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Around the Patch:

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Well, it looks like most of Chapter 495 have been laying low and keeping out of the way of this new virus. Here's hoping this newsletter finds you and your family well. With the suggested quarantine and the runway being closed most of the day not too much has been happening around the airport.

I have seen some of our members boring holes in the sky. Dan Sprague was seen shooting patterns at KRBG (after 16:00 hours) in his Maul. Dennis Rose was seen making folks leaving Costco point to the sky remarking that they had seen an airplane flying backward. No, mother, don't you remember? You saw that article in the newspaper about the guy that built his own airplane and it is supposed to be real safe.

Chris Akin reports, via Facebook, that he has finished the annual on Al Satterla's Mustang. It has a pretty nifty remote controlled [airplane mover](#) that takes all the work out of moving the airplane around, and Chris reports the [engine](#) sounds real smooth. Click on the links to take a look.

Since many of us are locked down pretty much it looks like we will be missing that holiday that we Americans celebrate but our neighbors to the south pretty much ignore. Yes, I am referring to that excuse to wear big sombreros, sing "[La cucaracha](#)," and drink tequila shooters. Cinco de Mayo (pronounced ['siŋko ðe 'majo] "Fifth of May") is an annual celebration held on May 5. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862. Pictured is a couple of Mexico's finest fighter pilots on short final for the local cantina.



495 Board meets...Chapter meetings slated to resume

The Board of EAA Chapter 495 met April 28 in the big hangar at Felt Field and the discussion centered on how to best keep the chapter running in this time of crisis. It was decided, tentatively, to have a chapter meeting on Tuesday, May 19. This would be a regular chapter meeting and would be dependent on several things. Among them being whether the government has approved gatherings larger than 10 people by that date and the feeling of the membership about gathering. We would naturally, practice social distancing as prescribed, and attendees might be asked to wear face masks. No food would be served unless you wished to bring a brown bag for yourself.

The Board will meet again on May 14 and a final decision will be made at that time. After that meeting all members will be contacted by email and alerted as to the status of the Chapter meeting. The goal is to keep our chapter as active as possible until we can resume normal life.

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Board: It was decided that for the time being, we as a chapter, will not schedule such activities as fly outs, or attempt to hold a Young Eagles Rally. This doesn't mean that individuals shouldn't gather and fly to a destination together or take a youngster for a ride. Please remember to be safe and use good judgment. If you do take a young person for a Young Eagle ride, please contact Rachel Botner, our Young Eagle coordinator, and arrange to get a YE package from her, and then return the signed paperwork to Rachel so she can send it into EAA National. That way you, as well as the chapter, get credit for the flight. Watch this newsletter and your email since as these policies change, we will be announcing them and you won't want to miss out.

Paul Schafer announced that the chapter has received a couple of generous donations. Darrell Hahn, a former member of 495 has donated some tools and supplies. Among the items are rivets, nuts and bolts, tools such as a variety of drill bits of various sizes and lengths and many other useful gadgets. In addition the family of Lynn Reinhart recently contacted Paul and will be donating many of Lynn's tools and aircraft supplies to the chapter. Lynn had begun building a Zenith 601 and the family will be donating the project to the chapter. Paul said he has yet to see the project and won't know what is there until he picks it up. As you may recall, Lynn was an A&P who worked at the FBO for a time until her health began to decline so however far she got on the project should be quality work.

Oh! Those back country fliers and their little stunts



According to an informed source, who spoke on the condition that they would remain anonymous, a white and blue airplane was seen ground looping on the Roseburg airport runway just north of the fuel farm. The source said it appeared that no damage was suffered by the airplane. The only injury was suffered by the pilot's ego, who after the incident sheepishly exited the cockpit, walked around the airplane, looking for damage, and finding none, retook the pilot's seat after looking around for anybody might have seen him. He of course, missed seeing our source who was standing in the afternoon shadow of the "B" row of hangars.

Our source said that the airplane made a normal looking approach, touched down first on the right wheel, then the left and back to the right, much like a Bob Hoover maneuver, at which time it did a slow pirouette in the middle of the runway. "It kind of looked like an old Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, movie," our source said, "rather elegant, if you ask me."

The only photo of a white and blue airplane we could find to accompany this article is one of Dan Sprague's Maul in flight (above). We aren't saying this is the airplane, but again we aren't saying it isn't. According to our source, the airplane he saw dancing down the runway that day looked a lot like this one. "Maybe the wheels weren't that big, but then again, maybe they were," our source said scratching his head, as he looked at the photo.

"Of course I understand there's another white and blue airplane on the field whose owner has been observed doing the same maneuver in the past with embarrassing results," our witness said. "It could have been that guy or maybe not, I just don't know. You know, after a while these airplanes all look alike, well at least to me." (Editor's note: Usually with a story like this we only publish after interviewing multiple sources but this one was too good to pass up, and what ain't true sure otta be)

It looks like he parked in the wrong neighborhood!

We have all heard stories of some poor innocent fellow who parked his car in the wrong place and coming back to find it stripped of its fancy wheels, the brand new super high fidelity, 12 channel stereo, along with his super high definition backup camera and GPS with the self-updating operating system all missing. And to add insult to injury, they also took his brand new super soft kangaroo hide Indy bucket seats with the five point harnesses.

Well, we find the same kind of thing can happen to airplanes too, as evidenced by the accompanying photo. The moral of the story is be careful where you park your airplane. We don't even want to know what the inside of this bird looks like.



JUST FOR GRINS



A pilot got up bright and early, and told his wife he was going to wash and wax his plane. He thought he would be home about 13:30, which comes and goes. He finally comes dragging in at about 18:30. The wife is incensed. She says, "Where the hell have you been?"

He replies, "I would have been home at 13:30, but, as I was leaving the airport, I spotted a young lady, who had a flat tire. I stopped and helped her change the tire. I got all dirty and sweaty, and she suggested I come to her nearby apartment, and get cleaned up. I was in the shower, and she joined me. We ended up having sex, for the rest of the afternoon."

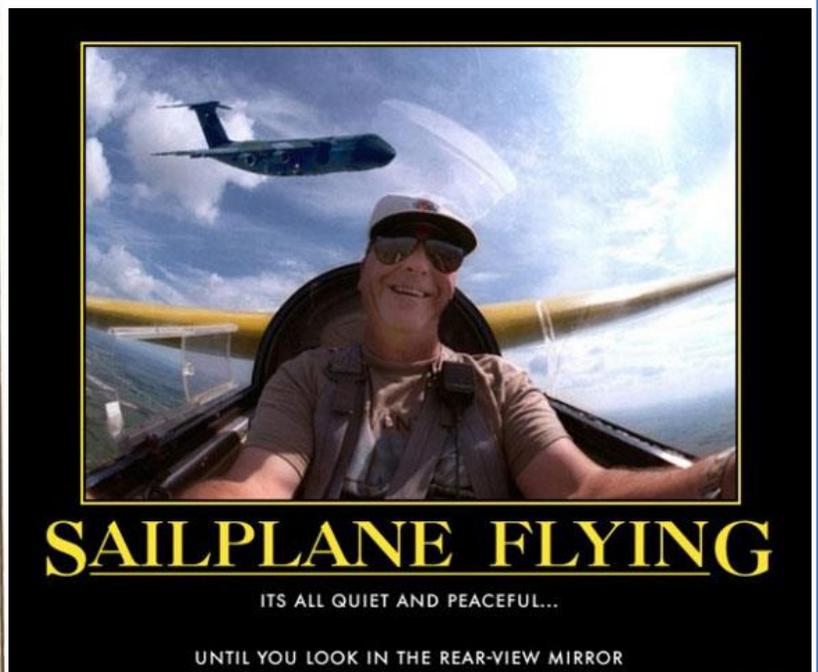
The wife says, "Don't give me that crap. You went flying, didn't you?"

A fifth-grade teacher told her students "I'd like for one of you to tell the class a story with a moral", so little Suzy raised her hand. "OK Suzy" said the teacher, "please tell the class your story".

So little Suzy says "my aunt Mary is an F-16 pilot and she got shot down over Iraq and she had to eject from her plane. All she had with her was a pint of whiskey, a pistol and a knife. She decided to drink the whiskey on the way down so the bottle wouldn't break if she hit the ground hard. Then she landed right in the middle of 20 bad guys. She killed 12 of them with her pistol but then she ran out of ammo, so she killed seven more with her knife but then the blade broke, so she killed the last one with a karate chop that broke his neck."

Horrified, the teacher says "Suzy, that's a terrible story. What kind of moral could it possibly have?"

To which little Suzy replied "stay away from Aunt Mary when she's been drinking."



To the left is an original 1963 WD 40 ad when it was first released sent to us by an old flying buddy from down south. Above, sometimes you can be flying along fat and happy until you get hit by that turbulence.

One night, two blondes were at the Sydney airport. The first blonde asks the other, "Which is closer: the moon or Melbourne?" The second blonde replies, "Duh, the moon. Can you see Melbourne from here?"

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