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Around the Patch:

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By now you all know that the Second Annual Akins Fly-In has been postponed and it had nothing to do with any virus. Chris was called out of town and when he returns he will be getting to work on a project he has recently purchased. More about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

It was decided that we will be getting a Pay Pal account. This will make it easier for folks to make online donations and for members to pay dues for membership renewal. The nice thing about it is that you don't need a Pay Pal account, just your credit card and Pay Pal will do the rest. We will also have a new URL (web address) for our website. We are just waiting for EAA National to do their part and it seems they are pretty busy right now with helping chapters with the new web platform.

We are also looking in to getting a chapter Flickr account. This will allow us to load event photos much easier than going through the web platform, Sitecore, which not complicated, is cumbersome at best. Members who have gone to a fly in, museum, or some other event that might be of interest to the chapter members will send their photos, along with some information about the event to your webmaster, who will then post them to flicker and link to the website. Please be patient and give us a little time since, even though this technology is advertised as simple to operate it will be new to us and there may be a little learning curve and this old brain is getting flatter with each passing day.

There was discussion regarding our possible participation in the Veterans' Day parade. It was decided to wait until we see if there is even going to be a parade this year. We also discussed hangar B3 and it was decided to revisit that issue later in the year. For the time being the rent is being paid at least until the end of the year. As you may remember we had planned to begin a youth education program in order to get youngsters and hopefully their parents involved in aviation, and then along came COVID 19 and put a halt to that effort. The committee is still active and will report when there is something to report.

Paul Schafer asked members to take a few Chapter 495 business cards to pass out. People who see you will sometimes express interest in the chapter if they are pilots and you are wearing your hat or shirt with our logo. You can just hand them a card and let them know about the chapter. Paul also put out a call for your participation in this newsletter, something we echo. So if you have a new project going, a new (to you) airplane in the hangar, or just want to share a tidbit you have learned, send it along to joe@joemessinger.com and we will make sure it gets in the newsletter. Also, remember that we have an aviation classified section (when we have ads) for members and friends. So if you are selling or giving away something, are in need of something somebody might have, or want help on a project, send it to the email address above.

Don't forget, we decided to begin having our wonderful pancake breakfast again beginning Saturday August 1. This will be the first one for quite a while so don't miss out on this one. We hope to continue the activity through the summer and get life back to almost normal. So make plans to drive in or fly in to Felt Field and enjoy traditional EAA pancakes, eggs and all the trimmings.

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Ken Nicholls flies the Coupe, Ercoupe that is!

As we said in the last issue, Ken Nicholls has a new bird. It's a 1947 Ercoupe 415C in the traditional configuration, without rudder pedals. Ken has been flying with Dan Sprague as his instructor and along the way the two of them have been finding, and fixing bugs they discover, such as an airspeed indicator that was not working properly and a few other things. Ken has been doing most of the work under Dan's supervision.



He reported that Dan didn't approve of some of his safety wiring and sent him back to the book for a review. All in all both of them agree it's a solid airplane. Ken feels that most of the work done by the previous owner is pretty much up to his standards. After watching him at work, we'd say those standards are pretty high.

Ken had the airplane trucked across country from Indianapolis, Indiana to Roseburg and after reattaching the wings it was time to fuel her up and fly the bird. Dan drew the short straw and took the Ercoupe for a test run. He pronounced the little coupe airworthy and they both climbed aboard for Ken's first lesson in the airplane. According to Ken, Dan is really putting him through his paces and Ken reports he is very happy with Dan's instruction. As of this writing Ken feels he is close to that day when he loses his shirt tail.

Chris conjures up a little wizard in his hangar, Merlin



Chris Akin has purchased a partly finished project. The airplane is a Merlin PSA (Personal Sport Aircraft) a single place all metal, high wing, LSA. This one is powered by a two cylinder, four cycle HKS motor. For more information on this diminutive airplane visit the [Merlin website](#). This little airplane looks like it would be a lot of fun and the operating expenses would certainly be easy on the budget.

Should Radios Be Required At Non-Towered Airports?

In an article by Swayne Martin Published by Boldmethod May 7, 2020 the issue of radios at towered airports is addressed. Every year, runway incursions, traffic conflicts, and near-misses happen at non-towered airports around the country. And sometimes, they're caused by aircraft flying (legally) without a radio.

This article discusses FAA recommended procedures and is a good refresher for the most experienced of pilots. You will find several interesting and helpful articles on the [Boldmethod](#) website so read this article and then take a look at a few more. If you see one you think would be of interest to other chapter members, send it along and we will publish a link to it. [Click on this link to go to the article.](#)



The F-22 Raptor is all show and lots of GO!

Larry durst has shared a link to a ride in the F-22 Raptor. In this video you will go onboard the Raptor and look back at the pilot, Maj. Josh 'Cabo' Gunderson, while he performs loops, rolls, tail slides and other maneuvers including slow flight that would allow a Piper Cub to pass the big fighter jet. You are also taken outside the airplane to observe it being put through its paces. [So, sit back, strap in, turn up the sound, go to full screen, and enjoy three minutes of excitement.](#) It's a breathtaking ride and you will get a novel view of the airplane and its maneuvering ability.



All electric Nemesis NXT to attempt speed record



Electroflight and Rolls-Royce have partnered to set the world's electric airspeed record. Take a look at this futuristic looking all electric Nemesis NXT, which they hope will be a record setter, in an online [Kitplanes article](#). All electric airplanes may be the wave of the future especially for training purposes. Pipistrel Aircraft has developed an all electric trainer as well as a two place electric motor glider for those who want to ride the wind.

In Conclusion: Kevin Bruton reports that the Oregon Pilots Association will be hosting an overnight campout at Grants Pass on July 18 and 19 (Saturday and Sunday). The camping area is behind the hangar area. For more information, contact Kevin at (541) 530-7557. This sounds like a fun activity where social distancing can be practiced.

And: Next month we will feature an article about the Naked Lady, by Paul Schafer. He says she was quite the girl and we know how much he misses her.

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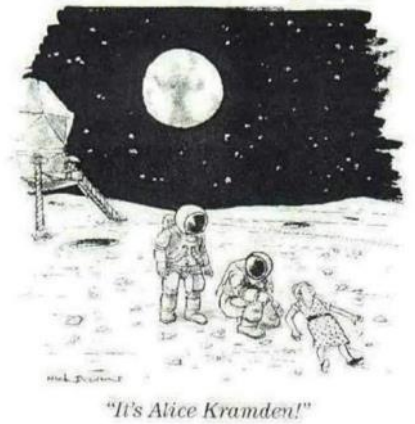
Rules of flying

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.

(Robert Livingston, "Flying The Aeronca")

Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be held on a sunny day.

(Layton A. Bennett, "Never fly the 'A' model of anything")



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