

# EAGLE'S PROPWASH

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CHAPTER 113 *"The Backyard Eagles"*



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**Gatherings: 7:30 PM**  
the 3rd Thursday of each  
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### **CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT:**

*"EAA Chapter 113's major focus is on the relationships with people who have diverse aviation interests, centered around their love of flight, fellowship, learning, and fun.*

*Chapter members have a passion for flying and are willing to share it with others.*

*Chapter 113 provides the opportunity for exchange of information, as well as the interaction that leads to friendships that last a lifetime."*

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

*"The Board of Directors are to provide both advice and assistance to the chapter officers on an ongoing basis."*



## PRESIDENT'S *PODIUM*

Dave Steiner (734) 645-1150  
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July 2020

**Happy 4th of July holiday everyone! Have a safe one!**

### **Pancake Breakfast might have been wet ...**

Missed seeing all of you at the Father's Day Pancake Breakfast that COVID cancelled, but the wx was pretty iffy anyway, so at least we didn't have to deal with that. Not that a few showers ever stopped us. We'll be back next year, count on it, and better than ever.

### **No OSH this year, but ...**

OSH may be cancelled this year but the EAA 113 Events Committee is working on what will be a safety first but fun OSH substitute for EAA 113 members. Look for more information in this newsletter, and be checking your email. Aviation buffs are a resilient lot. Get us near an airplane and we are a pretty happy bunch. Blast COVID.

### **You never know ...**

It's fun to be an ambassador for aviation and EAA. Recently I had a company come to the house to clean some drains, and somehow the technician and I got on the subject of aviation. Hey, you never know. He has three young daughters and they have an uncle who owns half a Cessna at KARB. Uncle Rich takes the girls up on occasion, sometimes even heading up north to see Grandma and Grandpa, a quick hour flight instead of a four-hour drive. He always refuses anything for fuel costs. Wow, everyone should have an uncle like that, eh? Are aviation people the best or what? Two of the girls like to "take the controls" and are pretty good at it, even though the youngest, at six, can't even see over the panel. But she can keep it straight and level or make turns when asked. So I told him about the EAA Young Eagles program and that he should bring the girls out when we start up again. I explained the benefits of the Young Eagles program beyond flying. Then I mentioned the Ray Scholarship program, if the girls really get into it. I'm sure EAA 113 would consider mentoring them. And just for good measure, I also gave him some tickets to Yankee Air Museum and my Yankee card. I hope we see them someday.

### **EAA 113 & COVID**

The Chapter will continue to follow all State of Michigan and other health guidelines with regard to protecting people from the spread of the COVID virus. We urge all to follow precautions for your own and other people's safety. We are all in this together.

### **ZOOM to the rescue**

The second EAA 113 Zoom *membership gathering* on June 18<sup>th</sup> featured Charlie Becker from EAA. Kudos go to VP, Jack McClellan, for getting Charlie to take the time to join us. Charlie talked about EAA and then we enjoyed his discussion of the Pirate Cub project he is scratch-building in his basement. His throttle knob will be a golf ball. I told him Callaway imprints "warbird" on one of its balls. Perfect for a Cub.

### **Prop Wash content**

Keep that content coming for the newsletter! A few photos with captions and a short paragraph or two about **your** latest aviation adventure are all that we ask. Send to: newsletter@eaa113.org. Now that summer is here, it's time to share your aviation escapades.

# COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE GUIDE

As we look forward to re-opening the EAA Aviation Center and the return of in-person gatherings and events, we must implement a responsible and safe protocol to follow. The health and safety of our members and guests is our utmost priority. Directives from EAA Headquarters require that we follow the local, state and national requirements. These procedures are necessary for us to be covered under EAA insurance. In consideration of the current CDC recommendations, we will implement ways of mitigating contact, as well as sanitizing and hygiene guidelines. These procedures will become the “new normal” for the foreseeable future. Please understand this is a fluid situation and may require we make alterations to this re-entry plan as the pandemic situation continues to fluctuate.

We ask that you keep an open mind but please know we welcome your thoughts and suggestions. We recognize that everyone has different opinions on the situation; however, EAA is not the venue for political stands. Our membership has a large at-risk population of which we must respect. Remember all activities are voluntary and while we will try to do everything we can to mitigate the risks, we simply cannot remove all risk factors.

## **Community Mitigation Framework**

The Community Mitigation Framework has been established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to outline strategies that can be taken to slow the spread of infectious diseases. The EAA Aviation Center is the focal point of our Chapter and must be tended to by all who use the facility. The following actions will be required of all members and guests.

## **Personal Protective Measures**

1. You must wear a face mask when inside or around the EAA Aviation Center building when you cannot safely remain six feet apart.
2. Everyone is required to sanitize or wash their hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds EVERY TIME you:
  - Enter and exit the facility
  - Before and after eating
  - After using the restroom

***Soap and water is the most efficient cleaning agent in the prevention of COVID-19.*** Hand sanitizing gel is not a substitute for hand washing.

3. Use your elbow or a tissue to cover your cough and sneezes.

## **Diagnosis and Symptoms**

1. Be aware of possible symptoms:
  - New or worsening cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature at or greater than 100.0 F
  - Known close contact with a person who has confirmed to have COVID-19

**If you meet any of the above criteria, stay home!**

2. Consult a medical professional.
3. Self-quarantine until advised by a medical professional that you may return.
4. Seek testing as necessary.
5. Anyone exhibiting above symptoms must send an information report to [president@eaa113.org](mailto:president@eaa113.org) immediately. Be sure to include your name, symptoms, list details of the areas you occupied, people interacted with and plans to contact medical professionals.

### **Social Distancing**

1. Maintain a physical distance between persons to the extent possible, generally six feet.
2. Current State regulations limit 50 people to a gathering in the EAA 113 Aviation Center at one time.
3. The first meetings after reopening, will be held in the hangar to allow members to spread out. We will use the plastic folding chairs for better sanitizing ability. You may also bring your own folding chair.

### **Sanitation Duties**

1. Please use the **front door by the flag pole**, for entry and exit to the EAA 113 Aviation Center. This will help to keep the food areas better protected.
2. We ask those members who use the EAA 113 facility on a regular basis, to please bring your own sanitizing wipes and clean the surfaces after you touch them. Supplies are expensive right now and it should not be the responsibility of the Chapter to incur the extra cost of keeping the building sanitized for the few tenants and regular users.
3. The restrooms are being cleaned every two weeks by a cleaning service. However, for those members who regularly use the facility, we ask that you each take turns to clean these rooms more frequently.
4. For those using the shop facility, please clean all tools when finished.

### **Food Handling**

(Per Health Department Regulations)

1. Food and beverage must be served by members wearing masks and gloves. This includes coffee and beverages out of the refrigerator.
2. Before coming to the food service line, you must sanitize or wash your hands.
3. Dispose of your own food items and dishes.
4. We will not be serving snacks at the upcoming meetings to better adjust to these regulations.

Remember, these safety precautions are required for us to re-open our facility. Also, they are for your fellow EAA 113 Chapter members, as well as yourself. Please be considerate of others. We all look forward to the day when we can return to life as we knew it before this pandemic. Until then, be safe!

July 1, 2020



## **AIRPORT STATUS DUE TO CANCELLATION OF 2020 EAA AIRVENTURE**

We're all disappointed with the cancellation of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2020, as it means so many different things for everyone who attends. For thousands of aviators, flying to Wittman Regional Airport (KOSH) is a highlight in the logbook.

As AirVenture 2020 is not taking place, Wittman Regional Airport will operate normally as a public use airport with contract tower services. For those considering flying to Oshkosh in late July, it's important to manage expectations about what is permissible:

- Aircraft parking for itinerant traffic is available on the Terminal / Basler FBO Ramp. No permit has been obtained for aircraft parking or camping on any turf areas of the airfield and therefore is not permitted.
- No buildings or facilities on the AirVenture grounds will be open. Those attempting to camp will be asked to move to Terminal / Basler FBO ramp parking or depart.
- The Warbird / Homebuilt camping areas near P-1 taxiway will not be open. Papa 2 taxiway (Boeing Plaza) will not be accessible.
- There will be no access to EAA facilities from the airport. EAA did not obtain a Wisconsin temporary campground permit for Camp Scholler in 2020, so it is illegal to accept or allow campers there this year. The EAA Aviation Museum also will be closed to the public through July.

For those who still want to fly to Oshkosh during AirVenture week, we encourage you to park at the Terminal / Basler FBO ramp, stay at one of our local hotels, and enjoy some of Oshkosh's hospitality. Please coordinate with Basler Flight Service to arrange any ground handling needs.

*Published June 10, 2020*



## EMERGENCY CARE

Today, it is not uncommon to see Automatic External Defibrillators in stores, schools, churches and restaurants. These life saving devices monitor the heart rhythm and provide a means of administering an electrical shock to the heart of people having a coronary episode of some variety. Did you know there is one located in the meeting room of the EAA 113 Aviation Center? The Chapter's AED and a first aid kit are located on an open shelf just above the coffee maker. The best way to learn the operation of an AED is through a regular First Aid Course.



# EAA 113 BACKYARD ADVENTURE 2020

**July 18th-19th, 2020**

**Mettetal Airport**

**EAA 113 Members and Families**



- ◆ Static Displays
- ◆ Fly Mart
- ◆ Forum
- ◆ Workshop
- ◆ Spaghetti Dinner
- ◆ Movie
- ◆ Kid's Activities
- ◆ 5K Run/Walk
- ◆ Camping

**BACKYARD EAGLES**  
EAA 113



# EAA113 Backyard Adventure 2020

While the aviation world is still grieving over the cancellation of AirVenture 2020, the Backyard Eagles of EAA 113 have decided it is time to emerge from our private walls and safely get back to what we enjoy.....Aviation Fellowship.

On July 18th - 19th, 2020 when many would normally begin making the journey to Oshkosh, we will have our very own, "Backyard Adventure"! It will be a sample of many of the activities we enjoy at AirVenture, but on our own local level. This event is for Chapter 113 members, families and their guests only. Come for the day or stay overnight!

Schedule of Events for the weekend include:

**Fly-In** (or Pull Out) your airplane. We will have many planes on static display to enjoy up close. Check out your favorite area-Homebuilts, Vintage, etc.

**Camping.** Pitch your tent next to your aircraft. Be sure to bring your own camping gear and lawn chairs. There will also be space available for RV parking.

**Fly Mart/Aero Mart.** Here is your chance to sell some of your aviation treasures! Whether you have unneeded airplane parts or a craft item, such as quilts, you may tag them with your name and price for the shopping enjoyment of attendees.

**Kid's Activities.** We will have plenty of fun activities for young children, in addition to a sun shelter for their protection. Be sure to bring an extra change of clothes for them for the Annual Water Balloon Toss!

**Workshop.** A favorite activity of all Homebuilders in Oshkosh, is to attend one of the helpful Workshops. Chapter 113 member, Mark Smokovitz has been providing valued maintenance advice and guidance to local pilots for several years. He is an A&P, IA, FAA DME, and is currently employed at Delta, as well as an instructor at EMU and MIAT. Mark will be joining us for this weekend and conduct a workshop on "Magnetos 101" at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 18th in Workshop #1. Reminder, Face Masks are required if 6 feet distance cannot be maintained.

**Forum.** Many inspiring speakers have captivated audiences every year at Air Venture. We are most honored to have amongst our own Chapter, the distinguished former NASA astronaut, Dr. Anthony England. Tony served as Mission Scientist for Apollo's 13 & 16, Mission Specialist crewman on the Skylab 2 Flight and as Space Station Program Scientist. Currently, he is the Dean of Engineering and Computer Science at U of M- Dearborn. Tony has agreed to speak about his NASA experiences at our Forum session at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 18th in Forum Building #1. FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT THIS FORUM.

**Spaghetti Dinner.** In keeping with the tradition that Jim and Nancy Trick began many years ago, we will serve Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Dinner includes pasta, salad and bread. Due to the strict COVID-19 Guidelines for food handling, we will have this event catered for a nominal charge. **If you are planning on Dinner, you MUST RSVP by July 10th**, to allow the caterer to prepare.

**Movie Night.** We will end Saturday evening at the "Theater in the Hangar". The movie will feature an ultimate homebuilder in "Astronaut Farmer". It is rated PG. You may choose to wear a mask, depending upon the size of the audience and ability to social distance. Bring your own lawn chair.

**Airport 5K Run/Walk.** For those who wish to start Sunday off with exuberance, we will have a 5K around the airport. You may either walk or run, as you feel able. It will begin at 7:00 a.m. Sunday, July 19th.

**Breakfast.** Breakfast will be prepared by Jim Morency, Airport Manager. It will be held in the large maintenance hangar for a donation from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. RSVP's are requested so he knows how to plan.

*Plan on joining us for this fun aviation weekend with a taste of what Oshkosh has offered us for 50 years. You are welcome to attend any or all the events. You must submit your RSVP by July 10th, using the following link: <https://bit.ly/3dN55pt>*

## See you at Backyard Adventure!

# Planning Your “Backyard Adventure”



## ***Aircraft Camping***

- Only EAA 113 Members, families and their guests are permitted at Backyard Adventure.
- Follow the NOTAM procedures.
- All campsites are available on a first come, first served basis beginning at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Sites may not be staked out in advance.
- Aircraft must be tied down.
- Bring your own camping gear, especially chairs, be sure to label them! Please respect other's property by using your own chair.
- No open fires are allowed.

## ***General Camping***

- Tent and RV Camping will be available in the “South 40”.
- Water and Electric hook ups are available at your home address.
- Generators are not permitted in the campgrounds.

## ***Other Lodging***

- Dorm facilities are currently closed due to the COVID-19 situation.
- Several local hotels are in the area.

## ***Courtesy***

- Quiet time begins at 10:30 p.m.
- Motorized vehicles, including motorbikes, motor scooters, golf carts, and motorcycles are not permitted in the Camping area. Motorized wheelchairs are permitted.
- Vehicle parking should be in the designated area...a.k.a. parking lot.
- Please be respectful of everyone's personal space....a.k.a. 6 foot.

## ***Personal Needs***

- Restrooms are located in Building “E”AA and the terminal.
- Shower-Hose will be available behind the EAA Aviation Center, if you dare. One at a time, please!

## ***Guests Services***

Medical Services-first aid kit and AED are available inside the EAA Aviation Center. For emergency, call 911.

Lost and Found-Lost spouses will incur Babysitting charges....children are free. Check on the back counter in the Meeting Room for misplaced smaller items.

ATM-corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor Road

Charging Station-Various plugs are located within the EAA Aviation Center for your convenience and self monitoring.

## ***Information Services***

General Information-ask any pilot and they will gladly answer your question.... Or make one up. They will love to tell you about their airplane.

Weather Information-In case of severe weather, seek safe shelter immediately. Broadcasts will be made over the speaker system and by Debbie screaming, “Run!”

## ***Food and Concessions***

- Catered Spaghetti Dinner will be Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for a nominal charge. MUST RSVP by July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday morning breakfast will be from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at the large airport maintenance hangar adjacent to the Terminal Building. Airport Manager, Jim Morency will cook up one of his special meals for a donation.
- Please bring all other food and beverages and coolers for your family for the weekend. Due to the COVID-19 food handling guidelines, we will **not** be offering water or sodas. Coffee will be served in the evening on Saturday and Sunday morning.
- Please remain out of the kitchen area in the EAA Aviation Center, if possible. If you absolutely must, please bring your own sanitizing wipes and clean any contacted surfaces.

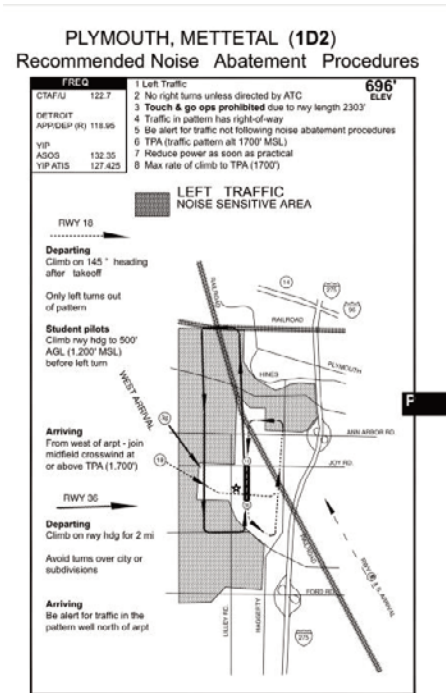
## EAA 113 Backyard Adventure 2020 Arrival “NO TAM”

Welcome to the EAA Chapter 113 Backyard Adventure weekend. This Chapter event is intended to bring the feel of AirVenture Oshkosh to Mettetal Airport July 18-19. Given the size of available parking space, we are restricting our event to Chapter 113 members, their families and guests.

We ask you **if you're flying (or taxiing)** in by emailing: [events@eaa113.org](mailto:events@eaa113.org)  
Flag-persons will be ready for arriving planes at 9AM Saturday July 18, 2020

### Flight Planning

**Safely is our primary goal**, check for all pertinent NOTAMS and plan accordingly. Standard non-towered airport arrival procedures will be in effect.



### Arriving

**Monitor 122.75** Enter at the Green Dot - watch for the Flag-person to direct you to parking

Make a sign for Vintage Aircraft Camping/Parking (VAC or VAP) Homebuilt Aircraft Parking/Campin(HAP or HAC) etc...

Be mindful of prop blast on those behind you both arriving and departing.

Aircraft on grass must be tied down securely. Aircraft on pavement must be chocked.

**Warbird Arrival- Call on 122.75** Enter via the South taxiway, pass abeam the Red Dot.

### Departing

Move planes between rows before engine start to avoid prop blast.

Exit the parking area South, via the Red Dot. Watch for westbound taxiing Warbird traffic. Standard non-towered airport departure procedures will be in effect.

*EAA 113 Presents the*

*Rescheduled* **ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

*Featuring: Ken Dravis*

*"The Singing Pilot"*

*Saturday, October 24th, 2020*

*EAA 113 Aviation Center*

*6:00 p.m. Gathering*

*6:45 p.m. Dinner*

*Tickets \$30.00 per person*



Price Includes: Entertainment,  
Award Presentations, Silent Auction and

Catered Meal



*Business Attire Please*

BLACK & WHITE THEME

See Debbie for tickets or information : (734) 751-5871 or email: [events@eaa113.org](mailto:events@eaa113.org)



# *Songs of the Sky*

*Rescheduled*



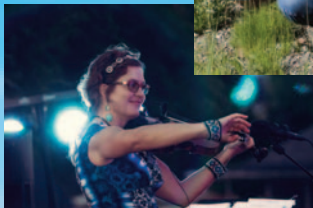
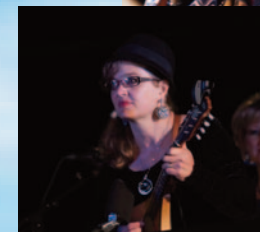
*It is our pleasure to announce the entertainment for the Annual EAA 113 Awards Banquet will be **Ken Dravis**, "The Singing Pilot". Ken's love of aviation is demonstrated throughout his music. Surely, you have heard his famous words of advice sung in "You Can Always Go Around"! Ken will join us, as he has so many others all around country, to sing some of his favorite Songs of the Sky.*

*Ken grew up with music, learning to play the guitar when he was seven. Just a few years later he began recording music and writing his own songs. Country and folk music had the greatest influence on him, with John Denver becoming his mentor and later employer. To make a living while trying to break into the music industry, Ken became a corporate pilot.*

*Ken writes music not only about flying, but also nature and touching love songs. Currently, he has ten published CD's. Many of you may have heard Ken in concert at Oshkosh. He will be joined this evening with Allison Kitto Dravis accompanying him on violin and mandolin. All ages are certain to enjoy this concert. Make your plans now to attend the Annual EAA Chapter 113 Awards Banquet on October 24th, 2020. Due to the capacity of our Aviation Center, tickets will be available on a limited basis so be sure to purchase yours early. You don't want to miss this opportunity to meet Ken Dravis!*



**October 24th, 2020** in the EAA 113 Aviation Center  
Gathering at 6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner at 6:45 p.m.  
Tickets \$30 per person ~ Business Attire Please  
The final day to purchase tickets will be October 16th, 2020





Greetings Everyone...

Hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

Yesterday, I was on a conference call with EAA officials in Oshkosh and I think it important that I clarify our goal for the AirMail100 Centennial Flights project.

When I first came up with the idea to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of transcontinental airmail service, I thought the best way to recruit the necessary volunteer pilots and their planes was through EAA. I reached out to the organization, which has some 900 chapters just in the US and many internationally, through Dorian Walker, the pilot of the late "Dutch Girl" DH-4. He put me in touch with executives at Oshkosh and we established an understanding and setup a regular communication channel. Using EAA's publicly available data, I built a spreadsheet of chapters along the original 1920 airmail route. Using email, I asked them to alert their members to the project, inviting interested pilots to sign-up for one of the 15 segments from New York to San Francisco. I also built spreadsheets for non-EAA aviation contacts, including AOPA, Smithsonian Institution, NAA, Chambers of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, and all the airports we planned to use along the route.

Over the following weeks and months, it paid off. We now have volunteer pilots - most EAA members, but some not - willing and eager to retrace the path of our aviator forebears of a century ago.

As you might imagine, with EAA's annual AirVenture 2020 cancelled because of COVID-19, not a few pilots and EAA chapters took to the idea of commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of transcontinental airmail service. More than a dozen EAA chapters expressed their interest to me about organizing some sort of commemorative event in conjunction with the AirMail100 flights. Naturally, the eventually raised the issue of liability insurance: would any events associated with the flights be covered by EAA's insurance? This week we got our answer.

While EAA hasn't discouraged my efforts to recruit some volunteer pilots out of their chapters and have been generally "morally supportive" of the idea, they stressed in our telephone conversation that AirMail100 Centennial Flights is not an EAA-sanctioned event and cannot be covered under its blanket insurance policy.

Maybe I should explain what my original intention has been all along.

In researching the original airmail route and airfields using in 1920, I identified all 16 fields: Hazelwood, Bellefonte, Cleveland, Bryan, Maywood, Iowa City, Omaha, North Platte, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Rock Springs, Salt Lake City, Elko, Reno, Sacramento and San Francisco. To make the flights more meaningful and symbolic, Dorian Walker early on suggested we carry commemorative postcards and letters that would be transferred from plane-to-plane along the route. At its most basic, just two aircraft and pilots would make a pre-arranged meet up on the airport ramp. I allowed 30-45 minutes for most of the stops in case local media wanted to show up to interview one or both of the pilots. What happened outside of that exchange was and is not my concern nor responsibility. But as you can imagine, a few participants did not want such an important historic event in aviation history to go unacknowledged.

So, I encouraged them to do whatever they thought appropriate. It would be their responsibility: I have my hands full organizing the pilots, working with the airports, and arranging for the commemorative postcards to be distributed to various Scouting groups around the stop-over points.

EAA asked for a list of the EAA Chapters that have expressed to me interest in holding some type of event - fly-in, pancake feed, movie night - the day the airmail flights come through their local airport. I immediately responded and I am under the impression that they will be reaching out to those chapters.

Of course, none of this prevents us from going ahead with the coast-to-coast flights and mail exchanges. AirMail100 will still happen. While EAA chapters won't officially be able to participate, you all have helped immensely already by spreading the word, enabling us to recruit the pilots and planes. I still hope we can attract at least some media attention and have some of the local populace on-hand for the exchanges, especially when the mail is turned over to San Francisco's postmaster. For a project that quite literally has zero budget, other than what I have "spent" in personal time and energy, I think we have done remarkably well.

Thanks again for signing up and please spread the word. Let's keep alive the memory of those brave, determined, and yes, at times reckless young airmen who risked their lives for an idea worth pursuing.

Blue skies and tailwinds always,

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# TEXAS TRIP

By Molly Pyles

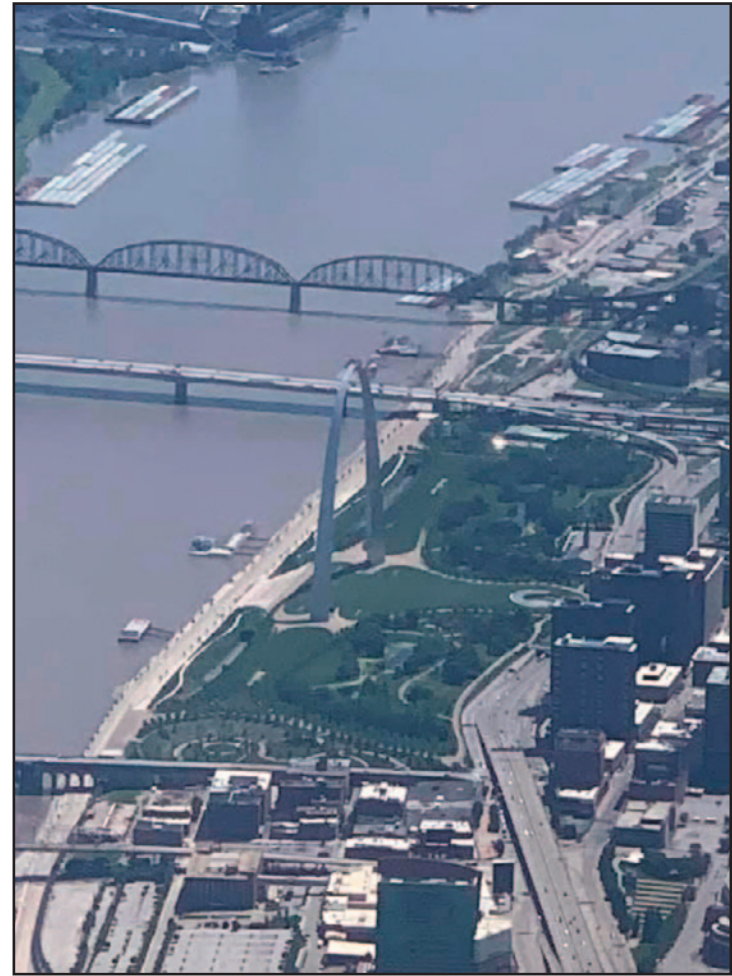
Memorial Day weekend, we woke up at 5 AM Saturday, looked at our METAR map on the wall, saw low IFR conditions well into Ohio, and went back to bed thinking- maybe we're not going. Around 9, the fog started to lift and we started moving our gear from the hallway into the car. At least if we leave by 10, we can get halfway we thought. We loaded up our gear and pups, and took off.



The first leg, we have flight following and we're headed into Illinois. There's a pretty large storm cell, but there's a giant hole we can see on our GPS, and out the window, so we take it. The controller warned of an area of heavy precipitation to our north, which we could see out the window, and knew we would continue to avoid. After a smooth trip through the hole in the storm cell, it was a straight shot South. Our first fuel stop was Shelbyville, Illinois, greeted by a young college-aged kid whose dad managed the airport. He was about to head out in a Vagabond (PA-17) but wanted to be sure he gave us the full service fuel as promised by AOPA. As soon as he finished fueling the Maule, he finished his pre-flight and taxied out to one of the grass runways with the numbers MOWED(!) into them.

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A fairly uneventful flight after this, flying through St. Louis right over downtown, taking so many pictures of the arch. We did make one fuel stop in Lebanon, Missouri before continuing south to Texas. By the time we reached Paris, Texas (our last fuel stop, because Nathan thought it was extra funny to say he took me to Paris) it was around 7 pm, with still an hour or so of daylight, and while we discussed finding a hotel for the night, it also just seemed silly that we were so close, why not continue to Austin? So we did. Close to 15 hours since we left KYIP, we landed at KEDC, Austin Executive Airport. We did have a time change on our side, though, for some reason, the tach time doesn't account for that ;)

Our friend, and Nathan's roommate from college, Ross, met us on the ramp and took us back to his house for some good old R&R. The next morning, we borrowed a car and drove over to my parents house - spoiler alert, they have NO CLUE we left Michigan. So, obviously, we make a cryptic Facebook post about our flight with the very last picture being in front of the gate my dad built a few months ago, hanging a sign he pilfered from his parents house before it was sold. They didn't see it. Even after I tagged them both with a note about how HOT it was outside (nearing 100 degrees...), so I finally made a phone call and mentioned how much I liked the new tree they planted in their yard. Mom took a moment, but she got reaaaalllll quiet and came running out the front door. Needless to say, she was pretty excited.

## PROJECT UPDATE FROM MARTIN FILIATRAULT

News on the build: Baffles done; cowling done to pre-paint status. Working on the canopy. Got the Big Cut done with the help of Terry Lutz and Carl Franz from EAA Chapter 1056. Now working on getting the canopy fit to the frame. Also thanks to Curt Martin of EAA Chapter 194 for his shop visit and advice.



I also made another video for my YouTube channel on testing fire extinguisher deployment. I may submit it for viewing at a general meeting... if we ever have one again!

Here's a link: <https://bit.ly/2Zs3hNv>

## JOE KIRIK'S WAIEX PROJECT UPDATE

Huge thanks to Tom Smith & Mike Scovel for their many visits to my hanger for wing "flipping" as they were being built, and then for the rigging, which was quite a job for them. The wings had to be inserted and removed several times to accomplish this job. Also thanks to John Maxfield for advice and moral support, and to my Tech Counselor Randy Hebron for the ongoing reviews, suggestions, inspections and answering many dumb questions from a first-time builder.



My rigging crew

Wings have been mated & rigged to the fuselage



# LUNCH HOP TO JOE-LEE'S CROSSWIND CAFE AT OWOSSO (RNP)

By Joe Kirik



With Sharon Bahn. The Cafe is now open six days a week, not just weekends. Breakfast & lunch Tues. - Sun. 6 a.m. - 2 p.m., plus "Mexican Night" Fridays 4 - 9 p.m. It's right there on the ramp.

Inside dining is small & a bit cramped for these socially-distanced times, but shaded outside dining is plentiful and distance compliant. Plus, the food is great!



# GREENVILLE, SC (GMU)

By Elizabeth MacKenzie Hebron

Greenville, SC's Downtown Airport (GMU) has a wonderful kids park, as well as a fantastic "Runway Restaurant" overlooking the airport's runway. Runway Park at GMU is free to use and open to the public. The park is approximately 1.38 acres, has an educational amphitheater, exercise "Perimeter Taxiway" and walking "Runways", as well as aviation themed playground equipment, a swing set, airplane wings bench shade structure, a Bi-plane "Climber", a picnic hangar, benches, restrooms, water fountains and a Cessna 310 static display. It also has a redecorated 15-foot cross section of a Boeing 737 fuselage. Our grandchildren highly recommend visiting the airport if you're ever in the Greenville area! It's their favorite area destination to go to with their Pop.

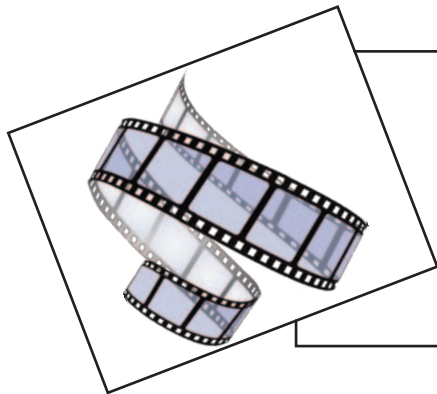
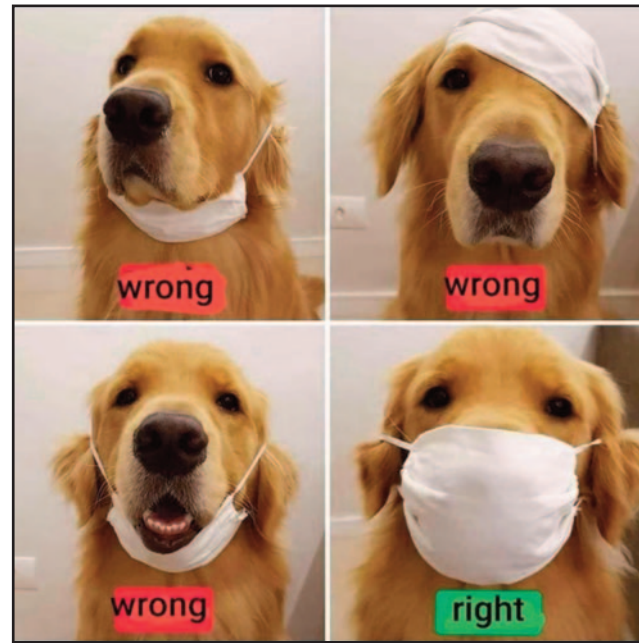




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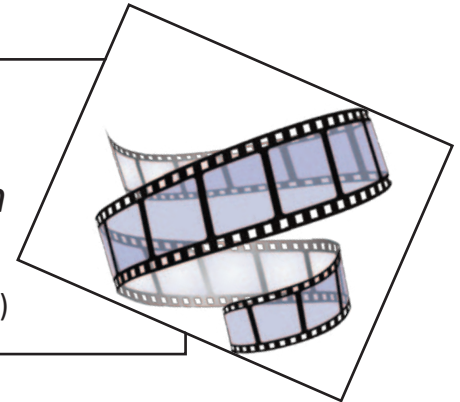


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## ***Calling all video enthusiasts!***

*Submit your video of the month to Jack McClellan  
at [vicepresident@eaa113.org](mailto:vicepresident@eaa113.org)  
(Or you might be watching videos of puppies and kittens next month....)*



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# Next Gathering:

July 16, 2020

7:30 PM

Virtual Gathering via Zoom

Check your email for details.

