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## 2020 CALENDAR

FORMAL EAA 182 CHAPTER MEETINGS  
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE  
TO COVID

SEE NOTE FROM THE EDITOR FOR  
INFORMATION ON ALTERNATIVE  
GATHERINGS

# President's Column

Hello all,

After missing Airventure OSHKOSH2020 due to the Coronavirus and no improvement of the infection cases, we still can't have a meeting. This will be a liability issue for the insurance of our chapter and seen as alleged negligence if somebody would pick up COVID-19 and sue us. That eliminates the coverage for the chapter and its officers.

I hope there is, in near future, a way to gather. Has anybody followed up the "Spirit of Aviation Week" with good deals of some suppliers and countless webinars?

I see some of our members working in their hangars and also flying with "social distancing". Our member, Bob Sultzbach, has now retired and some of us helped him moving his RV-8A project.

We loaded all his plane parts and all tools and benches in a U-Haul truck and he drove it to his new home in Michigan by himself. He told me it took him 12 hrs nonstop to get there and his new neighbors helped him unload and move his stuff in his basement where he plans to finish it. Sorry we lose a nice member and hope to hear from him in future. We wish him all the best.

A couple of weeks ago there were some T-6 planes in Millington doing a "Formation Clinic". I missed the event unfortunately as an old friend of mine from my Cincinnati EAA chapter 174 was the lead pilot. Todd Winemiller is the lead in the T-6 formation that we saw in Oshkosh every year. There is also every year a fly-in at his farm airstrip, the "SWORFI", with 20-30 planes attending.

The Ford Tri-motor tour is still not yet confirmed and on hold till they see a recovery in COVID-19 cases.

I hope I have better news for you next month and look forward to meeting all of you soon again.

Stay safe and healthy.

Blue skies

Gerhard Schubert

President EAA ch 182 Memphis



## Maintenance Corner

One of the best parts of going to Oshkosh is getting a chance to attend a workshop or two. While we weren't able to attend this year in person, the folks at EAA Headquarters were still able to hold virtual shop webinars. For a limited time, you can view those webinars here:

[https://www.eaatogether.org/  
live/homebuilding](https://www.eaatogether.org/live/homebuilding)

Happy viewing!

We're always looking for maintenance content to put in our newsletter! If you have a tip you'd like to share whether it's something you did, something someone else did, or just something you ran across online, drop us a line at [ea182memphis@gmail.com](mailto:ea182memphis@gmail.com) and we'll put it in a future newsletter!



## Secretary's Corner

Reminder that memberships were due January 1st. We need these dues to help pay for our EAA National Membership and insurance. Dues are \$35 for individuals and \$45 for a joint membership which includes 2 people, same household, spouse or partner, plus all children under 18 years of age.

### **Please send checks to:**

EAA Chapter 182,  
c/o Frank Civera  
3085 Stage Post Suite 4  
Bartlett, TN 38133

Also, reminder you if you completed the EAA Youth Protection Program for Young Eagles to please check your renewal date as we hope to have another good Young Eagles year this year.

CAVOK and Tail Winds,





## Note from the Editor

The world may have shut down due to COVID, but there's still plenty of flying going on! Dennis Long generously provides a list each week of places to go via Yahoo Groups. Yahoo is a little tricky these days, but the email to subscribe is [msff-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:msff-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You can also check out <https://www.funplacestofly.com/> and subscribe to their newsletter to keep up-to-date of local get-togethers. Be sure to contact them before you head out!

We're always looking for content. If you have any mechanic tips, flying adventures, projects that you're working on, or just anything aviation-related, email us at [ea182memphis@gmail.com](mailto:ea182memphis@gmail.com). You don't have to be an expert writer or photographer. Just send us the basics of what you have and we'll take care of the rest!

Deadline for content to be included in that month's newsletter is the first Friday of each month.

Happy Flying!

# EAA 182 STORE

We have lots of t-shirts and coozies! We'll be slowly adding things to the store. If you would like to see something in particular, email us and let us know!

# Member News



Moving day for Bob  
Sultzbach.

Good luck at your new  
place, Bob!





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Cameron Bunting's  
successful first solo in his  
Long-Eze out of KLCQ,  
Lake City, Florida.

Congrats, Cameron!



We would love to post your  
flying adventures and  
projects! Email us at  
[ea182memphis@gmail.com](mailto:ea182memphis@gmail.com)  
to be included in a future  
newsletter!

# T-6 Millington Gathering

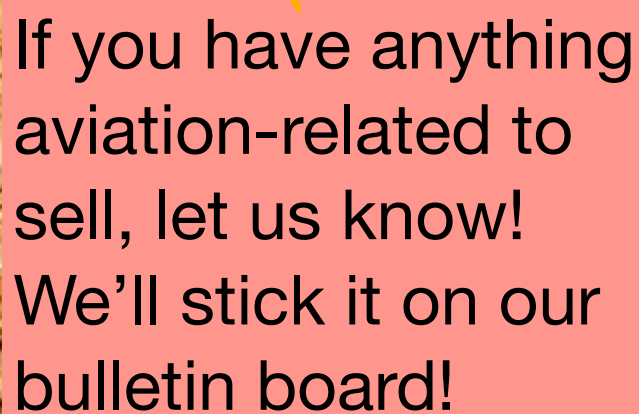
The CAF gathered at Millington Airport about three weeks ago with a fleet of T-6s. They were graced with beautiful flying weather and a few of our members were able to attend and get some great shots. Many thanks to the CAF for a fun weekend!







# Bulletin Board



If you have anything aviation-related to sell, let us know! We'll stick it on our bulletin board!



# Gone West

Thomas Dwight Smith  
April 17, 1940 - December 4, 2019

In honor of Dwight's memory, we're continuing his tribute with stories of how he touched the lives of our members. If you have a story you would like to share, please let us know and we'll include it in future newsletters.



I have a few memories of our friend, Dwight Smith, to regale. After a lifelong desire to own and fly a J-3 Cub, my friend, Rich Aust and I decided to take the plunge in 1998 and purchase a Cub that long time chapter member Leon Andrews turned us on to. So, after our first visit to Airventure that year, we returned all fired up and ready to go after purchasing the Cub from Sam Smith at Eads, Tennessee. We had to hangar the Cub for the first year down at my hometown airport, Fletcher Field, at Clarksdale, Mississippi. After our first year of ownership we were advised to go ahead and get to work restoring the Cub. It was last covered in the early '70's in grade A Cotton and the punch tests were dictating the time for re-cover. As has always been the case, the members of EAA Chapter 182 welcomed us with enthusiasm and open arms, ready to help us with the project. It was agreed upon by the officers and members that a corner of the chapter hangar at DeWitt Spain airport be rented to us to complete the restoration of our Cub. One of the first and nicest members we met was Dwight Smith. As always, Dwight was eager and willing to help us anyway he could with our project and he was genuinely interested in seeing it progress.

One day, Dwight was standing around talking with us and he asked how long we thought it might take us working part time to finish the Cub. My ownership partner, Rich Aust, spoke right up and said "aw, we'll have it done in no more than a year." Dwight grinned and said "I wouldn't bet on it, it'll take you at least three years to finish it." Rich fired right back with "you wanna bet?" Dwight, with his grin calmly answered back "sure, what do you want to bet?" Rich thought for a moment and came back with "howbout a bottle of Scotch?" Dwight and Rich shook on it and by golly, Rich welshed on the bet and never did pay Dwight the bottle of Scotch since it DID take us between 3 and 4 years of part time work to finish the project! And speaking of finishing the Cub, I had a little incident with it right after we had gotten it finished and signed off. Let's just say I made my one and only successful dead engine, dead stick landing in the Cub with the outcome being (fortunately) no scratches on me or our freshly restored Cub! After the airplane was partially disassembled and brought back to the chapter hangar from the Arkansas side of the levee (with the help of our wonderful chapter members, many of whom are no longer with us), Dwight pulled me aside at the next chapter meeting and with that signature grin of his, asked me what people were saying to me after my emergency landing. He asked me that question

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because he genuinely wanted to know what people were saying so he could, sort of, personally study people's reactions to the incident. It made for the usual great banter back and forth with him.

Dwight told me another story from his days on the Memphis Police Department. This one had me in stitches I was laughing so hard! He said an urgent call went out over the police radio one warm afternoon that there was an escapee in a neighborhood near the zoo. After half the Memphis Police force had made the highly charged scene, it was discovered that the dangerous escapee was a *monkey* from the zoo! As the finest minds of the Memphis Police Department worked on a strategic plan to bring the escapee down from a tree he had planted himself in, the young *simian* became a bit agitated with all the fuss going on below him and decided to defend himself the way Mother Nature intended. As all the uniformed faces were staring up at the furry fellow, the first sign of trouble came flying at them from above. To their horror, someone yelled "INCOMING!", as

the *monkey* began to hurl the soft, odorous, grenades called *monkey dung* down upon those that would dare try to recapture the island dweller from the zoo!

The last thing I remember of the story was the shock, awe and grimacing faces of many hastily retreating police officers as dung was flung down upon them! I'm sure a number of area laundries got some good business from Memphis Police officers who were there to witness that memorable afternoon! What a great and humorous memory shared by Dwight!

I shall miss Dwight very much and especially think of his total dedication to the B-17 tour stops. He always made sure that area B-17 veterans came out to see the airplane and he always made sure that his chapter volunteers were able to take flight in the historic machine and I'm sure he is now assisting those that have gone before in his own special way.

Alan Howell