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**MAY 2020 VOLUME 51 NUMBER 05**

**2020 CALENDAR**

May 28, 2020 Chapter Meeting

June 11, 2020 Board Meeting

June 13, 2020 Young Eagles

June 25, 2020 Chapter Meeting - Annual Potluck Supper

July 09, 2020 Board Meeting

August 13, 2020 Board Meeting

August 16, 2020 EAA/Duck's Picnic

September 10, 2020 Board Meeting

September 13, 2020 Fly In, Drive In, Ride In

September 24, 2020 Chapter Meeting

September 26, 2020 Young Eagles Day

October 08, 2020 Board Meeting

October 29, 2020 Chapter Meeting

November 12, 2020 Board Meeting

December 05, 2020 Chapter Christmas Party

 **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

**BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY:**

It has been decided by the Board that we will suspend the Saturday Morning Breakfasts until September due to the COVID-19 virus. Hoping the first Saturday in September when we will be able to resume breakfast. Hope to see you there!

**MONDAY EVENING:** There is a Monday Evening building getogether at the hanger. They meet at 7:00 PM at the Hanger. I have also heard there is Popcorn involved at that meeting. Open to everyone ~~~~~

**Chapter meeting**

**MAY 28, 2020**

We are planning on having a meeting on Thursday, May 28th.

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**Have you paid your annual dues??**

 Dues are $20.00 for the year. If you can not pay at the meeting you can also mail your dues to: Jerry Hostetler, 24640 Co. Road 54, Nappanee, IN 46550 or you can go online to: eaa132elkhart.weebly.com.

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**NEW HATS FOR THE SUMMER**

We have new hats on order. Pretty Blue and White summer hats. The cost is $15.00. See Steve Lesher or go on line to: eaa132elkhart.weebly.com.

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Dear EAA 132 Family,

This has been a crazy year so far and we aren't even to Memorial Day. We've had some of the best turn-outs for club meetings, very fun and productive Oshkosh work trip with 19 people participating, a pandemic, shelter in place orders, the passing of our dear friend, lots of cabin fever, masks vs. no masks to leave your house, cancellation of Sun-n-Fun & Airventure, loss, fear, anxiety, but in the end Hope!

I hope and pray each of you are doing well, staying healthy and doing your part to ensure we can get through this and get back to 'normal' as soon as possible. It has broken my heart to see those suffering and lives lost, as well as graduates missing special days, annual celebrations postponed and canceled. It seems like we want just a sense of normalcy again...but it soon will! We have had to alter some schedules, we have had to have zoom board meetings, zoom club meetings and lots of contacts from a distance. Please do us all a favor and give us a report of how you and your family are getting through this time and please check-in on your fellow aviators, enthusiasts and friends. We have so much to look forward to and through what we've lost and missed, hopefully we will all be more grateful for the things some would call 'everyday' or 'average,' as we all should be more grateful for these small blessings.

After our last face-to-face meeting we got the word that one of our board member's wife had a stoke and all were hopeful she would make a full recovery, but unfortunately we lost Dakes Bickell this past month and our hearts break for Roy having to say goodbye to his lifelong sweetheart. Please reach out and lift up this friend as I hope we all would to each other as we have a need.

We've moved the Young Eagle's event to the International Young Eagles Day on June 13th, 2020 and have ordered hundreds of mic covers and sanitizing supplies to ensure we can have a fun event keeping kids, pilots & ground volunteers safe and healthy. Please go to [www.youngeaglesday.org](http://www.youngeaglesday.org/) to register as a pilot or ground volunteer.

We are going to get to participate in the Centennial Flight of the first Transcontinental Air Mail Flight on Sept. 11th. Our friend Sean A. in his Beech 18 will fly to Bryan, OH to pick up the mail, bring it to Elkhart where we will celebrate together and then in a loose caravan take the mail to Joliet, IL to end the first day of the 3-day trip (for the mail bags). We will hand the mail off to the next EAA group, celebrate with a cook-out and movie night and either fly home, camp out or stay over and fly home the next day. Since AirVenture is cancelled, also mark your calendar for the Duck's Fly-in in Edwardsburg, MI. Let's use all the available grass to park a record setting number of fly-in airplanes.

This year we have to be creative and resourceful. Stay positive, healthy & wise, but don't miss the opportunity to stay connected to your fellow aviation enthusiast family, through phone, zoom meetings, fly-ins, hangar hangouts, or just a kind note. We will all be better, stronger and a more vibrant club and people for going through this together!

Best Regards,

Dr. J. Douglas Busch

EAA132 President 2020

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April 29, 2020 Chapter Membership Meeting Via Zoom 7:00pm to 8:25pm 13 attended on-line

This months meeting was held virtually, via Zoom.

The meeting began with a nice patriotic video.

Next was greetings by our President, Dr. Doug.

He reaffirmed our goal of achieving Gold level this year. To get to this level we need either an IMC or VMC affiliated club. Since the Nappanee Chapter already has the IMC we should try for the VMC. This would probably work out for the best as most our members are VFR pilots anyway.

Our new (and improved) Chapter web site is: <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa132>

This is a work is progress and if there are any web developer types in our Chapter, Jim will be more than willing to let someone take over the job. What we would like from everyone is a picture of your airplane or project for the site. When people visit our site, it would be nice to show a representation of our membership.

Email Jim at: jimb131@gmail a picture (jpg) you would like him to use.

The May 16 spring Young Eagles event is still scheduled to happen. It will be ALL outside and we expect a need of twice as many ground volunteers to help as social distancing and disinfecting will be more labor intensive.

All volunteers (both pilots and ground) should go to: [www.youngeaglesday.org](http://www.youngeaglesday.org/) to register.

The member project video of the month was Dave Swifts CAP10 project. Unfortunately the video did not stream well but will be added to our YouTube and web site in the near future.

The Honoree Banquet is still scheduled for June 25, although we would like to hold it outside.

One idea is to have it outside the row of hangers where some of our members keep their airplanes / projects. Hanger doors open so that our members can view/investigate/critique.

The Centennial Airmail Flight is still scheduled for September 11 with more information to follow.

Our FI/DI/RI date has yet to be determined but still looking for a fall timeframe.

Member Roy Bickels wife Dakres passed away on April 22. Everyone is encouraged to pass along condolences to Roy. His address is: 10700 Kern Rd, Osceola, IN 46561.

Flying in a post-pandemic world video was attempted to be shown but the streaming issue kept it from showing correctly.

The program for April was given by our very own Sam Heiter.

Two topics were covered.

First was the FAA Special Federal Air Regulation 118 which covers the current COVID-19 situation.

Although most of it pertains to commercial rated pilots, there is some for GA as well.

Next was an explanation of the current WINGS program.

This is a three-part program which is pretty simple to take part in.

* Go to [http://faasafety.gov](http://faasafety.gov/) to create an account.
* Fill in your Pilot Profile
* Attend a Wings program.

Although different from what some of us have experienced in the past, it is the current program and can be beneficial to all pilots. There is also a sweepstake for both the pilots and instructors who complete Wings levels.

Our final item was a presentation from Dave O’Connor for “A Rosie Place”.

Dave has gone from being a radio personality to the Director of this fine organization.

A video was shown and Dave gave us information about the program.

It is one of the very few organizations in the state/country who does this and it’s right in our own backyard.

More information can be found at: <https://arosieplace.org/>

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May Board Meeting via Zoom 5/3/2020 1:00pm to 1:40pm

Bill, Jim, Don, Karen, Tim, Jerry, Doug, Steve, Dan

Reminder to reach out to Roy Bickell whose wife Dakra recently passed away.

The George Watt EAA Memorial; Jerry has submitted money and information to EAA. The plaque will read “George Watt / Elkhart IN (1st line) Founding Member Chapter 132 (2nd line). Jerry still needs a picture of George to submit.

Sadly, Airventure (Oshkosh) has been canceled for 2020.

Much discussion regarding our Chapter House. Dan has submitted a quote for a new fiberglass door with a window and integrated blind. Due to the non-standard size, it will need to be custom sized. The quote is for $532 and Dan would not charge for installation.

The signs on the outside of the building are in sad shape and they either need to be repainted or vinyl wrapped.

The windows are drafty and could stand to be replaced.

The light fixtures could stand to be updated.

Unfortunately, because our Chapter has not had any fund raisers for several years now the treasury does not have enough funds to do any of these much-needed repairs/improvements.

Several ideas discussed; ask the airport to help with funds as it is technically their building, see if we could do anything to/for the airport in exchange for funds, see if the city/airport would be willing to let us have the farmhouse on the South side to be converted into a Chapter House/park.

It was decided to attempt to hold the May membership meeting outside with the possibility of streaming for those unable to attend due to the COVID-19. A determination will be made closer to the May 28 meeting date. If things have not opened up enough to safely hold here we will hold the meeting via Zoom as what was done in April.

Due to the COVID-19 it was decided to move our spring Young Eagles event from May to June 13. We will need to follow all the State mandated guidelines which will require a larger than usual needed number of ground volunteers.

The Saturday morning breakfasts have been canceled until the fall (first Saturday after Labor Day).

 Sectretary, Jim Butler

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Some Thoughts for the day:

Alexander Graham Bell's first telephone was absolutely useless until he made his second one.

When I was kid, my parents taught me to not believe everything I saw on TV. Now I have to teach them to not believe everything they see on Facebook.

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**Board Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month**

**Building Meetings: Monday Evening 7:00 PM**

**Regular Meetings: Last Thursday of the month unless**

 **Other Plans are made**

 **7:00 PM at Chapter House Chapter**

**GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

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