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**The EAA Chapter of  
Modern Explorers**

March 2021

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Midland, MI  
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*EAA 1093 Family --*

*Spring is in the air and cabin fever will soon be behind us! I hope everyone was able to get out and enjoy the sunshine or will be soon.*

*While we are still bound by both regulations and common sense for keeping ourselves and each other safe it is my sincere wish that we begin to interact more this year. Our first virtual Happy Hour was a success and there will be many more of those in the future with varying dates/times so that everyone can partake. I am excited for our March Membership Meeting on the 20th and the beginning of our RV project build.*

*While we bide our time before we can physically be together again without limitations take time to count the blessings we do have. One day we will be able to look back at all of this. Until then take care of yourselves.*

*Be well!*

*Sarah*

**March Membership Meeting on Saturday, March 20 at 10:00**

Our speaker is:

**Mr. Vic Syracuse**



EAA Board Member  
VANS Sales Representative and  
Home Builder Extraordinaire.

Mr. Syracuse has built many aircraft including Kit Fox, Sonex and numerous RV's. He will be talking to our group about his experience in building RV's. This also serves as our kickoff event leading up to **our** build. The Board approved the ordering of the first section of the kit and it will be ordered within the next week.

*This meeting will be both virtual and in-person.* The Zoom session will be broadcast from the EAA Building with Mr. Syracuse Zooming in from a warmer climate. If you wish to come and watch from the EAA Building we will be limited to 25 participants in the building. Social distancing and masks will be enforced. If you wish to attend **in person** you **must RSVP** to Sarah Pagano. If you wish to view from home the link is:

Topic: EAA 1093 MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Speaker: Vic Syracuse  
Time: Mar 20, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88456378056>

Meeting ID: 884 5637 8056

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**\*\*Please note that this does not indicate a permanent change in the date of future Membership Meetings. The alternate Saturday is due to the availability of our speaker.\*\***

I hope you can join us!



## **2021 Membership Dues are being collected now!**

Local chapter annual membership dues are due.

\$25/member

\$30/family

Membership Chair Tom Ryden will be sending reminder invoices mid-January to those who need reminding.

A full Chapter roster of who has paid and who has not paid will be sent to everyone mid-February.

### **Submit payment to:**

Midland EAA Chapter 1093

PO Box 2464

Midland MI 48641-2464

or –

EAA Education Center office mailbox

or -

PayPal users;

[eea.1093chapter@gmail.com](mailto:eea.1093chapter@gmail.com)

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FROM: Paying for an item or service

TO : Sending to a friend

PayPal fee for \$25 membership: \$1.03

PayPal fee for \$30 family membership:

\$1.17

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## **AirVenture is a go!**

Listen to a podcast from EAA Chairman and CEO Jack Pelton. He shares with all of us what AirVenture is doing to make everyone safe during our favorite fly in of the year.



EAA's The Green Dot — AirVenture 2021 Update with EAA Chairman and CEO Jack Pelton

<http://inspire.eaa.org/2021/02/25/eaas-the-green-dot-airventure-2021-update-with-eaa-chairman-and-ceo-jack-pelton/>

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## **Hornsby Aviation Scholarship Nominations Now Open**

Please encourage any young person who know who is eligible for this Scholarship to apply.

The Hornsby Aviation Education Scholarship provides assistance with tuition and/or fees for flying lessons and/or pilot ground school to students ages 15 to 22 who are residents of Midland or Gladwin County or to provide a scholarship to a student who is pursuing an education in an aviation related field at a 2 year or 4 year college or university.” Preference will be given to the student taking flying lessons if applicants are of equal qualifications. Applications are available now at the:

Midland Area Community Foundation  
76 Ashman Circle  
Midland, MI

or online at:

[www.midlandfoundation.org](http://www.midlandfoundation.org)

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## **2021 Chapter 1093** **Scholarship** **Nominations Now Open**

Chapter 1093 offers two types of scholarships:

- 1) toward completion of a pilot certificate and
- 2) toward completion of a mechanics certificate.

Individuals seeking a scholarship (Application) and those seeking to recommend an individual for a scholarship (Recommendation) will find the appropriate forms under Scholarships on the Chapter 1093 website, <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1093>.

Submission information is at the bottom of each form. Scholarship applications and recommendations will be accepted through the end of March of 2021. Awards will be announced during the Pancake Breakfast currently scheduled for May 1, 2021.

### Nominee requirements:

- Must be recommended by at least one current EAA Chapter 1093 member.
- Must live in Midland or the surrounding area.
- Must be minimum age 15.
- Must be pursuing a private pilot, recreational, sport pilot license, advanced flight training, or attaining an aviation maintenance certification.

### Additional factors to be considered:

Nominee's interest and active participation in Chapter 1093 activities,

- Nominee's attendance or participation in Chapter 1093 Aviation Camp
- Nominee's sincere and persistent determination to pursue a career or avocation in aviation,
- Nominee's current use of own funds for training, and Recommendations submitted in support of the Nominee.

The most important consideration for any scholarship is the support shown by Chapter members. Do your part to help potential mechanics and pilots to pursue training and achieve their goals - recommend and support. Questions may be directed to the Scholarship Committee Chair:

Jim Murphy,  
[coljimurph@icloud.com](mailto:coljimurph@icloud.com).

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## **Piper AD Addresses** **Wing Spar Fatigue** **Cracks**

In January, the FAA issued an Airworthiness Directive (AD) for certain Piper PA-28/-32 models prompted by a report of a wing separation caused by fatigue cracking (<http://bit.ly/36H9M3i>). The AD requires calculating the inspection requirements, inspecting the lower main wing spar bolt holes for cracks, and replacing any cracked main wing spar. It is effective Feb. 16, 2021. This AD follows closely to another Piper wing spar AD issued in November 2020. See the FAAS Team Notice here for more details on both ADs and to see if your airplane is affected: <https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/noticeView.aspx?nid=11681>.

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## FAA Accepting Applications for Aviation Workforce Development Grants

The FAA is seeking applications for two Aviation Workforce Development Grant programs aimed at developing and inspiring a more inclusive pool of pilots and aviation maintenance technicians to join the next generation of aviation professionals.

The Aircraft Pilots Workforce Development Grants provide money to expand the pilot workforce and educate students to become pilots, aerospace engineers, or unmanned aircraft systems operators.

The Aviation Maintenance Technical Workers Workforce Development Grants will help prepare a more inclusive talent pool of aviation maintenance technicians. Applicants from academia and the aviation community can submit applications to [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) through March 22, 2021. Potential applicants are encouraged to visit [www.faa.gov/go/awd](http://www.faa.gov/go/awd) to review frequently asked questions, eligibility requirements, and guidelines.

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## Improve Your Aeronautical Decision Making

Many GA accidents stem from inadequate aeronautical decision making (ADM) skills. #FlySafe and learn more about ADM and how to apply its principles into your flying here: <http://bit.ly/3cdmiv3>. You can also check out the “57 Seconds to Safer Flying” video on ADM here: <http://bit.ly/ADM57Secs>. I’ve Got the Flight Controls ... Or Do You? Have your flying skills accumulated some rust over the past few months? If so, you’ll want to develop a plan for getting back in the air — including a few things that might not have been on your radar. In the FAA Safety Briefing article, “I’ve Got the Flight Controls ... Or Do You? A Game Plan for Getting Back in the Sky,” we provide tips on assessing a proper fitness level for both plane and pilot (you!). The article also covers some “living room learning” you can do to keep your skills sharp. Check out the article here: <https://medium.com/faa/ive-got-the-flight-controls-or-do-you-1b05b3afa6ac>. Be sure to check out our entire new issue at [www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing](http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing).

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## A Pilot's Lament By Kassie Miller

Three legs and a lost day  
What could go wrong?  
It's snowing in Chicago  
But snow is ORD's song

Then Dallas lost its power  
Due to snow and ice  
The schedulers were working  
With a laptop and flashlights

We sat a couple hours  
La Crosse will start the day?  
Nah, not with how it's going  
That canceled right away

We sat in the Rotunda  
Passing all the time  
Greensboro was up next  
To us that sounded fine

We're delayed again and again  
For maintenance and deice  
HOT app showed one minute left  
But we took off . . . that was nice!

My ears then started popping  
And I wondered why that was  
A look at cabin altitude  
Revealed what pressure does

"Hey Captain is that normal?"  
I asked as up we climbed  
He and I agreed  
We should descend while there was  
time

The cabin passed 10,000  
As downward we descend  
We donned our O2 masks  
We didn't like that trend

"Declaring an emergency"  
I called to ATC  
We're vectored for the ILS  
But approach lights we don't see

Thankfully the runway  
Appeared right before mins  
Without the lights to guide us in  
It felt dark just like the sims

But we landed safely  
And were followed by CFR crew  
When got back to the gate  
It felt like the time flew

We walked across the airport  
To attempt another flight  
We just wanted to fly like normal  
It had sure been quite a night!

More maintenance greeted us  
When we started up the plane  
Our passengers were troopers  
They did not complain

We finally got it going  
Extensions running out  
We taxied toward the runway  
But were pumpkins one minute out

We had to turn around  
So back to the gate we went  
We felt bad for our poor passengers  
But admitted we were spent

Soon it's 3am  
We just wanted a hotel  
And when we finally got one  
We thought we'd ended well

But time still passed without a van  
Where could the driver be?  
We learned a snowbank got him stuck  
No telling when he'd be free!

Now 4am, we wanted out  
At our ride apps we took a stab  
But transportation can't be found  
No Uber, Lyft or cab!

When finally a car showed up  
On the Uber app we had  
We told him how the day was long  
And for him we were glad!

4:45 now rolled around  
When into our beds we fell  
At least with such a day like that  
We have a story to tell!

2-19-2021

Note: Kassie Miller is a First Officer for Envoy Air, Regional Carrier for American Airlines, and flies the Embraer 145 based out of Chicago. She soloed in 2013 at Midland Barstow Airport, attended Midland Aviation Camp and served as a camp instructor. She earned her Flight Instructor certificate in 2018.

Submitted by: Linda Langrill



## EAA Webinars Schedule

We're excited to announce our [March and April webinars](#) that you can enjoy from the comfort of your home. EAA webinars are free to all aviation enthusiasts. Preregistration is recommended, as space is limited.

[Register Now](#)

Upcoming webinars include the following topics and presenters:

### March Webinars

#### **Panthers and Beyond**

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, AT 7 P.M. CST

Presenters: Dan and Rachel Weseman | *Hon*

[Register Now >](#)

#### **How Mags Fail**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, AT 7 P.M. CST

Presenter: Mike Busch | *Qualifies for FAA WI*

[Register Now >](#)

#### **Bong: America's Ace of Aces**

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, AT 7 P.M. CST

Presenter: Chris Henry | *Museum Webinar Se*

[Register Now >](#)

#### **Pushing Past TBO - Running your**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, AT 7 P.M. CST

Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch | *Qualifies for*

[Register Now >](#)

## Rolling Fear Upside Down with Aerobal

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Cecilia Aragon

[Register Now >](#)

## Sling Aircraft Kits

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Mike Blyth

[Register Now >](#)

## SNAGGED! Dealing with Defects Safely

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Sebastien Seykora | *Qualifies for FAA WI.*

[Register Now >](#)

## Engine Care Items Every Pilot Should Know

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Bill Ross | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS and*

[Register Now >](#)

## EAA 1093 Board Meeting Minutes February 18, 2021

President Sarah Pagano declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 1706 EST. The Board meeting was held via Zoom.

Directors in attendance: Dave Fick, Jeff Gallant, Sarah Haskett, John McPeak, Chris Pagano, Sarah Pagano, Tom Ryden, Dick Sipp, John Sorg

Directors unable to attend: Brandon Haskett, Brandon Marks, Paul Ries

Guests: Linda Langrill, Don Bonem, Dot Hornsby, Jim Murphy, Dave Bickmore

Minutes from January 21, 2021, Board meeting were approved as submitted; motion by Gallant/Fick

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Marks reported (via e-mail) that the Comerica signature cards have been signed and he will be disbursing checks soon. A subscription to QuickBooks will be purchased for ongoing bookkeeping. 2020 has been closed:

Fancy Birdhouse, LLC:

2020 hangar rental income

\$18,715.00

2020 expenses

\$14,241.62

Net Income

\$ 4,473.38

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2020 income

\$ 3,900.00

2020 expenses

\$14,798.44

Net Loss

(\$10,898.44)

Pancake breakfast net income: \$4,691 in 2019; \$0 in 2020.

Insurance was paid from 1093 account in 2020: \$3,582.

Scholarships awarded in 2020 were greater than in 2019 and scholarship donations were less in 2020 than in 2019.

Dues received in 2020 about \$500 less than in 2019.

A checking account is being established for scholarship fund deposits and administration.

Membership Committee report: Chair Ryden reported that silver name tags will be given to four members who each have been members for an initial five continuous years – Bill Church, John Coleman, Birgit Holicki, and Peter Tazelaar. Chris Pagano will receive a gold name tag for ten continuous years of service. Philip Sheridan submitted a

membership application and 2021 dues. Currently, 2021 membership stands at 61 members.

Hangar Committee report: Bonem reported that the Committee recommended an additional \$300 be added to the 2021 FBH budget for materials to replace rubber seals on 7A Fancy and 7B Cozy hangar doors. There are currently two spaces available in 7B Cozy; aircraft owners on the wait list are being contacted.

Committee will meet to continue transitioning Bonem's duties to new members.

Young Eagles report: Gallant reported February YE flights were cancelled due to pandemic restrictions.

Scholarship Committee report: Chair Murphy has submitted the Chapter application for a 2021 Ray Scholarship, acceptance (or not) will be later this spring.

Applications for 2021 Chapter scholarships are currently being accepted, the Chapter website (<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1093/scholarships>) has forms.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

2021 budget discussions: President Pagano presented a preliminary draft of a budget for 2021. Following discussion and some uncertainty about various items, a decision was made to revise the budget and bring it to the March Board meeting.

Cessna 150A disposition: S. Pagano and McPeak reported that all co-owner signatures have been received, application for re-registration has been sent to FAA.

RV-12 build project: S. Pagano reported that there will be a kick-off event during the March 20 membership meeting with guest speaker Vic Syracuse. Motion by McPeak/Gallant that the fastener kit and

the empennage kit be ordered from Vans's Aircraft – motion passed. Delivery is expected by late spring. Membership will be notified of the March 20 meeting; attendance can be virtual or in-person in the Chapter building. Building insurance coverage/waiver of liability: Ryden reported that the ad hoc committee is waiting for a review of the prepared revisions by Mike Woodley. Credit/debit cards: McPeak reported that Comerica has issued new cards. Great Lakes Bay Invitational fundraiser: Ryden reported that application has been submitted, the selection of non-profits will be made in April for event in July.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resuming Chapter activities: President Pagano reported that membership meetings will resume beginning in March, subsequent meetings will be virtual until pandemic restrictions are relaxed to allow indoor meetings. Microsoft 2020 Flight Simulator: The Chapter's application to EAA for a free copy of software has been accepted. Chris and Sarah Pagano have offered to donate a computer and peripherals to power the software. Motion by Gallant/McPeak to accept the donation – motion passed. Thank you letter for donation will be sent to Paganos. Flying Start Day: May 15 has been designated by EAA as the 'official' Flying Start Day, a decision whether or not to participate will be made at a later Board meeting. President S. Pagano adjourned the meeting at 1805 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

John McPeak  
Secretary  
EAA Chapter 1093