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Chapter 304 March Meeting Speaker

Mark Sekelsky from the National Weather Service/NOAA in Grand Rapids, MI will be addressing topics of interest such as:

1. Who he is, and what he does.: He has found over the years that many pilots don't realize that there is a human face behind the Terminal Area Forecasts (TAPS).
2. Discuss the various aviation departments in NOAA and what is handled by whom.
3. And discuss some new/favorite weather websites and Applications for mobile devices as-well-as new trends in aviation forecasting for 2020 and beyond.

He's excited to share this information with us so bring along a friend or two.

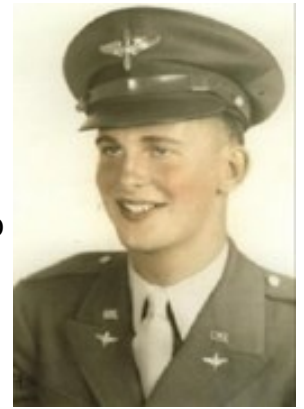




Leon John Zimmerman

1920-2020

WWII Army Air Corp veteran who spoke at our Chapter last year



Zimmerman, Leon John 6/4/1924 - 2/20/2020 Leon John Zimmerman of Jackson, MI (known to many as Lee or Zim) went to be with the Lord and the love of his life Helen on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Lee was married to Helen, who passed away in 2017, for nearly 70 years. Their family includes a beloved daughter, Pamela, who passed away in 2000, and two sons, David and Thomas. Pamela was married to Kevin Harty and they provided a grandson, Christopher (Jennifer) Harty. David married Rhonda and provided two grandsons, Paul (Elizabeth) Zimmerman and Daniel (Brittany) Zimmerman. Thomas married Catherine and provided the first grandson Matthew (Dottie) Zimmerman and two granddaughters Rachael (Kyle) Spears, and A.J. (David) Wolf. The family now includes seven great grandchildren Lola, Riston Lee, Ruby, Levi, Cleo, Arden, and Clara Helen. In his own words "We have been blessed with good health and life is good. Thank you, God." Born on June 4, 1924, Lee was the son of Albert and Marie Zimmerman of Hersey, Michigan. Lee was attending Grand Rapids University when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. A true hero, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp rather than being drafted and having no choice of assignment. He served in the U.S. Army Mighty 8th Air Force in WWII as a B-17 Bombardier assigned to the 457th Bomb Group. His B-17 was shot down on his 22nd mission over Germany on November 30, 1944, resulting in Lee becoming a POW in Barth, Germany at the Stalag Luft #1. Lee's internment lasted until May of 1945. After returning he met and married Helen and became a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather (Pops). A graduate from the University of Michigan, he led a successful career working as a manufacturers rep. for Balfour/Taylor. He was a respected community member involved in many organizations and groups including Kiwanis, the First United Methodist Church, and Jackson County Meal services, to name a few. Charismatic, big hearted, adventurous, tough but fair, lively, dedicated, sharp, my idol, confident, loyal, kind and very generous, are only a few of Zim's many attributes. Dedicated U of M sports fan, avid golfer, and world traveler, he made lifelong friends near and far; friendships treasured by many. Lee was a legend to all who knew him and will be dearly missed by many. A memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced.

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On February 21st, **Charlie Moore's brother** passed away at age 91. Charlie is on his way out of state for the funeral. No other information is available at this time. No other details are available.

Useful Website Links

EAA National Site <http://www.eaa.org/eea>

Jackson County Airport <http://www.co.jackson.mi.us/232/airport>

Solo Aviation <http://www.soloaviation.aero/>

Skyway Aviation <http://www.skywayjxn.com/default.htm>

Lumen Christi Aviation Club <http://www.304youthaviation.weebly.com>

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) <http://www.aopa.org/>

MDOT Aeronautics <http://www.michigan.gov/aero>

NOAA National Weather Service <http://www.aviationweather.gov/adds/>

Federal Aviation Administration <http://www.faa.gov/>

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EAA Chapter 304 MEETINGS

March 4th

6:30 p.m. Chapter House—Mark Sekelsky from the NOAA office in Grand Rapids will be discussing how NOAA supports pilots and groups.



April 1st

6:30 p.m. Chapter House - Don Frank from the Meridian Law center will address the following topics: Aviation Insurance and Liability, Aero medical legal Issues, FAA Enforcement, Aircraft Sales and Purchases, Michigan and Federal Aviation laws.

May 6th

6:30 p.m. Chapter House - Pancake Breakfast planning



Check out the EAA Chapter 304 Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/EAA-Chapter-304-624715834287473/>

Check out the new Website

<https://eaa304.org>

Guess who's turning 50 this year?

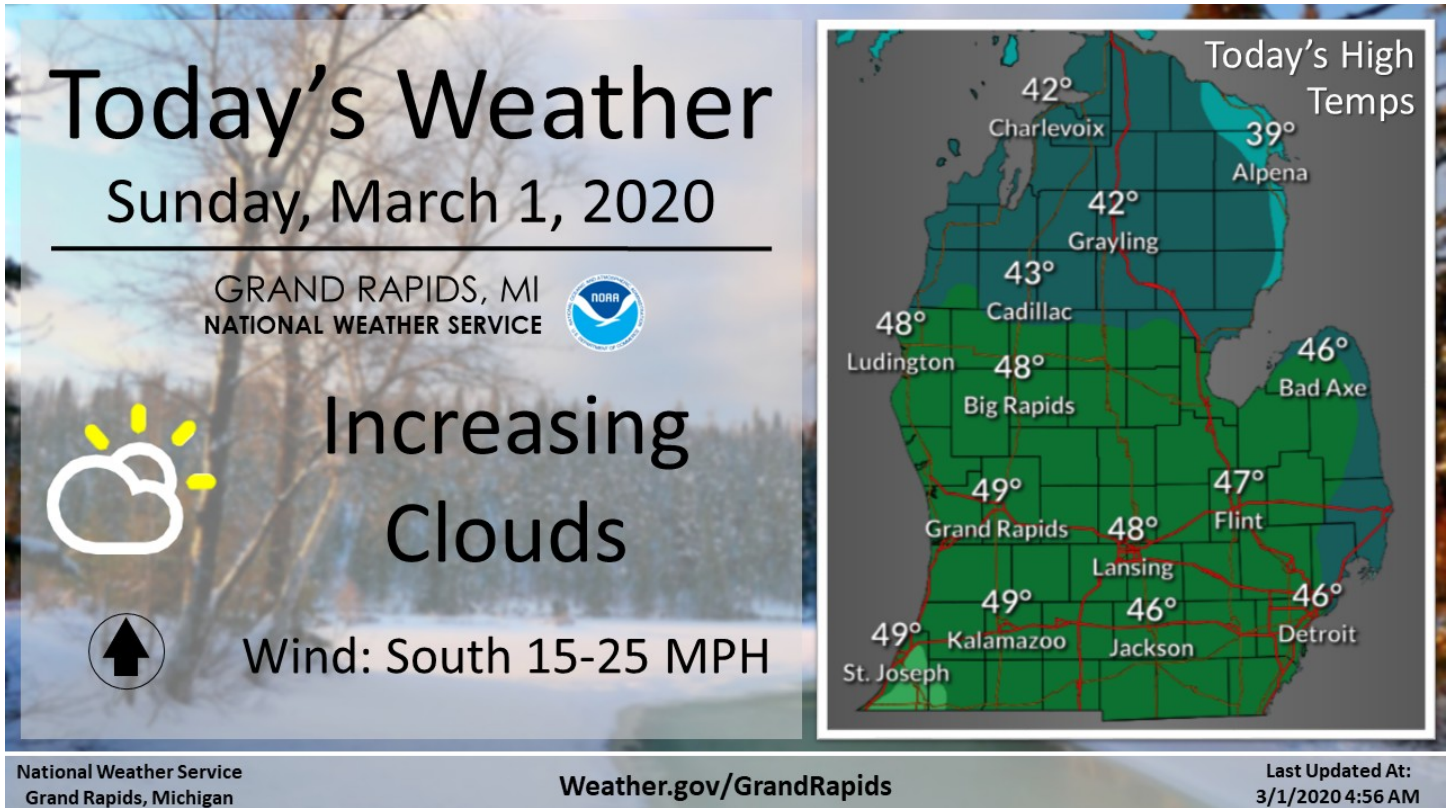


March Meeting Speaker

Members,

Just a reminder that our speaker for our March general meeting will be Mark Sekelsky from the National Weather Service/NOAA in Grand Rapids, MI. Mark will be addressing many topics of interest to our members

A sample of the reports given is pictured below for Sunday, March 1st



Weather observations for the past three days

use <https://w1.weather.gov/data/obhistory/KJXN.html> to check out the weather observations for the past three days for Jackson County Airport - Reynolds Field or enter any other city you choose.

I'm the Captain, Get Over It

EAA 304 Board meeting February 5th, 2020

Charlie Moore called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. In attendance were Charlie Moore, Chuck Furgason, Tracy Boyers, John Feldvary, Joan Feldvary and Greg Mears. George Race was absent

Old Business - Board reviewed notes from the January board meeting and implemented the following decisions:

By a unanimous vote effective January 1, 2020, all new members who join our chapter **must** become members of the National EAA. All current members will be "grandfathered" in and exempted from this requirement.

Per the Chapter By-Laws, those members who do not become EAA national members are prohibited from voting on anything that affects the chapter. One examples would be the ability to vote in our leadership elections

Board agreed unanimously that we would begin publishing the Board meeting minutes in the chapter newsletter

Board discussed the membership audit. Greg Mears mentioned that he has been working with the Secretary over at EAA 55 on a free tool that the National EAA uses. EAA 55 has found this tool to be quite useful. Since this option needs to be better researched. Discussion was tabled and the item will be added to next month's board meeting agenda

New business

President's report - Charlie is looking for volunteers for chapter ground maintenance, especially the flower beds. Volunteers please email Charlie

Treasurer's report - Chuck Furgason gave the treasurers report and in general the chapter is financially sound

Vice president's report - Tracy Boyers had nothing new to report this month

Secretary's report (Joan and Greg)

EAA National is going to begin offering a "Free" website option to all the chapters later this year. We discussed the pros/cons of moving our website to the new national host versus staying with the current setup. The Board unanimously voted to have Greg and Joan maintain the current site at a cost of \$300 annually, and then transition to the free site being offered by the national once the National has the new sites set up and stable

Webpage-Facebook-Media report (Joan Feldvary)

Our Facebook page is doing quite well. Joan reviewed statistics for the page and Interestingly, 30% of the visitors to our page were women between the ages of 35-44.

Board to investigate means to recruiting more female members for our chapter.

Our YouTube channel is up and running and we welcome any videos members may have to be uploaded. Our channel can be found by typing EAA 304 in the search box

Event planning

Speakers - Greg has speakers lined up through July of this year. Board will continue to review possible candidates

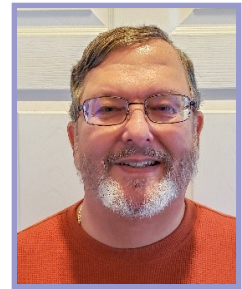
Pancake breakfast planning - Tabled until next month

Need to discuss Traffic control

Purchase Banners from National EAA

Greg/Joan to investigate utilizing Flyers from National EAA

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35pm





**New Hanger being built at Jackson County Airport,
Reynolds Field, January 2020**

February 2020 General Meeting Minutes

President Charlie Moore called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

Members were reminded to fill out the meeting sign in sheet, so we know who attended. Please have any guests you might bring sign in, too and check the guest box

In attendance we had a total of 12 members and 2 guests

Chuck Furgason gave the treasurer's report to membership

Charlie advised the membership about the decision regarding mandatory membership in the national EAA for new members. Current members will not have to join the national, but it is encouraged. Your dues to the national, finance things like our insurance for the Pancake breakfasts, online technical resources, and many other tools that many aren't even aware of.

Charlie officially Introduced Greg Mears and turned the meeting over to him

Greg's Gave a quick bio on himself and some of the things he and Joan Feldvary have been working on

He explained about the opportunity we have to move our current website to a "No-Charge offering from the national. (Again, its things offered by the national that are provided by your EAA national dues.

Greg did a quick run through the EAA 304 YouTube channel. He also encouraged members to contact him at secretary@eaa304.org if they have airshow or other videos they would like to upload and share.

Greg touched on the success of the Facebook page and how we are getting a wide variety of visitors from all over the country. One of the impressive statistics from the Facebook site that 30% of our fans are women between the ages of 35-44. There is an obvious need for us to recruit more women aircraft enthusiasts to our chapter

Greg closed his presentation by highlighting the benefits of joining the national EAA. He pointed out multiple tools and opportunities to enhance our chapter. Examples given were online training resources including Chapter Management, Chapter Marketing and advertising. Most importantly there are FREE online technical videos at the EAA national on everything from painting to engine repair. Greg encouraged ALL members to reach out to the board with ideas on how to make 2020 a fun year for all of us and help the chapter grow again.

Open forum – Board discussed ideas for 2020

How can we make the chapter better, and how can we bring in more members?

What can the board do to make meetings more interesting?

How does the membership feel about hosting a charitable event?

Other suggestions from the attendees and the board included:

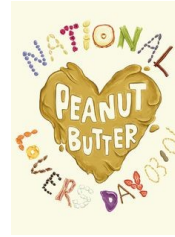
Fly-outs

Chapter sponsored projects like a restoration

Visiting other EAA chapters

Please send any ideas you have to Charlie at 150chuck@gmail.com

2020 MARCH



1st National Peanut butter Lovers Day



4th EAA Chapter 304 Speaker Mark Sekelsky from the NOAA office

17th St Patrick's Day



18th Airport Board Meeting 9 a.m. EAA304 Hanger

20th Spring Begins



APRIL 2020



1st 6:30 p.m. Chapter House - Don Frank from the Meridian Law center will address the following topics:
Aviation Insurance and Liability, Aero medical legal Issues, FAA Enforcement, Aircraft Sales and Purchases, Michigan and Federal Aviation laws.

7th World Health Day



8th Passover



10th Easter



15th Tax Day Airport Board meeting at 9a.m. EAA Chapter House



22nd Earth Day



* Check out the Michigan Calendar at michigan.gov/aero

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