

SKYWRITINGS

EAA Chapter 439
Central U.P. of Michigan

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Home of the Yoopers



While we can't gather in Oshkosh, we can still share The Spirit of Aviation. EAA Spirit of Aviation Week on July 21 -25 will celebrate the entire aviation community by showcasing the spectrum of flight in a virtual way. Share your favorite aviation experiences on social using #EAAtogether!

Visit exhibitors from the comfort of your home with EAA's enhanced digital experience, Expocad.

The schedule for Spirit of Aviation Week is now live! With more than 170 events already scheduled, you'll enjoy a huge variety of free streamed and on-demand aviation content.

Help bring our community together and share your favorite aviation moments by using #EAAtogether on your Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter posts. View posts from your fellow aviators and enthusiasts on the EAAtogether homepage.

Go to <https://www.eaatgether.org/> to learn about all of the virtual activities that will be taking place the week of Oshkosh. *(information taken from EAA email 7/10/20)*



EAA Great Aircraft Raffle Moved to 2021
New Ticket Sales Begin August 10

See story [here](#).

The EAA Aircraft Raffle and all entries are governed by the [official rules](#).

Up-Coming Events

July ?? Time TBD - A Meeting to discuss the Chapter Hangar Project. We are still trying to decide when to have a meeting as we gather information about the project.. We will let everyone know the time we hope to get together.

The Prez Sez!

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At our last month's meeting we decided to move forward with Ford Airport Day, based on the Upper Peninsula State Fair and Logging Congress still scheduled and slated to be hosted BEFORE our event. Well both of those events have now been cancelled, leaving us to be one of the first organized "crowd gathering" events to happen in the U.P. since the advent of the COVID-19 outbreak. After talking with Beth, our dining provider and a few other members, and contemplating the reaction to the county board with us wanting permission to host this on their property and in their hangar, it became painfully clear "I" was not ready to take on this responsibility. I discussed it with Will and he felt the same. We polled the board and everyone was in agreement to cancel Ford Airport Day, 2020. It's only the second time in nearly 20 years we have NOT hosted the event.

There has been some mention of some kind of a chapter only gathering or activity that day. Whether it is a fly out, a grill out event at our airport, or some other creative and fun idea, we are open to suggestions. Aviation fun activities have pretty much been nonexistent this summer. If you have a fun idea, please advise Will or me and we can provide a list of possible options for everyone to review and decide on.

The chapter hangar project was put on hold this spring due to the virus and our mandatory limitations from our governor. The stop order for construction of a non-essential nature was lifted in June and it's time to look at moving the project forward. We MAY be able to get funds and volunteers easier this summer than normal, since so many activities HAVE been cancelled. If someone wants to help birddog me on this, that would be great. I have so many things on my plate it's hard to dedicate the time to organizing everything. When Steve was here, he would help me look at the work ahead and plan work sessions around specific targets we had at the time. Tim Howen was good at keeping the fire under my feet too, but in a good way as he also provided help. I think it's totally feasible to get the hangar closed in for the winter if we can get a few members enthused in pushing me and the project along!

I discovered after my last flight from Florida in mid-April, I was not flying as much as I thought I should to stay current in the rocket ship I built. I had about a 6 week time frame I was barely flying enough to stay proficient (like 6 hours in 6 weeks). I made a commitment in early June to fly more, even if I had to be creative on my trips. I flew 6 times in June for almost 20 hours, and on pace for the same amount of hours in July. My transition training pilot warned me the biggest factors regarding being safe in flying my plane were currency, training, and a list of four "gotchas" (which I can still recite today). Seems that would apply to all of us if we really thought about it.

Stay safe out there!

Tom

Editor's Notes

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I have been flying my plane to get proficient in using my new avionics. So far it seems I am better at insuring all the switches on the autopilot and the GPS Navigator are set up correctly along with displaying the approach information on my Foreflight when my son-in-law is flying and I am in the right seat. I can tell him how everything works and what he needs to do and when, but I seem to be slower at taking action when I am flying solo. It is nice to see that my military instructor pilot skills have not gotten rusty. Now I just need to work on my instrument skills.

I have noticed that this pandemic has resulted in fewer aircraft flying which makes it easier to go out and practice approaches. Well, at least here in Nebraska where there were several busy flight schools until this all started. Local flight activity has started up again, but not to the pre-covid 19 levels.

The decrease in flight activity is really evident when flying between Nebraska and the U.P. There was hardly any radio activity and traffic on our last trip. There were a few people at the airports we stopped at, but everyone was social distancing. In fact, at one airport we had to restrain our dog because he loves everyone and wants to go say hi, but the person he was attempting to visit did not want to get near him much less us. It seems they only had one case of covid 19 in their county and he thought my dog may make him the next case.

OSHKOSH IS CANCELLED. So, what are we to do for our annual airshow fix. Well, see either page one or below for activities you can enjoy while social distancing.



From June 29 to August 2, Sporty's will be hosting a virtual airshow across our website and social media. Much more than just a few product specials, we have a complete schedule of events planned for pilots all around the world. We can't duplicate the brown arch online, but we'll try to do as many other things as we can to create that magical Oshkosh atmosphere.

- *Free webinars*—get current or learn something new
- *Live stream sessions*—talk to Sporty's product experts
- *Contests*—compete against fellow pilots to win prizes
- *Show specials*—save on the best pilot gear
- *New products*—see our latest creations in action
- *Fun videos*—aerobatics, Oshkosh arrival, and more
- *Give back*—support EAA in our matching grant initiative ([Click here](#) to learn more)

To see the activities scheduled for each week [Click Here](#).

EAA Webinars

Register at: [Webinars](#)

7/29/20	7 p.m. CDT	Completing the FAA Application for Medical Certificate: Legal Traps for the Unwary*	Greg Reigel & Patrick Phillips
8/5/20	7 p.m. CDT	Why Valves Stick **	Mike Busch
8/12/20	7 p.m. CDT	Legal Issues in Buying and Selling GA Aircraft*	Kathy Yodice, Pat Floyd & Alan L. Farkas
8/18/20	7 p.m. CDT	Air Shows: Not Just Events, But a Lifestyle!	Grant and Brittany Nielsen
8/19/20	7 p.m. CDT	How to Use Your Pilot's Operating Handbook*	Mike Bauer
8/26/20	7 p.m. CDT	Experiment in the Cockpit: The Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II	Katherine Sharp Landdeck

* Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.

** Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.

Do You Fly With an iPad?

Then check out this 1.5 hour Sporty's Pilot Shop webinar - [iPad Proficiency Check Webinar](#)

This presentation from Sporty's and iPad Pilot News covers a wide range of practical topics on flying with the iPad and the ForeFlight Mobile app. Led by Bret Koebbe, an active pilot at Sporty's Pilot Shop and head of the video department, this info-packed presentation will explore topics applicable to pilots of all iPad experience levels.

Topics covered include:

- iPad buyer's guide for pilots (including the latest models just announced)
- Fly like a pro pilot with your iPad: developing your own standard operating procedures
- How ForeFlight can improve your preflight planning
- How to take advantage of automated iPad features and use it as a Digital Copilot
- In-flight weather on the iPad (ADS-B & SiriusXM)
- How to use the latest ADS-B weather products
- Must-have iPad accessories for the cockpit

Browse Sporty's iPad featured products: <https://www.sportys.com/pilotshop/ipad>

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Update on FAA Pandemic SFAR

The FAA Safety Team has published (June 25th) a document of [frequently asked questions](#) and answers about the special federal aviation regulations issued this year to help pilots meet currency, training, and medical requirements during the coronavirus pandemic.

Pilot medical certificates expiring between April 30 and September 30, 2020, will now have a three-month extension after their expiration month under an updated coronavirus-pandemic [special federal aviation regulation](#) the FAA published June 29.

(Above 2 paragraphs came from different AOPA articles)

Flying Events (within 200nm): (B) Breakfast (L) lunch (D) Dinner *All times CDT unless noted*

These events were still listed on various sites but remember to check before you go.

Every Friday (L) Central County (68C), Iola, WI Noon, \$10 life time membership <http://centralcountyflyers.org/lmenu.html>
July 17-19 Warbird Weekend at KJVL in Janesville, WI has been changed to a Private Event.

Aug 30	Fly-in (B)	Boscobel, WI (OVS)	8:00am - Noon
	Fly-in (B)	Dodge County (UNU) Juneau, WI	8:00am - Noon
	Fly-in (B)	Rutabaga Festival Cumberland, WI (UBE)	7:00am - Noon
Sept 6	Fly-in (B)	Fort Atkinson, WI (61C)	8:00am - Noon
Sept 12	Fly-in (B) Airport Expo	Wittman (OSH), Oshkosh, WI	7:30am - 11:00am \$7
	Fly-in (B) pancakes	Bong (SUW), Superior, WI	7:30am - Noon \$7
Sept 19	Fly-in (B)(L)	Oconto, WI (OCQ)	9:00am - 4:00pm \$5
Sept 20	Fly-in (B)(L)	New Holstein, (8D1)	7:00am - 3:00pm
Oct 19	FAA Safety Event, "Accidents, Incidents and Pilot Proficiency" and Hamburger Social Houghton County (KCMX), Calumet, MI		6:00pm (CDT) (New Date)

Return-to-Flight Proficiency Plan

(from AOPA website)

The AOPA Air Safety Institute is proud to partner with Hartzell Propeller, Inc., to bring you this guide to help you regain proficiency, which degrades progressively the longer you remain inactive. Expect a different level of performance from where you left off, based on the period of time you have not flown.

This framework is designed to guide you through a clear step-by-step approach to refreshing your knowledge and sharpening skills. We know you're eager to get back into the cockpit, so let's get started!

Step One: Whether you're a VFR or IFR pilot, ASI recommends starting your journey back to the skies with a review of the following videos arranged by phase of flight from preflight to landing.

- o [Seasons of Safety: The Awakening – Coming out of Hibernation](#)
- o [Takeoffs and Landings: Normal Takeoff](#)
- o [Engine Out: From Trouble to Touchdown](#)
- o [Collision Avoidance: See, Sense, Separate](#)
- o [Margins of Safety: Avoiding Traffic Pattern Stalls](#)
- o [Safety Tip: Greasing the Landing](#)
- o [Takeoffs and Landings: Crosswind Landings](#)

STEP 2: Simulate a flight from takeoff to landing. How? First, review the pilot's operating handbook sections for normal and emergency procedures for your aircraft. Use these checklists while you "chair fly" the flight using normal procedures taking off, flying the pattern, and landing. Then follow up with emergency procedures. Have a desktop flight training device or flight simulator? Use it to hone your skills further before getting back to flying.

STEP 3: If you're a VFR pilot, refresh your knowledge of aircraft systems, aircraft performance, pilot technique, and emergencies using the [Positive Aircraft Control ground discussion](#) in ASI's Focused Flight Review program. If you're an IFR pilot, supplement your review with the [Instrument Proficiency ground discussion](#).

STEP 4: At the airport, reacquaint yourself with your airplane and avionics. Do a walkaround and preflight as you normally would. Then, sit in the cockpit and simulate engine start, takeoff, flying the pattern, and landing, using the checklists from engine start to shut down. Touch switches and knobs as if you were actually flying. Next you might simulate flying some basic maneuvers. Don't forget to fly the avionics as well. The best way? Connect your airplane to ground power, so you can practice entering and modifying flight plans. Finally, pay extra attention to the checklist's boldfaced items so you can instantly recall them when needed.

STEP 5: Consider that you may be legally "current" but not proficient. Before you take passengers, regain your proficiency and your confidence. Go up with another pilot who can act as PIC or, if it's been an extended period, go up with a qualified and proficient flight instructor. Fly the maneuvers in the [Positive Aircraft Control flight profile](#), which includes essential maneuvers for honing your takeoffs and landings, simulated emergency procedures, stalls, slow flight, steep turns, and more. If you're an IFR pilot, supplement your refresher by reviewing the maneuvers and procedures outlined in the [Instrument Proficiency flight profile](#).

STEP 6: Stay sharp, stay proficient. Once you've knocked off the rust, be sure to stay proficient by flying and training regularly—find new ways to expand your skills by earning a new certificate or rating, or by transitioning to a different category or class of aircraft. Further your knowledge—check out the variety of safety topics and material at www.airsafetyinstitute.org.

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