



E.A.A Chapter 1643 Newsletter



Notes from the Secretary: [Brian Vallero](#)

First and foremost, I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy through this pandemic! As everyone is aware Covid-19 has put a strain on almost every aspect of our daily lives. However, on a positive note, in the past week or so there has been a hint of light at the end of the tunnel. For instance, yesterday while working at the airport, I saw more recreational flying than I have seen in a long time! Fellow Chapter member Stu Olmsted was flying his beautifully restored "Skybolt", along with Bill Hurley out taking his Cessna Cardinal for a cruise.

I am thankful that our Chapter has so many enthusiastic members, I was overwhelmed with excitement and joy following our first meeting. It is important for each one of our members to understand that our Chapter, because of all of you, will be able to hurdle over the "runway closure" that COVID-19 has caused. Behind the scenes, the IRS has been closed for a while now, so we are still waiting on our Federal ID number. We do have updated By-Laws that need to be approved by a majority of the chapter. Keep an eye on your email for a copy of the By-Laws to review and THEN another email containing a survey of whether you approve or disapprove the By-Laws, as written.

Unfortunately, I believe we can all count on this month's meeting being cancelled, as well. With the Governors extended order and our awesome membership turnout, we would be well over the 10 person limit on gatherings.

Even though we have not gotten off to the start that we all had hoped for, I am extremely confident that we will endure this setback and keep moving forward in the coming months! Please check out the following excerpt with updates from your neighborhood flight instructor!

From the Right Seat: [Aaron Repp](#)

During these difficult times surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic and the uncertainty of which direction to walk down the cereal aisle at your local grocery store, the FAA has stepped in to provide necessary direction surrounding a few key aviation regulations. Specifically, the FAA has issued a Special Federal Aviation Regulation or SFAR (a temporary rule to address a situation, occasionally used in a time of crisis) on April 30th to grant an exemption on pilot medical certificate expiration dates, flight review expiration dates, among many others in the 93-page SFAR.

The FAA stated that they will not take enforcement action against certain pilots or flight engineers who fly domestically with medical certificates that expire between March 31, 2020 and June 30, 2020. This is to help prevent increased stress on the healthcare system and to decrease the risk of transmitting the virus through personal contact between the doctor and applicant during this "non-emergency medical service". It is important to remember that this relief does not extend to the requirements of 14 CFR 61.53 and 63.19 regarding prohibition on operation during a medical deficiency. You can view the enforcement policy at the following link:

https://www.faa.gov/news/media/Enforcement_Policy_signed.pdf

Unfortunately, the extension of flight reviews due from March through June of 2020 only applies to certain eligible pilots. Some of those requirements include:



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- Current to act as PIC in March of 2020
- Flight review due March through June of 2020
- Pilots in any operation that requires at least a commercial pilot certificate
- Or, operations requiring private pilot certificates who have:
 - 500 hours total time
 - 400 hours as PIC
 - 50 hours last 12 calendar months
 - Doing these types of operations:
 - Incidental to business or employment
 - In support of family medical needs or to transport essential goods for personal use
 - Necessary to fly an aircraft to a location in order to meet a requirement of this chapter
 - A flight to transport essential goods and/or medical supplies to support public health needs
 - Persons onboard must be essential to the flight

I invite you to read the entire SFAR, especially if you plan to take advantage of this "regulatory relief". The link can be found here:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/04/2020-09472/relief-for-certain-persons-and-operations-during-the-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-outbreak>

EAA 's advocacy team and AOPA have been instrumental as the voice of General Aviation throughout this process. Links are included, below, that expand further on this topic and include a list of the FAA Regulatory Updates due to Coronavirus.

I believe that this time spent without "non-essential activities" can help afford us opportunities to continue our learning as aviators, especially through various webinar's.

EAA Webinars: <https://www.eaa.org/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-webinars>

EAA Advocacy April 30th: <https://www.eaa.org/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-aviation-news/news/04-30-2020-FAA-SFAR-Covers-Commercial-and-Public-Interest-Needs-but-Misses-Recreational-Flying>

EAA Advocacy May 7th: <https://www.eaa.org/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-aviation-news/news/05-07-2020-Official-FAA-Notice-Confirms-Limited-Coverage-of-COVID-19-SFAR>

FAA Regulatory Updates due to Coronavirus:

https://www.faa.gov/coronavirus/regulatory_updates/#apmce

AOPA "Is Your Currency Expiring?"

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2020/april/09/is-your-currency-expiring>