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*"Flying might not be all smooth sailing, but the fun of it is worth the price." - Amelia Earhart*

## **EAA CHAPTER 898 MONTHLY UPDATE July, 2020**

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**[eaa898.org](http://eaa898.org)**

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**<https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa898>**

## **EAA CHAPTER 898 JULY 7 MEETING REMINDER**

Yes , it's that time of the month again to focus on our upcoming BBQ/ meeting. The café style venue for this month will include a "propeller length" social distancing dinner prepared by members of our chapter. Last month's meeting was a grand event with a pleasant outdoor table arrangement. It was really a fun evening! If you are able, please bring your own table and colorful table cloth so that we can take some fun pictures for our website.

Last month a number of our members indicated an interest in taking a flight before the dinner/meeting. This sounded like a great idea, so Gene Bunt made arrangements with EAA National Headquarters to provide insurance for all of our activities, including flying, for the entire year.

In order to make this flying activity happen at 4pm Tuesday afternoon---  
**PLEASE CALL OR SEND A MESSAGE TO GENE BUNT**  
732-600-6506, OR CONTACT ME 732-330-3458. We have several pilots available, and we will contact others if we have a higher demand for the flights. Please understand the cockpits of our airplanes are small, so social distancing will not be possible unless you prefer to be seated at a window----on the outside wing!!!! Also, the pilots may feel they need to fly without a mask. However you are welcome and encouraged to wear yours during the flight.

Our Raffle prizes for the scholarship program will be announced at the beginning of the evening. Your Board of Directors, met last week to discuss our meetings/activities. As a result of that meeting we will be announcing a new series of workshop activities in which many of you may wish to participate.

Come to our meeting Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> (4pm for flying, 6pm for a delicious dinner) so that you can enjoy that evening's program and help plan exciting programs and activities for future meetings.

**SEE YOU AT HANGAR 27, BOB NEWMAN**

## **Young Eagles**

We will be performing Young Eagles at our Monthly Meeting. We will also be doing Eagle Flights. We have several planes to give rides to anyone on July 7, 2020. We will start at 4:00 PM. BBQ starts at 6 PM. Come and enjoy a flight and a hot dog.

## **New Products**

Sporty's Radio SP-400. The radio has large buttons and is easy to operate with one hand. The amazing feature is the ILS. I bought this for a second radio but chose the SP-400 for the ILS function. I did not really think it would be a true ILS. When I received the unit I tried it out. It was quite bumpy and windy but the weather was clear. I performed the ILS 6 at KMJX. I intersected the ILS near COYLE VOR. Both the LOC and the ILS needles came to center and I followed the Course Deviation Indicator (CDI) centered all the way to minimums. This is



great for emergencies to get you safely on the ground.

## **Flying Dreams**

Oshkosh, no, SpaceX, yes. I wouldn't have thought this time last year that there'd be no "Oshkosh" because of a pandemic. Nor did I know I'd watch SpaceX successfully launch the Dragon spacecraft a little over a month ago.

These two emotional occurrences, during corona, make me want to hold on to my flying for dear life.

Pre-opening, I've managed to attend some very good webinars. One on Covid-19 SFAR, one on Top 10 Leading Causes of Fatal General Aviation Accidents, one on "Is Your Airplane Rusty Too" and one on Flying Safely while Aging Gracefully.

I even took the suggestions from the "Time for a Really Good Pre-flight" webinar down to the airport with me and did just that. Though I haven't flown, yet, run-up checks weren't that bad. I see a hose I should replace, my landing lights have to be fixed and the left mag is a little rough.

In the midst of taking care of these things, I wanted to write something positive about our dedication to flying in such a tough time. I googled aviation quotes for that just right phrase to include here. What I've found and decided to use is, "Flying dreams mean that you are doing the right thing with your life" by Doug Coupland, who is the author of the 1991 national bestselling novel, Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture. Wikipedia. I'm happy to say I just had a flying dream, the only one I think I've ever had. I remember visiting Kermit Weeks' Fantasy of Flight facility in Florida many years ago. Mr. Weeks had a quote on a plaque on the grounds of the museum, the same quote he has on his website today. "Flight is the most profound metaphor for

pushing our boundaries, reaching beyond ourselves, and freedom. And don't we ALL...fly in our dreams?".

Up until recently, I haven't flown in a dream.

Hope you had a flying dream last night and that we'll have another one, again, tonight!

Continue to be safe.

-Melissa Lekas

## Favorite YouTube Channels

I am sure many of you watch YouTube Videos. I for one subscribe to many of the YouTube Channels. Some of the channels are fun, some are instructional, some are informative. I have my favorite aviation channels which I look for the new post on each channel each night instead of watching TV.

**Tucker Gott** has a channel on paramotor flight. I watch this in envy as I would like to try it someday. (Bucket List) But I am not fool enough to do it on my own. Strapping a motor with a propeller on your back and flying around on a parachute wing sounds intriguing.

**Mike Patey** is building a very high performance cub, most of the material is hand built from carbon fiber. He was the one who had Draco, the off airport plane and the cub he is building now is called Scrappy. It is just fun watching his work and designs.

**Blancolirio** deals with current affairs. Crashes and problems which come up in aviation. He is an airline pilot.

**Everyday Astronaut** has information on everything Space. Rockets, satellites, the space station. Very informative.

**Flightchops** is informative and instructional about aviation. He has flown many types of aircraft and in many different places. I watched one on flying float planes in Alaska.

**Trent Palmer** flies an off airport plane to many fun destinations. This is just fun to watch. I would never land my Ercoupe on the top of a mountain.

**SmarterEveryDay** is educational on many subjects. The last one I watched was about moon rocks. The real thing, where they keep them, how they loan them out for research.

**74Gear** is a 747 Pilot who has an informative, fun channel. The last one was about embarrassing things which happen when they travel to different places.

**Premier1Driver** flies a Beech Premier around for business. He is an ex F16 military pilot. He shows the flights from start to finish. The flights are all IFR due to Class A airspace. It is mostly informative on how the IFR system works.

**Missionary Bush Pilot** is just that, he flies a turboprop into jungle-rough airports. This is informative as to how to fly into some of the worst airports in the world, in the middle of jungles.

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