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THE PREZ SEZ:

Hello everyone.... First of all... I hope this newsletter finds you well and healthy.

As far as this newsletter is concerned.. been a long time and much overdue... I know. I'm sorry for the delay... and I have no excuse. So, there's going to be a lot of information coming in this... and hopefully you'll take the time to read and digest.

We all know that AirVenture 2020 was cancelled about a month ago. I've spoken to the upper echelon at EAA in Oshkosh, and this was a very difficult decision to make. They waited as long as they could in hopes of the situation changing by decision time, but the State of Wisconsin's restrictions at the time were so that no gatherings were permitted. They waited until the last possible moment to cancel based on the drop-dead date where EAA needed to start writing checks to get things going... like tents, traffic markers, equipment, etc. Cancelling is going to be a huge financial hit to the entire EAA organization this year, especially headquarters, but we're poised to maintain our local chapter in a 'business as usual' manner. We are good financially, and now that the state has cracked the door for events and gatherings, Chapter 1 is going to open back up. More on that later on in this publication.

For those of us who are pilots, I hope you've been flying... as this was and is something we can do, even with restrictions in place. There has been a lot of activity both at Flabob and Riverside Airports even during the 'shelter in place' orders, so I encourage you to get out and fly!

It's personally enjoyable to get some freedom of movement... and although respecting the wishes of those who are more fearful than others, please remain safe and do what is asked to keep them safe as well. Spacing and safety masks are not always bad ideas! We live in a free society, and just because you feel one way, doesn't mean everyone needs to agree. BUT, what we can agree on is to be kind, respectful and cooperative with everyone... as sometimes we are the only example of EAA they'll every see.

Enjoy all the updates... and PLEASE come to the chapter meetings starting up in June!

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Calendar of Events 2020

July

- 18th Pancake / Donut Breakfast
- 21st Chapter Membership Meeting
Flabob Airport, Hangar 16A, 6:30 pm
- 25th Poker Run to Benefit EAA National

August

- 6th Board Meeting
- 8th Young Eagles Rally
- 15th Pancake / Donut Breakfast
- 18th Chapter Membership Meeting
Flabob Airport, Hangar 16A, 6:30 pm

Due to the current pandemic, all events are subject to change.
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EAA Chapter 1 Reopening!

EAA Chapter 1 is reopening.... and the first event is our regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting on JUNE 16... at 18:30 in our hangar 16A at Flabob. I know this is something I have looked forward to for a few months, and like many... have enjoyed the break, but hopefully your passion for aviation and your interest in the chapter hasn't waned.

The speakers this coming meeting are Beth LaRock, Flabob's Airport Manager, and Gregg Landolt, Flabob's Director of Education, among many other duties. In their presentation, we'll get the latest on what's happening at Flabob, Chapter 1's home, including all the improvements and plans to make it even better than ever!!!

In July, Dave Cheney will be presenting on the 2nd half of their travels to the Pacific North West in their Cessna 180. Dave presented a few months back on their experiences into backcountry flying in Idaho, and it was a fantastic presentation, so we can expect nothing less than that when we get to hear about flying and experiencing the water and islands of Washington and Puget Sound. July's Chapter meeting is scheduled for the usual 3rd Tuesday of the month, specifically on July 21.

We weren't going to have a meeting in July... because it was during Airventure week, and a lot of us were planning on attending, but since Oshkosh cancelled, we're ON for a July meeting. See you ALL there!!!! PLEASE come, they're always interesting and loaded with good people!



Chapter 1 Ground Improvements

When you come to Flabob and are attending the Chapter meeting, please make sure you take a look at the new trees that Flabob planted in front of 16A and the hangar where we keep the Young Eagles Stits Playboy!

We now have rows of new trees... 20 I think that will grow and provide great shade just as the ones Ray Stits planted years ago in the picnic area. They are on an automatic drip system, so know that they did it right!

Out of the generosity of Jon Goldenbaum and the good people at PolyFiber, they donated and paid for the underground sprinklers for the grass area on either side of the Playboy's hangar ramp, where the trees are. So with good weather and good water, we are well on our way of more than doubling treed spaces... more commonly known as "Shady Grove."

So, when you have the opportunity to see the Flabob management and the people from PolyFiber, please say "Thanks!" and let them know how grateful we are for the wonderful improvements!



EAA Flying Scholarships

Every year EAA offers flight scholarships for members to apply to. Everything from Sport Pilot through help with advanced ratings is offered... and I'm surprised that more Chapter 1 members don't take advantage of these... or at least apply for them.

The Spring 2020 application deadline is June 1, probably after this writing, but many of these are pretty healthy scholarships. SO... if you are one of these people who need or want some help, please keep your eyes peeled for the announcements. EAA does a great job of putting this info in email form as well as in the monthly Sport Aviation magazine... which I HOPE you're all reading.



We have an EAA scholarship success story with Eddie Kolb 2 years ago. Eddie applied for and received the full scholarship for the EAA Sport Pilot program... 3 weeks in Oshkosh at EAA, where he learned, tested and earned his license, all on EAA's nickel. He has since built on this and I'm proud to report that Eddie is now a Private Pilot. Sure he had to do some preliminary work and prepare... got his medical and passed the FAA written test... but when he showed up at EAA in OSH with those papers in his hand, the process began. I'm really proud of him, and he'll attest to the fact that "It's really that easy."

SO... I encourage each and everyone of you who want to learn to fly but don't have the means to pay, to keep your eye out and apply. For that matter... there are many flying organizations who offer partial and full scholarships to prospective flyers for primary or advanced ratings... organizations like AOPA, 99's, etc. A Google search will provide lists... so CHECK EAA and ALL OTHERS OUT! Don't wait!

See you in the skies!
Jim OBrien

EAA Air Academy Cancellation

Around the same time that Airventure was cancelled, we received notice that Air Academy was cancelled this year as well. We had made arrangements and paid deposits for our 3 youths who won our scholarships to attend, but unfortunately, those plans changed.

We were advised that the kids already registered for this year were on a first priority status for next year, provided they could attend next year. Our deposit money is safe, and will carry over with no worries. Cassandra Castillo, our Young Eagles Coordinator is on top of this. At this time, I don't know specifics, but if all 3 can attend next year, their slots are secure.

The Air Academy has 3 age groups... and I was concerned that if they age out of one group, will they be eligible for the next-older group? I was assured this is the case. I hope we don't have any of our scholarship winners exceed the age of 18 by much, as that is pretty much the cut-off for attendance. In any event, I'm sure we'll make it good for everyone involved.

So, as you can see, by cancelling Airventure, many other programs and EAA offerings to members have suffered. EAA has a ton of moving parts, and frankly, I feel for them... having to adjust on the fly with even more limitations.

Membership Meeting Speakers

We are always on the hunt for good speakers on a variety of aviation subjects that would be of interest to YOU!

If you have suggestions, we welcome them, as well as names and contact info, should you have someone specific or have any advice on what you'd want to hear. Please let a board member know and we'll do our best to get them on the chapter meeting calendar. Each board member can be found and contacted on the chapter's website or from the listing in this newsletter.



Chapter 1 Poker Run to Benefit EAA National

Once I heard that AirVenture was being cancelled, I couldn't help thinking about the significant financial hit that this would cost EAA. From the money they'd raise from the gate fees, camping, vendor spots, sponsorship, merchandise, etc... it overwhelmed my head.

Maybe I'm the exception to the rule, but I just LOVE EAA. They and YOU have made me a better pilot, more willing to be of service to others, and a better person in general. (Many of you want to make a joke here... but I speak the truth!!!) EAA is the LAST organization I want to see fail especially for reasons beyond their control. With that in mind, I immediately thought of what Chapter 1 could do to support EAA in Oshkosh... and the idea was born to hold a SoCal-Venture at Flabob.

Flabob agreed to allow us to host... that was step 1. Step 2 was to get our board's approval, which I thought would be a slam dunk, but to my surprise, it got voted down based on the information at the time... some which still holds fast, but some restrictions have been relaxed since. And of course, we had no idea of when, what or anything else would allow us to even have something at the end of July... in the spirit of being safe for everyone.

BUT the GOOD NEWS is that we all agreed to hold a SoCal EAA Chapter Poker Run, to benefit EAA in OSH. The planned date is July 25. Our idea is that if you were planning on spending money going to and being at AirVenture, that you would donate a portion, or even a good portion of that to them, while at the same time having some fun on a Poker Run. There's no doubt about it that those of us who travel to Oshkosh every summer spend a fair amount of money doing so... and I would like to make the opportunity available to the local chapter members to support the organization that supports us so well.

We will have the local EAA Chapters help and participate... Corona, French Valley, Redlands, and Cable airport chapters. However, Chapter 96 in Compton and Chapter 7 in Long Beach want to support us as well... so their airports will be stops where you can pick up a poker card.

We will post a complete list of rules and options, payouts and trophies... but the last one we had was a blast... and we hope to make this one much larger and more profitable for EAA. Of course we'll have Best Hand and Worst Hand payouts, but we will have some other options as well. Planning on \$20/hand. Hopefully, all participants are feeling generous that day!!

Mark your calendars... JULY 25TH, which is the last Saturday of AirVenture, and typically the Grand Finale. We'll start at 07:00, so that many will be able to beat the heat... since it will be July in SoCal.

More details soon... mark your calendars, and Good Luck!

Jim O'Brien
EAA Chapter 1 President



EAA Chapter 1 Members Get National Attention!

Being an EAA Chapter 1 member sure gets a lot of attention... and not just by the members of other chapters, but by EAA itself! Chapter 1 has a reputation, perceived or not... of a sort-of elite status. Anytime I'm at OSH and someone asks me what chapter I belong to, and I say "Chapter 1"... their first reaction is WOW!

That same flavor carries through to EAA national in OSH. We have been pretty lucky to have their attention over the past 6 years I've had the privilege of serving as your president. I have also been honored to be selected for a 2nd 3-year term to serve on the EAA Chapter Advisory Council, and being a member of Chapter 1 on that council has kept us in their sights.

As that's only half of this story, we can't forget that our very own Jon Goldenbaum is on the Board of Directors of the Vintage Aircraft Association. I'm pretty sure he began that position almost 2 years ago, but his service there dwarfs what his PolyFiber organization has contributed to EAA as a whole. Poly Fiber advertises in every magazine EAA publishes, sponsors forums and covering classes at AirVenture and is a generous sponsor to them on top of that, at minimum.

So... join all that together... and what do you get?
A VERY BIG MAY!!!

In the May issue of Sport Aviation, on page 122, titled "A Very Special Young Eagles Flight" you'll find this awesome article written by our very own Dave Cheney. Dave currently serves on the Chapter 1 Board of Directors, and he and his awesome bride Debbie are YE pilots, volunteers, and Chapter 1 Fly-out organizers and campers! I know you ALL read every word of your Sport Aviation Magazine... (Hint Hint...) but please make sure to go that extra mile and invest some time to Dave's worthwhile article. He explains in detail of a very special YE flight he took with a young girl, and you'll find out for yourself that this one flight, changed both of their lives! Enjoy!



Photo Credit: Vintage Airplane Magazine

AND... In the May/June issue of Vintage Airplane Magazine, on page 52, there's an article written by Jon Goldenbaum entitled "Jacob and the Aeronca Chief." Jon tells Jacob's story of him arriving at Flabob, enrolling at Flabob Preparatory Academy, demonstrating his young passion for flight, and finally buying and restoring his beautiful Aeronca Super Chief. It highlights all that plus the adventure Jacob and his re-build partners experienced putting this beauty back together. When you see this little airplane at Flabob, you'll really see it's something worth admiring and appreciating all that went into its restoration. I've personally known Jacob practically since his Day-1 at Flabob, and can't say enough how wonderful of a friend of mine he's become, and how proud of him I am of his accomplishments and of his Aeronca Chief!

It's an awesome story, and testimony to the fact that if you show up and let us know you REALLY want to aviate... help appears. EAA Chapter 1 along with Flabob and it's inhabitants perform magic like this often. It's amazing... and I hope you join.

Jim OBrien



Photo Credit: Sport Aviation Magazine



Zenith 750 Cruiser Build Project

Now that things are being relaxed somewhat, it's time to get back to work on building the Chapter 1 Zenith project. Bob Ree has sent out a couple of emails updating us on things done and things needed while we've been under 'Stay safe' conditions.

What we have accomplished so far is bringing the project home, finding a build area, set up build area, and secure a 2nd set of plans. But that's truly only the beginning. We definitely need more help overall. When we got the project, there was a lot of interest, willingness to participate and good enthusiasm.... but somehow, things lost that momentum and it seems to be that it's waning drastically since. In the last 2 EAA Chapter surveys, there was a large contingency of our members who stated that we needed to have something to build...and now that we have it, where are you all or where did you go? We need a real project manager along with people who have experience willing to help those who don't have experience.

I know it's more than a 3 or 4 man job. There were many to start, as we expected many of you to be chomping at the bit to go to work on this... as this is slated to be a means to get people flying, So we need effort... producing progress, producing benefit. No effort, no progress, no benefit, right?

I suggest those of you who are interested in working on this to please sign on or reacquaint yourselves with Bob Ree and let him know. As the group gets larger, the group will attract even more to get involved... and that way we can make some serious progress. The more people the better.

Besides the membership, this is the most valuable asset we possess... and we can't have it sitting idle and not doing anything for the chapter. I don't mean to sound like a spoil-sport, but we need to have tangible progress, or else we'll have to make other arrangements so that the chapter and people who want to learn how to fly have something to do so in. We always have the option of selling it and buying something already flying to have chapter members start a flying club, but I want to exhaust every possibility so that we can benefit by what we already have.

Please contact or recontact Bob Ree so that we make some progress soon. This is a call for ALL HANDS ON DECK. We can't let this asset sit idle much longer.

Bob Ree can be contacted by email at
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Jim OBrien
EAA Chapter 1 President



EAA Chapter 1 Ray Allen Scholar Announced

It is with great pleasure that Chapter 1 has awarded the Ray Allen Scholarship to Patricia Kackert.

Patricia came to Chapter 1 through the Flabob squadron of the CAP's a few years back. Over that time, she has proven herself a valuable asset to the chapter with her leadership skills and her willingness to volunteer and get involved. A special THANK YOU to the hard work of Dave Cheney who is our Ray Allen Scholarship Coordinator, and who is responsible for all this happening. In her application, "Trish" sent a well composed and enthusiastic essay on what her aviation goals are ... all the way to being an Air Force F-18 pilot! But noteworthy prior to all this, she graduated high school 2 years ahead of schedule, has since earned 4 Associates Degrees, and is enrolled in nursing school to get her Bachelor's degree.

She is VERY excited and equally as grateful to be awarded this prestigious scholarship. She understands the requirements to finish getting her license, and that it's important to the chapter that she follow through with her commitment. She says she accomplishes more and is happiest when she's busy... and we'll make it so for sure!!! Although we didn't get the full \$10,000 scholarship we did last year, we were awarded \$5000, hence the chapter sponsoring the remaining \$5000. We have asked the chapter members to pledge their support, and we thank you for doing so, but we're still \$1500 short. There are several of you who have pledged and not paid us yet, so now it's getting critical that you please send in your pledge. If you haven't pledged or contributed, this young lady is certainly worth your sponsorship, regardless of the amount. Please mail your promised pledges and any additional contributions to the chapter at

PO Box 3667, Riverside, CA 92519.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS!!!!... to Patricia!!!

Jim Obrien
EAA Chapter 1 President

Volunteers Needed!

EAA Chapter 1 is always looking for more volunteer help to make your chapter even better. If you'd like to help out by donating your time, we are currently looking for enthusiastic members for the following positions. If you're interested, please contact one of our board members. Thank You!

Volunteer scheduler
Docents for race planes
Activities for Young Eagles waiting to fly
Weight and Balance
Aircraft Loading
Other items related to the YE Flight
Snack Bar Sales
Set up and tear down meeting chairs, tables, etc.
Bringing Snacks etc. for the Chapter Meetings
Clean area/grounds for Young Eagles
Clean area/grounds for pancake breakfasts
Help select materials for sale
Sales people for materials



If you have a specific skill that is not listed here, don't be shy!





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GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

Social or physical distancing practices are requested. Masks are optional, but please be prepared with one just in case.

Lunch will be provided by Chapter 1. We'll have a donation bucket out to cover costs, so please help out there IF POSSIBLE. If you can't... we're 100% OK with that.

Pick up your Poker Chip Run cards at your first stop. Each card is \$20, and you can buy as many as you'd like. The more you buy, the better chances you'll have. The total pot will be split between the winners and EAA Oshkosh, 50/50. 50% to OSH, and 50% split 50/50 between the highest and lowest total scores.

You can pull your chips from any airport station, but need to end the run at Flabob. We encourage you to fly, but driving in is just fine! You can start at 1 airport and fly or drive to Flabob for the finish... or you can go to any of the 7 airports to collect the 5 pulls of chips your card allows. OR... you can just come to Flabob and pull your chips. Again, the end of the run is at Flabob.

Stations will be manned from 0730 to 1130 hrs. since it's July and is generally a hot time of year. Please be back to Flabob by 1200 hrs., as that will be the cut-off time to pull your final chips and the time lunch is served under the trees at Chapter 1.

In case of a tie, there will be a 'high card' draw from a standard playing card deck.

All decisions from the judges are FINAL.

You do NOT have to be present to win, but if you are not, please insure your full contact information is on each of your cards... with your name, address, phone and email.

This is a sanctioned EAA event primarily designed to be a fund raiser for EAA in Oshkosh. Many of us would have spent well traveling and attending OSH, so in that spirit, we've decided to support the organization that supports us well. So, be generous! Let's show EAA that Southern California EAA chapters care.





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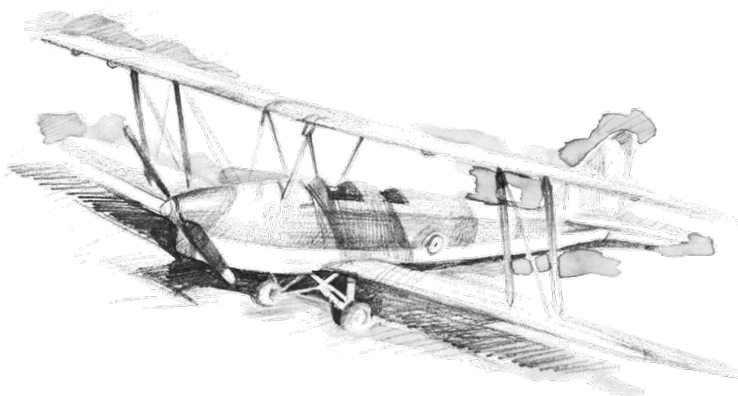
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