

April 2020 # 4



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EAA CHAPTER 135



Dues

12 month annual dues are \$20
1 Jan through 31 Dec 2020.
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**No meeting at Exec1 this month;
only a virtual business meeting
5:00pm**

**Contact the President or Vice President
if you would like the virtual link to listen in.**

President's Ramblings April 2020

Uncertain times are words we seem to be hearing used on a daily basis these past few weeks. Others like quarantined, self-quarantine, limit your access to people, stay in doors. We are a society active and involved with the lives of our friends and families. So when we hear those words and phrases tossed around like a rubber ball in a school yard we sit up and take notice. Definitely, troubling times. I hope all of my fellow members of chapter 135 are doing your part to stay safe and healthy too. Even yours truly is self quarantined as I write this due to third party contact. I was able to rejoin society sooner than my ending date of April 3rd due to the culprit creating the apocalyptic debacle tested negative.

That being said, here's a recap of what has gone on in your chapter since last month. If you recall, I mentioned Leadership Academy Bootcamp hosted by Chapter 91 at Lee's Summit airport attended by Stuart Rauh, Marc Broer & myself.

This was a great opportunity to not just network with National EAA staff but other Chapters' board members. I can't say enough good things about this experience; definitely needs to be on your board member list of things to do. To those board members that couldn't attend this time there will be another opportunity to do so. Bootcamps hosted by National EAA in Oshkosh are a two day event

which would allow more time for Q & A. I'm planning to attend again only if it means meeting and networking with fellow EAA'ers around the country.

Last month there was no traditional meeting due to the field trip that was suggested and hosted by our own Jacob Greenfield. Jacob works at Collins Aerospace site, Delavan as an engineer and felt our members might enjoy a personal tour. The group toured the research & development lab, industrial nozzle production line, along with additive manufacturing cell. Those in attendance were Brant Hollensbe, Stuart Rauh, Frank Herman, Marc Broer, Paul Reinke, and Kurt Wendl. Also assisting on the tour was Jacob's coworker, Joe Samo who has 20 years of experience at the company and has been a lead machinist at the R&D facility for many years. The group was able to see the machining equipment used to make gas turbine fuel nozzles as well as various examples of power generation and aerospace fuel nozzles. After the tour, the group went out for food and drinks at Wellman's Pub and Rooftop in West Des Moines. (Jacob Greenfield contributed to this article).

Although, I was unable to attend. I've received three reports back while "interesting" "cool tour" seemed to be the two most used phrases in describing this field trip. To quote our founder Paul Poberezny "*Airplanes bring us together, but friendship keeps us together.*"

Thanks Jacob for your efforts on making the tour happen.

If you are forced to sit at home till the pandemic clears or if you just need time to yourself there are plenty of EAA webinars to checkout. Another idea is review for your Bi-annual Flight Review even if you don't have one coming up. Knowledge is power as the saying goes! As the temperature begins to climb and with your bird in annual and ready to go, what better way to keep social distancing. The person in this picture is doing their part.

No monthly meeting in April. Although a virtual business meeting will be conducted at the same time 5:00 pm. . If you would like the link to listen in you are more than welcome. Email me and I'll send you the link.

Till next time Blue skies and tailwinds.
AJ



March 14th 2020

We were treated to a tour of Collins Aerospace/Delevan by Jacob Greenfield. I was impressed by all the machine shop type of fabricating and metal working equipment, some old school and some space age futuristic.

The dialogue of our two guides went into my brain, and some stuck, but much went into the mental "I don't understand" zone.



I was fascinated by the enormous amounts of electricity this complex required, and the compressed air capacity (gigantic). Thankfully I was able to use the info about 3-D printing that Jacob presented at an earlier meeting when we were shown the massive 3-D printing machines.

I could tell so much more but everyone needs to see it for themselves. If Jacob gives a tour again someday (like next year) jump on the chance to see it.

Marc Broer



Leadership Academy Bootcamp hosted by EAA Chapter 91 at Lee's Summit, Missouri Airport attended by Stuart Rauh, Marc Broer & A.J. Hummel



Progress on the Adirondack Chairs to go to Oshkosh



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31 December 2020.

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Our new bylaws move our fiscal year to Jan. 1, so the dues that are due June 30th will be for \$10.00,
Then \$20.00 dues will be due Jan. 1, 2020

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$200.00 You must be a member of the National EAA

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