



# Contact!

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## Letter from the president Chad Baker

Well the weather is starting to change and I'm noticing many more fair weather flying days lately. I'm seeing small airplanes more frequently over my house, advertisements for fly-ins, and I know the airshow industry is working hard to come back to life. As I write this today the Blue Angels were returning to Pensacola in their new Super Hornets from their winter training ground.

If you missed last months meeting, you missed our inaugural special topic presentation by Kyle Koncak. Kyle provided an excellent presentation on his build of an Aventura II. The weather even cooperated and he was able to have it at the meeting for all to see and admire. Great job Kyle!...on the build and the presentation. I hope to make these presentations available online to those that may have missed the meeting. I'm working on the best way to do that so stay tuned and I'll update you when I figured it out. We've got more topics lined up for the coming months so keep an eye out on the event calendar.

Something else I'm interested in working on is a more real-time communication system for the membership. A forum where any member can communicate with all the others easily. I see it as a way to share flying experiences, request help with an aircraft related problem, sell something from the shop, or maybe borrow a rarely used tool during an aircraft build, etc. I'm a member of multiple canard aircraft forums who do this using various systems. I would not be able to build my Cozy IV without the help I've received from those forums. The main one I use is Google Groups which is basically an email list where any topic is available to the

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## **EAA 108 meeting, 20 February 2021**

**There will be an IMC meeting at 9am.  
The member meeting is at 10am.  
Remember there will be no access from rt  
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members in a way they chose...direct email, daily or weekly summary email, or they can chose to go to the forum itself and see what's being discussed. Other groups use a more traditional forum style where things are organized by specific topics. And still others use a Facebook Group to share thoughts...however I realize that not everyone is a Facebook fan.

I'd like your thoughts on this. Is it something you think would be useful for the membership? Do you have any experience with forums or forum types you like? Send me your thoughts and ideas and I'll look into it. I'll look at the best ways to do this and maybe test it out on a small group soon. I think this can be a way to help tie the membership together around aviation happenings between chapter meetings. Send any input to me at [cbav8r@gmail.com](mailto:cbav8r@gmail.com) .

Blue Skies,

Chad

## **Ralph King's minutes**

The meeting was held on 20 February 2021, with the following people in attendance:

Ralph King

George Roll and his wife, Meegerin as a guest

Rick Bernardi

Chad Baker

Gary Bean

Tim Cook

Chris Foltz

Shaun Ellis

Lane Watkins

Butch Raber

Pat Sullivan

Mark Kellner

Paul Vermillion

Paul Danclovic

Bob Boggerman

John Evans

Rick Stone

Charley Booton

Howard Walton

Kyle Koncak

The meeting was called to order by Chad Baker at 10:05. Chad welcomed our visitor, Rick Stone, who is interested in recreational flying, and maybe parasail flying.

We will not be doing the B-17 hosting this year. The amount of work and dedication involved is beyond our scope of availability at this time. While the chapter will reap benefits from the activity, our circumstances at this time just does not allow us to participate this year. A declination to participate was sent to the tour folks, who were understandably disappointed, but could appreciate our position.

The taxiway painting was put on hold while we wait for the airport to complete their resurfacing. Chad will contact Anthony (Okaloosa County) about the details of what we want to do, their ideas on our proposed painting, and paint availability. What special paint is required, will they provide the paint, etc.

Hangar space was discussed, availability in local areas, hangars under construction, etc. There always seems to be a need for hangar space!!!!

Mark Kellner will be leaving by midsummer, going back to California. Mark has been a very great asset in coordinating the young Eagles effort. He has organized the last events, and it is sad that the COVID-19 and weather has prevented the chapter from hosting these events. With his departure, a volunteer is needed to take over the Young Eagles program. Mark has it well organized, and will leave lots of information for the person assuming this position. Please contact Mark Kellner if you are willing to take over this program from him.

There was some discussion about giving local people airplane rides under the Eagles program. And even local flights under the Young Eagles program. The EAA

will send a package to interested pilots who can take people for rides under either program.

Gary Bean gave a treasurer report. We have \$3,424 in the chapter account, and about \$33.88 in petty cash. Some dues were collected at today's meeting, and those who have not paid are encouraged to do so. Gary passed out some chapter rosters, and asked all members to ensure their information is current and accurate. You are encouraged to include your email, our address and your phone number, and your National EAA Club member number.

Gary mentioned that there is an Air Traffic Controller in Fort Walton who is interested in joining our chapter. Gary has encouraged him to join.

There was discussion about purchasing a smart TV for our chapter use. The overhead projector does not do well in daylight conditions, and visibility is not good. A smart TV would be better, and the discussion was about what size would be suitable, and would it be a table top version, or wall mounted. Chad Baker brought his table top TV for today's viewing. I think everyone liked that much better than the wall projection of the overhead projector.

There was a motion, and seconded for the purchase of a smart TV for the chapter. Now the focus is on contacting the FBO to see if they will allow a wall mounted device, or whether we will use the counter top version. Storage and protection of the TV was discussed.

Topics for future special presentations were discussed. And fly-ins for breakfast and or lunch was discussed. Some airports provide lunch, and folks talked about restaurants close to airports that could be flown to and enjoy the food and flying. This is just another way to have an enjoyable flight and fellowship.

Charley Starr has offered his hangar space in Baker as a future place for a meeting. No specific date was announced.

There is a Facebook page concerning Share-A-Ride to the air show close to Lakeland in April. Anyone interested in attending can look for information on Facebook.

Charley Booton showed some interesting articles in a Flying magazine about incidents such as, engine failures after maintenance and others. He also spoke about Gulf Power flying drones up to 400 feet over power lines, and advised all pilots to be aware of these drone flights.

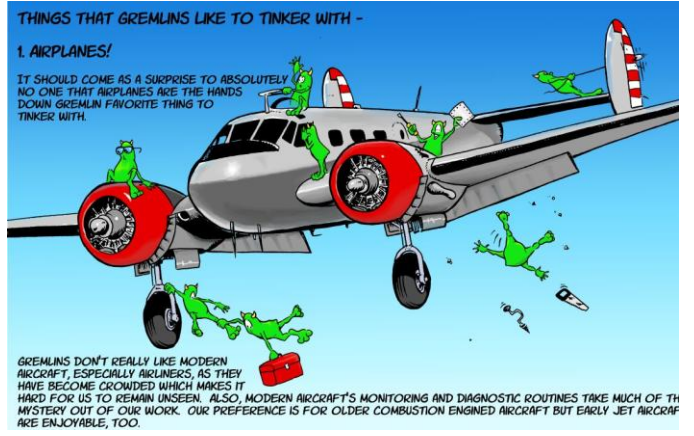
George Roll talked about water survival training that is available locally. For those flying over water this would be a very good experience, and just might give you the survival factor you need in some emergency situation.

Butch Raber showed a mount for holding a hand-held radio in flight. This mount allows the radio to be secured in flight, but quickly removed and used as a hand-held if desired.

Chad Baker adjourned the meeting at 11:15

A special presentation by Kyle Koncak followed the meeting. This was a detailed and interesting presentation about his Aero Adventure build that he just completed. He flew the airplane in for the meeting, and it was on the ramp for all who wanted to go look at it. Kyle mentioned that there are EAA videos available on building aircraft for those who want to view them.





Happy St Paddy's Day!!