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We are ALL in this together. This phrase and social distancing seem to be our entire world at this time!!!! It's true that all of us are affected by the current concerns caused by the pandemic crisis. Keeping distance among family, friends, and strangers, and staying home as much as possible will probably keep us physically healthy as we try to avoid contracting this terrible virus.

I would also suggest we need to consider carefully our changing emotional state which is caused by our lack of physical and mental challenges as we shelter ourselves in our homes. I don't profess to know a great deal about medicine, however, like many of you, I find great comfort focusing on aviation related readings, YouTube programs, and most importantly airplane building and maintenance projects. Another valuable use of time, for those of us who own or share ownership of a certified or experimental aircraft, is to address some maintenance tasks that will prepare our planes for flight again this summer.

Lastly, I was recently contacted by AOPA regarding the Rusty Pilots Program scheduled for June 6th, Unfortunately this program and others planned for the next few months will be pushed off until later this summer. Please be assured your EAA Chapter 898 will continue to explore exciting, fun programs for your enjoyment and educational

growth. Please continue to stay healthy. God bless you and your family.... We will get through this together. Any suggestions for the well-being and growth of our Chapter would be greatly appreciated .

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*Flying is more than a sport and more than a job; flying is pure passion
and desire, which fill a lifetime.* Adolf Galland

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The Build at Bob's Place

The Pietenpol project is progressing. Should be ready for covering during the summer.

The group build is on hold for a while as is most of ours lives during this time of the Covid-19.

When we are ready to resume we will give the all clear to everyone.



Young Eagles

Our next Young Eagles will be on June 13, 2020 at Ocean County Airport. International Young Eagles Day. We will let everyone know if it changes. Those who will be participating Please register on youngeaglesday.com. We will be putting this on the website the month before. This is for Pilots and the Young Eagles. This website will make it easy for us to do the paperwork for the events. Most of the paperwork can be done in advance by the parents and pilots on the website.

New Products



These units take the place of several instruments. They are available for the Experimental and Certified aircraft. They are or may be considered Primary flight instrument. They can switch between displays depending on what you want for the flight you are on.

The first is the,
UAVIONIX AV-30 Primary Flight Display.



The second is the,
GARMIN G5 ELECTRONIC FLIGHT INSTRUMENT



The third is the,
SANDIA SAI 340 QUATTRO PLUS THE 5-IN-1
INSTRUMENT

I Don't Know What to Write

I admit it. I don't know what to write under our stay at home order.

It would have been nice to write something about Sun 'n Fun, which would normally be taking place right now, but, which has been rescheduled to May due to Covid.

Not having Sun 'n Fun to write about for this edition of the newsletter, made me realize something about myself. That I was looking for inspiration to write. And that act of relying on inspiration to write, or do anything, for that matter, isn't good.

Seeking some advice from the internet about being stuck in my writing, I found Anthony Moore on [Mission.org](https://www.mission.org), who says, if you have writers' block, then write. If you feel like you don't know what to paint, paint.

So, in the midst of trying to do this writing, I'm discovering something. That action precedes inspiration, inspiration doesn't precede action.

The artist, Pablo Picasso said it well, "inspiration exists, but it has to find us working". [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com).

For instance, I was driving to work the other day and saw the petal of a flower on a neighbor's lawn through which the sun was shining such that it made the petal look translucent. I thought that was beautiful and inspiring. But had I not been driving to work, I would not have seen that petal or felt that inspiration.

Let us not wait for inspiration until we can fly again. We can do things we enjoy at home mixed in amongst our chores. We can listen to music, Frank Sinatra's, "Come Fly with Me", John Denver's "Leaving on a Jet Plane", watch a movie, "Flight", "Sully", "Flyboys", attend a webinar or do a simulation.

The olympic champion swimmer, Katie Ledecky, who was to participate in this summer's olympics until they were rescheduled to 2021 said on tv that she will look for different pools to swim in and other ways to train at home under social distancing to keep in shape for the 2021 olympics. She suggested each of us set our own personal goals, for life in general, yes, but, especially for ourselves while under shelter in place. Perhaps each of us can do that til we fly.

Now that I've been able to write to you, I have to go do my laundry.

Stay healthy.
-Melissa Lekas

Gene Bunt and Melissa Lekas

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