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THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

From the Desk of the President



This month I'd like to take the approach and address three applicable appropriate topics, THANK YOUs, Technology and Tools and how they applied to keeping this chapter running during these isolation times.

The normal EAA chapter 75 member doesn't realize it but as a Gold Award winning chapter there are a many number of activities running in the background that keeps us in that category. First we would like to thank Marty Santic for hosting our Zoom chapter board meeting and a couple of other meetings that we had as tests and unofficial meetings to accomplish that. Second, we would like to thank Paul Fisher for hosting a Zoom Conference IMC meeting that was an excellent meeting with good video presentations. Paul even went to the effort to go to a public Wi-Fi location to make sure that all aspects of the meeting went appropriately. The guys that didn't login really missed out. Third, we would like to thank Richard Lowe for planning events, organizing them and then having them canceled, it is kind of frustrating and then re-scheduling these events. Thanks Rich! Fourth, I want to thank Adam Santic for finishing and getting our Trifold Brochures and our business cards updated,



printed and ready for use when this isolation time is suspended. Fifth, I want to thank the Chapter Board for putting up with the technical difficulties of running Zoom meetings and all their cooperation to accomplish things that was on our agenda. Sixth, we would like to thank John Bruesch for hosting and conducting a comprehensive tool meeting this month. Seventh, we would like to thank our VP, Ron Franck for a sense of humor and keeping things on the lighter side when sometimes I get too serious. Ron also had some great pictures and video of him flying his Airbike that he shared.

Technology: ZOOM conference capabilities have allowed us to conduct an official board meeting. It

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ALL EAA Chapter 75 Activities Have Been Cancelled Until Further Notice
[Deere Wiman Carriage House — 817 11th Avenue Moline, Illinois \(click for a Map\)](#)

From The Desk of the President

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has helped us also conduct an official tool committee meeting. High-speed internet or even medium speed internet with a computer, an Android device and iPad or an iPhone allowed us to conduct face to face and sometimes a fun humorous online chat and discussion of topic. So glad we have this capability which leads me to the topic of tools.

TOOLS: During the Official Zoom Tool Meeting we ended up obtaining a new articulating borescope that has been tried very successfully by a couple of the chapter members and will be added to the official tools list. The second new item was Bernie Nitz requested a charging battery pack to be utilized, if Air Adventure takes place this summer. Also discussed during the tool meeting was organizing and obtaining new shelves/cabinets for the wall next to the break room at the EAR building that contains all the small NAS parts, nuts bolts and hardware. Tools, IE especially unique aircraft tools, keeping them organized and inventoried and in working order. again thanks to John and the tool committee are a great asset to our chapter.

EAA chapter 75 and when at the EAR Barn has a great selection of tools and unique aircraft tools that are available when we need them. I would like to report that even after heavy usage at Air Adventure 2019 Oshkosh since that time that approximately 15 different chapter members have signed out at least 30 different tools from the Toolroom. This is a great asset for any chapter to have available to its members.

Now where I left off last month. Utilizing tools, technology and the internet during attempted installation of the Eiseman shielded Magnetos. I also was one of the members that has utilized the Tool Room sign-out process. I needed a 1 inch wrench and a gear / pulley puller during the process of switching my mags from unshielded to shielded. the one inch wrench was used to pull the impulse coupler nut off the front of the magneto shaft on the left-hand Mag. The pulley puller was used to pull the gear off of the right hand mag that does not have an Impulse coupler. It's very difficult to pull a pulley or a gear without a gear or pulley puller you usually end up breaking something without using it. I was able to accomplish all of this only to discover. after I had switched the impulse coupler and the gears over to the new Eiseman shielded mags that the A65-8 Continental engine has an aluminum embossment on the right side of the back of the crankcase and it will not allow me

to use the Eiseman mags that came off of A65-12 Continental engine. If you attempt to install the mag the shaft that is about 1/4 inch longer it will dig a hole into the back of the crankcase possibly causing a major failure. Yes I am now basically at an impasse. This has been a great learning experience and I needed to prove to myself what and why people move on to new Bendix or Slick mags. I know now the In-depth details. Reality is a great teacher first-hand experience you'll never forget.

Back to chapter news. Some updates that just came in are that our applied for grant funding for our up-and-coming project has been rerouted to help organizations that are requiring covid-19 assistance. We were so close!!

Again all May official chapter Activities, meetings have been CANCELED. No 1st Saturday coffee and no physical board meeting and no chapter meeting. Zoom Board meeting will 6:00 9 May 2020 unless future information is sent out.

Side note, 100% isolation and following Protocol has been 100% effective. No one in my family has been sick and no one in the chapter has been sick, that I know off.

If anyone would ever like to socialize, talk flying or have questions load up zoom on your device call me, 563 320 6896. My meeting zoom number is 483 037 7296. We can set it up and you can join a meeting in progress.

All Air Academies have been cancelled for this year. Our Academy Scholarship recipients will be able to automatically rescheduled for next year. Sorry Sam Bevens and Loura Azula, just like a good Cubs fan there's always next year, haha.

Last to end my portion of the newsletter on a positive note. I would like to report that our Second Ray Scholarship recipient, Ms. Addison Slavish has still been able to keep flying during the Covid-19 isolation months. Because she works at Carver Aero KDVN and she's able to utilize the aircraft on her time off. KEEP UP the good effort, Addison !!!!

EAA Chapter 75 Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chapter President, Jim Skadal at 6:09 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT via ZOOM: Jim Skadal, Ron Franck, Ron Ehrecke, Don Fey, Adam Santic, John Riedel, Nick Anagnos, Marty Santic, Carl

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EAA Chapter 75 Board Meeting Minutes

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Brown. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.**

THOSE NOT PRESENT: none.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Shelton, Keith Williams, Paul Fisher.

TREASURERS REPORT: The treasurer's report for March, 2020 and prior reports since our last board meeting, were read by Ron Ehrecke. A motion to accept the treasurer's reports was made by Carl Brown and was seconded by Nick Anagnos. Approval by the board was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ron Ehrecke: brought up the issue of purchasing name tags for EAR. Moved by Carl Brown, seconded by Marty Santic, to have Beth, who makes our Chapter 75 tags, make those needed for EAR. Motion carried.

Jim Skadal: Need to approve funds for Adam to purchase chapter business cards and tri-fold brochures for chapter use. Discussion followed. Moved by Don Fey, seconded by Adam to purchase 1500 each, cards and brochures, total cost to be less than \$300.00 Motion carried.

Tom Shelton: Per Mike Zimmer, all grant requests for the Aviation Nation project have been submitted, but none have been committed to. Corona virus situation is likely to be a serious obstacle, and alternate funds will be sought, in addition to the possible grants. ALSO, The completed aircraft could not be sold until 6 months after FAA certification, or insurance would be cancelled. Will require further discussion and planning.

Jim Skadal for Bob Thomas: Young Eagles scheduled for May 23rd is cancelled due to the Corona virus affect. Further activities are also postponed indefinitely.

Ron Franck: Chapter 75 has been entered in the pool to provide "labor" for a pancake breakfast at AirVenture. If selected, and if AirVenture is held this year, the chapter "earnings" would be \$1000.00 +.

Jim Skadal: Still "wondering" about the historic Air Mail event. As we understand it, local flights will be conducted from Blooming-Normal to Iowa City, as one leg in the event. The board decides that we

would not participate as a chapter, but would try to keep interested members informed of any activity.

Jim Skadal for Jim Smith: Still discussing new shelving for certain parts and supplies to be constructed inside the air conditioned room at the EAR barn. Board deferred to the tool and EAR committees for any discussion.

Nick Anagnos: Returning to the discussion on buying our own trailer for EAR, Nick found a possible trailer for sale. Further discussion on cost benefit resulted in tabling the subject indefinitely.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Skadal: Discussion of summer potluck locations led to the following proposals:

June – Clinton. Nick will contact the airport manager to discuss/confirm.

July – Davenport. Jim Smith's hangar. Confirmed.

August – Geneseo. Jim Skadal will discuss with Deon at Geneseo.

Keith Williams: RAY scholar, Addison Slavish is flying and nearing solo. Nick Hayes is still flying and getting ready for his instrument rating. Keith will check with EAA on 2020 funding for Madison.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Franck, seconded by Nick Anagnos. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Don Fey, Secretary.

Jerry's Blog - May (from Jerry Coussens)

I'm thinking of changing the name of my Lancair IV to Charlie One Niner. Because of Covid-19

I accomplished so much building in the month of April.

Landing gear has been cycled many times. Enough to know the pump I bought is too weak to reach the 1100# shutoff switch. The new pump is on the bench ready to be installed. The other problem I had with hydraulics was my emergency hand pump. To keep cost down I installed a Marine outboard trim pump. It works both ways like my Lancair 235/360, but the IV is designed to have pressure one way which is directed through a valve body. No problem I will just hookup the up side for one direction, BOOM DONE.

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Jerry's Blog - May (cont.)

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Now I have a problem in an emergency. With no power I drop the gear, but with pump not running the return check valve won't let the gear fall. My plan is to remove the down check valve so oil returns at will.

This week I'll see if I'm right. It's very cool to watch it work though, fun stuff. It's a little scary as I have to raise the fuselage 4' to 5' high so gear will clear the ground, I can only image how scary that is with a 500# engine on the front too (still dreaming about that).

I've got the floor boards installed, along with covers to protect the plumbing from getting stepped on. Static lines are run to front for instruments, rudder cables and peddles are installed, still need to finish brake system but the infrastructure is run. Flight controls are installed and operational.

The panels that make up the back seat and luggage area are installed. I made them removable so I can take them out to work on hydraulics or landing gear. Something I learned from my Lancair 235 as I installed several items in places that are nearly impossible to get to. I figured I'll never need to work on that item, but didn't really think I would still be flying it 16 years later.

I installed a ceiling duct and boat blower fan in rear for passenger comfort as I don't have AC, the duct will carry the air to the front on the ceiling with four eyeball vents.

I've got the autopilot servos installed in places they are easy to get to if I need to work on them. What is next; The top half has windows installed and is ready

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Jerry's Blog - May (cont.)

to glue permanently to lower half. Then I will have an airplane instead of a canoe.

Attaching the top to the bottom will free up my garage so I can put my truck in again. Then I can build the door from scratch which will take many hours. Next week I'm going to start focusing on flying again. I'm still learning to fly that new AP.

What's in the future, I'll finish all I can on the details of fuselage, then I'll start to install the tail which will take some creative parking to fit in my garage (width and height). I can see the fuselage being done at end of year, than I will start to look for engine to install. I'll see you again when the country starts to open up.

Jerry



A FANTASTIC photo of the Lancair IV Guy!



A Legion Funeral During the COVID-19 Shut Down (from Richard Lowe)

They started to arrive in single cars at the funeral home parking lot. Dressed in the American Legion dress blue uniform with Ike jackets and white gloves. Each went, one at a time, to the truck carrying the M-1 rifles. The rifles had been loaded and sanitized at the post headquarters before they were loaded. One by one they selected and checked the rifles and then joined their friends at double arms interval in a circle about 20 feet across. One of the members briefed on what was about to happen. None planned to enter the funeral home.

When the time came, the rifle squad formed up on a sidewalk at double arms interval and stood at parade rest. The bugler took his place several feet away. The post adjutant and the chaplain formed up at double interval nearby on the street in front of the main door. When the family came out of the funeral home, the flag draped casket containing the remains of the Navy veteran was wheeled out a side door and placed on the roadway. The rifle squad went to present arms and all others saluted as it was placed into position.

The post adjutant, a lady who served in the Marines during the Vietnam War, read the Legion funeral ritual. Then the Post Chaplain read the Legion Prayer as the rifle squad bowed their heads. When the prayer was finished, the chaplain presented the next of kin with a case for the flag and seven polished brass shell casings in a small pouch. He then returned to his post and the rifle squad was called to attention. Three volleys were fired from the rifles on command and the squad then went to present arms. Taps were sounded by the post bugler and the squad returned to parade rest. The adjutant and chaplain then removed the flag from the casket and folded it in the proper way while the bugler read a piece describing how the flag represented a grateful nation for which the veteran had served. When properly folded and checked, the flag was then presented to the next of kin by the adjutant while the rifle squad went to present arms and all saluted.

The rifle squad members then picked up the

spent brass, returned to the truck one at a time and stored the rifles. All then departed for home. It is a shame that more persons could not attend the final rites for this veteran or that the ceremony could not be held at grave side, but distance rules must be followed. The casket was transported to the burial site with only the family following in their cars.

American Legion Post 26 of Davenport has done two of these funerals this week. No Legion member of the honor guard refused to show due to the virus. Some things just must be done as life goes on.

Richard Lowe, Davenport Post 26

Photo of Jim Smith's Exhaust Valve Taken with the Articulating Borescope



Video Series of Michael Arnold AR-5 Fiberglass Construction and Speed Record (from John Riedel)

These Michael Arnold may be known to others in the Chapter but I'm compelled to pass this on.

These technical videos were compiled in the early 90s on VHS camcorder.

"Why it goes so fast" (AR-5)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxvoDbZpoY8>

The Arnold Company channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVDILmX2yIWP1YLQmYi9nPw>

Jim Smith in EAA's April Sport Aviation - Page 80



EAA Chapter 75 Uses Zoom for its Board of Directors Meeting (from Adam)

On April 11, 2020, EAA Chapter 75 - Quad Cities conducted its first virtual meeting online as we continue to work hard during the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak. The first meeting included 11 participants. We used Zoom Video Communications as our platform of choice.

Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars. This is a perfect fit for what we do during board meetings.

First Virtual Board Meeting Included:

- *Jim Skadal - President, Board Director, & Air Academy Advisor
- *Ron Frank - Vice President & Board Director
- *Ron Ehrecke - Treasurer & Board Director
- *Don Fey - Secretary & Board Director
- *Adam Santic - Board Director, Website Editor, & Social Media Editor
- *John Riedel - Board Director
- *Nick Anagnos - Board Director
- *Marty Santic - Board Director & Newsletter Editor
- *Carl Brown - Board Director
- *Keith Williams - Ray Scholarship Coordinator
- *Tom Shelton - EAA Chapter 75 member

Interesting Videos (from Adam Santic)

Sergei Sikorsky Visits Kermit Weeks' Collection
Sergei Sikorsky, the son of aviation pioneer Igor Sikorsky visited Kermit Weeks' Fantasy of Flight Museum collection in Polk City, Florida in February 2020. Weeks maintains one of the largest private collections of flight-worthy historic aircraft in the world

Chapter 75 Flight Instructors

Per a member request, am including a listing of Chapter 75 members that are flight instructors and would be willing to help with primary flight instruction, your next BFR or other. *If you are a Chapter member and a flight instructor please let me know and will include your name in the listing. Additions/Corrections are welcome!*

CFI / CFII	Phone	New Students	CFII	BFR	IFP	Airports	Plane
Tim Leinbach	309-781-9585	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN MLI	Owners, FBO, Club Plane
Tim Toal	309-235-0087	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN MLI	Owners
Barry Logan	309-303-0211	Yes		Yes		C75	Owners, Club Plane
e-mail - Marty Santic to add your Name to the list							

and regularly attends EAA AirVenture Oshkosh each year. This is a much watch

Part 1: <https://youtu.be/ZoTUcc8Klec>

Part 2: <https://youtu.be/3Ae-nfmlNo>

Part 3: <https://youtu.be/3sZjvUpa1gw>

KitFox Aircraft Factory Tour


Light Sport and Ultralight Flyer takes us on a tour of KitFox Aircraft. KitFox is 98 percent American made except for one small steel tube that Germany makes due to it being very small. Interesting! <https://youtu.be/8o-qNp3Mqs8>

American Legend Aircraft Company Factory Tour

Experimental Aircraft Channel takes us on a factory tour with American manufacturer American Legend Aircraft Company. The company produces a new sleek light sport aircraft design based on the Piper J-3 Cub and Piper Super Cub. <https://youtu.be/oTyEG9qjBe4>

Aero Adventure LLC Factory Tour

Experimental Aircraft Channel takes us on a factory tour with American manufacturer Aero Adventure LLC. The company produces a family of ultralight amphibians marketed as kit aircraft and that line is known as the Aero Adventure Aventura. <https://youtu.be/jyGvBTk8e8k>



EAA Chapter 75 IMC Club
 "To promote instrument flying, proficiency, and safety"
<http://eaa.org/imcclub>

Meets First Tuesday of each month at 18:00
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Local Calendar of Events

For many other Aviation Related events, visit the following websites. Click on the following links. Will only list events submitted to the editor and other most local events here.

[EAA Aviation Calendar of Events](#)
[AOPA Calendar of Events](#)
[Iowa DOT Office of Aviation Calendar](#)
[Wisconsin Fly-Ins and Airshow Event Calendar](#)
[Fly-Ins.com Calendar Website](#)
[Fun Places to Fly Website](#)
[Social Flight Calendar](#)
[Midwest Flyer Magazine Calendar](#)

5/27/20 7 p.m. CDT
Amateur-Built Condition Inspections - Vic Syracuse

Upcoming EAA Webinars

Go to www.eaa.org/webinars to view the schedule and to register.

5/5/20 7 p.m. CDT Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye

5/6/20 7 p.m. CDT Is it Legal to Install? - Mike Busch

5/7/20 7 p.m. CDT Critical RV Flying Skills - Rian Johnson and Mike Seager

5/12/20 7 p.m. CDT ATC and You: Don't Let That Cloud Mislead You - Richard Kennington

5/13/20 7 p.m. CDT Operation at Towered Airports - Prof. H. Paul Shuch

5/19/20 7 p.m. CDT Understanding Hypoxia in Aviation - Steve Martin

5/20/20 7 p.m. CDT Getting to Know the Rotax 915 iS Engine - Jorge Tavio

Send event information on those activities that would interest the membership. Will be delighted to include any information on aviation related activities, fly-in breakfasts, etc. e-Mail

Classified Ads

DAR Services: Amateur Built/Light Sport Airworthiness Certification Inspections, Ferry Permits (Certified and Experimental), Replace lost/damaged Airworthiness Certificates (Certified and Experimental). Call Ross Carbiener (A&P) at 309-738-9391.

Hangars Available At the Davenport Airport. Call Tom Vesalga at 563-326-7783.

For Sale: One share in the Four Seven Jays Flying Club. The club plane is an extremely well maintained 180HP 1973 Cessna 172M hangared at MLI. IFR equipped. Paint and interior new 2003. The following avionics were installed in 2010: Garmin GMA-340 Audio Panel/ICS/Marker, Garmin GNS-430W WAAS GPS/Garmin GI-106A CDI, Garmin 496 GPS, panel mounted, coupled to 430, Garmin GTX37 Transponder. Dan Murphy 309-752-3887, Ron Ehrecke 309-236-9785, or Ralph Stephenson 309-737-6902.

Hangar Space at Erie: Need hangar space? I have some ready to rent. \$100.00 a month 24 x 36 x 8 ft tall. These are private enclosed hangars. Electric. Hangar door and rear pass door. Call Jim Robinson, at Erie Airpark. 309 230 0944.

Hangar Space at Whiteside County Airport. Prices range from \$92 - \$140/month depending on the hangar unit. Call Darin Heffelfinger at 815-626-3750 or Drew Wilkins at 909-912-9175 for availability.

For Sale: Flo-Fast 15 Gallon Container and Pump Was \$250+ new. Will entertain your offer. Also have three 5 gallon jugs that can be used with the hand pump. Perfect for mogas. See <https://flofast.com/> Call Marty Santic 563-340-9919



Have Anything to Sell? Will be more than Happy to List It Here!!

To place an ad: Submit requests for aviation related For Sale or Want ads to the newsletter editor. Ads are free to Chapter 75 members. Ads from nonmembers will be run on a space available basis. Ads will be run / re-run at the newsletter Editor discretion. If we run out of room, will make some more!!

Chapter 75 Merchandise Now Available

(from Marty Santic)

As mentioned at the meetings, baseball caps are now available with the new Chapter 75 logo.

The caps are of nice quality and the logo is embroidered, not printed. The caps are available for \$10 and are available now! Let me know and I can bring a cap to the chapter meeting or coffee.

I will ship in a Priority Mail package for an additional \$7.00, if you cannot make one of the meetings. The normal price from Vistaprint.com is \$17. I ordered 30 and received a discount.

If you would like a cap, please send me an e-mail. marty.santic@gmail.com If you would like me to ship, send a \$17 check to Marty Santic, 3920 E. 59th St., Davenport, IA 52807. A new order has arrived. We have about 30 caps now.



Baseball Cap in Light Khaki

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 Tool Committee Tech Advisor Flight Advisor
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