



# EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION



*The Spirit of Aviation*

## Happy Easter from EAA65!

It's finally spring time, and the snow is on its way out. We're still waiting to see some buds start to appear, but it won't be long now! Changing of the seasons brings variation of the scenery as seen from up in the air. From a white, to brown, to green landscape, seasons in our part of the world help keep things interesting by introducing variety!



## March Member Gathering

Did you make it to the EAA65 March member gathering at The 447 Wing? The meeting started off with our member, Peter Carter discussing some



changes to flying in Buttonville since the tower removal, followed by member Mark Rataj's presentation on his cross-country flight in his home-built RV-7A with his

brother Bernie in July 2017. Mark and his brother flew from Stoney Creek via the Lake Ontario shoreline to Sherbrooke, Quebec, then to Charlottetown, PEI, then to Deer Lake, NL. He shared his thoughts about the flight planning, the stops along the route, and the 3 days of exploring the Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland, as well as many beautiful photos. After the presentation, from his perspective as an AME who has worked on a variety of commercial aircraft, Mark opened the floor to some discussion about the Boeing 787 Max that has been in the news lately.

## Next Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, April 11, 2019 starting at 7:30 pm at the RCAF 447 Wing in Mount Hope.

Our guest speaker will be Mr. Terry Lebel, a 42 year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, where he flew fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Highlights include two years with the Snowbirds, and four overseas tours including one as the Mission Controller on a Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (drone) team in Afghanistan.

Terry is long time EAA member and the owner of a Steen Skybolt and Cassutt homebuilt.

Terry's talk will deal with Unusual Attitude Recovery and if time permits, he'll also talk about his Afghanistan drone tour.

Come early and enjoy good pub food while socializing with EAA65 members before the meeting.

**Construction Corner**



Joe Rosen performing some repairs to his ARV Griffin horizontal stabilizer



Trevor Yaworski TIG welding up a motor mount, as jigged up by Peter Meszaros.

**Checklist Savvy**



The article linked below from AOPA discusses how helpful and useful a proper checklist can be, as an essential tool to safely operating your aircraft. They recommend starting off by purchasing a specialized checklist for your particular aircraft type. Alternatively, they discuss making

your own checklist with help from your CFI, to make it more efficient by streamlining, and considering your flow from component to component. When building your own checklist, you can also add items that are recommended by not necessarily required in a standard checklist so the items may be missed. After some use, you can refine it so it's more practical and suitable for your needs.

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2004/february/flight-training-magazine/checklist-savvy>

*Experimental Aircraft Association*  
**Chapter 65 - Hamilton**  
60<sup>th</sup> *Anniversary Celebration*

**Fly-in and BBQ**  
**Saturday July 6th**  
**10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**  
**(Rain Date July 7th)**

*EAA Chapter 65 is celebrating its 60th birthday with a Fly-in and BBQ at Grimsby Airport on July 7th, 2019.*



**Monthly Meetings**

One of the highlights of our chapter activities are our monthly member meetings. As we've continually enjoyed presentations highlighting various facets of aviation in the past, we'll strive to continue to bring you entertainment, information, and comradery each month. We meet on the second Thursday of each month, unless the notices to members specifies

otherwise. Make sure you provide the board ([secretary@eaa65.org](mailto:secretary@eaa65.org)) with your preferred email address, keep checking your email, and/or stay connected with us on Facebook for the latest news on upcoming events!

If you have suggestions for speakers, program topics, or if you would like to share your story or knowledge on matters of interest to our chapter, please let Joe Brunski know.

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