



April 2020

	WHEN:	WHERE:	PROGRAM:
<b>APRIL MEETING</b>	<b>THURSDAY the 9th 7 PM</b>	<b>KMIW FBO TERMINAL</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>

## WHAT'S FLYIN' THIS WAY !!!

Unless you have been mingling with polar bears or penguins for the past two months, you probably know about the global panic affecting everyone's lives.

"Shelter-in-Place", "Stay-in-Place", are just a couple examples of the new vocabulary we are all learning or dredging back up from the cold war.

So, we as a chapter have decided to **cancel our April meeting** and will assess the situation each month as it progresses.

EAA AirVenture is still on at this moment. They also are doing day to day assessments and are considering alternatives if need be, such as delaying to following weeks, shortening the event, or cancelling altogether. Indications are that if AirVenture cannot be accomplished by the end of August, it will probably be cancelled.

It is time to do a **Ditch Cleanup** which we WILL be able to do while practicing our "Social Distancing" (another new term). We will meet at the **airport entrance at 5 pm Thursday the 9th**. If you are sick, STAY HOME! Otherwise, let's make this a fun outing with some hangar flying and maybe even do some vertical distancing as well via aerial machine!

So in the meantime, keep your mask on, keep your distance, hide under a school desk to protect yourself from the fallout, and we will all be able to meet again soon.

## WHAT FLEW BY !!!

In March, before the coronapocalypse began, we were able to meet at Taco Johns and had a good face to face meeting at the airport where we watched the EAA 50 years at Oshkosh video. Brought back lots of memories.

The FOGz group also shared memories and project reports via email and we have some of those in this newsletter. They even met a couple times (in groups of less than 10) just to prove they could.

If you have something aviating related you would like to share, send it to me. Who knows when we will be able to get together again.

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# CALENDAR

Sun'N Fun 2020 **<CANCELLED FOR THE YEAR**

Thursday, April 9th **<CANCELLED**  
EAA Chapter 675 Meeting  
KMIW Terminal

Saturday, April 25 **<CANCELLED**  
Grinnell Regional Airport (GGI)  
Fly-in breakfast/Grand Reopening

Sunday, April 26 **<CANCELLED**  
Dubuque Regional Airport (DBQ)  
UD Flight Team Fly-in Breakfast

Saturday, May 9 **<STILL ON FOR NOW**  
Boone Municipal Airport (BNW)  
Fly-in breakfast  
7 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Pilots-in-command free  
515-291-5094 (Dale Farnham)  
Email: [defarnham@msn.com](mailto:defarnham@msn.com)  
Website: [www.farnhamaviation.com](http://www.farnhamaviation.com)

Thursday, May 14  
**EAA Chapter 675 Meeting**  
**KMIW**

Saturday, July 4th  
Corning Municipal Airport (CRZ)  
Flight breakfast  
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Fly-ins eat free  
641-322-3243 (Marti Gebbie)  
Email: [chamber@adamscountyiowa.com](mailto:chamber@adamscountyiowa.com)  
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**Airventure Oshkosh 2020 <STILL ON for now**  
**Jul 20, 2020 - Sun, Jul 26, 2020**

**Fly Iowa <CANCELLED**  
**Ames Municipal Airport**  
**August 8th, 2020**

## Member News

So we finally got out of winter and spring is trying real hard to get here, but now we have to deal with the Coronapocalypse. Well, as Lorin Miller alludes to, one thing you can say about single place airplanes and flying alone, you can do the ultimate "social distancing" by flying higher than 6 feet! The higher the better; like at around 3000 ft. So let's get up there!

Keep in mind, the FAA has put out a notice about some states "Stay-in-Place" orders. It can affect airport operations in certain places. You have to be careful how you disembark and how many passengers you carry to the airport. The best thing to do is call the airport you are going to in advance to make sure you won't have any trouble once you are there.

No one knows how long this oil price war will go on, but I bought gas for my car in Ankeny this past week for \$1.169 a gallon. Premium without ethanol was \$1.70. Just sayin'.

The FOGZ have been trying all winter to get up and out to a favorite breakfast stop, but it's been a rough year. And the restaurants are closed now. So Dianna, wife of Corey Butcher made the suggestion that we all could hangar fly via email by sharing memories, project reports, etc. And many have! So the following are some of those reports...

### Robert Richtsmeier

My recent effort is getting the airport open, turned the well on so restroom is available when you stop by or need to drop in. Coffee and a heater in the pilots lounge for a comfortable stay. Biggest change is the revamping of the north hangars, more for us at the airport but could lead to having a rental space available at some point.

Personally, moved the Nieuport to its own hanger now so I can begin the assembly process. Still welding on the Cub and organizing material for the next steps of the project.

Whether at home or at the airport maintaining the distance.

Best Regards to all!!!!

Robert, bob, rich, Richard, take your pick lol

### Lorin Miller

I'm in the "Work at Home" mode now. This weekend is Annual Condition time for the Waiex. I need to get some quality "social distancing" taken care of at about 3000'...

Lorin

### Don Feld

Since I have asthma and Ruth is a diabetic, we're hunkered down, but I have been going out to the hangar every other day to get work done. Finished setting up the trim system yesterday. Will start working on windshield tomorrow.

**John Beck**, the snowbird is back in Iowa. Don't know about snowbirds **Dave McCurry** or **Gene Adkins**.

### Bruce Gapstur

Not a memory but I will chime in with what is up with my projects. The Bearhawk fuselage has been moved to an Ames hangar. After I paint a few parts I can attach the tail feathers. I am setting up to paint the wings and misc parts at Belle Plaine. Bought a big compressor and will spray paint on still mornings. Will see how that plan works. As for the Aeronca L-3. The restoration of the proper wings in my basement is restarted. The cowling rework is being painted and annual complete. Since Bev has COPD we are in near isolation but the airport is very quiet. We bought the new mower for the airport so we can implement our plan to for me to mow next to runway. Stay safe. Crush the curve.

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### Paul Adams

I'm keeping hunkered down. Did meet Richstmeier in Eldora Monday morning [the 23<sup>rd</sup>] for a BYOB and a nice chat. Been keeping busy working on the car. The basement portion is about done so Deanna and I moved the car body to the garage. She's a real trooper. Kodak moment with us carrying it up the hill. She and I made homemade pasta. Hadn't shared that experience in a long time. So some good comes out of all this. Here's a pic of the trunk I finished yesterday for the car.



Many moons ago, skinny and had hair, also fit in the Quickie and it could lift me and Dan.



**Corey Butcher** finally got to work more on his Voisin because his work hours have been reduced 65%. Engine is apart and being inspected and cleaned. This is the original engine off the airplane after I put 108 hours of flight time on it, then about 150k miles on it when I put it back in the car, plus whatever was on it before I got it, and the cylinders still show cross-hatching from the factory! Amazing!! Photo by my lovely wife, Dianna!



### News flash: FOGZ members meet to eat even if all downtown establishments have closed their doors ----

Despite the rain falling on the hangar roof during a rain storm on Thursday morning March 19th, three brave FOGZ members, Doug, Garry and Paul brought their own breakfast to hangar 18 at MIW. Since most in town eateries are closed except for drive-ups, we adapted, improvised and overcame this obstacle that has been unwittingly imposed by current health concern issues. Future fly-outs for FOGZ members will depend upon re-opening of facilities, even a little bit.... or perhaps future fly-outs will be "Bring Your Own Breakfast" type of arrangements. Time will tell. Garry



### Doug Boyd reports The FOGz Meet Again...

Yea! Robert called it. A BYOB (bring your own burger) at 27P (Eldora) Monday [the 30th] at 5:00 PM. Weather looks good and I'm planning on going. Others thinking about it should let Robert and others know. Social distancing can be maintained via one person per plane and sitting in our bring your own chairs 6+ feet apart. No sharing of food so Witcombe won't bring breakfast pizza.

Haven't seen the Tri-Pacer guys since November's Christmas party. Maybe one or both of them could make it. Maybe airport owner Marc could Ercoupe in. I don't know the time for sundown so we would have to leave early enough to get home legally.

Just in case you're concerned, I'm assured Eldora International is closed to all flights from China, Italy, New York, Seattle, and LA. Customs and immigration control will be tight but lowans are not required to carry passports. If you're sick, stay home or face 2 weeks quarantine in the airport terminal (and you're familiar with the level of amenities therein).

UPDATE: How many showed? About 6 or so flew or drove in!

## Doug Boyd's Memories

Lots of fun chatter and updates goes a long way to cover our not meeting. Thanks to Dianna for suggesting "memories" etc. Jinita and I are getting some cleaning done as well and watching more TV than is healthy. I'll attach herewith 2 "memories" pictures I turned up recently as I was into digitizing old pictures on slides. One is high school Doug when in early flight training and the Champ he first soloed.



The second is refueling my dad's jointly owned Apache somewhere in Mexico. I use a "Mr Funnel" to filter out dirt and water when fueling my planes. This Mexican chamois may work just as well.



## PAUL'S DIRTY STORY

I am not sure our newsletter is the correct place to tell a dirty story, but what the heck. To start with how many of you, when you were kids, like to get dirty? If not the ones that liked to get dirty, how many of you got dirty, let us say due to your life style, like accidentally got dirty? I was one of those and I'm not totally sure which one. But I managed to get dirty all the time. If it wasn't catching ground squirrels by collecting water from the creek and pouring it down their hole and grabbing them as they surfaced (actually my first business venture, I thought I could sell a few), or monkeying around with the coolest go cart on earth (a piece of plywood with an 1 1/2 HP Briggs and you steered it with your feet), but either one of them got me dirty as did many other of my adventures.

Let's just say I was always dirty. Probably not a big surprise to those of you who really know me. Well what does that have to do with an EAA chapter newsletter you ask? How about a lead in to a short story of a recent Oshkosh work party?

In January Bruce and I went up and did various odd jobs in the Weeks hangar. I worked on the Ford Trimotor first. Here's a pic of me working on the engine mounts. Cleaning them up for paint (lot's of potential for dirt there) and making a small repair.

But the dirt potential for most of the time, actually three days worth, was the B17 brake project. We were told the reason the B17 would stop flying was the brakes. Being a highly used



item with all the take offs and landings they wear a lot. Due to their design, replacement parts is an issue. Mikey from the TV show "Ice Pilots" wanted a B17 so he could log some four engine taildragger time. So Mickey collected some B17 parts, but he never got them to a flying plane. In his collection were a lot of brake sets for the B17 and EAA purchased them. This was a good thing; no one makes these parts any more and to tool up to make them would be prohibitive. It was our job to dismantle the assemblies down to the part level. Over sixty sets! And I might add a real dirty job, at least dirty for me. My coworker was Jim Fisher. In the photo above you will notice he is not dirty. Humph!! It proves it, it's just me. Fun though.

So the way I see it, maybe the reason I enjoy volunteering up at Oshkosh is I can revert back to my youth and "get dirty" and play with planes and plane parts. Did I ever tell you about running my U-controlled powered model airplane into the tree trunk? Man was that a happening. Any way, thanks EAA for the opportunity to get dirty and have some fun!