

# *Frostbitten Flyer*

EAA Chapter 850

Lake Superior Chapter

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North Central U.P. of Michigan

## *AirVenture 2020 is officially canceled*

My fellow EAA'rs. It is May here in Wisconsin, and unfortunately like many of you across the country, we are still under a stay at home order through May 26. Normally, this is the month when we start our preflight planning for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. By this time, we should have begun ramping up our entire site in preparation for our July convention. Volunteers from across the country and world would have descended on Oshkosh. Together they would have formed work parties, our suppliers would begin start setting up tents and infrastructure. Our EAA staff would be printing wrist bands, campers guides, programs and an assortment of EAA collateral as full-on AirVenture execution begins.

But because of circumstances beyond our control, none of this can happen now. We cannot even get to the hangar so our preflight is left to watching the prog charts. While this certainly makes the ability to prepare for the event a scheduling problem, it does not preclude the bigger issue of predicting what will be the health guidelines in July. Right now, there are three phases that have been defined in Wisconsin as the recommended procedures. As I write this, we are not in Phase 1 yet. Phase 2 restricts gatherings to 50 people. Phase 3 allows for mass gathering with restrictions.

Our convention attracts EAA members not only from the U.S. but around the world. [Today](#) we cannot predict when we will be at a point that our event meets the all clear Phase 3 milestone for mass gathering with restrictions. As your leader, I see no clear path to meet our own requirements to insure the health and safety expectations our organization demands for our employees, members, volunteers, exhibitors and attendees. That includes sanitization, separation and personal protection requirements.

My conclusion is, like in any good flight planning, don't take the risk. Therefore, I have no choice but to cancel AirVenture 2020. Together, we can come back stronger, safer and ready for AirVenture 2021 and create a memorable world class aviation event. Because of our dedicated and enthusiastic EAA members, our Association is strong. We know that at some point this storm will pass. And over the next 12 months we will continue to support all of you as we again, together, grow EAA in the Spirit of Aviation.

Respectfully,

Jack J. Pelton

Experimental Aircraft Association

CEO and Chairman of the Board

## **Up-Coming Chapter Events**

***Following state guidelines, this month's meeting is cancelled.***

# Words From Ted

On a sad note, one of our long term members, Frank Honkala has passed away. Frank was instrumental in the early success of our chapter and was a key volunteer, both at the old Marquette Co. Airport and more recently at Sawyer. Frank was always willing to help our pilots out, whether it be a maintenance issue, flight instruction or just giving good advice. I will miss him greatly...rest in peace Frank!

As we enter another month of “Stay Home – Stay Safe” directives I’m sure that many of us wonder when this all will end. While this is the third month that we have not held a chapter meeting, I’m hoping that we will be able to have a “Welcome to Spring” cookout and meeting next month. We are not the only chapter to be going through this of course and the message from the EAA chapter office is that each chapter should look at holding virtual meetings through teleconferencing apps like Zoom. If this lockdown persists we will try this method next month.

I have been told that our Ray Scholar, Tyler has begun flight instruction and is progressing through his ground studies. This as the first round of funding from EAA has been delayed due to one form not being received by them. I have been assured by EAA that this has been resolved and we should see the funds deposited into our treasury account very soon.

I have not had much presence at Sawyer recently due to a persistent infection following my knee replacements but I feel much better now and look forward to spending some time with my Comanche. Hopefully we will be able to engage in some form of fly-out this Summer.

I’m sure you are all aware, but in case you’ve been on another planet, EAA AirVenture 2020 has been cancelled...unbelievable as it may sound. This would have been year 41 for me but I’ll just start planning for AV 2021.

That’s all I have for now as I’ve exceeded my deadline for submission to Will for the newsletter.

See you all soon,

Ted

# Editor's Notes

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I am still looking outside at the beautiful weather and empty skies and wish I could be flying. However, my plane is still “social distancing” from me at the local FBO. It seems their promise of having the annual and avionics upgrade done two weeks ago was not accurate. They did tease me with a promise it would be done on May 1st, but the GNC 355 failed the flight check when comm out quit working. So, here I sit waiting with nothing to do except looking forward to AirVenture 2020.

Oh no! EAA just announced that AirVenture 2020 is cancelled. I've already planned my trip and paid for my camping spot. My plans were to take my camper down the Friday before and put it in my usual spot at Sleepy Hollow Farms. On Sunday my son-in-law was going to fly my plane into Wautoma where I would meet him before flying into Oshkosh. This was going to be his first time flying in. In fact, we already purchased our “I Flew to Oshkosh” 2020 t-shirts so we could wear them on Sunday. Well, I guess we will just have to fly in during that week anyway so we can legally wear the shirts later. I feel sorry for all the vendors and local businesses that rely on money made during Oshkosh to help them get through the year.

As you will note on page 5, there are not a lot of aviation related events taking place. In fact, as I was searching for events, I found more events cancelled. I would imagine that some of the events listed on page 5 will not occur due to state restrictions or personal concerns for safety.

Hope to see everyone in June. Fly Safe.

Update: Good news - I got my plane back! Bad news - I found some avionics interfacing issues during my second test flight. So, I guess it goes back in to fix the bugs.

## AEROBATIC CONTEST

At

Sawyer International Airport  
KSAW

July 24-26



Sanctioned by the  
International Aerobatic Club



Five category contest - Primary through Unlimited

Sponsored by IAC-134 the “Yooper Loopers”

There is no need to know anything about aerobatics to enjoy the sport and be a part of it. Attend the contest and simply spectate, ask questions, or possibly volunteer. There are several volunteer opportunities that are critical to making a contest successful.

The fun, the laughter, and the friendships are all special, give it a try.  
Truth is, only 3 of the Yooper Loopers currently fly aerobatics.

A typical contest weekend:

Friday – contestants arrive and practice, some volunteers will participate in their specific areas. A social evening follows which includes handing out the “unknown” sequences, always fun.

Saturday – detailed contest briefing is attended by contestants, contest officials, airport personnel, and any interested public. Contest flight programs begin following the briefing.

Sunday – flight programs continue if necessary followed by a closing awards ceremony.

Come join us, fly or drive. For more information contact Roger Bentlage at 906-250-3231.

## EAA Webinars

Register at: [Webinars](#)

5/19/20	7 p.m. CDT	Understanding Hypoxia in Aviation*		Steve Martin
5/12/20	7 p.m. CDT	ATC and You: Don't Let That Cloud Mislead You*	Richard Kennington and Bob Obama	
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
5/27/20	7 p.m. CDT	Amateur-Built Condition Inspections**		Vic Syracuse
6/3/20	7 p.m. CDT	Predictive Maintenance**		Mike Busch
6/10/20	7 p.m. CDT	Pass Your Checkride *		Larry Bothe
6/16/20	7 p.m. CDT	Two Guys, One Airplane, and the 2018 World Advanced Aerobatic Championship		Mike Lents and Aaron McCartan
6/17/20	7 p.m. CDT	The Doolittle Raid Story		Chris Henry
6/24/20	7 p.m. CDT	Your Airworthiness Inspection — Be Ready**	J	Joe Norris

\* Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.

\*\* Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.

The FAA issued a [special federal aviation regulation \(SFAR\)](#) that provides blanket extensions of medical certificates and airman knowledge tests that would have expired between March 1 and May 31 to all pilots regardless of the type of their flying. The [SFAR](#) also provides flight review and instrument currency extensions under very limited circumstances to get pilots back in the air to support the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. Flight instructor certificates that would have expired between March 31 and May 31 and would have been renewed under requirements other than a flight instructor refresher course will have a blanket certificate extension until June 30, 2020.

### Extensions applicable to all pilots (regardless of the type of flying) include:

- **Medical certificates.** The FAA extended the validity periods of airman medical certificates that expire between March 31 and May 31 through June 30. However, the prohibition on operations during medical deficiency remains in effect.
- **Knowledge tests.** Applicants whose knowledge tests expire between March and June will have their knowledge tests' validity extended by three calendar months, making the applicants eligible for a practical test for a certificate or rating issued under Part 61 for those additional three calendar months.
- **Flight instructors.** Flight instructor certificates, unlike pilot certificates, expire every 24 calendar months. The SFAR will extend the validity of flight instructor certificates that expired between March 31 and May 31 until June 30 in certain circumstances.

### Provisions tied to specific types of flight operations include:

- **Flight reviews.** Wholesale extension of flight reviews and proficiency checks only applies to operations requiring a commercial certificate or higher. Extension of flight reviews for private pilots is limited to those with a total time of 500 hours, with 400 hours as PIC, and having logged 50 hours PIC in the last 12 months, and only for flight in support of a business, for humanitarian relief operations, for family medical needs or transportation of essential supplies for personal use, or to reposition the aircraft for required inspections. *(this paragraph from EAA eHotline 4/3/20, replaces the AOPA paragraph which had errors.)*
- **Recent flight experience, pilot in command.** The FAA only provided relief for instrument recency. The SFAR extends to June 30 the requirement to be instrument current under FAR 61.57(c) for those who meet the applicability requirements. A pilot must have performed and logged, within the nine calendar months preceding the month of the flight, six instrument approaches, holding procedures and tasks, and intercepting and tracking courses through the use of navigational electronic systems. An additional eligibility requirement is that the pilot must have logged, in the preceding six calendar months, three instrument approaches in actual weather conditions, or under simulated conditions using a view-limiting device. Pilots who are unable to meet the instrument experience requirements before June 30 may still reestablish recency in accordance with FAR 61.57(d), but the number of months available to attain the instrument experience before having to take an instrument proficiency check "will depend on when the person last established instrument recency" in accordance with the regulation. *(from AOPA ePilot 5/1/20)*

**Editor Note: Recommend you read the SFAR if any of the above applies to you and talk to your insurance company.**

# Flying Events (within 200nm of KIMT): (B) Breakfast (L) lunch (D) Dinner

**These events were still listed on various sites but remember to check before you go.**

Every Friday	starting May 22	Fly-in (L)	Iola, WI (68C)	Noon,	requires \$10 for life time membership
Every Thursday		(L)	Marshfield, WI (MFI),	noon till the pizza runs out	
Varying dates			Wisconsin/Yooper Flying Hamburger Socials		Go to <a href="http://www.wiflysocial.com">www.wiflysocial.com</a>
May 9		Fly-in (L)	Brats	Empire, MI (Y87)	10:00am - 2:00pm (EDT)
May 24		Fly-in (B)	pancakes	Portage, WI (C47)	7:00am - 12:00pm
Jun 7		Fly-in (B)	pancakes	Houghton Lake, MI (HTL)	7:00am - 11:00am (EDT)
		Fly-in (B)		Fort Atkinson, WI (61C)	8:00am - 12:00pm
Jun 13		Fly-in (B)		Muskegon, MI (MKG)	8:00am - 12:00pm (EDT)
Jun 14		Fly-in/Drive-in (B)(L)		Wild Rose Idlewild, WI (W23)	7:30am - 3:00pm
		Fly-in (B)	pancakes	Dodge County (UNU), Juneau, WI	8:00am - 12:00pm
Jun 18		Fly-in	BBQ Social	Hangar 8A, Superior, WI (SUW)	5:00pm - 7:00pm
Jun 21		Fly-in (B)	pancakes	Waupaca, WI (PCZ)	7:00am - 12:00pm Pilots free
July 11		Fly-in (B)		Hangar 8A, Superior, WI (SUW)	7:30am - 12:00pm \$7
July 15		Michigan Freedom Tour		Escanaba, MI (ESC) (B-25 & C-47)	
July 16		Michigan Freedom Tour		Iron Mountain, MI (IMT) (B-25 or C-47)	
July 18		Fly-in (L)	White fish boil	Washington Island, WI (2P2)	11:00am - 1:00pm
July 19		Fly-in (B)(L)		New Holstein, WI (8D1)	7:00am - 3:00pm

## FAA to scale back ATC service as traffic declines

(from multiple AOPA sources)

The FAA plans to [reduce the operating hours of air traffic control personnel](#) at about [100 ATC towers and terminal radar approach control facilities](#) in late April to limit employees' exposure to the coronavirus as the pandemic slows flight activity in the national airspace system. No end date was given for the downsizing that will affect ATC facilities in Class C and D airspace where traffic volume has declined as much as 96 percent.

Things to consider are:

- Conduct a thorough preflight by checking notams for destination, departure, and alternate airports, and also check notams for centers you will be flying through. The FAA provides a [website](#) listing ATC facilities affected by COVID-19, but it is updated infrequently and does not replace notams.
- The FAA has previously issued [temporary flight restrictions](#) when an ATC zero event has occurred. Although this is not always the case, pilots should still ensure they are checking closely for any relevant TFRs along the route of flight.
- For a flight under IFR or a flight not in the vicinity of an airport, pilots should check for any known traffic delays. These delays are published on the Air Traffic Control System Command Center [website](#) under the [products](#) list.
- If flying in an area where a tracon or center has limited or curtailed operations, be prepared for potential delays and reroutes. Fuel and plan accordingly for what can be a dynamic situation.
- Due to reduced staffing at many ATC facilities and potentially high workload, practice approaches and VFR flight following may not always be available.

## Gone West - Frank Honkala



Frank Honkala, age 90, of 32975 Co Rd 581 Ishpeming passed May 1, 2020 at his home in Green Creek Location.

Frank was born in Ishpeming on January 7, 1930 son of the late Sophie (Pintamo) and Frank Honkala. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956. Frank worked at CCI for 34 1/2 years and then as a Pilot for 17 years retiring at age 70. He was a member of Apostolic Lutheran Church in Ishpeming.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years Shirley A. (Koskela) Honkala of Ishpeming; daughter, Ann (Tim) Lequia of Clarksburg; five sons – Calvin (Mary) Honkala of Ishpeming; Keith (Sonja) Honkala of Lantana, FL; Chris Honkala of Ishpeming; Neil (Stacy) Honkala of Hamilton, MT; Scott (Sonja) Honkala of Rindge, NH; daughter-in-law Susan Honkala of Lake Linden; 36 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Frank was preceded in death by a son Dean Honkala, and recently by his great granddaughter Harper A. Lequia along with 4 sisters and 4 brothers.

A private funeral service has been held with interment taking place at Northland Chapel Gardens.

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