nine years, Evert and Gus have been married for 62 years. They met while working for TWA where Evert was a pilot and Gus was a “Hostess”, now known as a flight attendant.

Evert first soloed in December 1945. Ev flew for TWA eight years and was a pilot for Chevron for 24 years. He has logged

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many hours in everything from DC-3s to Constellations to 707s. Evert has been involved with EAA Since the late 50s.

Gus got her nickname many years ago while working in the trucking industry. She is an award-winning wine maker and has won a gold medal at the California State Fair.

The couple have been involved in building, restoring and owning multiple aircraft. These include a Waco RNF, Beech Staggerwing, Fieseler Storch, Van's RV6, Van's RV12, Ryan replica, Thatcher CX4, and a hot air balloon. Currently they are building a Fokker DVIII as seen in this photo.



Evert and Gus are also collector car enthusiasts. They have owned and restored many antique cars. Their cars have won several awards including two cars that Gus painted herself!

Currently they have several cars, but their pride and joy is a 1941 Lincoln Continental V-12 Coupe.

So, the next time you are at the chapter house, strike up a conversation with this dynamic duo. You will be glad you did.

FROM THE SECRETARY

We had a great turnout on Saturday April 26 for our first Saturday Lunch. Earlier this year, after much discussion and member feedback, the Board made the decision to suspend the Friday Lunches in favor of a monthly Second Saturday Pancake Breakfast and Fourth Saturday Lunch.

We are happy to report that our first Saturday Lunch was a resounding success. The intent of the move was to make the event more available to our working members and families. While we welcomed a lot of familiar faces, we were also joined by many of our newer members and families, as well as several old friends. Our talented cook Sue Raty served up lunch from our newly renovated kitchen! We are looking forward to many more Saturday Lunches. See you there!

Next Up:

- Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagles
Saturday May 10, 2025
- Saturday Lunch May 24, 2025

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Additionally, Sandy Goetze has been busy organizing the Chapter's first Flying Start event scheduled for May 17, 2025. EAA National has chosen May 17, 2025, as Flying Start Day and encouraged local chapters to plan events.

The intent is to introduce Adults to the joy of aviation. Chapter 403 has elected to focus our flights on Young Eagle parents in order that they may experience the thrill of aviation as their children have at past Young Eagle events. Thank you to Sandy and her volunteers for making this happen!

Finally, we are having a clearance sale of all our on-hand Chapter Clothing.

- Young Eagles T-Shirts \$5
- Long Sleeve Young Eagle and Chapter 403 T-shirts \$10
- Short Sleeve button down Chapter 403 shirts \$30

Merchandise is available at the Chapter house during Chapter events.

Young Eagles

The Next Young Eagles event is scheduled for May 10, 2025. We had a successful inaugural 2025 event on April 12, when we flew 35 Young Eagles. Thank you to our pilots, ground crew and pancake volunteers for making the day a success.

If you know of a pilot who is interested in participating in Young Eagle events, please have them contact contact@eaa403.us so we may forward them the necessary information.

FROM THE TREASURER

Balances as of 1 April:

- Savings: \$74,366.59
- Checking: \$3,049.87
- PayPal: \$2,469.17

Walter and Andrea Hobbs made a very generous donation of \$5,000 to the Chapter in April. Please thank them when you see them.

Welcome to new members who joined in April:

- Hannah Fasiang
- Kathryn Fasiang
- Sandeep Koduri

Detailed monthly Treasurer reports are posted in the Chapter House and available by email upon request.

WHAT'S NEW

On April 26, we had the first of our new Saturday lunches. We had a good turnout, and participants enjoyed the updated amenities. Now we are ALL "Knights of the Round Table!"

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Young Eagles Scrapbook

Below are some excellent photos from the April 12, 2025, Young Eagles event. Big thanks to photographer Sharon Calaguas-Larsen.



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As Spring Semester 2025 winds down at Western Nevada College, I look forward to “retiring” again (for something like the sixth time, I think?).

Other than being out-of-state for a while this summer for gyroplane flight training and again this fall for building a kit, I will become available soon to help with chapter work day tasks.

I’m not a qualified Journeyman at anything construction-related, but I can follow instructions, and I know the difference between a fish tape and a chalk line! Looking forward to contributing by helping with chapter-related odd jobs.



IMC CLUB

The group meets the third Thursday of every month at 1800 in the Chapter House.

VMC CLUB

The group meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 1800 in the Chapter House.

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