

**EAA106 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday program: JULY 10, 2020 – 7 PM – On-Line Skydiving & Parachuting by EAA106 member Mike Smith**

**U.S. Skydiving Nationals for 5 years and has just over 2,700 skydives – see full bio below**

Most pilots and non-skydivers have a fairly antiquated notion of what skydiving, or parachuting, are about. This presentation will describe modern skydiving, training, equipment, competition, regulations and safety.



Mike's sent a little bit about his background with regards to skydiving and airplanes:

I started skydiving my freshman year of college at Kansas State University. I eventually became a jumpmaster and instructor in both static line and freefall, and spent many years doing freefall photography (video and stills). For 5 years I competed at the U.S. Skydiving Nationals. With just over 2,700 skydives, at 55 years old I do still jump, just not as much as I used to.

Spending so much time in airplanes is what made me want to get my pilot certificate. I became a private pilot in 2000, and received my instrument rating the following year. I currently have 800 hours of flight time, of which 480 has been in my Sonex, which I scratch built over a 5 year period.

I'm currently the president of EAA Chapter 196 at the Minute Man Air Field in Stow, MA, and a member of EAA Chapter 106.

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**There are a lot of video visuals throughout the presentation, so you'll want to make sure you're looking at a screen and not just on a voice line.** If you want a phone # to call in (but you'll miss all the graphics & videos), send an e-mail to: [EAA106.INFO@gmail.com](mailto:EAA106.INFO@gmail.com)