

The **W**ingman

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Around the Patch:

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Well, it looks like EAA and a lot of other things we took for granted like Pancake breakfasts, Mickey D's and our favorite watering holes have been closed down for a while, unless you want take-out and, what's the fun in that? Our last chapter meeting was cancelled and that will most likely be true for the next couple of months, at least. Probably not a bad idea considering the age of most of our members. I hear this virus is pretty much child's play for the kids and younger adults, with some exceptions, but for those of us over the age of 60, watch out, it can be deadly, literally! And, I heard on the news that it kills men at a rate of 60% or 70% over women, depending on where you live and who is doing the reporting.

Enough doom and gloom for now. On the brighter side flying is something that a person can do and not be concerned with "social distancing," the modern term for, "Hey man, respect my personal space." Of course, if we have a family member or close friend along, it will be pretty tight. Just know your passenger. We can also get together for a fly-out somewhere as long as we keep a respectful 6 foot distance from each other after we land.

The City of Roseburg has announced runway closures for the month of April, in an email distributed to all airport tenants and other users. They said, "The runway edge lighting project on Runway 16/34 is scheduled to begin on April 1, 2020. The contractor is planning on working 7 days a week during the month of April. This will require that **runway 16/34 be closed** from 8 am to 4 pm daily during the month of April. Please plan your travels accordingly. I apologize for any inconvenience this closure will create. This project has been planned and will be a nice upgrade to our airport runway lighting. A NOTAM will be issued later for this runway closure schedule. Thanks to everyone for their patience and cooperation during this process!" It was signed by Ryan Herinckx, 541-492-6884 and distributed by Kandi A. Leroue KLeroue@cityofroseburg.org from Roseburg City Hall.

This newsletter will be pretty thin with no meetings or activities for a while, unless we get input from our members and friends. So if you go on a flying adventure, get a new airplane, start a new project, just have something you want to say or complain about, send it to me, joe@joemessinger.com, with story and photos, and we'll find space for it.

SocialFlight for flying destinations, adventures and information



If you aren't a member of Social Flight, now would be a good time to join. They usually list events and fly-out opportunities but with the outbreak of COVID 19, most of those things aren't happening. Instead they are listing several aviation webinars. As the government begins to get a handle on this thing they will no doubt be listing more normal flying activities. So, if you aren't a member yet take a look at <http://www.socialflight.com> and sign up, it's free.



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New Chapter 495 website launched

For the past couple of months your newsletter editor/webmaster has been working on the new Chapter 495 website. EAA National pays for our website so they control the software we use. We have changed from Webs.com to a new platform, Sitecore. This probably doesn't mean anything to you but it does on this end. We had to learn a whole new application, which is somewhat intuitive but not as much so as some of the WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) apps we have used in the past. We will, hopefully, be able to have a website that better reflects our Chapter, mission, and vision.

EAA National scheduled the switchover to happen at midnight May 31, but said it could take as long as 48 hours for it to take place. This is controlled by EAA National. They also control some of the content, which can't be changed locally. This means we will need to work more closely with National when it comes to such things such as officers and event coordinators. The old website was disabled at that time, so if you have been trying to open that website, we apologize. We are crossing our fingers and everything else, hoping this works. If you are reading this, it did.

We had found that the Webs.com software was getting so buggy that there were some things we just couldn't do. Inserting new photos was one of those shortcomings that has been solved. So if your flying ride/s can't be found on the Members Aircraft page, or you don't like the one that is there, we just need a photo and it can be posted. Please send a sharp photo at least 800 X 600 pixels, or larger and we will post it to the page. If you need help with this, please send me an email or call and we'll make arrangements to get a photo shot. The banners at the top of each page of the website are stock photos furnished by EAA and can easily be replaced. We plan to do just that as we get photos of our members in action and airplanes in the skies over the Umpqua Valley. We may be calling on you to help with this project.

If you see errors in the new site, please let us know and we will do our best to correct them promptly. Right now you won't find either a Projects or Activities page. We are working to collect some good photos of our chapter entry in the Veterans Day parade, which will get us started on creating an Activities page. So, if you have any, please send them along. We will be going back and hopefully pick up photos from past newsletters of the fly-outs held last summer to add to that page. A Projects page will be created when one of us starts a build project. When we get the Youth Education Program started, we will create a page for that activity. There should be lots of good photos coming out of that. And if you have something to sell, we will still put classified ads both on the website and in The Wingman. Our new URL (web address) is chapters.eaa.org/ea495.



Tal's new airplane is a beauty

The Botner clan got a new airplane. Guess the classic straight tail, red and white, Cessna 172 wasn't enough airplane for hauling the crew around. Tal had put quite a bit of work into that bird in the short time he had it. Tal reports that the fuel burn isn't that much worse than the previous ride as long as he doesn't push it too hard. Sure, Tal, "...as long as I don't push it too hard." And we can hear Rachel now, "What's the matter, won't this thing go any faster?" Tal said he plans to take the wheel pants off and put larger wheels on the airplane. "That will make it that much easier to get into Chris's place." Watch out, Chris. This bird may be a frequent visitor.

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