



**TROY KENT AND
GERHARD SPREAD
THE POLY TACK**



**EDDIE BREWER
LEADS THE FABRIC
SEMINAR**



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President's Column

Since our last meeting, which was held at my hangar, the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown us into unprecedented times, but I am sure we will all get through this. With “shelter in place”, we all miss our activities at our airports with our friends. These uncertain times really make us aware of how much we appreciate communicating in person with our families and friends. Our wish is for good health for everyone!

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Our last meeting was the first workshop held in my hangar. We had a good number of members come to put the fabric covering on Troy Kent's wings. Thanks to Eddie Brewer's expertise, we got one wing completely covered. Several members learned to work with an iron to shrink the fabric. We hope that we can soon get back to work to finish the second wing so that Troy can continue with his building process.

Because we have no idea when it will be safe for us to meet again, we have cancelled all upcoming meetings for a while, but the Board is looking for a way to have virtual meetings using the Zoom app.

Despite it all, I want to wish all our members and friends a Happy Easter. Be safe and healthy!

Gerhard

VP Ramblings

Currency. I don't mean money, I mean being current. How do you decide if you are 'current'? Some things are obvious: medical, flight review, ratings etc. These all have an expiry date, but what factors do you take into account when you decide if you are 'current' and can go fly or 'not current' and feel you should have a check ride before flying solo? Do you think only of how long it has been since you last flew or do you factor in other things? When I was flying Tiger Moths & Stampe, the club had a 30-day rule. If you hadn't flown one or the other for 30 days, you had to have a check ride with a club designated check pilot. Easy to measure but it didn't take into account your total experience on type nor how many hours you had flown in the 30 days prior to not flying. In my view, there are far more factors than just hours. How about hours on that particular aeroplane? How about the last time you flew to a particular airport or airfield, especially important for private/farm strips that may have tricky approaches or be a little short? How about the last time you landed in a cross wind or practiced an engine failure? Remember to take into account ALL the 'currency' factors when you've been social distancing and self-isolating which I am sure you have been doing because flying for fun isn't essential, is it?

Flying for fun not essential? Ha! Of course it is! I hope you have all been able to keep current so that when this beer flu thing is all over we can have a chapter fly-out somewhere with good food and great company!

CAVOK and tail winds,

Fabric Covering Troy Kent's Hi- Max Wings



(Top): Gerhard, Rhea and Frank have a laugh while covering Troy Kent's wings. (Center): Eddie Brewer instructs fabric covering (Bottom): The all important calibrated fabric irons do their magic.

Gary

CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN



We're all sheltered in place. Now what??

We've stocked up on groceries and fought our neighbors for the last roll of toilet paper. We've hunkered down to ride out the COVID-19 pandemic. We're cooped up in our houses with our spouse and kids, or we've been kicked out to our garages, OR if we're really lucky, we've been ordered to our hangars by our spouses where we're to remain until the crisis is over.

For those of us lucky enough to be in our hangars, we have plenty to keep us busy. But if you're part of the unlucky group still cooped up in the house, you're about ready to go postal.

Luckily, if you have a computer, there is still a way to stay connected with the outside aviation world.

Webinars

EAA has a large database of webinars for weather, building your airplane, and just flying in general. Registration is required and limited for the active webinars, but if you miss one, you can access the archive for free. Click the link below to access their registration page.

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Kitplanes

Kitplanes has an awesome YouTube page with plenty of videos to peruse. Most of them are quick videos that can be watched in under five minutes. You can access those videos here:

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Kitplane Enthusiast

I've just recently discovered this delightful guy. He has a ton of videos about installing Zenith doors, common building mistakes, painting your airplane, installing fuel lines, and videos that are just plain fun to watch. Check him out here:

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Do you have any aviation videos or webinars you're watching right now? Let us know on our [Facebook Page!](#)

Final Thoughts

Dwight Smith has touched all of our lives with his dry wit, his endless mental encyclopedia of all things aviation, and just his general sweet personality and willingness to lend a hand to anyone who needed it. Words cannot begin to describe his legacy, but we sure would like to try. If you have a memory, a story, or a photo of Dwight Smith, please email it to our general newsletter at ea182memphis@gmail.com or to Rhea Lawton at rhealawton@gmail.com. We would like to put together a memorial in our May newsletter and also for our website.

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