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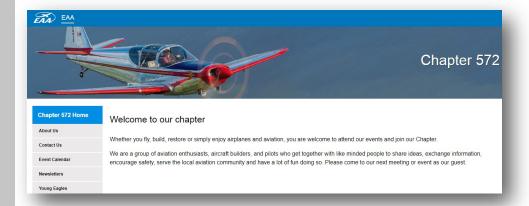
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## We Have a Hangar!!



After many years of hard work and planning, EAA Chapter 572 is proud to share with you that WE HAVE A HANGAR!! Our Chapter is the proud owner of #23 on the East Side.

### New Website!!



Our new website is live! Keep checking in the next weeks and months has new content gets added. Here is the link to go and see it: https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA572

# Hangar Flying

## **Chapter Happenings**

### **Hangar Updates**

At the last Board Meeting we approved the acceptance of a mudjacking bid of \$3500. The accepted motion was to limit the bid to \$5000 because language in the bid stated that if more product was needed, there will be additional cost. So here is where things are at.

The hangar has electrical, and the door has been repaired and has maintenance done on it. The seal above the door has been replace and the door is now fully operational. Hopefully the Mud jacking can be done in early May which will allow us to work on re-setting the columns. The plan is to brace each column from the inside using come-alongs tied to the column and an pin drilled in the floor to keep inward tension while we excavate the column from the outside. We need 8 come-alongs and only have access to 3 as of now. If any members can help us out, let me know. We don't want to have to purchase them for one project. We are also looking for a rotary hammer drill that can drill a 3/4 inch hole in the cement. We will have to drill 24 holes all together. Things are happening. Once the pandemic thing has passed or on the downward swing, we will have a open house for the hanger. Special thanks to those that have help so far. If you have ideas or want to help, please call me.

#### Larry Wunsch



Overall view of the back side (North) of the hangar.

#### **Newest Airport Codes For Our Current Travels**

**LVG**—Living Room **MBR**—Master Bedroom

**DNR**—Dining Room **OFC**—Office

**BKY**—Backyard WNC—Wine Cellar

**BTH**—Bathroom **PAT**—Patio



## Hangar Flying

## **Looking Ahead to AirVenture 2020**

By Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board

March 26, 2020 - My fellow EAAers, I'm writing this to address the status of <u>AirVenture Oshkosh 2020</u>. Today we are still planning on having the event beginning July 20, 2020. In that context, I wanted to let people know how we're approaching the planning process for AirVenture, and to help people understand the timetable as we sort through the ever-changing world events.

Certainly, the world has changed dramatically in recent weeks with the global COVID-19 pandemic, beginning internationally and now at extremely concerning levels within the United States. Most of you reading this are impacted by state-by-state orders to stay home and follow specific CDC guidelines on social distancing, hygiene, and other precautions to slow the spread of the virus. The circumstances have changed rapidly here as well, with Wisconsin enacting a stay-at-home mandate until April 24. We are supportive of those restrictions, and at EAA we have closed our headquarters, with all staff working from home and adhering to the most stringent standards possible. But thankfully, due to the technology infrastructure investments we have made, a majority of our employees continue to focus on their daily tasks, which include production of your monthly magazine, digital offerings, and of course AirVenture planning.

On a daily basis over the past several weeks, I have had countless calls, emails, and teleconferences with EAA members, volunteers, AirVenture exhibitors, sponsors, aviation manufacturers, our board of directors, and EAA employees. This is in addition to assessing the daily influx of CDC data and daily health guidance recommendations from local, state, and federal government.

We are also closely following and assessing many of the larger closures of world events. In the case of the Olympics, the world's athletes have already lost crucial training time because of restrictions imposed in response to the viral outbreak. It also is a completely international event. This meant the organizers were forced to make their "go/no go/go later" decision early on. The same holds true with the Democratic National Convention being held in Milwaukee, as they too look at every contingency, including allowing time for preparations to host the proceedings online if need be.

As we look at AirVenture, with our own similarly complex but also radically different set of circumstances, we have the rare luxury of making our decisions just a little bit later. While AirVenture 2020 planning began in earnest at the end of AirVenture 2019, the real onsite preparation work for our annual convention doesn't happen until May. That is when many of our dedicated volunteer work parties arrive in force and start the serious work to prepare the convention grounds. We have already identified those tasks that could be deferred until June, while still enabling us to have a safe and successful event in late July.

Currently our timetable for our next major decision point is not until May. In the meantime, we are continually preparing and in planning mode, which includes a variety of "what-if" scenarios. The choices are stay the course, delay, or cancel. Of course, the ability to delay would be dependent on volunteer support and exhibitor commitment and probably could not be later than late August. Again, it is important to consider all options, but it is also possible that even as I gather and digest incoming relevant information, I may not have any significant updates over the next couple of weeks. We will understand a lot more when we get to the end of April. That is the time most stay-at-home mandates could expire.

I want to ensure you that as our AirVenture planning continues, I will keep you posted. I want to thank everyone for their patience as we weather the "storm before the calm." Frustrating as it is, we're in a holding pattern right now. The best thing we can do is keep a watchful eye on the conditions and make the best decisions as factual information comes in, to ensure the health and safety of everyone attending our event. As aviators, we know that this, like all storms, will pass, and whatever transpires over the next couple of months, EAAers will see it through with the mutual support and fellowship that have been the cornerstone of our organization for the past 67 years.



#### **EAA Chapter 572 Board Meeting Minutes**

February 27, 2020

#### In Attendance:

Board Members: Bob Wagner, Shawn Zinke, Jim Thomas

Other Members: Larry Wunsch

Called to order: Bob Wagner at 6:35 PM CST

Bob made motion to accept minutes from last meeting, Jim seconded it.

#### **Old Business:**

-Website. We put in a request to EAA to provide our Chapter with a website thru Webs.com. Should be getting started in March. Just waiting for it to launch.

- -Hangar Committee. We did win the hangar bid process.
- -Holiday Party at Ledgeview Lane East. Went very well and even with bad weather the turnout was good. This is something that we will do again.

#### **New Business:**

-We held a conference call with Peter M. the Appleton Flight Operations Director during AirVenture.

Some interesting points from that phone call:

- -Because Appleton is a controlled airport all volunteers need to go through a background check that the County pays for.
- -This also means no camping on the airport, and everyone needs to be escorted.
- -Income is made by selling tie-down kits. These are made by the Waupaca EAA Chapter. Their cost is \$25, and they sell them for \$35. This is the only source of income.
- -All money is collected by the FBO, Platinum Flight Service. Money is sent to EAA and help in a account for him.
- -To park on the grass is \$35 for the week. Planes parking on the hard surface are charged on a sliding scale. It starts out around \$40/\$50 a day and depending on size can go up to \$75/\$100 a day.
- -Camping \$25/\$30 a night, but again can not camp under plane-they get escorted to the camping area which is not on the field.
- -If they buy fuel, they get 1 day free.
- -The FBO provides volunteers with soda and water. They also hold a dinner for everyone before AirVenture, and a cookout after.

#### -Upcoming Events

April – Dean Zakos movie night May-?

Motion to adjourn by Bob at 8:30 PM CST, seconded by Jim.

### **Next Board Meeting:**

Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00. Last month due to the Safer At Home this was done as a conference call. If you'd like to be in on the next call please contact Bob.