

A Tribute to Tom Phy, EAA Lifetime Member



Thomas Lee Phy, June 24, 1955 - July 14, 2018

President of EAA Chapter 1345 from 2012-2018

Learn more about Tom in his inaugural "Pres Sez" column in the January 2012 newsletter:

http://1345.eaachapter.org/newsletters/FLYRvol11_1em.pdf

Tom passed away from cancer in July, 2018. He was a passionate aviator, a dedicated EAA officer and member, an avid Young Eagles supporter, and a good friend to all. He will be greatly missed.

We will gather on September 12, 2018 to honor Tom at the EAA 1345 Chapter monthly meeting. Please join us.

A tribute poem from his good friend, Meredith Clark



I'm standing near the runway.

The small plane slowly taxis past me, and he waves – with that RV grin.

The aircraft gains speed, lifts off, and heads West. I watch until she hangs like a speck in the brilliant blue sky.

Then someone at my side says "There, now he is gone."

Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all.

At that same moment there are other eyes watching for him and other pilot voices ready to take up the glad shout "Here he comes!"

*Meredith Clark
Adapted from a poem by Henry Van Dyke*