



### Eric Witherspoon for Chapter Vice President

#### EAA / Chapter Experience:

Joined EAA in 1993; member EAA81 since moving to Tucson in 2005; been to the convention at Oshkosh 7 times over past 22 years

Served as Chapter President 2013-2016; ran the meeting 40+ times; arranged for presentations and project visits; coordinated donations

Chapter Tech Counselor; volunteer ground support for the Tri-Motor visit; EAA81 interactive display volunteer at Pima Air & Space Museum “night wings” events

Presentations: What I saw at Oshkosh (multiple different years); riveted-tube building techniques; hosted chapter meetings at my Sonex project during build and after flying.

#### Ideas I’d like to pursue with the Chapter:

- Helping with Chapter visibility
- Opening the chapter hangar for special events to boost EAA / GA awareness with the public
- Engaging the Chapter with EAA’s Chapter Recognition program (helps with the Ray scholarship selection process, if we pursue)
- Sponsoring youth to EAA experiences

#### Homebuilding Experience:

- Built Sonex (twice) from plans (s/n 0042 and 815)
- Completed #815 and flew it over 4 years / 176 hours
- Started Sherwood Ranger biplane project, again from plans (too many parts to finish!)
- SportAir Workshops: Sheet Metal; Fabric Covering

#### Pilot Experience:

- Pilot since 1989 (740hr total time)
- Commercial Pilot (ASEL)
- Instrument Rating
- CFI (203hr dual given)

#### Outside of EAA:

- BS Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Tech, 1996
- Pratt & Whitney (Jet Engines) 1996 – 2005
- Raytheon Missiles & Defense 2005 – present
- Mechanical designer, team lead, Integrated Product Team lead, Section Head, Program Manager



# STEVE HULLAND FOR EAA CHAPTER 81 VICE PRESIDENT



My name is Steve HULLAND. I volunteered to fill Steve Horton's BOD VP seat about a year ago because Steve had to resign for personal reasons. My sole goal was and is to serve the Membership to the best of my ability. I had and have only one strong and simple personal goal concerning Chapter 81's future. Provide the best advice and leadership I can - which results in the chapters viable and successful future. As a member of the Chapter 81, I will continue to do that in any membership capacity.

I listen to member concerns, questions, and suggestions – with the full knowledge that those concerns, questions, and suggestions must receive careful consideration. You might ask why I value fellow members concerns, questions and suggestions so highly? The answer is simple. Fellow members often (usually) have more experiences, knowledge, and expertise in every endeavor the chapter participates in – and my obligation is to carefully consider your experience, knowledge, and expertise prior to making any decision I may make, or action I take on your behalf.

I have been a chapter member for more than twenty years and even edited the newsletter for a time. I have been involved with some aspect of amateur airplane and model airplane building/flying for more than 65 years. I am 77 years old and involved with aviation since I was 8 years old – from model building and my earliest experience flying to my current aircrew and management duties with the Civil Air Patrol. I am retired United States Marine, Airport Manager and Fire Chief. In each of those positions I have been extensively involved with many aspects of the aviation world and lead by example without micromanaging or attempting to convince employees and members of various organizations that my way is the best way .

I was introduced to and became fascinated with aviation when I started flying a 1930 Fleet Model 1 Biplane, owned by my father's good friend Richard Coughlin, in the mid 1950's. Dr Coughlin was building a Fokker DR-1 replica and I was introduced to amateur airplane building. The DR-1 is currently at the Seattle Museum of Flight and was at the Falcon Field 'Commemorative Air Force Museum for many years. Hope you have had or get a chance to see it!

I hold FAA SEL Pilot and Air Traffic Control Licenses and starting with the Fleet I have been fortunate enough to fly, not just ride in, a variety of aircraft types – including Gliders; Sailplanes; Conventional geared; Lighter Than Air, Helicopter, and a variety of military aircraft. (Stinson 104; American Standard; S-2; T-28; Saber Liner; Champ; PB4-Y; P2V; H-34; C152; C182; C172; Tomahawk; Ercoupe; Ford Tri-Motor and several others) – a few of which I have owned.

Currently I am building a Belite Ultracub and finishing the building of a War America half-scale P-47 WW II Thunderbolt in Mobile Air Hangar 15, the most southwest hangar on Ryan Field. I continue to help work on a Cozy 4, ERCO Ercoupe and have helped restore, and flown, a USMC C-117, Taylorcraft BC-12-D and the late George Koch's stock DHC-1 Chipmunk DH , although I do not hold an FAA Aircraft Mechanic License. I enjoy working on amateur aircraft and learning from others.

As you can see in the two pictures, I also have a passion for flying Hot Air Balloons and Marshaling Aircraft at airshows and fly ins. The left picture is me at Oshkosh 2022 and Gallup NM in 2019.

During my work years I earned an associate degree in Business Administration; Bachelor of Science Degree in Technical Careers and a Master of Aviation Management – all while raising a family and working full time. Started my Marine Corps career as a private in the Infantry and ended my career as the active-duty Captain overseeing reserve air traffic control, motor transport, engineer, crash fire rescue and marine air base units. also completed and sometimes managed the Navy Marine Corps Air Traffic Control, Aircraft Ground Support Equipment, and many other professional schools.

During the past year, I have been fortunate to serve our chapter membership and leadership as a member of the Board of Directors. During this time, I have seen our members aid both the chapter and the entire aviation community through a wide range of activities. In addition to the many thoughts and recommendations other chapter members have made, I believe the following activities should be “front and center” – they will make the chapter stronger and enjoyable for every member:

- More Chapter participation in EAA national programs such as, but not limited to:
- Local young Eagles and Fly In events.
- Aviation Scholarships for Aircraft Mechanics, Pilots and Associated Professions
- Group Aircraft Rehabilitation and/or Building Projects – especially for newer members attacking their 1<sup>st</sup> projects.
- Continued attention to maintaining an open, solid and smart financial footing so members know their hard earned funds are used wisely and effectively
- Helping to ensure that our meetings and projects provide our members with an enjoyable and fun experience while not leaving anyone out – no matter what their aviation aspirations or experience may be.
- Helping make our chapter hangar the “Go To Place” for all aviation things related to our members needs and EAA tenants - specifically:
  - Carefully review all aspects of potential chapter hangar ownership.
  - Potential for more hangar space without additional costs
  - Long term viability for hangar ownership and use
- Always exercise exceptional and comprehensive “Due Diligence” when, along with other board and general members, contemplating or approving the expenditure of chapter (member) funds.
- Help ensure that EAA Chapter 81 is a visible and enthusiastic participant in EAA Air Adventure (Oshkosh), and other local/regional aviation events.
  - Attend “Oshkosh” every year that I possibly can.
  - Coordinate member activities while they are at “Oshkosh”
  - Attend and assist wherever possible other local and regional aviation events.
- Provide all manner of assistance to other aviation organizations that the membership desires to support – especially youth type activities.

I believe my strongest suits are effective, ethical, honest, and thoughtful leadership – which has often allowed the organizations I led, or worked for, to perform their mission(s) exceptionally well while setting the bar for similar organizations.

Helping Chapter 81 become one of the strongest and most successful EAA Chapters in existence is my only goal.

Your vote for me to become EAA Chapter 81's next Vice President during the November 12, 2022, Chapter meeting will ensure that EAA Chapter 81 will thrive and be more successful than it already is – while meeting and adhering to the goals and expectations of the Experimental Aircraft Association and our members.

Please feel free to contact me at 520-307-5775 or [Aztaildragger@Gmail.Com](mailto:Aztaildragger@Gmail.Com)

EDMOND DION  
FOR PRESIDENT  
EAA CHAPTER 81



My name is Edmond Dion. I am 62 years old, and a retired Software Engineer and Business Owner serving the Aerospace and Defense Industries. I have over thirty years experience managing, designing, testing, and developing hard real-time control systems for the military and commercial aerospace industry. I was responsible for managing and delivering complex aircraft control system and equipment as well as ground test equipment for various programs. These included the F-35, F-22, F-15, C-130, V-22, Comanche, Black Hawk, F-117, NASA, along with other high-reliability systems.

I have been a pilot for 22 years, and own a Van's Aircraft RV-12iS, N814DF. I just passed five hundred hours, mostly in my recently purchased RV-12iS. I have been a member of the EAA Chapter 81 for two years. My plane is hangared at D4 at Air Center West (right across from the chapter hangar). I am there most days. Feel free to stop in and chat if you see my hangar door open.

We should take actions to increase membership participation. We could do much more to promote general aviation. We can reach more young people and organize more Young Eagle Events. We should do more to get repeat meeting attendance by new or potential members.

I am running for President of EAA chapter 81. If elected I will donate my time and energy to Chapter 81 improvements and growth. I will work with the board to implement the following five projects right away. Realizing some of the ideas might not happen all at once, so I will start a committee to develop a Five Year Plan providing staffing, a schedule and a budget.

These ideas and changes will encourage both newcomers and current members to become more active members in our chapter. The chapter will better promote General Aviation, and ensure the growth and continuity of EAA Chapter 81.

- ➡ Purchase and install large LED screen and update audio system for monthly meetings.
- ➡ Broadcast directly to meeting attendee's laptops, making it easier for everyone to clearly see the presentation.
- ➡ Purchase rows of folding tables for meetings, to provide more comfort and ability to access laptops, phone, beverage, notes, etc.
- ➡ Clean and organize the chapter hangar. Add some sturdy workbenches and tool storage chests. Turn it into a Functioning Workshop that will attract new members, and encourage all members to become more active.
- ➡ Purchase a computer workstation and state-of-the art 2D and 3D modeling software as well as a 3D printer.

Please vote for EDMOND DION by casting your ballot at the chapter meeting on **Saturday, November 12, 2022** at 10:00 AM. You can also vote by proxy by emailing your vote at least 24 hours prior to 11/12/22.

I am available for discussion by contacting me at either  
**520-477-6891** or [EdmondEAA81@gmail.com](mailto:EdmondEAA81@gmail.com)



## **Erik Fjerstad For Chapter 81 President**

### **As president, I will:**

- *Develop a rolling 1-year plan with member consensus*
- *Establish effective, empowered, working groups to implement the critical elements of the plan*
- *Lead the effort to involve members in the plan and to achieve consensus wherever possible*
- *Maintain an environment where everyone is welcome, whether their interests are building, flying, youth or camaraderie*

### **The plan will address at least these objectives:**

- *Grow the membership, focusing on youth involvement*
- *Increase member participation and involvement*
- *Increase utilization and leverage of chapter assets*
- *Establish guidance for effective application of chapter funds in excess of operational needs*

I started flying in 1975, am commercial/instrument-rated with over 1,200 hours including tail-wheel, complex, high performance, and technically advanced aircraft experience. I have owned all or part of 5 airplanes, including a Hatz CB1 biplane, and an RV6A that I built and have flown 300 hours including many Young Eagle and Eagle flights.

I have a BSEE / Computer Engineering degree and a Professional Engineer License, and have spent most of my career in aerospace doing advanced design of systems and products involving fuel, torque, load, and speed sensors, landing gear sensors and actuators, flight control and fin actuation and deployment systems. I hold 9 patents and I have led teams and organizations of 2 to 200 people. I established a systems engineering office in the UK for the system design and development of equipment for Airbus. These assignments helped me understand the differences between “leading” and “directing”. I learned it’s important to facilitate ownership in a task to achieve results and compromise is often helpful. Equipment I have impacted is on most Boeing and Airbus commercial and military aircraft and many current missile systems. I was the manufacturer’s technical representative in an NTSB investigation involving flight control failure. I retired from Raytheon Missile Systems in 2014 as a Principal Fellow, a director level position.

I joined EAA in 2002 and Chapter 81 in 2005, becoming active as an officer.

Newsletter Editor and Director for 6 years

- Transitioned newsletter to mostly e-mail
- Made all chapter documents available online
- Cleaned up and improved the detail in the Roster
- Managed the one-page member bios posted in the meeting room

President for 4 years

- Implemented electronic payments via Zelle and Paypal
- Established an improved, traceable, accounts register with automatic financial reporting
- Sought and negotiated the donation and sale of 3 aircraft, yielding about \$62,000 for chapter finances plus \$45,000 for Jessica Cox’s Right Footed Foundation
- Managed monthly meetings in support of members’ aviation interests including building and maintenance.
- I am currently the acting Young Eagle Coordinator, covering for the previous coordinator’s resignation.

Other accomplishments / activities

- Established the hangar usage policy, facilitating its use for final assembly, aircraft inspections / repairs, and as a venue for events and training.
- Developed a tri-fold flyer for use at events: [Tri-fold flyer](#)
- Acquired the projector and PA system for meetings
- Acquired / manage / and operate for the chapter the borescope, scales, and propeller balancing system.
- Obtained a \$300 rebate from the EAA for the balancer.
- Arranged the EAA Trimotor event hosting with PCC

I developed and presented seminars either in the meeting room, the chapter hangar, or in my hangar on aircraft assembly, riveting, tube bending and flaring, aircraft weight and balance, bore-scoping, compression testing, ignition timing, propeller balancing, electrical systems (battery, starter, power distribution), avionic systems (comm, nav, engine management, ignition systems, reliability and redundancy), and presented material on aviation topics such as all-electric airplanes, options to increase aircraft power, and options for painting. I have sought presentations by members on their projects and building knowledge, often in their hangars, and by guest speakers on topics of interest - including the history and pilot experiences on Fire Water-bombers, the U2, F104, and C130.

A few of my presentations available for review:

[More Power Presentation](#) / [The Electric Airplane Aircraft Battery Systems](#) / [N721EF Paint Options Weight and Balance](#) / [Prop Balancing](#)

***Vote for Erik Fjerstad for continued effective, collaborative, and respectful chapter leadership!***