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*Thank you to all the mom's who help
our dreams take flight.*



Happy Mother's Day!



2020

“Important Dates”

General Meeting

Postponed due to
COVID-19

Board Meeting

June 4th

Pending Shelter-in-Place

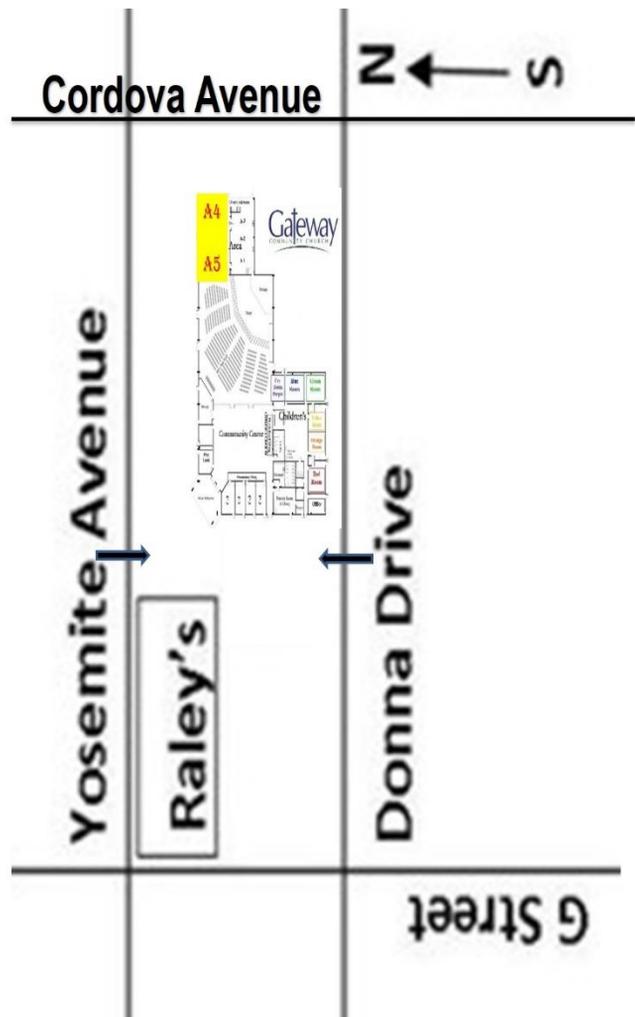
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Hello Flight Enthusiasts!

Still no meeting due to the Shelter-in-Place but hopefully we will all be able to meet again in the near future. I hope you are keeping your spirits up if not your airplanes. For those of you who are still able to fly do so safely. John's friend took him up last week and he got to get up to date for when our plane is back in the air.

A good thing too because our Cessna is now back in Merced! John and his partners have to break in the engine and do an oil change and recalibrate the avionics before taking on passengers though so I still have to wait before I can get off the ground into the wild blue yonder.



God bless you and keep you all safe!
Bonnie G.



Mike Bodine

President's Post

May 2020

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Fellow EAA members,

I hope everyone is well and sheltering in place. Margaret and I are doing well. We have missed the April General Meeting and now the May 9th Meeting. Hopefully we won't have to miss the June meeting.

The Corona 19 Virus has now caused Air Venture 2020 to be canceled, the largest gathering of aircraft and pilots in the world.

Continue to stay well; we will resume our meetings as soon as it is safe to do so. Sorry I don't have anything else to say but stay well and see everyone as soon as possible.

Mike Bodine

2020 Gateway EAA Meeting Schedule

Board Meetings	General Meetings	Meeting Location	Meeting Agenda and Activity
Canceled	May 9 Canceled	Gateway Community Church	Aircraft Display and Social with water, coffee and treats
Jun 4	June 13	Gateway Community Church	Aircraft Display and Social with water, coffee and treats
July 2	July 11	Gateway Community Church	Aircraft Display and Social with water, coffee and treats
July 30	Aug 8	Gateway Community Church	Aircraft Display and Social with water, coffee and treats
Sept 3	Sept 12	Merced Airport KMCE	Young Eagles Flights
Oct 1	Oct 10	Gateway Community Church	Aircraft Display and Social with water, coffee and treats
Nov 5	Nov 14	Gateway Community Church	Aircraft Display and Social with water, coffee and treats
Dec 3	Dec 12	Bodine's	Chapter Christmas party



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Hear Our Prayer This Day

In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts,
let each of us name and call on the
One whose power over us is great and gentle,
firm and forgiving, holy and healing ...

You who created us, who sustain us,
who call us to live in peace, hear our prayer this day.

Hear our prayer for all who have died,
whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone ...

Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of
Others ahead of their own and give us hearts as
generous as theirs ...

Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives
in the service of others, and accept the gift of their
sacrifice ...

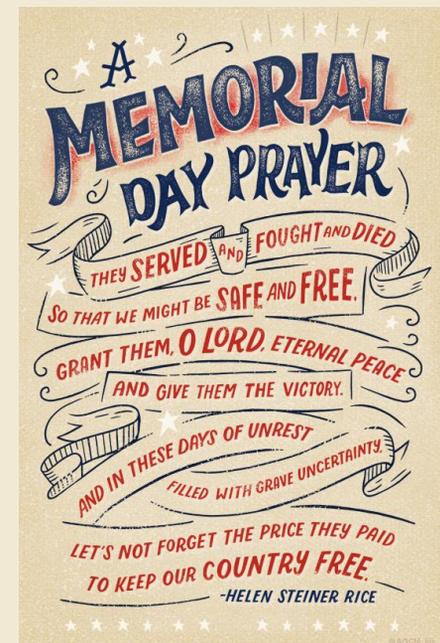
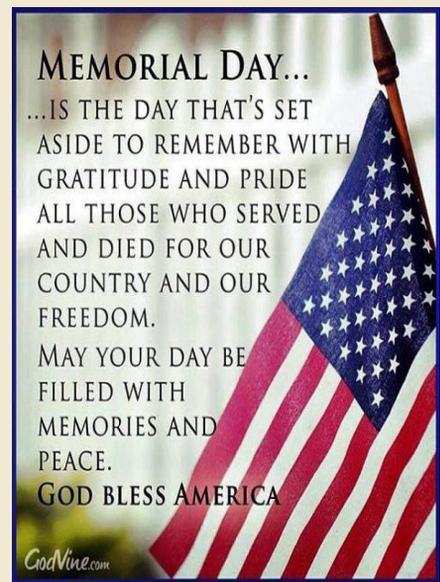
Help us to shape and make a world where we will lay
down the arms of war and turn our swords into
ploughshares for a harvest of justice and peace ...

Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones
and let your healing be the hope in our hearts...

Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy answer us
in the name of all that is holy.

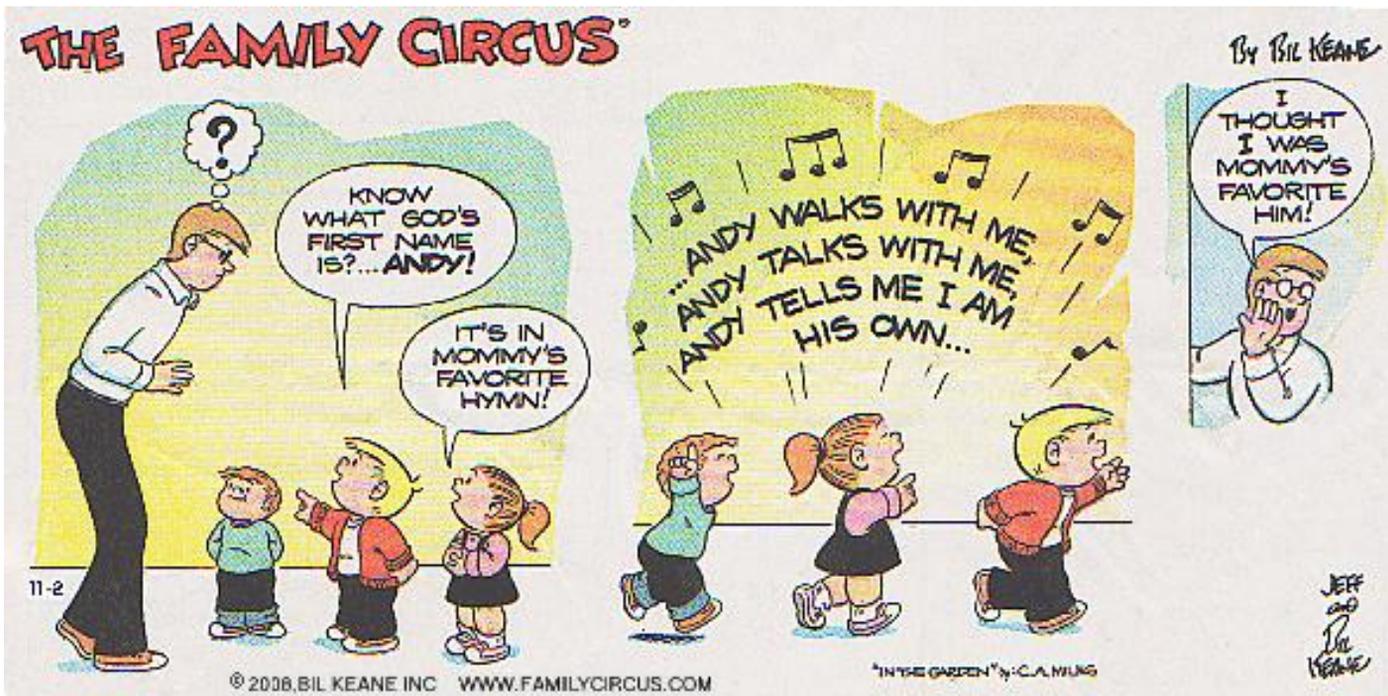
The peace of God be with you.

- Austin Fleming



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The Mom Test

I was out walking with my 5-year-old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it into her mouth.

I took the thing away from her and asked her not to do that.

"Why?" she asked.

"Because it's been on the ground, and you don't know where it's been. It's dirty. And it probably has germs."

At this point, my daughter looked at me with absolute admiration and asked, "Mom, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart."

I thought quickly and replied, "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mom Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mom."

We walked along in silence for two or three minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information.

"Oh, I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test, you have to be the dad."

"Exactly," I said.



A BIT OF HISTORY

THE FIRST MOTHER-DAUGHTER PILOT DUO IN HISTORY



Aviation—like much of the travel industry—remains a male-dominated space. Even in 2019, female pilots still only account for an estimated 4.4 percent (or 6,994) of commercial pilots in the US and UK, according to the Centre for Aviation. Recently, aviation history was made when passenger Dr. John Watrel learned that the duo piloting his Delta Boeing 757 flight was in fact a mother and daughter.

Captain Wendy Rixon and her first-officer daughter, Kelly Rixon, are the first mother and daughter pair in history to pilot a commercial flight together. As it ends up, flying is a family business when it comes to the Rixons. Wendy and her two daughter are airline pilots along with Wendy's husband, who is a pilot for American Airlines.

“We would run around in [our parent’s] captain hats and have fun as little kids and go on their trips with them,” Kelly reminisced to ABC News. “It was definitely part of the family business. I started flying when I was 16, and I had the pleasure of being [my younger sister’s] instructor and she was my first student.”



Wendy and daughter, Kelly Rixon, first flew together on a flight out of New York's JFK airport. Their first flight proved eventful as the pair was confronted with smokes and fumes in the cockpit.

Despite unforeseen complications, the women landed the flight safely in Los Angeles in what would be Wendy's first time witnessing her daughter handle an emergency landing. "She was fantastic," Wendy recalled. "It was a difficult situation that was made easier because of [Kelly's] training and because of her competence."

Although the aviation industry is largely ruled by men, the past decade has seen a steady (albeit slow) rise in women becoming pilots. The number of women holding Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) student pilot certificates has doubled over the past decade. As of December 2017, a total of 42,694 women hold active pilot certificates—including commercial and private pilots—which translates to 7 percent of all pilots according to the FAA. Female commercial pilots have also increased 19 percent over the past decade.

The rise in female pilots is a result of major airlines placing an emphasis on bringing women into the cockpit. Special programs, such as Delta's Women Inspiring our Next Generation (WING) program, aim to close the gender gap in aviation by encouraging young women to become pilots. In 2018, Delta flew girls from its WING program on what would be the first flight where everyone—from crew to pilots to gate agents to flight dispatchers—were women.

Despite the promising shift in the aviation industry, there is a long way to go until the gender gap is firmly closed. "At American Airlines, 4.8 percent of the pilot staff is female. At Delta, it's 5 percent. It's 7 percent at United," reports Jane Wells for CNBC. "By comparison, at least 10 percent of pilots at the eight major airlines in India are female, according to a report by the BBC."

Surprisingly, many young girls are not aware that becoming a pilot is a career path available to them. It is this very notion that major airlines are trying to fight by targeting young girls with pilot programs. It also for this very reason that it is so important to celebrate women, like Wendy and Kelly Rixon, to give future generations female role models in aviation.

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