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2020

“Important Dates”

General Meeting

April 10th

8:30 AM

Gateway EAA Chapter 1401

Merced Regional Airport

HANGAR 10

Board Meeting

April 29th

7:00 PM

Mike Bodine

2519 Sea Breeze Ct.

Merced, CA

Happy Easter!



Bonnie Gottschalk
Editor

Hello Flight Enthusiasts!

Spring has finally sprung! Time to get those wings dusted off and those propellers spinning and get up in the air! John and I flew to Bakersfield last month to their new Glitz restaurant which replaced the Harmon's Rocket Café after he retired from the restaurant business. We had stopped in on February 21st to check out their menu for a future visit as we were there for a reservation at Hungry Hunters.

I have an extremely limited diet so I was hoping to find something on the menu I could eat. Therefore, find another location to fly to for a short hop. They had two pulled-pork sandwiches on the menu with out BBQ sauce (can't do tomato) which was a genuine gotta try. Unfortunately, when we flew in in March the only pork sandwich on the menu was a BBQ pork rib one. When I asked about the sandwiches we had seen, I was told those were specials that week. Wish they would have told us that when we asked to see the menu back in February for "future" visits. Needless to say, we will not be flying to the Glitz again anytime soon. A fellow pilot liked their breakfast though so don't be afraid to check them out.

The following weekend we made another attempt. I love corn beef and have not been able to find a restaurant that serves it great since the Silver Saloon in Fresno closed. Found one on the internet in San Carlos called Harry's Hofbrau. We decided to fly down and check it out or is it up? At any rate, the flight was wonderful. The day was beautiful. We took a Lyft the 3 miles away. Which was only \$13.00 so not a bad deal. Unfortunately, the corn beef was not up to my standards. John had the turkey, and it was dry. Mashed potatoes were lukewarm. Gravy was good though. John had mac n cheese which he said was pretty good. Maybe if you want to try it out it will be better. Could have been an off day. With this pandemic going on many of my old haunts have not been up to their normal standards.

Clancy Flanagan's presentation was very interesting and his Stearmans worth a look see. Thank you, Clancy, for sharing.

Hope to see you all on the 13th. Until then. God bless you all with health, prosperity and clear blue skies!

Bonnie G.

President's Proclamation



Mike Bodine

April 10, 2021
Gateway EAA Chapter 1401

General Meeting
8:30 AM
EAA hangar #10.

Joe Pruzzo, Castle Air Museum, Executive Director, will be our guest speaker. It has been years since Joe was our guest speaker and a lot has changed at Castle Air Museum.

Remember to wear your face masks and maintain social distancing at the meeting.

Hot coffee and water will be available for all those attending.

We hope to see everyone at the April General meeting April 10th.

Mike Bodine

2021 Gateway EAA Tentative Meeting Schedule

| Board Meetings | General Meetings | Meeting Location | Meeting Agenda and Activity |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Apr 1 | Apr 10 | EAA Hangar 10 | Joe Pruzzo Castle Air Museum Aircraft Display and Social |
| Apr 29 | May 8 | EAA Hangar 10 | Aircraft Display and Social |
| Jun 3 | Jun 12 | EAA Hangar 10 | Aircraft Display and Social |
| Jul 1 | Jul 10 | EAA Hangar 10 | Aircraft Display and Social |
| Aug 5 | Aig 14 | EAA Hangar 10 | Aircraft Display and Social |
| Sep 2 | Sep 11 | EAA Hangar 10 | Aircraft Display and Social |
| Sep 30 | Oct 9 | EAA Hangar 10 | Aircraft Display and Social |
| Nov 4 | Nov 13 | EAA Hangar 10 | Aircraft Display and Social |
| Dec 2 | Dec 11 | EAA Hangar 10 | Chapter Christmas party |



Chapter Events

Clancy Flanagan's Stearmans





Lift Your Spirits



Easter Jokes

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How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?
EGG-xercise and HARE-robics!

How does the Easter Bunny keep his fur neat?
With a hare brush!

Why can't a rabbit's nose be 12 inches long?
Because then it would be a foot!

What did the rabbits do after their wedding?
Went on their bunny-moon!

What happened when the Easter Bunny met the rabbit of his dreams?
They lived hoppily ever after!

How do you catch the Easter Bunny?
Hide in a bush and make a noise like a carrot!

How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket?
Only one - after that it's not empty anymore!

How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?
Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?

How does Easter end?
With the letter R!

How does the Easter Bunny travel?
By hare plane!

What do you call a dumb bunny?
A hare brain!

How does a rabbit keep his fur looking good?
With hare spray!

Why did the Easter egg hide?
He was a little chicken!

What did the rabbit say to the carrot?
It's been nice gnawing you!

Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?
Because the chicken had his Easter eggs!

What kinds of books do bunnies like?
Ones with hoppy endings!





Youth Activities for Your Chapter

By John Egan EAA 336835, EAA Chapters Manager

March 2021 – I see exciting positive signs for 2021, and I hope your chapter is one of those that is actively making plans for the year ahead. We're making it easy to offer youth programs at chapters through our two newest program offerings called EAA Young Eagles Workshops and EAA Young Eagles Build and Fly. Now is a great time to participate in indoor chapter activities, such as building an EAA RC model airplane or teaching kids about aviation.

Nearly 50 chapters have already registered to participate in the workshops program in 2021, and your chapter can as well. The EAA Young Eagles Workshops program enables EAA chapters to offer youth an opportunity to learn about aviation in a social setting at a local airport. EAA Young Eagles Workshops can be a one-day or a multiple-day experience structured to introduce kids to the basic elements of airplanes and aviation. Through various classroom-style learning and hands-on activities, EAA Young Eagles Workshops provide emotional, creative, social, and educational growth to kids with mentorship from EAA chapter members. These workshops focus on specialized aviation





content and materials to offer kids to embrace aviation as a potential recreational or career path as they mature.

To learn more about EAA Young Eagles Workshops go to EAA.org/YEWorkshops.

If hands-on building is the activity of choice for chapters, join the 34 other chapters already participating in the remote-controlled airplane building and flying program called EAA Build and Fly. The EAA Young Eagles Build, and Fly program is an RC model building and

flying program to introduce youth to aircraft construction and the fundamentals of flight. This is a chapter modeling "program-in-a-box" designed for EAA chapters to partner with local Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) clubs to engage Young Eagles participants and other youth. The program can either be a follow-up to or lead to an EAA Young Eagles flight and is intended to further their passion for aviation. The program kit includes an EAA-exclusive, SIG electric-powered eKadet LT-40 kit, all building materials, electronics, and accessories; a Horizon Hobby Vapor indoor RC model, and a copy of the RealFlight 9 RC flight simulator. The SIG electric-powered eKadet LT-40 kit is an electric motor version of the traditional SIG LT-40 Glo Plug engine powered model, only available through this program. The only things the chapter and club need to provide are the volunteers, a space to house the program, and a computer to run RealFlight 9. To learn more about EAA Build and Fly, go to EAA.org/YEBuildandFly. Be sure to decorate your chapter RC airplane with your chapter motif and bring it to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021 to display it in the Blue barn and fly it in the EAA AirVenture RC Flying Field.



[Introducing Express Arrival at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021](#)

Safety has always been a top priority for EAA and Airbus, and this year it's more important than ever. That's why we've proudly partnered with Airbus to offer Express Arrival. To make your admission to AirVenture as safe and effortless as possible, when you register in advance and select Express Arrival, we will send your wristbands, parking, and Camp Scholler passes to you by mail. [Read more >](#)

[EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast Begins 2021 National Tour.](#) EAA's B-17 bomber *Aluminum Overcast* will return to a full national tour in 2021 after being sidelined for nearly all of 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. [Read more >](#)

[CFI Milestone — Chelsea Montgomery.](#) As a 2020 recipient of the Elgin Wells, Jr. Starjammer CFI Scholarship, this past year I was able to complete my CFI rating. Achieving my CFI rating was one of the hardest, yet most rewarding experiences I have had up to this point in my training. [Read more >](#)

[After the Build.](#) Why not teach kids how to build an airplane? You obviously have the experience and skills. You have the tools and space. You can start a new project and share your knowledge with the next generation. What's stopping you? [Read more >](#)

[Tribute to the Grandest Aviatrix: NC8407.](#) An aircraft was just turning final and my brother stopped the car for a clear view. It looked very sturdy, like our Eads Bridge in St. Louis. We recognized it as a Ford Tri-Motor. [Read more >](#)

[Ray Foundation Million Dollar Challenge Extended.](#) The Ray Foundation has generously offered to extend the Ray Foundation Million Dollar Challenge to help us reach our goal. To date, we have received a little over \$750,000 in new or increased gifts. If you have ever considered donating to the EAA Aviation Foundation, now is the time to do it, as your gift could be doubled through the Ray Challenge. Your gift supports EAA's critical education, safety and outreach programs. [Donate now >](#)



[EAA's *The Green Dot* — The Future of Flight with Beth Stanton.](#) This time on EAA's *The Green Dot*, we (virtually) welcomed Beth Stanton, an accomplished aerobatic pilot and a regular freelance contributor for EAA's *Sport Aviation* magazine, to the show to talk about what the future of flight might look like. [Listen now >](#)

[EAA Meets With New Federal Air Surgeon.](#) On Wednesday, the EAA Advocacy and Safety team and the leadership of the EAA Aeromedical Advisory Council met with the new Federal Air Surgeon, Dr. Susan Northrup, and her senior medical staff. [Read more >](#)

[IAC Announces National Aerobatics Day.](#) The skill, beauty, and excitement of aerobatic flight will be celebrated on Saturday, June 26, during the inaugural National Aerobatics Day, as announced by Jim Bourke, President of the International Aerobatics Club (IAC). [Read more >](#)

[Ready for Your First Flight?](#) Make sure your checklist is ready, too, by reviewing our list of the top 10 build issues to watch out for before the maiden voyage of your homebuilt project. [Read more >](#)

[Volunteer Spotlight — Jim Hornby and Dennis Lange.](#) The Vintage Aircraft Association portion of the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh grounds takes up a pretty sizable chunk. Maintaining that chunk requires a lot of volunteer effort, and it begins with Jim Hornby, EAA 234285, and Dennis Lange, EAA 198454, who have been volunteering as part of the grounds crew with Vintage since the 1980s. [Read more >](#)

[Game Changer.](#) From Game Composites in Bentonville, Arkansas, comes the GameBird, the airplane that's changing the game for long-range and aerobatic performance. [Watch now >](#)

[Cockpit 360 Spotlight — Pitts S-2 Special.](#) How many of you have had the chance to fly in a Pitts? Take a seat in the EAA Aviation Museum's 1966 Pitts S-2 Special prototype, donated by Curtis Pitts himself. [View now >](#)

[EAA Featured on AMA Podcast.](#) This week, Sean Elliott, EAA's vice president, advocacy and safety, was the featured guest on the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) podcast, talking about how EAA and the AMA have worked closely over the years to advocate for their respective memberships. [Listen now >](#)

[New Book Documents EAA Chapter One Airport History.](#) Aviation historian Barbara H. Schultz traces the history of EAA Chapter 1's home in her new book, *Flabob Airport, Riverside, California*. [Learn more >](#)

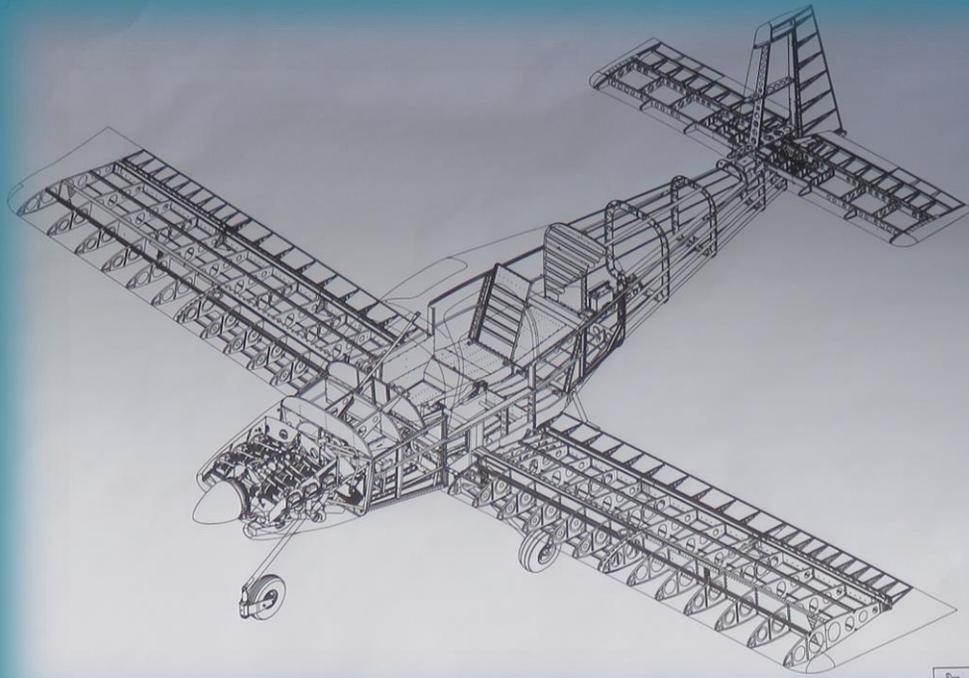
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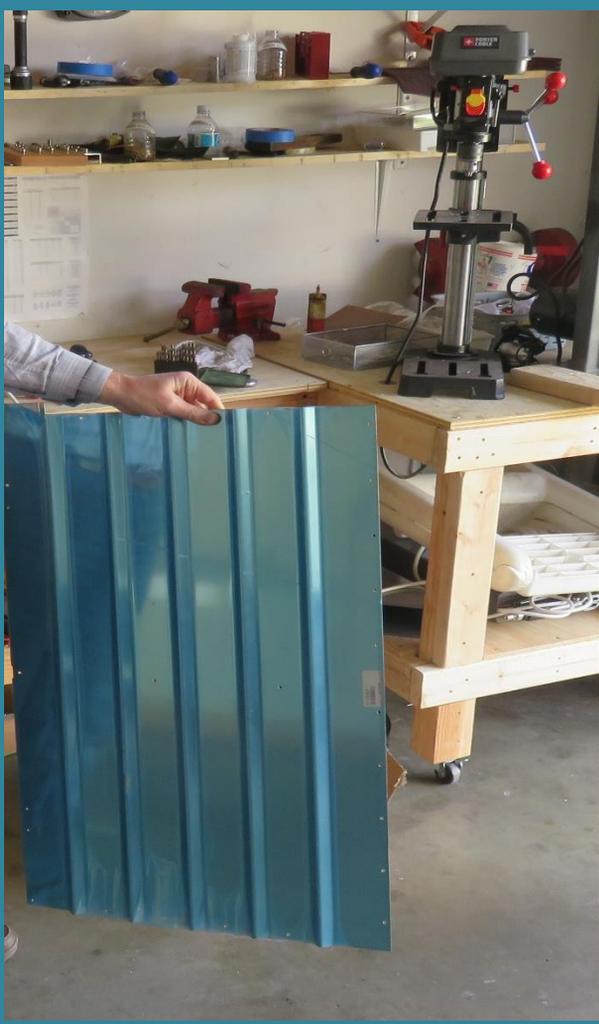
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100-Year-Old North Texan, World War II Pilot Martha Cowan Celebrates Lifetime Of Breaking Gender Barriers



[Martha Cowan](#)

LEWISVILLE, Texas (CBSDFW.COM) – A World War II pilot, a ship builder and now Martha Cowan is a centenarian. There was a surprise birthday party in Lewisville Wednesday, March 24, for an exceptional woman who has lived a life breaking down gender barriers. Her head barely visible over the dashboard, Cowan may be little, but this was her big day. She arrived for her parade and birthday party at the Lewisville Estates Assisted Living Center.

When asked how it feels to be 100, Cowan responded, “Feels the same way as being less than 100 but I’ve had a.” wonderful life and I’ve had a lot of wonderful experiences.”

Experiences that include being one of the few female pilots to fly for the US Army Air Corp during World War II.

When asked, “What it was like to be a pilot, a female pilot back in those days of World War II?,” Cowan responded, “Scary.”

Cowan’s husband was also an Army pilot.

She spent 13 years in the military and once had dinner with President Eisenhower.

She later worked as an engineer building barges on the west coast and even flight trained with future astronauts.

“We were with the people who were training to fly to the moon, so I’ve been involved in a lot of stages,” she said.

Cowan’s dance moves tell you all you need to know about her health and how much she appreciated the long overdue attention.

“Thank you all for being here and thank you for what you’ve given me through the years I appreciate it, I love you all,” she said.

In honor of Cowan’s remarkable career, she received an American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol along with a commendation from the Pentagon for her role in making the sky the limit on what women of her era could achieve.



<https://dfw.cbslocal.com/2021/03/24/100-texan-world-war-ii-pilot-martha-cowan-celebrates-lifetime-gender-barriers/>

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