



March, 2020

## Presidents Corner

I have waited a couple of weeks before writing this column, just to get an idea what the impact of the corona virus is going to be on aviation events generally, and Chapter 237 specifically. While the airport remains open, we must still follow the executive order of social distancing, and shelter in place as much as possible. Here is a message from Joe Harris - Director of Reliever Airports to John Krack - Chair of Reliever Airport Advisory Council for ANE regarding recreational flying:

*The Reliever Airports will remain open during the 'shelter-in-place' executive order.*

*Each aviator/operator must determine whether an operation is essential. For example, I'd consider flight proficiency as an essential operation. Moreover, Part 135 charter, life-safety missions, maintenance and repair, line service to name a few would be essential operations, and to a lesser extent flight training activity would be a bit more murky. The point being is-- there is a great deal of ambiguity with the Governor's EO in regard to aeronautical movements.*

*MAC staff will not challenge people who visit the airports. I'd strongly urge everyone to continue exercise great discretion to adhere to the Governor's EO. This is an exceptionally serious situation.*

The chapter building remains open, although we have cancelled all group events and user groups that use the building in the evening, and of course the recent chapter meeting. Most likely, the April chapter meeting will be cancelled as well. For the next couple of months we will attempt to keep members up to date via emails and this newsletter.

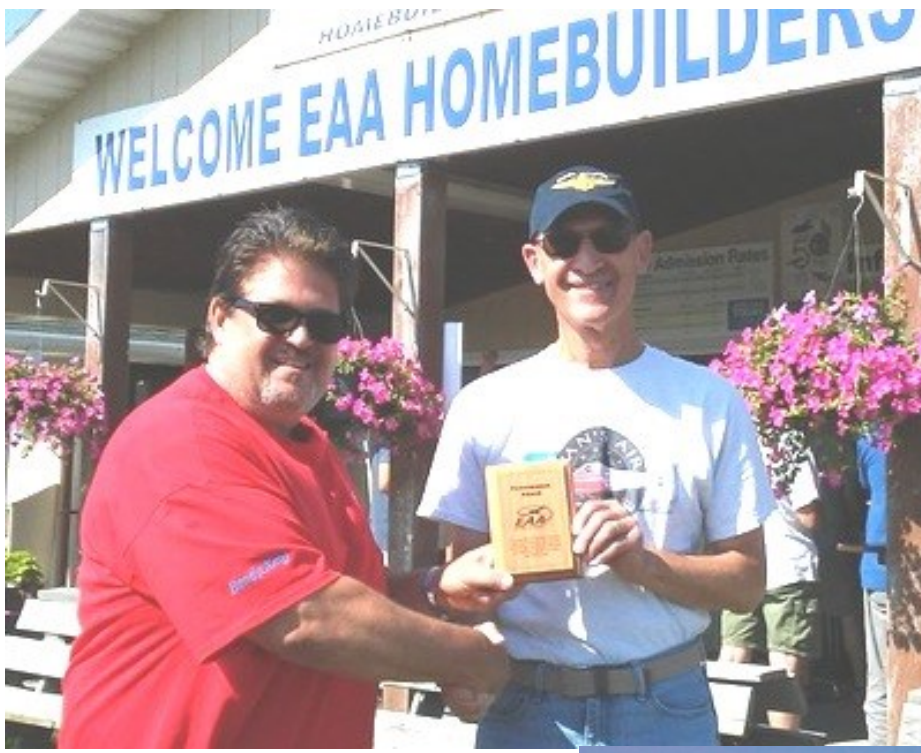
Although our chapter group activities are on a temporary hold, I invite those of you building a project to send me a paragraph on the status of your build and it will be included in the next newsletter.

Speaking of projects, prior to the shelter in place directive, a few of us were able to visit Clem Spencer to review his exceptional Emeraude 238 build that he wants to donate to our chapter. Read the article further in this newsletter on the EAA 237 chapter board recommendation regarding this potential project.

As always, feel free to contact me or a board member with any chapter related issue.

## AirVenture 2020

Jack Pelton has issued a statement regarding AirVenture 2020. Planning for the event started at the end of AirVenture 2019 and is continuing as well as are preparations. Read his statement at [Looking Ahead-to-AirVenture](#)



Frank Huber receiving his Perseverance Award



## A Pleasant Surprise

Having finished my aircraft in August of 2018, this year was my first chance to fly my RV-7A to Oshkosh. I flew down on Monday morning and got right in flying at the higher altitude on the arrival. After parking in the RV area, I made my way to the experimental aircraft registration booth. I gave the volunteer my information and told him this was the first time for the aircraft I finished building in 2018. He congratulated me and then yelled to all the volunteers that there was a pilot, who had brought his finished project to Air Venture for the first time. Everyone stopped what they were doing and started signing a song, that in a very clever and humorous way congratulated me for my perseverance in finishing my aircraft project. It was great! After finishing my check-in, the volunteer said there was going to be an award ceremony. So he grabbed another volunteer and came out in front of the Homebuilder Welcome center. I was then presented with a beautiful Perseverance Award plaque while the other volunteer took some pictures of the event. I have it hanging in my hangar. The EAA does a great job recognizing all the hard work we put into completing our projects and create a memorable experience the first time you bring it to Air Venture.



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## Ice Port 2020

This was Ice Port on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> on Lake Mille Lacs at Da Boathouse restaurant. They plow a runway about 80' wide and a mile long and connecting taxiways.

The morning started clear for ½ hour then it turned to fog and low ceiling. I kept checking the weather and it was 3 miles and 300 ft ceiling. Finally, about 11:45 it started to breakup and I took off in my Aer-onca Chief on skis. It was ceiling of about 900' part way up there however clear over the lake. I could hear planes coming in and a lot of activity on my radio. I slipped in from the South, landed on the lake then taxied over to a parking area. They had a great setup and flagmen at every intersection to direct aircraft.

Doug from Tanis was there with lots of door prizes and had 85 people signed up of the 50-60 aircraft that flew in. Da Boathouse had a big buffet setup in their dining room for the customers. A fun time for all. — *Robert Heavirland*



Heidi Stoepler in her Taylor craft all the way from Madison, SD



Alex Murphy from Osceola landing the 182



Organizer Mark from Create Lift Aviation

Photos courtesy of **Jeremy Dando**



Bob Heavirland giving a ride to one of the staff at Da Boat-house



David Swantek's Sport Cruiser



Part of the group at awards time.



Emily Deblack nice 180

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Sincerely,

Jim Libersky  
Maple Grove, MN

## Your Chapter Board

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## Help Wanted At the Chapter

With all the activity in EAA 237, several volunteer opportunities have been identified. We need good looking, talented individuals for the following positions, but will settle for a warm body! The positions can be shared positions, grab a friend and work together! Remember, the more you put into something, the more you get out of it!

**Membership Coordinator** - This position reaches out to potential members to join our chapter, enters new members into the EAA membership application, acts as chapter ambassador, develop posters and brochures, promotes general chapter functions.

**Technical Advisor** - This person is a chapter-nominated and EAA Headquarters-appointed position predicated on an individual's experience with aircraft construction. Essentially this person helps members present a "zero defect" aircraft at final inspection by the FAA.

**Marketing Coordinator(s)** - The role of this position is to develop a marketing strategy to bring awareness of our chapter to print, video, and social media.

**Building Committee** - So far a party of one. Some of you will receive a tap on the shoulder. This committee will explore the feasibility of a new or expanded building space.

**VMC & IMC Coordinator(s)** - This position will moderate the VMC and IMC video events downloaded from EAA Headquarters. This could be two different people. This person will also help promote the VMC & IMC events.

### The Editor Says:

Your article submissions are welcome. I would like to have a series that covers the construction and first flight of your project. Photographs of people, airplanes and parts of airplanes are welcome. You may send comments to [editor@eaa237.org](mailto:editor@eaa237.org). Text must be submitted only as a text file or Microsoft Word file.

### Electric Propulsion

EAA 237 member Ron Borree would like to connect with other members who are interested in electric propulsion. Reach Ron at [borreerab@gmail.com](mailto:borreerab@gmail.com) or 920-740-8821

### An Offer of Help

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## Emeraude Project

Approximately two weeks ago, Mark Heule, Ron Fichtner, and I went to meet Clem Spencer and review his Emeraude 238 airplane project that he is willing to donate to our chapter. We were amazed at the quality of the build. All wood joints were assembled with epoxy and the assemblies are sealed with polyurethane. The wing is rigged and is very close to the covering stage. After seeing the quality of the wing, we decided to travel with Clem to look at the fuselage which is in a storage building in Roberts, WI. The fuselage is as gorgeous as the wings are. The project looks to be well along and no covering has been attached, although Ceconite is included. The slider canopy needs some final fitting, and nothing has been done firewall forward. The attached pictures are from last year when he sent them to EAA HQ while he was trying to find someone to take the plane. Clem estimates he has about \$25,000.00 invested in the plane and wants it to go to a 501(C)(3) organization. The three of us looked at each other and decided the Chapter should not pass on this project. We feel this project would be a perfect fit for the chapter because of the quality of the build and completeness of the project.

Clem has a fresh zero timed engine, an O-320, A1A with logs, 1455 hours, and is lubed for storage. The rocker arms are removed so the cylinders have been completely closed. The engine would need to be purchased by the chapter and Clem is asking \$7,700.00 for it. We are not required to purchase the engine, although we think it sounds like a great value.

Our biggest concern is where do we store the project until we can get to work on it? Realistically, I don't think we would be able to work on it before this fall since we need to finish the 701 first. Clem would like to get it out of his garage and he is paying \$110.00/mo for storage rental in WI.

Ultimately, upon completion of this plane we expect it to pass into the 237 Aerosquadron flying club, just as we anticipate the 701 will do.

We told Clem that we needed to pass this by the chapter for review and approval. I was hoping to present this to the chapter at the March meeting, but obviously that wasn't possible. He was fine with that as our chapter meeting was scheduled for next week, however now we need to deal with Coronavirus. I am asking the chapter to think this project over and generate questions and concerns if we take it on. We will put together a future email that will consist of a survey to get chapter input and approval. In the meantime, if anyone has questions please feel free to reach out to me and I will do my best to answer them.

Kevin Sislo







The Emeraude Project



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