



EAGLE'S NEST PROJECTS

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Happy New Year! We hope your Christmas was everything you had hoped for, and that the significance of the holiday was a blessing to you and yours. It has been a long time since I sent a newsletter, but not because there was nothing happening. Probably, just the opposite!

Austin Malcomb became our first Private Pilot on January 4, his 17th birthday. You may remember Austin soloed EN-1 exactly one year ago, on his 16th birthday. He (and EN-1) did great, even in rather nasty wind conditions. Congratulations, Austin! BTW, Austin's father, Jeff, is one of our mentors and he just completed his Airbus 320 Type Certificate with Jet Blue. Austin's grandfather started him flying, and his uncle is Chief Mentor in Orlando. Quite a flying family!

After Oshkosh, things didn't go as well as I would have liked. I came down with Shingles, starting in my right eye. I was seriously slowed me down for several months, but I am over it, and can pass my flight physical eye exam. That slowed progress on EN-2 almost to a halt, but we have finished it, minus some inspection items and installing some options. The engine start went great! We went to AOPA Summit in Fort Worth, but didn't pick up much new there.

EN-6 in Orlando is starting to look like an airplane. We expect it to be the “poster child” for ENP builds. Circle Christian School has 17 student/builders and an almost-perfect situation. We also saw good things during a visit to Newport News, VA, where a project is under way. Bismark, ND and the second Texas project are also under construction. Several other projects are brewing!

We got some nice promotion recently, from corners you might not expect. We had a nice article in World Magazine (see http://www.worldmag.com/2013/09/flying_faith#.Uia1qHz2D0o.email .) World Magazine is a Christian news publication, the largest of its kind. They said some nice things. John Sighting has written in this newsletter, but this time I will just quote what he told WM.

“Because humans are made in the image of God, the work of Eagle’s Nest Projects stirs the God-inside-us desire to create,” Sighting said. “The ability to step back at the end of the process of building and flying an airplane and call it good is deeply satisfying.”

This may explain why we get such satisfaction from seeing our airplanes take flight. We do believe there is more to this than just setting rivets, and I think most of our students would agree.

We also had articles in the September issue of Kitplanes Magazine and the Sept/Oct issue of Aviation for Women (<http://www.afwdigital.org/afw/20130910/?pg=22&pm=2&u1=friend#pg22> .) It is good to see a variety of publications noticing what ENP is doing!

We have partnered with Liberty University and Purdue University. Students will be able to get credit at those institutions (as well as Embry-Riddle, in some cases) and save considerable tuition and lab fees. Austin's PPL will save him over \$10,000 at Purdue! We expect other benefits from working with these and other schools.

We have a new website, eaglesnestprojects.org . It isn't yet complete (the forums aren't there yet,) but we believe it gives a much better idea of what we are trying to accomplish.

For a final update on how things are going, watch <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BkA5K26sjG4> . This video is indicative in how people view Eagle's Nest Projects. Really nice job, Newport News!

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