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President's Corner

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Nothing is for certain when you are living in such uncertainty. Seems obvious enough to say that the rest of 2020 is anyone's guess on how it will play out. There are not many times in our nations' past where such outbreaks warrant such measures. Could be a once in a lifetime experience. I hope at the least the newsletter finds you and your loved ones healthy and doing well amidst the circumstances. Spring should be here to help lift our spirits, but seems to have also self-quarantined from 2020. If time were a game of golf, we would be calling a Mulligan for sure.

As for our chapter activities for the month of April we decided it would be best to continue the guidelines of our State and EAA and forgo All Chapter activities. Indiana's suggested stay at home order is up on Monday the 20th. It is very likely it will be extended in some manner for the rest of the month. We will hope for a full return to the schedule in May, but understand the situation is still very fluid and may continue to change our plans.

With the extra time off and fewer line items on our agendas I hope you find the time to pick up past unfinished projects. Maybe there is a project or build you need to research before beginning? Maybe the time home could afford you the chance to study for a new rating or type checkout? The Aviation industry is being hit hard in this time of economic distress, but I know those in Aviation are not found to be bored with idle time. It is our opportunity to unhangar the plans and aspirations and begin rolling on the homework and preparation to make it happen. When our communities and economies all reopen, we will be ready to come back and make up for lost time and salvage the proverbial dumpster fire that 2020 has so far been known for.

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Update on AirVenture 2020

As spring has sprung and summer is nearing, we are all wondering how this summer's planned adventures will look. The EAA is keeping up to date on their website. Among the recent articles was a letter from CEO Jack J. Pelton titled "Looking Ahead to AirVenture 2020." Below is a selection from his letter. You can read the article in it's entirety here: <http://eaavintage.org/update-from-jack-pelton-airventure-2020/>

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"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."

Jack J. Pelton
EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board

2020 Vintage Work Weekends

Hello VAA Volunteers,

UPDATE: The April work weekend has been cancelled. Our Work Weekends for 2020 are May 29, 30, and 31; June 26, 27, and 28.

"There is a lot to do and your help and talents will be appreciated. Housing is available but limited. We work hard and eat well. Fantastic

meals and snacks are provided by Vintage Volunteers."

Mike Blombach, Vintage Maintenance Chairman:

Please signup or contact them at: <http://eaavintage.org/2020-work-weekends/>.



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Governor Holcomb's Stay-At-Home, Executive Order ends on Monday, April 20, at 11:59 p.m. ET, but could be extended if the COVID-19 outbreak warrants it.

Upcoming Events

May 23 - *Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 7-11am*
May 24 - *Memorial Day Sunday BBQ Cookout! Hangar A (kGWB) 12 noon!*
May 27 - *VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm*

Jun 13 - *EAA 2 Young Eagles Rally, Smithfield Hangar 2, 9am-1pm*
Jun 20 - *VAA 37 Young Eagles Rally, Hangar A (kGWB), 9am-1pm*
Jun 24 - *VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm*
Jun 27 - *Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 7-11am*

Jul 20-26 - *EAA Airventure, OSH, no chapter meeting, no chapter breakfast*

Aug 2 - *EAA 2 Young Eagles Rally, Smithfield Hangar 2, 9am-1pm*
Aug 22 - *Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 7-11am*
Aug 22 - *VAA 37 Young Eagles Rally, Hangar A (kGWB), 9am-1pm*
Aug 26 - *VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm*

Sept 5 - *Marion Fly-in/Cruise-in, Marion Municipal Airport (MZZ), 7am-2pm*
Sept 12 - *EAA 2 Young Eagles Rally, Smithfield Hangar 2, 9am-1pm*
Sept 19 - *VAA 37 Young Eagles Rally, Hangar A (kGWB), 9am-1pm*
Sept 23 - *VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm*
Sept 26 - *Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 8-11am*

Note: All upcoming April gatherings are canceled, and Young Eagles Rallies are canceled until June. The EAA has canceled some events which includes the April Volunteer Work weekend on April 24, 25, and 26 2020. Please check eaa.org for other updates.

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