

# EAA Chapter 95 Newsletter

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# **NO May Chapter Meeting June Young Eagles Canceled**

Larry and Jacque decided not to attempt the June 13th Young Eagle Rally due to too many unknowns right now. We are hoping to still have our Sept 12th Young Eagles Day. In the meantime, if you fly any kids between the ages of 8-17 and want to get Young Eagles credits, you can contact Jacque at 815-741-3982 or 708-508-2620 to get the forms.

# POSTPONED EAA Learn To Fly Day Moved to Sept 5

Save this new date on your calendar and stay tuned throughout the summer for any updates and/or changes and more details.

# **Ruffatto Fly-in/Drive-in**

# **Riley Field (LL51)** 8100 Old Ridge Rd, Plainfield, IL 60544

# Saturday, June 20th at 2pm

Mike and Eryn Ruffatto are hosting a Fly-in/Drive-in at their new house.

Food plans have changed and they are keeping it simple - pizza and hot dogs.

Please bring lawn chairs and drink of choice.

Facebook will be updated with details and we will send out an email with any changes or updates prior to the event.

Please contact Mike @ 815-405-9954 if you are flying in or have any questions.

If you are flying in, I believe the frequency is 122.9, but please check with Mike ahead of time.



# With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathy go out to Milo Schindler's wife Betty, Milo's family, and our South Dakota EAA Chapter 39 friends. Milo passed away on April 27th in Rapid City, SD at the age of 84. Milo was one of our South Dakota Chapter 95 members.

Matt and I met Milo and his wife Betty during our annual trips to Oshkosh. We would always camp in the same area and got to know them and looked forward to seeing them year after year. We would even save each other spots, up until we started doing the group Chapter 95 camping. They were always in charge of setting up their Chapter 39 campsite, while Matt and I set up the Chapter 95 campsite. They would usually arrive



a few days before us and they knew when we were coming, so they would be the very first people to find where we were camping and greet us every year! I always looked forward to that! The South Dakota Chapter 39 group would also join us at our annual Wendt's On The Lake Family Dinner night, in fact the picture of Milo is from the dinner in 2017. Unfortunately, Milo had knee surgery and other health issues, so he had to miss the last 2 years of Oshkosh. Both he and Betty volunteered at AirVenture and he worked as a sheet metal instructor in the Homebuilder's area. Milo built several airplanes, including an RV-9A. Rest in Peace My Dear Oshkosh Friend!



## President's Corner...

Greetings Chapter 95 family and friends!

What strange times! First and foremost, I hope all of you are doing well! I know we're all being negatively impacted by this worldwide situation in one way or another. Some more than others. I'm still unaware of any specific situations any of you

may be facing, so forgive me if I'm missing something. Unfortunately, this is not going away anytime soon and the impacts will be felt for a long time to come. No matter when any stay at home orders are lifted, things will not magically return to normal. With the postponement of the May 16th Learn to Fly event, the cancellation of our May meeting, and the cancellation of the June Young Eagles Rally, our next possibility of a scheduled gathering is the June meeting. At this point, I'm not even sure about that one, either. I know other chapters are holding virtual meetings. I haven't really entertained that idea, yet, mostly because my life has been pretty busy at work and because my favorite part of the meetings is getting together and hanging out with everyone before and after the meeting itself. We also don't have any pressing issues to discuss, so that makes it even less desirable to me. That said, if anybody wants to put together some kind of virtual meeting or event, I'd likely participate! And of course, by now I'm sure you're all aware that Airventure 2020 was canceled. Though I questioned back in March whether or not it would take place, I was still shocked by the official announcement on May 1st. I think I'm going to sleep in a tent in the backyard and hook a dish sprayer up to my shower for that week! It definitely won't be the same, though, especially since I'll be going to work instead of wandering around airplane heaven all day! Maybe we can arrange some kind of event or events during that week when most of us would've been up there? Or maybe there will be some kind of "outlaw" Airventure put together somewhere else that will help ease the pain? One way or another, this is reality. This summer will not be the same! Hopefully we can still find ways to make it great! I look forward to seeing you all again, and hopefully soon! Take care of yourselves and each other!

Brian

# **Congratulations Mike Ruffatto - FIRST FLIGHT Power-Paragliding!**



# We Don't Gamble, We Need A Sure Thing

## AirVenture 2020 is officially Canceled

### May 1, 2020

My fellow EAA'rs. It is May here in Wisconsin, and unfortunately like many of you across the country, we are still under a stay at home order through May 26. Normally, this is the month when we start our preflight planning for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. By this time, we should have begun ramping up our entire site in preparation for our July convention. Volunteers from across the country and world would have descended on Oshkosh. Together they would have formed work parties, our suppliers would begin start setting up tents and infrastructure. Our EAA staff would be printing wrist bands, campers guides, programs and an assortment of EAA collateral as full-on AirVenture execution begins.

But because of circumstances beyond our control, none of this can happen now. We cannot even get to the hangar so our preflight is left to watching the prog charts. While this certainly makes the ability to prepare for the event a scheduling problem, it does not preclude the bigger issue of predicting what will be the health guidelines in July. Right now, there are three phases that have been defined in Wisconsin as the recommended procedures. As I write this, we are not in Phase 1 yet. Phase 2 restricts gatherings to 50 people. Phase 3 allows for mass gathering with restrictions.

Our convention attracts EAA members not only from the U.S. but around the world. Today we cannot predict when we will be at a point that our event meets the all clear Phase 3 milestone for mass gathering with restrictions. As your leader, I see no clear path to meet our own requirements to insure the health and safety expectations our organization demands for our employees, members, volunteers, exhibitors and attendees. That includes sanitization, separation and personal protection requirements.

My conclusion is, like in any good flight planning, don't take the risk. Therefore, I have no choice but to cancel AirVenture 2020. Together, we can come back stronger, safer and ready for AirVenture 2021 and create a memorable world class aviation event. Because of our dedicated and enthusiastic EAA members, our Association is strong. We know that at some point this storm will pass. And over the next 12 months we will continue to support all of you as we again, together, grow EAA in the Spirit of Aviation.

Respectfully,

Jack J. Pelton Experimental Aircraft Association CEO and Chairman of the BoardFAASTeam Notice

## **Offical FAA Notice Confirms Limited Coverage of COVID-19 SFAR**

**May 7, 2020** - As EAA reported last week, the FAA did not deliver relief to personal and recreational aviation that the general aviation community sought and anticipated in a Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) addressing COVID-19's impact on aviation, especially in the areas of expiring biennial flight reviews (BFR) and aircraft annual inspections.

A notice from the FAA Safety Team (on page 4) confirms EAA's disappointing legal interpretation that extension of flight review expirations are contingent on meeting all of a set of demanding requirements for pilot experience and limitations on the kinds of eligible operations. EAA was dismayed to see considerable restrictions on who could extend the expiration of their biennial flight review through June and the absence of relief for aircraft whose annual inspection has come due during the period of national lockdown in response to the pandemic.

There is considerable misinformation circulating in the aviation community concerning the extension of flight review expirations applying broadly, when in fact the SFAR was extremely restrictive as to who and under what type of operations BFRs can be extended.

EAA is exploring with the FAA what solutions might still be available for keeping airmen and aircraft in the air as the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions continue to one degree or another across the nation.

# FAA Safety Team

# Is Your Flight Review Set to Expire, But You Can't Fly With a CFI Because of COVID-19

### Type: General Information Notice Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 Notice Number: NOTC0109

You may be able to extend your flight review grace period for up to three months by earning three WINGS credits. WINGS is the FAA's Pilot Proficiency Program. You can get WINGS credits by going to FAASafety.gov. Hover over "Activities, Courses, Seminars & Webinars" then choose "Courses" for online training, or "Seminars & Webinars" if you prefer to earn credit by attending a live webinar. There are over 500 online courses and lots of webinars available. To complete a phase of WINGS, you'll need to complete three flight credits when things get back to normal but to extend your flight review, three ground or "knowledge" WINGS credits is all you need.

The intent of the requirement to take three online courses is to make the demonstration of continued learning and professional development universally available, easy to complete and rational. The SFAR requires three WINGS knowledge credits since January 2020. The credits can be any set of online courses, activities, webinars, or even seminars prior to the shelter in place, that provide the three WINGS credits. Online learning, activities, courses, Zoom or prior seminars, and webinars are acceptable.

There are also other requirements explained in a new, 93-page document that the FAA has posted to the Federal Register. For all the details, see the new *Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) that covers Relief for certain persons and operations during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak*. The SFAR is effective April 30. The Federal Register version is available at this link: <u>https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/04/2020-09472/relief-for-certain-persons-and-operations-during-the-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-outbreak</u>.

Some of the requirements are:

- $\rightarrow$  Current to act as PIC in March of 2020
- → Flight review due March through June of 2020
- → Pilots in any operation that requires at least a commercial pilot certificate
- $\rightarrow$  Or, operations requiring private pilot certificates who have:
  - 500 hours total time
  - 400 hours as PIC
  - 50 hours last 12 calendar months
  - Doing these types of operations:
    - Incidental to business or employment
    - In support of family medical needs or to transport essential goods for personal use
    - Necessary to fly an aircraft to a location in order to meet a requirement of this chapter
    - A flight to transport essential goods and/or medical supplies to support public health needs

 $\rightarrow$  Persons onboard must be essential to the flight

You get the idea. However, be sure to read the full SFAR before you use it to exercise an extension of your flight review. Make sure that you, and the operation you will be flying, meet the requirements of the SFAR.

For technical questions concerning this action for pilots, contact:
Craig Holmes, General Aviation and Commercial Division
Federal Aviation Administration,
800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591
Telephone (202) 267-1100; email: 9-AVS-AFS800-COVID19-Correspondence@faa.gov

# Mark & Shelly Molle - Airstrip Home For Sale

https://www.remax.com/il/dwight/home-details/31521-e-2800-north-rd-dwight-il-60420/4843044810996723712

**FOR SALE** \$475,000

31521 E 2800 North Rd Dwight IL 60420 Listing ID 10686046

ATTENTION AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS....Don.t miss out on owning this county retreat with your own private landing strip in your backyard!!!!! Also your own 72x48 private hanger/out building. Hanger is fully finished and is heated. All brick ranch offers 3 bed rooms, office and 2 1/2 baths. Covered patio on front and back of house with brick payers. Enjoy cooking in this open kitchen with a huge island with granite counters, bar stools and double oven. Living room offers vaulted ceilings, wood burning fireplace and skylights for natural light. All bedrooms have brand new carpet. Master has walk in closet and private bath. Master bath offers dual sinks, shower and separate Jacuzzi tub. Full basement has plenty of room to make into so much more living space. Roughed in for a bath. Pool table and bar stays..land is 5.28 acres of which 2.78 acres is your land and 2.5 acres is part of the shared landing strip (you still own all the land). Def one of a kind. Don,t miss out make your appointments today!!!!







# ft<sup>2</sup> **2,483** SQ. FT.

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# Executive home available Spring 2020 on 5 acres with access to a grass airstrip on Riley Field

Beautiful modern home with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms and stunning views of the countryside. Large open gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite counter extended for seating. Dining room and 4 season sunroom. Large Great room with wood burning fireplace and 20-foot ceilings. Master suite has vaulted ceilings, walk in closet, sitting area and jacuzzi tub. Recently updated master bathroom with heated tile floor. 2 large size bedrooms and full bath. 3<sup>rd</sup> full bathroom next to laundry/mudroom. 2 car garage with a circular drive and waterfall.

Home can be rented furnished, semi-furnished or empty, your choice.

\$3,300 a month (includes utilities). Deposit \$5000 if furnished, \$3000 if unfurnished. 1 dog allowed with \$500 nonrefundable pet deposit. Minimum 1-year lease. \$40 application fee. \$500 earnest deposit. Please contact Kelly Miller at 779-225-8442 or email <u>aeroridgeroad@gmail.com</u> for more information and to set up an appointment to see this amazing home in the country.







# 2020 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

Here is the current calendar of events. The Board of Directors should be meeting soon to add more items, so continue to keep checking the calendar each month. This should be a good start to put in your calendar and plan for. If you have any ideas for events, please contact Brian DePung or any of the officers or board members.

## June

20 - Ruffatto Fly-in/Drive-in @ Riley Field 26 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm

## July

10 - Matt and Jana Trofimchuck Ice-Cream Social @ Morris Airport

### August

28 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm,

## September

5 - Learn To Fly Day, Morris Airport 9am

- 12 Young Eagles, Morris Airport 9am-2pm
- 19 Bruce & Cindy Limbach Annual Pig Roast
- 25 Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Mark & Judy Kenney treats

## October

23 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm,

### November

20 - Potluck and Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm



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# NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 26, 2020 at 7:30pm (TENTATIVE)

Location: TBD

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!!!

Visit our website at https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa95

Do you know someone who might be interested in joining our chapter? Please bring them to our next meeting and let them see what we are all about. Membership dues are \$25.00 per year.