



## EAA Chapter 648

Longmont, Colorado 80503

Hooray! Back in the saddle again. This Monday, March 8th at our usual venue, same time (7 PM), same gate code.



**T**hanks to all of you for reading our newsletter and I will keep on working to increase our readership and don't forget to patronize our advertisers if an aviation purchase is in your future.

*Remember, "Nothing happens until somebody sells something"*

### Chuckle of the Month:

*Every day I beat my own previous record for number of consecutive days I've stayed alive.*

### The Presidents message

We've been social-distancing (I hate that word pair) for so long I thought a "Twilight Zone" themed newsletter might be in order. But I can't write like Rod Sterling, much less talk like him. So instead, I'll say "we're on!" This Monday at our usual venue, same time, same gate code.

Modified procedures will be in effect, think of it as a dry run for Airventure. If you've received a Covid vaccine shot at least a week ago, no mask required but suggested. If you haven't had a shot, wear a mask and keep yer distance. We'll be on the honor system, same as OSH.

On the to-do list is distribute Chapter Awards, Collect Chapter dues for

those that prefer to pay in cash or a check, updates to Innovation Center mentorship, updates to projects still in construction, and catch up on over six months of no meetings.

Bring a friend, cash or check, and a mask if necessary.

Blue winds and Tail sky's,

Rick

## **It is membership dues renewal time**

by Treasurer Dan Berry

The chapter's most critical source of income is our dues. Your \$20 membership dues are used to pay facilities expenses, offset the cost of chapter projects, our newsletter, and various other things like our EAA National Chapter dues and insurance policy.

**NEW: "Join or Renew via PayPal" simply by going to [EAA648.org](http://EAA648.org), on the left side of the screen, and pay for your membership with a credit card or PayPal account. The link is on the front page of this newsletter.**

You may also pay by cash or check by including your email address, EAA number, and phone number with your form of payment and sending it to our Chapter Treasurer; Dan Berry, 930 Champion Circle, Longmont CO 80503

# EAA Postpones Air Academy Until 2022



Kate O'Connor

February 26, 2021

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) announced on Thursday that its Air Academy youth camp will remain on hiatus until 2022. 2021 registration fees will be refunded and the organization is inviting current registrants to re-register when 2022 applications open. EAA Air Academy was also canceled

last year due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

“Given the difficulties in providing the operational extras needed for youth residence camps in the current environment, it simply wasn’t possible to plan a quality Air Academy experience for young aviation enthusiasts this year,” said Ron Connolly, EAA museum and education director.

“We look forward to inviting many of these young people back to Oshkosh for the 2022 Air Academy sessions.”

Founded in 1984, the EAA Air Academy is a series of weeklong camps designed to engage young people ages 12 to 18 in aviation discovery. Camp sessions range from five to ten days with activities including aviation-related studies, hands-on demonstrations and flight simulation. Campers stay at the EAA Air Academy Lodge in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

## **Innovation Center Update - The RV12iS HAS ARRIVED!**

by Dan Berry

Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> the RV12iS kits arrived. After many shutdowns and snow storms the ABF freight truck pulled into the Innovation Center parking lot with six wooden crates to be unloaded.

If you are interested in helping as a Mentor, contact Dan Berry or Steve Kerchner. The RV Teams meet on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the Saint Vrain Valley School District Innovation Center on the SouthEast side of Longmont.

At photo to right Dan stands guard over the freshly received crates in the dedicated workspace, Below, EAA648 Vice President, Steve Kerchner is with the students were making great progress with learning hole pattern layouts, drilling, demurring, critical alignments, riveting on the RV6 donated kit for practice when the RV12 delivery call came in.

Drilling the skins to the structure is next for this part of our learning process, BUT the excitement and distraction of the RV12 crates took our attention away for a few weeks.

We all wanted to see the new parts, the inventory process began. I one week the students achieved inventory of the Empennage, Wing, and Fuselage Kits. They struggled through the bags and bags of hardware nick naming many of them “Trail Mix” bags because of the many types on hardware in one bag. Week two completed the Powerplant and Finish Kits. Great progress!





Above photo, EAA648 member and Innovation Center volunteer Paul Hollingshead helps Theo identify and inventory the RV12iS Empennage Kit. Below Conner and Jayce discover the Empennage spar parts.

We all wanted to get to the Engine, Caleb broke open the box.

So far only a handful of shortages, now back to the RV6 practice kit to get sharp on assembly processes simulating the RV12 build.

Again, if you are interested in helping as a Mentor once or more a week/month, contact Dan Berry or Steve Kerchner. The RV Teams meet on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the Saint Vrain Valley School District Innovation Center on the SouthEast side of Longmont.



Build On - Dan



## Wing Rotisserie for Free

(wing shown not included :)

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