



NO April Chapter Meeting

As of the writing of this (April 20), we are still under a stay at home order at least through April 30 and thus we will not be having our April Monthly Meeting.

POSTPONED

EAA Learn To Fly Day

With the uncertainty of when the stay at home order will be lifted and getting back to a sense of normalcy, we decided it was best to postpone our Learn To Fly Day which was scheduled for May 16. We will figure out a new day at some point.

I'm not sure yet on the status of our June Young Eagles Day, but regardless, I'm sure we will reschedule as necessary to still hold a couple of rally days this year.

In the meantime, stay safe and keep flying (if you can)!

New Chapter Website

Our new website went live on April 1st. We currently have an issue with our domain name of eaa95.org, so Matt Trofimchuck is working on seeing if he can get this fixed. In the meantime, our website address is: chapters.eaa.org/ea95

Please take a look at it and let me know if you have any comments or suggestions.

I'll let you know if we get eaa95.org working again, otherwise the chapters.eaa.org/ea95 link will always work, so you can change your reference to that instead.

Looking Ahead to AirVenture 2020

By: Jack J Pelton, EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board

March 26, 2020 - My fellow EAAers, I'm writing this to address the status of AirVenture Oshkosh 2020. Today we are still planning on having the event beginning July 20, 2020. In that context, I wanted to let people know how we're approaching the planning process for AirVenture, and to help people understand the timetable as we sort through the ever-changing world events.

Certainly, the world has changed dramatically in recent weeks with the global COVID-19 pandemic, beginning internationally and now at extremely concerning levels within the United States. Most of you reading this are impacted by state-by-state orders to stay home and follow specific CDC guidelines on social distancing, hygiene, and other precautions to slow the spread of the virus. The circumstances have changed rapidly here as well, with Wisconsin enacting a stay-at-home mandate until April 24. We are supportive of those restrictions, and at EAA we have closed our headquarters, with all staff working from home and adhering to the most stringent standards possible. But thankfully, due to the technology infrastructure investments we have made, a majority of our employees continue to focus on their daily tasks, which include production of your monthly magazine, digital offerings, and of course AirVenture planning.

On a daily basis over the past several weeks, I have had countless calls, emails, and teleconferences with EAA members, volunteers, AirVenture exhibitors, sponsors, aviation manufacturers, our board of directors, and EAA employees. This is in addition to assessing the daily influx of CDC data and daily health guidance recommendations from local, state, and federal government.

We are also closely following and assessing many of the larger closures of world events. In the case of the Olympics, the world's athletes have already lost crucial training time because of restrictions imposed in response to the viral outbreak. It also is a completely international event. This meant the organizers were forced to make their "go/no go/go later" decision early on. The same holds true with the Democratic National Convention being held in Milwaukee, as they too look at every contingency, including allowing time for preparations to host the proceedings online if need be.

As we look at AirVenture, with our own similarly complex but also radically different set of circumstances, we have the rare luxury of making our decisions just a little bit later. While AirVenture 2020 planning began in earnest at the end of AirVenture 2019, the real onsite preparation work for our annual convention doesn't happen until May. That is when many of our dedicated volunteer work parties arrive in force and start the serious work to prepare the convention grounds. We have already identified those tasks that could be deferred until June, while still enabling us to have a safe and successful event in late July.

Currently our timetable for our next major decision point is not until May. In the meantime, we are continually preparing and in planning mode, which includes a variety of "what-if" scenarios. The choices are stay the course, delay, or cancel. Of course, the ability to delay would be dependent on volunteer support and exhibitor commitment and probably could not be later than late August. Again, it is important to

consider all options, but it is also possible that even as I gather and digest incoming relevant information, I may not have any significant updates over the next couple of weeks. We will understand a lot more when we get to the end of April. That is the time most stay-at-home mandates could expire.

I want to ensure you that as our AirVenture planning continues, I will keep you posted. I want to thank everyone for their patience as we weather the "storm before the calm." Frustrating as it is, we're in a holding pattern right now. The best thing we can do is keep a watchful eye on the conditions and make the best decisions as factual information comes in, to ensure the health and safety of everyone attending our event. As aviators, we know that this, like all storms, will pass, and whatever transpires over the next couple of months, EAAers will see it through with the mutual support and fellowship that have been the cornerstone of our organization for the past 67 years.



President's Corner...

Greetings Chapter 95 family and friends!

I hope you're all doing well and staying healthy! I honestly haven't heard much of anything, good or bad, from anyone in our Chapter since this whole virus outbreak and economic shutdown started, so forgive me if I'm unaware of any bad situations

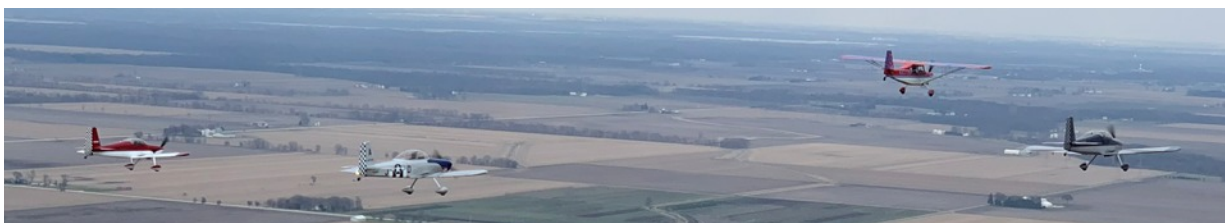
affecting any of you. I can only assume no news is at least relatively good news. It's been rather busy and pretty much business as usual in my life. I'm actually hoping for some of that down time many of you are probably more than ready

to get rid of by now! Yes, I am complaining, but I certainly do realize how lucky I am to be mostly unaffected. Once again, we obviously won't be having a meeting this month. That was the only event scheduled in April, but I'm guessing with the longer days and somewhat nicer weather, Matt and Jana would've already started TailDragger Tuesdays by now. I'm sure most of us are probably more disappointed about that not happening than the canceled meetings. Hopefully things will gradually start returning to some kind of normal soon! We'll keep an eye on things and decide how to proceed as the worldwide and local situations continue to unfold. In the meantime, stay safe, wash your hands, keep your distances and guard your valuable toilet paper stockpile from those of us who didn't stock up!

Brian

Social Distancing From the Air

On April 3, Six pilots decided to get together for some formation practice (and social distancing practicing). Of course, we had a great time getting some good flying in on a beautiful spring day, but it also served the purpose of spreading some joy and good cheer to folks on the ground. There were random posts on Facebook of people seeing a group of airplanes flying around and how much they enjoyed it. We were even able to do a fly over for Spring Grove Nursery as they were out planting. I think it put a smile on their faces as they were out working so hard to get everything planted.



Lancair Move to Texas

By: Lee Brinley

Much like Michael Jordan after his two year sabbatical announced, **“I’m Back!”** well hopefully so am I - only this is after a 4 year sabbatical.....

In any event, as many of you know I made the brilliant business decision 4 years ago to get involved with a couple of startup companies. Long story short this severely impacted any discretionary spending relative to airplane projects. Without boring you with the details we have made progress and therefore I am now able to start taking some steps towards completing my plane. The first major step is to move the plane to a group called Falcon Aero, located in Fredericksburg, Texas. I became aware of this group through Adept/Oshkosh as we have reached an agreement in that they will partner with Adept to provide firewall forward kits for customers that purchase Adept engines. They are a full service, builder assist shop and they do exceptional work. We are pleased to have them on our team to say the least!



After a quick breakfast we went straight to the hangar to layout a game plan for loading my plane. We rolled it out of the hangar and I believe that is the first time it has seen the light of day in four years! Regardless, it was a good feeling to see my plane sparkling in the sunshine. My impression of loading a plane is that it shouldn't be all that difficult. A fuselage already on its landing gear, a couple of wings and off you go! Yep, another amateur analysis by yours truly. Part of the challenge is that the horizontal on my ES is 13.5 wide so it has to be mounted on a 45 degree angle. Let me just say, not something you do at the drop of a hat but eventually we got there. In fact it was about 5:30pm by the time we were loaded and ready to roll out of Redmond which is exactly what we did. For those of us that have spent the majority of our lives in the Midwest, we all know when the sun sets it gets dark. However, when the sun sets out west in what I call “big sky” country it gets really-really dark! The stars are in abundance. We don't know what we are missing. We drove until about 1:30am trying to make up for some lost time, found lodging and called it a night. Up bright and early the next morning, once again grabbed some breakfast supplemented with massive amounts of coffee! The food was GOOD but the coffee was NECESSARY.....



This update will be brief as it is primarily about the move. The Falcon partners have been great, they offered to use their truck and trailer to pick up my plane in Redmond, Oregon. To save you the math, it is approximately 2,000 miles each way from Fredericksburg to Redmond. I flew out on business to Boise, Idaho a few days prior so thankfully I only made the trip one way. Amazingly, the client I met with in Idaho was only three miles off the highway that Falcon was using to drive to Redmond. Therefore, they stopped and picked me up and I rode with them for the final 300 miles to Redmond. Pickups have become bigger and more comfortable over the years but 3.5 days in any vehicle gets old fast! That said, I do have a new appreciation for diesel engines and how they effortlessly pull trailers. Anyway, we arrived in Redmond about 10:00pm, found lodging and called it a night.



On the road again (isn't there a song about this?) we were going to spend a very long day driving but truly through some of the most beautiful country you can imagine. Snow-capped mountains, bluffs, valleys, rivers – I think we enjoyed a little bit of everything, it almost made spending three days in the backseat of a pickup truck worthwhile. We passed through MOAB, Utah on the way back to Texas but unfortunately did not take time to explore. A place I plan to go back and visit, **IF** only I had a plane to get there – oh wait, I do – **IF** only it was finished ☹ We did stop to eat dinner in Moab and found a place called the Moab Diner, great food and prices. Highly recommend it, will go there again. Must get airplane done.....



Dinner complete, time to get back in the truck. HooYah! Did I mention it gets really dark out west? Once again we drove into the wee hours, does this sound familiar, found lodging and called it a night. Everything is now becoming a bit of blur. What day is it? How many days have we been on the road or is it weeks? Feels like months, this trip couldn't really be just 2,000 miles, I must have dropped a zero, feels more like 20,000! This started to remind me of the one and only marathon that I ever ran or will ever run. You start out with a lot of excitement for what is ahead. You are in a nice rhythm but then you slowly begin to realize that this is going to be one very long adventure. Then the adventure becomes very routine and then routine becomes painful. In the end, you are just trying hang on and get to the finish line. In some cases literally crawling across the finish line, gotta say – that's pretty much how it felt!

Anyway back to the trip. We would stop once or twice a day to check straps and it was good that we did. Found one that had been rubbing on the trailer frame that was just about to break. Fortunately, we had the good sense to bring plenty of extra straps, swapped it out and we were back on our way. The stops were nice, not only to get out of the truck but also to be able to take in the scenery. You definitely don't find a gas station on every corner like we have here.



Ok, day three with another short night of sleep in hopes that we would arrive in Fredericksburg at a decent time. No such luck, spoiler alert, we rolled in at 12:45am but we did arrive. The third day was the toughest, as it was – you guessed it, the third day in a truck. Worse yet, we had left the incredible mountain views and rolled back into the flatlands. Really nothing to see or in fact write about! Therefore, I won't write about it.

Suffice it to say, when we arrived we unhitched the trailer and yet again found lodging and called it a night. We did all agree that there was no need to be up at the crack of dawn so we joyfully decided to sleep in. We met back at the hangar to pull my plane off the trailer and move it into its new home. Here we will finish the firewall forward, interior and panel. If it all moves forward as planned, perhaps unlike Michael Jordan, I'll have two words again **"Phase 1"**.



Mark & Shelly Molle - Airstrip Home For Sale

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2020 Chapter 95 Calendar of Events

Here is the current calendar of events. The Board of Directors should be meeting soon to add more items, so continue to keep checking the calendar each month. This should be a good start to put in your calendar and plan for. If you have any ideas for events, please contact Brian DePung or any of the officers or board members.

May

16 - Learn To Fly Day, Morris Airport 9am
22 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm, Matt Kwiatkowski treats

June

13 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 9am-2pm
20 - Ruffatto Fly-in/Drive-in @ Riley Field
26 - Chapter Meeting 7:30pm

July

10 - Matt and Jana Trofimchuck Ice-Cream Social @ Morris Airport
19 - Oshkosh Family Dinner Night @ Wendt's on the Lake
20-26 - Airventure 2020 @ Oshkosh

August

28 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm,

September

12 - Young Eagles, Morris Airport 9am-2pm
19 - Bruce & Cindy Limbach Annual Pig Roast
25 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm, Mark & Judy Kenney treats

October

23 - Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm,

November

20 - Potluck and Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm

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**NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 22, 2020 at 7:30pm
(TENTATIVE)**

**Location: Grundy County Farm Bureau
4000 Division St (Route 47)
Morris, IL**

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!!!

Visit our website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea95>

Do you know someone who might be interested in joining our chapter? Please bring them to our next meeting and let them see what we are all about. Membership dues are \$25.00 per year.