



EAGLE'S NEST PROJECTS

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While not as unusual as our first student's solo, all solos are special. Ross Porter, our student Project Manager, made the traditional three takes-offs and landings on February 16. Everything went as planned, and he and Austin now have both completed their cross-country work. To add to the experience, Austin flew EN-1 to Sun 'N Fun and Ross flew it back, something over 800 NM each way. Ross will probably be the first to get his license as Austin has to wait until his 17th birthday. Others are taking their beginning lessons. We hope a licensed student will fly EN-1 into AirVenture this year, hopefully as a flight of three Eagle's Nest RV-12s.

Closed? Why would we close? Well, it is only temporary, but we have decided not to take on any new projects until after AirVenture. We signed EN-7, -8, and -9 in the past few weeks, and really need time to get our organization up to being able to handle the workload that comes with oversight of so many projects. To that end, we have two new EN representatives. Welcome to the Eagle's Nest Family!

The Navion that was donated has been sold. We are expecting several other aircraft to be donated and would like to have an instrument trainer. (Hint, we do accept aircraft donations!) We have a mobile office, a Monaco Dynasty diesel pusher motorhome. This was helpful at SNF and will be at AirVenture. We are considering land where we hope to build a permanent headquarters/ training center, complete with 50X50 foot hangar. \$85k in donations still needed!

EN-2 is on its wheels and ready to hang the engine. EN-3 is about ready for paint. EN-6, our first project in a Christian school, is ready to begin this fall. Their Chief Mentor, Scott Malcomb, worried he wouldn't be able to get mentors, or enough students. Over 30 mentors volunteered, and about 30 students. He has a different problem now...

We were pleased to spend some time with the mentors and students of EN-6 before Sun 'N Fun. Also, it was fun to fly with the students and mentors into Lakeland on a chartered Airbus 320, courtesy of Jet Blue. We expect good things from the relationships we made, and from the Orlando EN-6 team.

This Orlando EN-6 project was instrumental in getting college credit through Embry-Riddle University. These credit hours aren't free, but we are working to make them reasonable, and hopefully available to other Eagle's Nest Projects. We will be working with other colleges and universities.

We apologize for not being able to sign any of the new projects that pop up several times each month. We promise this moratorium will not last long. At this point, dealing with new sponsors, setting long-term goals, and planning how to best serve projects we have (and future projects) has to be our first priority. We expect to again sign new projects post-AirVenture, or perhaps during the show.

We are very happy with the six-page article in the May issue of AOPA Pilot. It captures the real story of ENP, the story of the student/builders, very well. Special thanks to Dave Herschman, Senior Editor, and Mike Fiser, Photographer. See page 54.

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