

# EAGLE'S PROPWASH

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Perry DiClemente and crew at Sun N Fun, April 2021.  
*Photo Courtesy of Perry DiClemente.*

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### **CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT:**

*"EAA Chapter 113's major focus is on the relationships with people who have diverse aviation interests, centered around their love of flight, fellowship, learning, and fun.*

*Chapter members have a passion for flying and are willing to share it with others.*

*Chapter 113 provides the opportunity for exchange of information, as well as the interaction that leads to friendships that last a lifetime."*

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

*"The Board of Directors are to provide both advice and assistance to the chapter officers on an ongoing basis."*



## PRESIDENT'S *PODIUM*

Dave "Drano" Steiner (734) 645-1150  
president@eaa113.org  
May 2021

Quite the WX we had in April for getting out and flying. The inadequate heater in your C-140, Cub or Taylorcraft wasn't even needed on a number of those mid-summer-like days. Nice when you can get current in early spring without risking frost bite. I'm not a pilot, but this year due the great WX, I golfed more in April than ever before. My *minimums* are mid 50's F, mostly sunny and mostly calm. Great for flying WX, too! I even posted some of my best personal scores, although I must confess they'd still make any low handicapper or pro golfer laugh. But I had enough good holes to prevent excessive embarrassment and give me hope for a decent golf summer to come, albeit from the "senior" tees. Golfing and flying are the same in that you are always striving to become better and can sometimes even master certain aspects of them ... at least on some of those *magical* days when you get in the zone. It feels so good! Of course there are the other days when you give the tower folks or fellow golfers something to scratch their heads about. I wish you more of the former than the latter this flying/golfing season.

With only six weeks to Father's Day, we would normally be gearing up for the famous EAA 113 Father's Day Pancake Breakfast and scholarship awards presentation. Alas, COVID has axed the breakfast for the second year in a row, at least in June. However, we'll still be awarding the EAA 113 Don Zimmerman scholarships, but probably not at a public event. It would have been nice to show off our new Don Zimmerman Aviation Workshop. We have plenty of room for inside dining and we can't use it. BLAST! Maybe we'll be able to hold something in the fall. People are eager to attend local events that are safely conducted, so stay tuned for more information, get vaccinated and stay safe.

If you see something near KYIP that's big and silver and moving so slowly it's a wonder it doesn't fall out of the sky, it will be the Ford Trimotor that Yankee Air Museum is now flying and soon will be giving rides in. Talk about a throwback to the golden age of aviation. It seems to float through the skies. Even the Goodyear blimp might best it in a drag race. This one is authentically restored, right down to the wicker seats. Takes off, flies and lands at nearly the same speed.

**Program Speakers for Member Gatherings** - VP Jack McClellan has some great speakers/programs lined up for the next few months, so don't miss the third Thursday membership gatherings. But he's always looking for more so contact him at [vicepresident@eaa113.org](mailto:vicepresident@eaa113.org) if you have a potential speaker.

**Prop Wash Content** - Keep that content coming for the newsletter! A few photos with captions and a short paragraph or two about *your* latest aviation adventure are all that we ask. Send to: [newsletter@eaa113.org](mailto:newsletter@eaa113.org). Please do share your aviation escapades. No need to be a pilot.

### **EAA 113 & COVID**

The Chapter will continue to follow all State of Michigan and local health guidelines with regard to protecting people from the spread of the COVID virus. We urge all to follow precautions and get vaccinated for your own and other people's safety. We are all in this together. Please be safe. Get your vaccination as soon as you are able.

# HINTS & KINKS

By Pete Waters

This month has been a crazy one, being down in Florida for the usual wintering, but waiting in Michigan for “The Shots” took a while. However, we have settled in and I have even been R/C flying with the Largo R/C Club.

Improvisation is a human trait, often termed as being a cheap...., and while here, I needed to unlock some large PVC pipes and couplings that had no adhesive but were very tight. I remembered seeing a simple DIY pipe wrench on You Tube, and it worked.

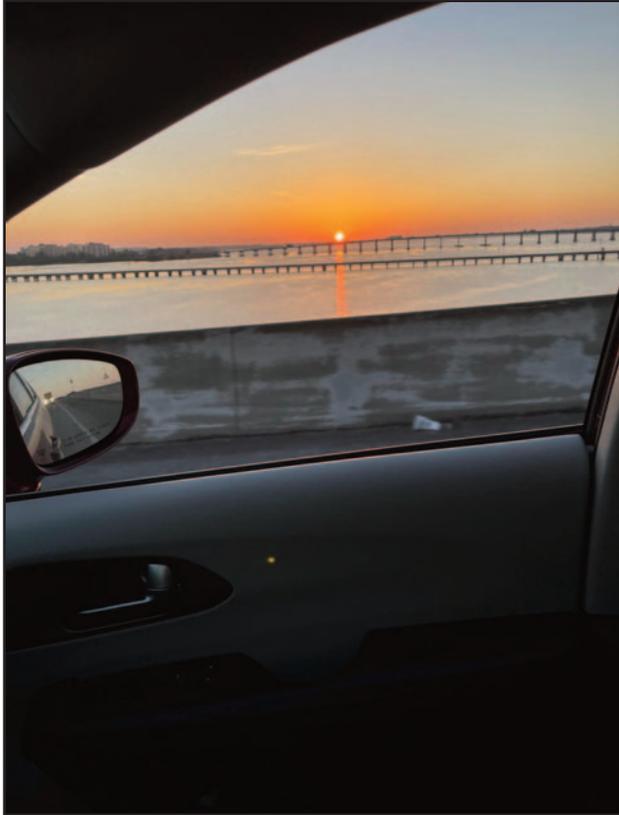
It was a bit of a fiddle, one handed with a camera, to demonstrate it on coupler. My neighbor, in the Park, is a bike nut, so the chain was available and I sized my ring wrench to just take the chain folded over, and it worked great. Not much use marooned on a desert island, but less cost that a wrench that’s needed very seldom.



# FLYING LEGEND at SUN N FUN

By Perry DiClemente

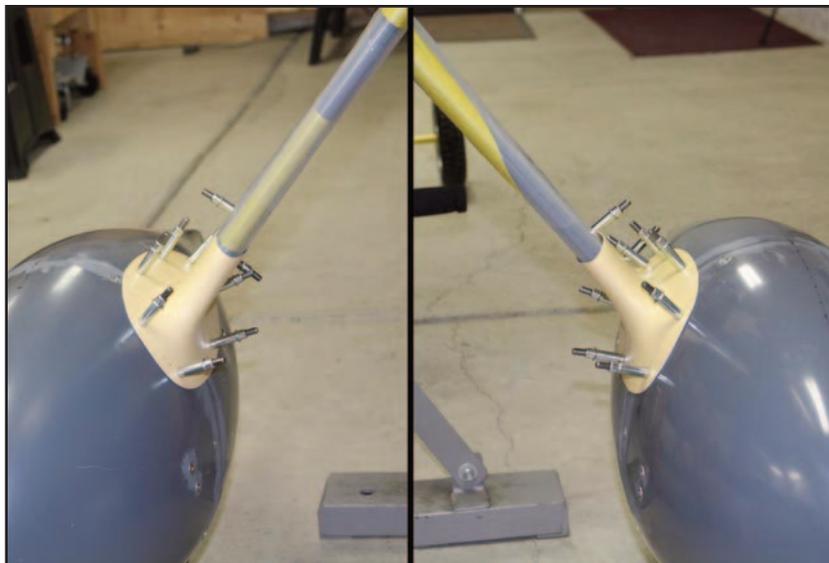
I was an exhibitor for Flying Legend <https://flyinglegendusa.com/> at Sun N Fun this year. I wasn't able to fly my plane down so we exhibited another dealer's LSA. Nice drive in the morning seeing the sunrise. The show was not as crowded as in the past due to the Europeans who couldn't attend. We did have a nice turnout. Our US dealers all donated to LAMA to maintain our support and to help pay for the sponsored event.



## RV-8 UPDATE

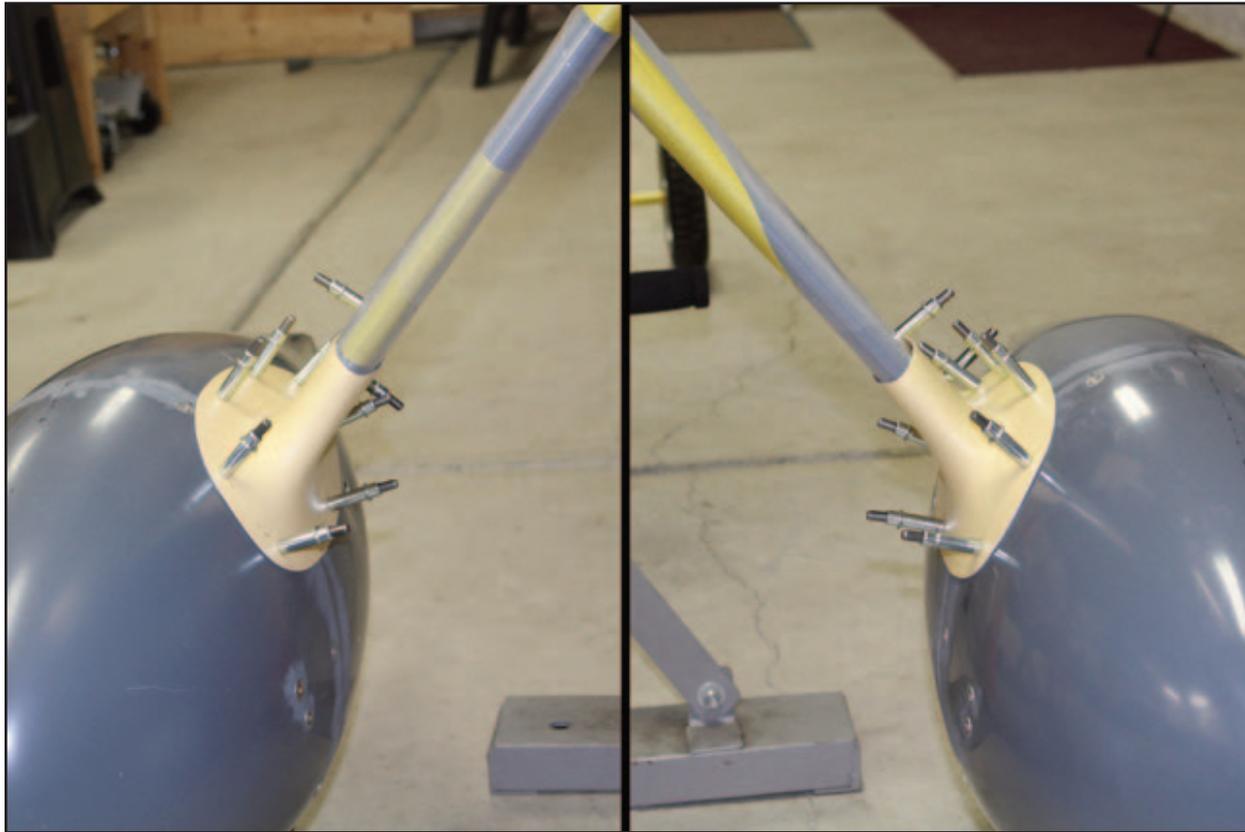
By Martin Filiatrault

Airframe update: Since my last update, I've completed the windscreen molding to the level of first primer coat. Then the fuselage was elevated in a level position and center line established on the floor to begin work on mounting and aligning the wheel fairings. I refined the fit of the halves and used a laser level to establish a centerline on each fairing. The wheel openings were initially cut to minimum size and later enlarged; notches were cut in the parts for clearance around the gear legs. The alignment of each fairing was established; pilot holes drilled for mounting; inside spacer pads fabricated and finish holes drilled and countersunk. Nut plates were mounted on the aft halves and the assembly screw holes were final drilled and countersunk. Work has begun on the lower intersection fairings.



All Photos Courtesy of Martin Filiatrault.





More big news: in mid-April I delivered the engine back to Barrett Precision Engines in Tulsa for the rebuild required by the FAA crankshaft AD. No firm date yet for the rebuild, but that should be set soon. They'll be shipping the engine back to my hangar after the rebuild; hopefully the fuselage will be there waiting for it by then.



I was surprised to see Allen Barrett at the shop when I arrived. He had retired awhile back to fight cancer, and so far he's winning the battle. It was good to see my friend again; had lunch with brothers Monty and Allen and was glad I got the opportunity. Good times.

Also, if people want to watch it, I'll include this link to the video I made. It totally tells the tale of the trip to Tulsa. It's long (1hr 43 minutes) and it's mostly a lot of time lapse driving. But it covers the engine delivery and includes visits to the Tulsa Air & Space Museum, the CAF Jaybird Wing and the Kansas Aviation Museum (briefly). I also got surprise footage of the B-29 Doc taking off from KICT and photos of F-16s in the pattern in Tulsa. So there's some aviation related content mixed in with the long drives, sunsets, sunrises, embarrassing moments and assorted idiocy. Enjoy at your own risk.

<https://youtu.be/cFDfKofaakA>

# ZIMMERMAN WORKSHOP

By Jim Brown

John Maxfield is leading the next step to determine the equipment and its setup for this new space.



Workshop North End.

Workshop South End.



# THE BROWN ARCH AND THE GREEN DOT ARE WAITING FOR OUR RETURN!

Photos by John Maxfield





# May 2021



Due to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions, we will maintain virtual gatherings unless weather permits for us to spread out in our open hangar. Watch your email for updates!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 <b>EAA 113 <i>Virtual</i> Homebuilder's Gathering 7:30 pm</b>	7	8 
 9	10	11	12	13 <b>EAA 113 <i>Virtual</i> Board Meeting 7:30 pm</b>	14	15
16	17	18 	19	20 <b>EAA 113 <i>Virtual</i> General Gathering 7:30 pm</b>	21	22
23	24	25	26 	27 <b>EAA 113 <i>Virtual</i> IMC Gathering 7:30 pm</b> 	28	29
30 <i>Jackson (JXN)</i> 	31 					

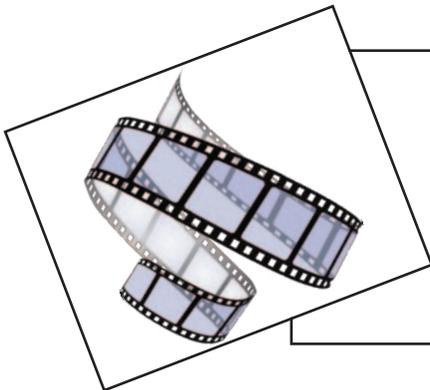


### ***DONATE A PORTION OF YOUR AMAZON PURCHASES TO EAA CHAPTER 113***

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*How it works:*

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone*
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features*
- 3. Select "Chapter 113 Experimental Aircraft Association" as your charity*
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app*

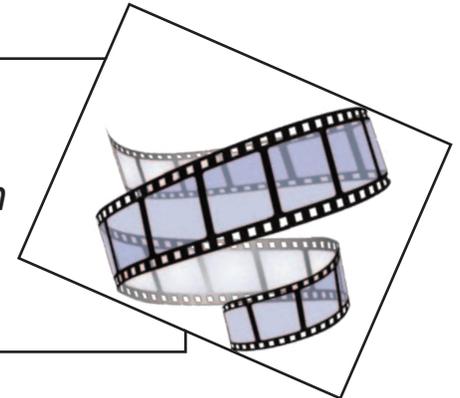


## ***Calling all video enthusiasts!***

*Submit your video of the month to Jack McClellan*

*at [vicepresident@eaa113.org](mailto:vicepresident@eaa113.org)*

*(Or you might be watching quilting how to videos next month....)*



# Next Virtual Gathering:

May 20, 2021

7:30 PM

## Virtual Gathering via Zoom

Check your email for details.

