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EAA Vintage Chapter 37, April 2020

President's Corner

Andrew Hershman

As I finally get a minute to collect my thoughts and relax this fine spring evening, I realize I missed the deadline for this month's newsletter. We get this out the week before the chapter meeting, but somehow between the hustle at work and home I lost track of what week of May it was already! Please excuse my lack of punctuality on this one. I believe my wife dearest even asked me about it last week. All me on this one! Outside of my regular job I have not worked my side job at Century Aviation since the beginning of April and thus, have not had the chance of running into some of you on the flight line or in the FBO. I believe I will be back in June on Saturdays like before.

The board over a virtual meeting this month decided to host an ice cream fly-in to supplement the loss of AirVenture 2020 this year. If you haven't read Jack Pelton's letter yet, please do as it is attached to this newsletter. Also, the month of May we saw the suspension of our chapter's hangar rent to the Airport Authority. If you run into Russ or any of the Airport Authority employees let them know you appreciate the relief. Although we are not financially stressed, the loss of the breakfasts and chapter activities does show on our bottom line. This coming month of June we should be back up to resuming our breakfasts, social gatherings, Young Eagles and meetings again. Please plan on participating once we join again as a chapter.

I hope we all can get out and knock the rust off after the winter dreary weather or the virus lockdowns kept our wings under wraps for so long. I know I am a few months out and need to get back in the hot seat and get back to speed. The freedom of flight is worth the wait!

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May 1, 2020

AirVenture 2020 is officially cancelled

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

**VAA Chapter 37 Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2020**

President Andrew Hershman called a meeting of board members and Young Eagle leaders via virtual meeting room on May 18th 2020. Five Chapter members joined the virtual meeting.

Business Discussed

- All May Meetings/ programs canceled.
- We will resume activities in June, practicing extra measures during these activities. We will be in Stage 4 by June Breakfast which means gatherings are permitted up to 250 people.
- We will add the annual airport cleanup date to the schedule on June 27th after the morning breakfast.
- Young Eagles events are canceled through June but will resume in July. Precautions are being looked into and prepared for the upcoming August event at our Hangar. We will need willing pilots to fly kids during this event.

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- Events and activities added because of Airventure cancelation.
 - July Breakfast at the Hangar-July 25th.
 - July 18th- Ice Cream Social. Ice cream, sloppy joes, and hot dogs provided.

*The meeting lasted about 40 minutes. Everyone is looking forward to gathering again!
Minutes by Marjorie Hershman*



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Not on File / Expired
Lease expiration date (holdover):
April 30, 2022

Good day,

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and associated strains that most of us are experiencing currently, the DCAA Board has decided to abate all rents on the airport for the month of May. Please do not make a payment to us for the month of May.

If you have an automatic payment pending, please contact your bank and cancel it for the Month of May. If for some reason payments are received, we will credit those payments towards the following month. If you have paid in advance, we will note on our records that there is no rent due for May and the credit will be moved to the following month.

Thank you for your support of the DeKalb County Airport and we look forward to better flying days with blue skies and calm winds.

Very truly,

DCAA Management and Board

Upcoming Events

Jun 24- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm
Jun 27- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 7-11am
Jun 27- Airport Cleanup after breakfast! Hangar A (kGWB), 11am

Jul 18- VAA 37 Ice Cream Social! Hangar A (kGWB), 4-8pm
Jul 25- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 7-11am

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

Oct 24- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 8-11am
Oct 28- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

Nov 25- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm
Nov 28- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 8-11am

Dec 19- VAA 37 Christmas Party! Hangar A (kGWB), 5:30pm

VAA Chapter 37

Ice Cream Social



Fly or drive on over to
Dekalb Airport on
Saturday July 18th, to
enjoy a nice cold treat
with Chapter 37!

We'll begin at 4pm in
Hangar A! We'll be
serving hot dogs and
sloppy joes to go with
the ice cream and fixings!

Commander Joseph C. Clifton eating ice-
cream. Image Source:
<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/instagram-articles/usmc-pilots-used-their-planes.html>

Is it time for you to renew?

Join or renew VAA Chapter 37 membership! Our chapter is growing by leaps and bounds!

\$24 Individual, \$36 Family, \$5 Youth

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Or give cash to Geoff next time you see him!

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