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March Meeting is Canceled





President's Corner

by Bill Doherty

Wow, what changes the world has seen in the past month! I started thinking about what to put into my first

newsletter article with ideas to revisit the inspirations that brought each of us into the world of aviation. Maybe another time. Due to the fear of the Corona Virus COVID-19 around the world everything is becoming highly restricted and even gatherings of more than a handful of people are discouraged or banned outright to help thwart this growing nightmare. Obviously, this impacts Chapter 32. For the safety of everyone involved we must cancel ALL chapter functions effective immediately and probably for several months beyond that. We'll evaluate as the situation dictates and will make announcement when we can resume some level of activity. This includes ALL meetings for the chapter and Explorer Post, Young Eagle events, and any social activities like Movie Nights.

And we thought 2019 was bad. To compound things, it's quite possible the river could rise again this year.

Except for World War II, probably none of us have seen the entire world shut down like this with everyone told to shelter in their home potentially for months. This whole situation is making all of us think about things in uncomfortable new ways and to realize there is so much that is beyond our capacity to control. Often our best response is to be as proactive as we can and have a plan in place, ready to go for what we can imagine. Where I work, we are now cleaning every surface we can think of at least three times a day with a minimum solution of 10 percent bleach to water. By the way, alcohol-based hand sanitizer is a very effective if painful way to locate unseen cuts in your finger skin. Mine are like raw meat. Like every other industry I expect business activity there will rapidly taper off as people realize the magnitude and gravity of this situation and thus restrict their travel.

I encourage all our chapter members to take the COVID-19 threat seriously and take whatever measures necessary at home to maintain clean protocols personally and on all surfaces as much as possible. Exercise your best judgement and be cautious in going out and about.

With regard our watery, muddy neighbor to the north of our home airport, we've experienced several close calls with the Mississippi flooding in the past but 2019 was a devastating direct hit on everyone at KSET. St. Charles County is just now getting the Request For Proposals (RFP) published to rebuild/repair the buildings and other county-maintained facilities at the airport. Once a contractor has been selected the work will commence but that may still be months down the line given the nature of government contracting and delays due to COVID-19.

In the meantime, even though we're temporarily shut down Chapter 32's recovery efforts are still in motion with fewer punch list items to deal with. Going forward we'll have a known, written flood contingency plan in place so when we know the river is rising, we can hit "ACTIVATE" and set it in motion. I've been sourcing storage options and the logistics of how to execute a rapid removal of the heavy equipment from the ARC along with all the smaller, more easily moved items in the building. I'll work with our flood task force to refine these plans to as much detail as we can.

I've also started an Executive Level account for the Chapter at Costco. If you're interested in joining as an associate member to the account, it's listed as "Spirit of St. Louis Chapter 32 EAA". With this account level each year we receive back either 2 percent of our purchases or \$60.00 whichever is greater up to \$1,000. So, all that toilet paper and hand sanitizer along with other survival supplies could count towards some fundraising for the chapter! There's a silver lining even in this adversity! Additionally, when we get through COVID-19 and can resume Young Eagle activities they offered to donate some of the food items. Hey, every little bit helps, right? At a future meeting, I'll invite David Coleman, their Marketing Rep. to visit and have membership info available. I'd like to feature companies that help sponsor our activities.

His son is First Sergeant in the 101ST Airborne in his 7th year deployed to Afghanistan!

When we get back, we'll be able to enjoy a new movie screen too. I got another billboard size tarp online to use. This one is unused and completely white on both sides. I've approached St. Charles Flying Service about teaming up on the movies as they were doing something similar prior to the flood. I'm sure I'm not alone in wanting to see more interaction between all of us various entities at the airport. I think that will assist in generating some more interest for everyone there.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your support for me in the role as your Interim Chapter President. I know it was an unusual manner in which to enter the role but I will do my very best to serve you. We will get through all this yucky stuff. I'm praying for every one of us to stay healthy and safe so we can get back together again and enjoy all the fun stuff we love including the joy and wonder of flight along with our camaraderie with each other. Stay vigilant and fly safe.

C.A.V.U!!!

*Bill Doherty,
Interim President
EAA Spirit of St. Louis Chapter 32*

Last week, we got an e-mail from a fellow EAA member who was coming into town from Ohio to attend a wedding. She wanted to pay her regards to chapter 32 and possibly meet some of the members. Former President Dave stepped up and met her and her husband this past Sunday. She wrote us a nice thank-you note:

Hello again Chapter 32,

I want to officially say "thank you" to Dave Doherty for being such a great host yesterday for our visit to your EAA Chapter 32 "home away from home." We had a great time and felt privileged to see your nice facility. You look like you're on the rebound from the disastrous flood of last summer. Lots of new improvements and good projects taking place at the airport. We were particularly impressed with the space and work tables that you have for building and that you have Explorers helping to work on projects. It's great to have the youth involved in Aviation.

It was also nice to see the RV-12 N32YE that was built there with the Chapter. It's a gorgeous plane. It was fascinating to learn all about the features and to hear the process of how it was built. Thanks for sharing, Dave! We also watched the video of the First Flight (when we got back to our hotel). What an accomplishment! From plans on a piece of paper to a flying machine!

We learned last year from Chris and Victoria (when we met them at Oshkosh) that you have an active Young Eagles Program. We like the painted board we saw, hanging on the wall, welcoming the Young Eagles to your facility. In Ohio we have only 3 Young Eagle events (mostly due to weather constraints) and we started a Summer Youth Aviation Camp. We found 4 campers in particular from last year's camp that stood out to us and we are now making plans to send those 4 to the Air Academy Camps in Oshkosh. I know that Chapters have been receiving letters from EAA Headquarters announcing the total credits each chapter has earned. I was wondering if you might have any extra, unused, left over credits that you might be willing to donate to our Chapter 5 to help us send our 4 campers to camp. We would be appreciative of any credits you might have to donate to us. Do you have any extra credits that you are not using?

Thank you again! Maybe we'll see each other at Oshkosh AirVenture 2020.

Sherry ♪

February Meeting Minutes

Dave Deweese

February's meeting began with the Pledge, Bill Doherty presiding.

Dave had a few remarks: he's recovering from cancer of the jaw so at the last board meeting we appointed Bill as interim president until the end of Dave's term. He's seen the chapter from 55 to over 100 members over the last 10 years, flown thousands of Young Eagles, float through a few floats. He presented Joe Sargent and Joe Wuest with chapter 32 lifetime member jackets.

Approved last month's minutes as posted in the newsletter.

Don gave the treasurer's report including checking, savings, and Ray Foundation account balances.

New members and visitors. Louie Puder from the Explorer Scouts, John Whittier, Wesley Beigel just moved to St. Charles, is in a partner with a Pitts.

Dave showed us a banner we received from HQ recognizing our silver status as a chapter. EAA has identified 10 aspects of chapter activity, we scored 8 out of 10, placing it in the ninety-third percentile.

Old Business:

Kyle spoke: he has made his first cross country with Herman and is about 28 hours in. Chris Ward gave the Ray Foundation report. The chapter's going with the 50/50 program which puts some more on the student, for example, in reporting progress. Louis Peters from the Explorer Scouts came up and read his essay to the group, he's a candidate for this new program. He soloed at 16, but the cost has prevented him from finishing out the license. His parents are skydiving instructors and he has access to a Cessna 150. Chris says there are several other candidates but Louis stands out to him.

Jim Hall also spoke on the subject. They've got 11 advisors and 20 scouts. He thanked Chris for his efforts, specifically making his 750 project available for the scouts to work on. They plan on attending Oshkosh with the explorers. They met with a lawyer about setting up the nonprofit. He advised maintaining an association with the chapter but keeping separate books. They've been meeting here and also at the Boeing Prologue Room.

The Missouri Aviation Historical group is now meeting in a new location, a new initiative involves acquiring the first Sabreliner and displaying it at Spirit of St. Louis. It's currently in Perryville, not in flyable condition.

Rick gave a Young Eagles update. He's got printed flyers available. He put out the call to newer members who would like to fly Young Eagles and reminded us of the Youth Protection program. Bill Jagust spoke briefly on his experience as a YE pilot. Rick noted that, going forward, we're going to treat parent ride-alongs as Eagle flights. Also, in the past, a pilot had to fly 10 kids before the chapter got credit, going forward we'll get credit from the first flight on. Rick passed out some certificates for those who were not at the Christmas Party: Bill Jagust and Jim Hann.

The food card fundraiser continues. Bill reminds us of Amazon Smile: if you shop on Amazon you can select EAA32 and the chapter gets a fraction of the purchase price. He's like to form a fundraising committee to organize some activities such as Poker Runs or Pancake Breakfasts.

We need a formal plan to handle the next flood. The river's currently at 15 feet, 18 is flood stage, at 32 it's in the ARC. Bill's looking into a storage spot so that we could load up semi trailers and put them aside.

There are some outstanding punch-list items from the 2019 flood including finalizing work on the west wall, after which tools can move to final locations. Some tools need work, and there are some tasks to complete in the office area. In the office there are a good number of magazines to organize. We've got a large TV to set up on a movable stand.

We've also got the SportWing project to deal with, Don brought the parts list so that we can open remaining boxes and do an inventory.

Dues are due: 40 for the year or 475 for lifetime membership.

Chapter t-shirts are in.

Dave updated us on the RV-6A project: they need to get the front windshield on and it'll be ready to send out for paint. They've also installed an autopilot. There are a couple of rehab projects Dave is also looking at, including a Stits SkyCoupe.



Bob has his 750 ready to fly pending work on the instrument panel. He plans to do the test flying here at Smartt. He got the wings on two weeks ago: a big milestone.

Jim Hann has converted a camper into a Continental A-65 for the Skybaby.

Door codes: Bill's got this squared away, see him if you need a code or have had issues.

We've disconnected the ARC land line.

Andrew Mallek resolved the email address issue on the chapter web site.

Bill listed some upcoming webinars.

We'll be doing movie nights again in 2020, held on the last Saturday of the month. The list is TBD and will be announced in March. Bill and Don are looking into a new screen.

Young Eagles will start in April, second Saturday of each month, volunteers needed.

Paul notes that Chris Hinote is in this month's AOPA magazine.

Kids under 18 are free at AirVenture this year, thanks to a Boeing sponsorship.

If anyone's interested in the Culver Cadet it's up for sale.

The meeting will be followed with a presentation by Rick May on the Flying Start Program.

Ron Wright is vacating his hangar and asked if the chapter would rather have his versus the corner hangar. Bill and Dave will talk to the county and find out if they're open to a swap. Reportedly there's a waiting list for hangars, though a number of tenants have left post-flood.



Former President's Corner or One More Time Around the Patch

by Dave Doherty

Fellow Chapter 32 Members and Friends,

This year is starting off on the wrong foot. Front and center in everyone's mind is the Coronavirus-19 pandemic. What started in China half a world away has become a global phenomenon. This is a very contagious ailment, hitting the aged the hardest. To try and contain the virus, government entities want to limit person to person contact as much as possible. I think this is a good idea. As a result, EAA Chapter 32 has put a hold on things for the next several months. **THE MARCH AND APRIL CHAPTER MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED. YOUNG EAGLES RALLY AND THE MOVIE AT THE ARC FOR APRIL HAVE ALSO BEEN CANCELED.** We will keep an eye on how things are progressing, and let our membership know when we feel it's not a threat to health and safety to resume chapter activities. Let's all be safe and follow the lead of our government officials.

I'd like to thank all our members who gave their prayers and best wishes on my behalf while I work on recovering from surgery I had in early December of last year. I'm healing as well as can be expected. As a matter of fact, I was able to go flying in our RV-12 earlier this month without issue. It was quite a relief to line up on runway 18 and open the throttle, head down the runway and get airborne again. I was able to remain current, and look forward to further adventures in the air.

As I'd discussed last month, and at the February Chapter 32 meeting, I've stepped down as your Chapter President, effective February 15. Chapter 32's Board of Directors has appointed former VP Bill Doherty as interim President. I know he'll do a great job, and I look forward to the chapter continuing to grow under his leadership. He's let me in on some great ideas he wants to implement. I pledge my support to our new President.

I did the best I could over the past ten years as your President. We've done a lot together, and I'm happy with how our chapter has done. I'm thankful to our membership for all the support and hard work that has gone into making and keeping our chapter so active and vibrant.. We have a great facility that's been improving as time goes on. Over the years, we've managed to get a flagpole planted, and fly Old Glory 24/7, 365. We've also had entry lights installed for when people are there at night. They even work – sometimes.

I'm proud that we've grown our membership as time goes on. In 2010 when I became Chapter President, we had 55 members. Today, we're pushing 100. Your chapter is doing its best to have something for everyone. I think we're doing that. One of the things that's really helped our chapter has been the fresh water we now have. We used to have a shallow well that provided our water. It was non-potable, or undrinkable, smelled like sulphur, and left orange iron stains in washbasins and toilet bowls. When the airport installed a new well, we were able to tap into it and utilize the airport's asset. Now we have safe drinkable water coming out of our tap. We've worked hard to promote building aircraft and Flying Clubs. We built a Van's RV-12 in the ARC and invited anyone who wished to try their hand at assembling the plane to come on out and pitch in. That plane, owned by the Spirits of Aviation Flying Club, LLC was built in just under 14 months. After 3-1/2 years, the plane has flown nearly 900 hours. There are now two projects under construction at the ARC. Chris Ward's Zenith 750 Cruiser is being built with the help of members of Explorer Post 9032, which EAA Chapter 32 sponsors. We've survived several floods, the last of which was a real doozy. Here's hoping something like that doesn't happen again for a long, long time. All in all, I feel like a proud parent with what Chapter 32 has managed to accomplish. Everyone in our chapter should be proud. Thanks again, for all the help and great memories!

I shall continue to remain active in the chapter and do what I can to further the mission of EAA Spirit of St. Louis Chapter 32, the embodiment of the Spirit of Aviation in St. Louis.

Don't forget 2020 Dues are Due now!! Let's keep things rolling. We need your membership to be successful.

*Blue Skies,
Dave Doherty
Former President, Spirit of St. Louis Chapter 32
(now member at large)*

St. Louis, Mo

EAA Chapter #32 Announces Flying Start Program May 16th



Our events will certainly be an opportunity to promote this meeting as well. A brief outline as follows; A meet & greet (food served), a power point presentation (including videos), 2 or 3 speakers as to "Why I Fly", a short presentation by a CFI, questions & answers and an Eagle Flight (weather permitting) for those that would like. We need some chapter members to participate in this program that can stick around after our chapter meeting on the 16th. Please contact me directly by e-mail rmax5154@aol.com or give me a call at (314) 303-6042 (cell) to discuss participation or questions about the afternoon. If you or someone you know would consider yourself a guest please feel free to contact me as well. We will further discuss this at our meeting on Saturday the 21st.

2020 YOUNG EAGLE EVENTS April 11th & May 9th

Our first 2 Young Eagle Events are getting close at hand. These dates are the 2nd Saturday of the month additional events are scheduled for June through October on the same 2nd Saturdays. There are no changes to our past itineraries. All events are subject to the weather, watch www.eaa32.org for cancellations. The site also has information about the events, and the scout merit badge program we offer. Hopefully we will have participation from our sponsored aviation post 9032 this year, and the plans are to have lunch available as in the past. Registration will start at 8:30 AM and will continue till 12:00. No early registration is expected (first come - first fly). I will be sending out reminders about a week in advance of our events.

Hope to see you all throughout the year and thanks to all of you for your support in advance. Rick May

“What We Say and How We Say It”

mr. bill



For the last six months I have been facilitating a class at the day job about Diversity and Inclusion. It was all about HOW we say things as people to people. And what to do, PAUSE, when you do not know what to say to people.

I started the class at the day job with the SAFETY briefing that the flight attendants provide in the back of the airplane before takeoff. (Most pilots did not know it because they are in the front of the plane.) Then I followed up with the Socrates quote: *“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.”*

Things have changed in the world. Presently we have a worldwide virus picking people off and laying them out. What is sad though is that KINDNESS seems to be missing from our everyday lives. There is a billboard on the major highway that has these words:

PLEASE THANK YOU

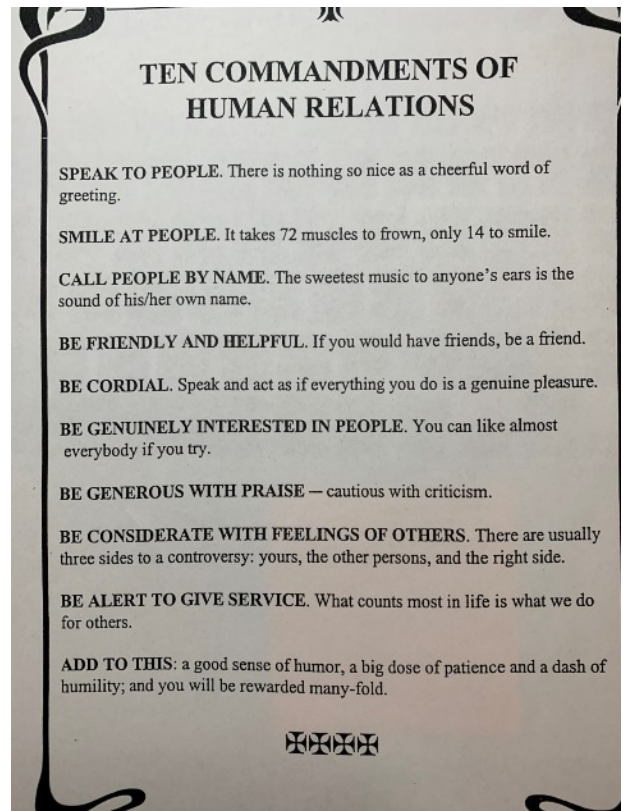
I am reminded of two instances that occurred recently. The first was the “SAFETY” BRIEFING that I received from a flight student. It was very thorough and covered every letter of the word SAFETY. Here is Matthew and his briefing:



Secondly, one day while in Texas I went to go visit a friend’s airpark. It was a great place with hundreds of Pecan trees. After driving past the trees I found the beautiful runway and concrete taxiways. Using caution I drove down the taxiway past a few open hangars. Waving to the people who had their hangar doors open, and I thought, “What a cool, isolated place.” At the end of the taxiway I turned back around in my Texas Ford

truck with my flashers on and as I went to retrace my drive in, I saw a lady coming down the taxiway at me waving her arms in a very angry motion. I knew I was in trouble just by her body language and her flinging arms. I waved back but she was having none of my kindness. She was coming on strong. I was quickly approaching a left turn exit path from the airpark and I took it. I did not want to hear the wrath of this lady. For as far as this airpark was from the open road (probably 3 miles) a driver would have to know WHERE they were. Only a pilot could have known where this airpark was and only a pilot could have found it.

Many years ago I was given a sheet of paper on the Ten Commandments of Human Relations. Here it is:



Well as I stated with facilitating coming to a close now and with the airline finding me a slot for the Boeing 737 NG-Next Generation ground school on March 14, I will be busy for the next two months. Needless to say I will be in the school house reviewing my Triggers and Flows. At this point in the flight “THIS” should happen and that TRIGGERS what to do. Then you FLOW thru the procedure and accomplish the task.

It is the new way of doing things.

BE SAFE out there. If you are unsure of your flying skills rent an instructor from the flight school. He will appreciate the flight time and YOU will appreciate the safety pilot.

Editor’s Corner

As you read in several places in this issue, the chapter is curtailing activities for the next couple of months. Hopefully, those of you who are working on projects can make some good progress. I don’t see how the Coronavirus can stop you from flying, because that can be a fun solo activity.

I apologize for the somewhat austere appearance of this month’s newsletter. My computer is having some issues and doesn’t feel like playing nice. My dear wife is kind enough to let me install some of my software on hers so I can keep the newsletter going. Hopefully, things will be getting back to normal in ALL respects the next time you read this publication.

Stay safe and healthy out there, and please help others whenever you can.

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