

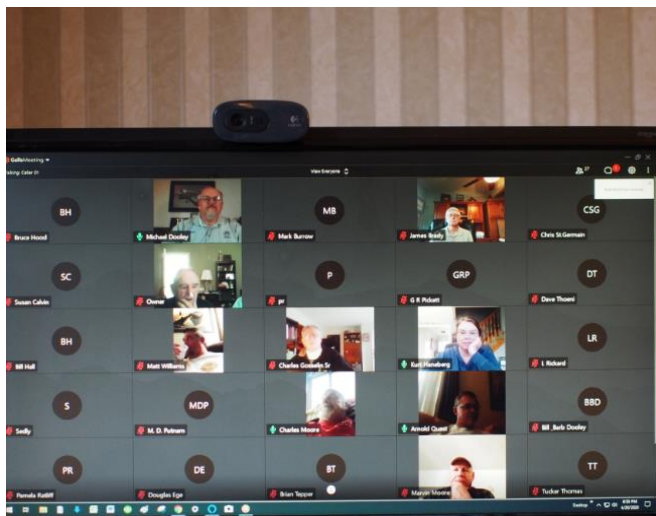


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**Special points of interest:**

- Our next gathering will be online, Monday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. IMC/VMC Clubs meet online the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Our next Young Eagles rally and pancake breakfast will be announced.
- We're always looking for good ideas for programs. Please contact Larry Young with your information.



## MODERN GATHERINGS

They say necessity is the mother of invention, and who can doubt that, especially when it has enabled us to meet without actually meeting. This month will mark our second online gathering thanks to mystical digital technology. But it's the necessity that is so frustrating. Whoever would have thought the United States economy could be closed by a tiny critter we can't even see! Well, it's not over yet, but we're sure glad we can still carry on in spite of the disruption. Hang in there.

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Lee's Summit, Missouri

# President's Corner

EAA Chapter 91 president, Mike Dooley

As most of you are aware, AirVenture 2020 has been cancelled. This was the best possible decision by EAA leadership under some very difficult circumstances.

I know many of us (me included) are disappointed. However, cancelation may create opportunities to make improvements on the grounds and accomplish maintenance that was deferred from previous years. If you'd like to assist EAA with small projects at Oshkosh this summer in the form of facility maintenance/upgrades please let me know. I've been there before for this kind of volunteer work and had a great time!

We're still under a Jackson County stay-at-home order. The Eastern Jackson County Recovery Plan, Phase I, will be implemented on May 11. Phase I will limit gatherings to no more than ten people, with appropriate social distancing, masks, sanitizing procedures, etc. Phase 1 will run for a minimum of 14 days, but even then we will face a new set of restrictions, to be outlined as future phase plans are released.

This means we will have a "slow restart" as we try to get back to normal. We should be able to conduct one-on-one activities such as individual Young Eagle flights, Eagle flights, and small team events such as the Young Eagle Build and Fly program. I'm also planning to host one-on-one workshop sessions: Riveting 101, Electrical 101, etc. Contact me if you're interested in learning a new skill!

However, "normal" EAA Chapter 91 meetings/gatherings involving larger groups will not be held at the Eagle Hangar but we will continue to have online gatherings for chapter board meetings and monthly programs.

We had a great turnout for our first-ever online chapter meeting on April 20. Jim Brady discussed the aerospace program at St. Michael the Archangel High School with over 50 members and guests logged in. A special thanks to Jim for providing a great program!

Our next online gathering on Monday evening, May 18 will include:

- Social time beginning at 6:30 pm to allow everyone to get logged in.
- A few announcements at 7pm followed by two programs:
  - Larry Rhoads will provide a "tour" of his Sopwith Baby biplane. This is the newest aircraft in the chapter since it was just inspected and certified at the end of January.
  - I will provide an overview of EAA's Flight Test Manual and flight test card procedures. This is the latest structured approach to test flying experimental amateur-built aircraft and is one that I've been using to test fly my RV-8.
  - After the presentations we should have more social time available until our scheduled time expires at 9 pm.

Ray Scholarship Coordinator Jim Brady, assisted by Griff Pickett, has been collecting applications with the goal of selecting the best possible candidate for this exciting opportunity. We now have six highly qualified applicants and will be conducting interviews with parents and applicants in the near future with the goal of selecting our nominee before the end of May.

See you online May 18 and at the Eagle Hangar (soon, I hope)!



# EAA CHAPTER 91

April 20, 2020

## Meeting Minutes

NOTE: Held as online/GoToMeeting gathering

- I. The Meeting was called to order by President Mike Dooley at 7:00 pm.
  - a. Mike provided the membership on-line procedures/etiquette for conducting the GoToMeeting: muting microphones/cameras during presentation, etc.
  - b. Greetings to members and guests. We have several guests from EAA/other chapters present on-line this evening.
- II. Announcements.
  - a. Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) update. Jackson Co is still under “Stay At Home” directive until May 15; Chapter face-to-face activities are cancelled, but online activities will continue (Bd Mtgs, VMC/IMC Club, Monthly Gathering). Air Venture TBD (EAA HQ is expected to make a decision in May)
  - b. Calendar.
    - i. Next board meeting: Monday, May 4, 7 pm using GoToMeeting
    - ii. VMC Club meeting: Monday, May 11, 7 pm Panel Discussion w/local CFI’s discussing their process for FAA Flight Reviews.
    - iii. Next Gathering Monday, May 18, 7 pm using GoToMeeting; topic TBD (will publish in May newsletter).
  - c. EAA 91 is once again a “Ray Scholarship” Chapter. Per Jim Brady, we have 3 applications in hand and one additional is likely. Jim recommends that we should proceed with the evaluations but not make any award of the scholarship until flight training is resumed by flight schools.
- III. Program. Jim Brady provided a presentation on the “Aviation Program at St. Michaels School” in Lee’s Summit, MO
- IV. “Open Mic Night”. Membership conduct an Open Mic chat for members to make comments and announcements.
  - a. Wants and Needs:
    - i. Starduster Too project for sale: contact Mike Dooley
    - ii. 2020 is a chapter election year-**need nominating committee [contact me/board member if you’re willing to serve]**
    - iii. I’m creating a chapter Aircraft Builder plaque: **Need list of builders/what they built/year:** Mike Dooley is consolidating and list, members are requested to send input to Mike Dooley.
- V. Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 pm. The number of participants peaked at 49 per the GoToMeeting application. The general consensus was that the meeting was successful as conducted.



Our next meeting of the VMC Club will be [Monday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m.](#)

This month we will meet at the computer of your choice. Yes, another on-line meeting.

This is a session that I have wanted to present for some time. Three of the area's premier flight instructors are going to give their hints for helping you getting the most out of your flight review:

**Jeanne Willerth** is a Gold Seal Flight Instructor, 2015 CFI of the year for the FAA Central Region, and AOPA presenter

**Joel Beyer** is the Chief CFI for New Century Air Service with over 5,000 hours of instruction time. Joel specializes in Cirrus instruction.

**Joel Arrington** is a long-time free-lance instructor, and the assistant airport manager at the Lee's Summit Airport.

These three instructors will talk about how they conduct flight reviews to allow their pilots get the most benefit from the experience. And we all want to hear from you. What do you want from your CFI during your flight review?

This presentation will be conducted via [www.GoToMeeting.com](http://www.GoToMeeting.com). If you have not done so, please go to the website and download the application (click on "START FOR FREE"). A camera and microphone are helpful, but you can join us by phone as well. Our meeting Id is [436-484-317](tel:436-484-317). Just click and join in a few minutes before 7:00. Or you can join us by phone at [\(646\) 749-3112](tel:646-749-3112) and use the same id.

The FAA's guidance for the flight review comes from Advisory Circular 81-98D. Check [chapter 4](#) for the FAA recommendations. And a new feature from AOPA for helping students and CFIs conduct productive flight reviews is called the Focused Flight Review. Check out [this video](#) from AOPA, and here is [AOPA's system](#) for organizing a focused review. We will talk about this in a bit more detail.

There is no cost to sit in on our monthly meetings. And there is no cost to check out the VMC website [www.eaa.org/vmcclub](http://www.eaa.org/vmcclub). VMC membership is free to EAA members. Not an EAA member? Ask me about a free six-month EAA membership.

Bring a flying friend.

Chris Hope, CFII, VMC Club Facilitator  
2018 FAA Flight Instructor of the Year, Central Region

More info about VMC Clubs at: [www.eaa.org/vmcclub](http://www.eaa.org/vmcclub)

(This invitation is extended to all pilots who are serious about flying.)

**EAA CHAPTER 91**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 4, 2020**

NOTE: Board Meeting conducted online using GoToMeeting.

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:59 pm by President Mike Dooley. Present: Mike Dooley, president; Chris St. Germain, vice-president; Phil Ishmael, treasurer; Robert Schmitt, secretary; Larry Young, Pres. Emeritus; Larry Rhoads, Jim Brady, Bruce Hood, newsletter editor, Mark Burrow, Paul Rodriguez, Susan Calvin.
- II. Announcements:
  - a. AirVenture 2020 is cancelled.
  - b. Jackson County COVID-19 restrictions through May 15...stay tuned.
- III. Report of Secretary
  - a. Approval of minutes of April 6 board meeting. Motion by Paul Rodriguez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Young. Motion approved.
  - b. Jackson County. Property-tax exemption filing status. No update, Rob will contact Jackson Co. on status.
- IV. Report of Treasurer
  - a. Financial reports. Phil Presented the profit and loss statement for operations through April. Due to Corona virus, our activities and normal income are down. The chapter is still financially sound. The hangars are now back up to fully occupied status.
- V. Report of VP/Young Eagle Coordinator
  - a. Young Eagles and Eagle Flights. No current activities or requests due to Corona virus situation. Chapter is preparing to implement online registration for activities when restrictions are lifted. Chris is planning a practice session prior to return to YE events.
- VI. Old Business
  - a. 2020 is a chapter election year-**need nominating committee**. Treasurer position is projected to be replaced this cycle.
  - b. Hangar Repairs: Mike Nault has two bids in for man door replacement. Mike D will review with board online and make a decision on replacement.
  - c. Chapter hat order: ten purchased last month (two each: navy, red, maroon, forest green, khaki) from Sonshine Sports Apparel, LLC, Independence. Will order more after restrictions lifted.
  - d. EAA Initiatives:[EAA.org/Pathways]
    - i. Ray Scholarship: (Jim Brady). 6 applications have been received. All are good candidates. Jim B will assemble packages for Mike D, and Grff P. to start review and selection process.

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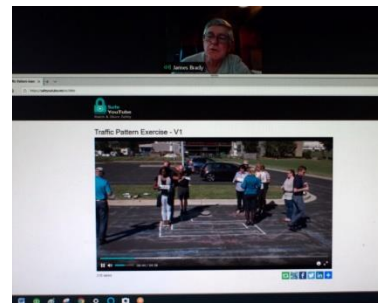
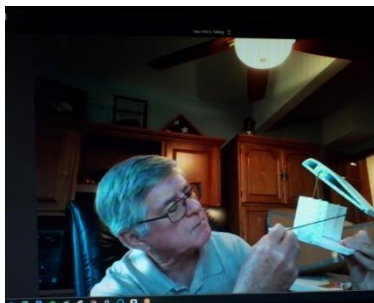
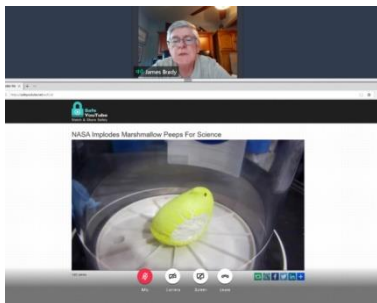


## *Board Meeting: Continued from pervious page --*

- i. Young Eagles Build & Fly (RC program). Mike Davis, son of Dennis Davis has donated an RC plane to the chapter which is in good condition. It is located in training room. It has a gas engine that we may consider replacing with an electric motor.
    - ii. Flying Start: postponed (Griff Pickett). No update.
    - iii. Chapter Tool Crib: Would like to purchase scales in 2020, budget permitting. Several tools which were found in Eagle Hangar have been added to the crib. An updated list is being prepared with all tools included.
  - b. Hangar waiting-list updates:
    - i. All usual spaces now filled at full usage rate.
    - ii. Fred Hulen's space and Davis Starduster project space in the Eagle Hangar now filled by:
      - 1. Bud Owens (Cessna 172).
      - 2. Craig Richley (RV-4).
  - c. EAA Aircraft Hosting in 2020: All tours on hold
  - d. Workshops:
    - i. Tour of Tom McNerney's shop (Grain Valley) postponed;
    - ii. Mike Dooley to teach riveting class when stay-at-home restrictions are lifted.
    - iii. Fabric covering class possible with AIM technical school. Covering would be of a Sopwith Camel. Date TBD base on interest.
  - e. Aircraft Builder plaque. Mike D has put together a list of 20 aircraft. He will put the list in the newsletter for all to review.
- II. New Business: Potential for work groups at Oshkosh this summer. Misc repairs, painting, water heater replacement, etc. EAA prioritizing list of projects. Let Mike Dooley know if you're interested and available.
- III. Calendar:
- a. Next membership meeting: May 18. Recommend online meeting again this month since we don't know what restrictions may be in place. Program: Mike Dooley will present a maintenance program he has available. We may possibly do a web cam hangar tour of Larry Rhoads project – TBD.
- IV. Other business
- a. Date for next board meeting: June 1 @ 7pm
  - b. Chapter Survey. EAA has posted the results of a survey conducted. Board members are asked to review the results.
- VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Robert F. Schmitt  
EAA 91 Secretary

# APRIL'S PROGRAM – AVIATION AT SMA HIGH



Our April chapter gathering was a first. It was held online and accessed by the members through the GoToMeeting app, allowing everyone to remain socially distanced yet be so near. A few had difficulty logging on, but overall, the results were surprisingly good and well received to boot. While most everyone would agree meeting in person is preferred, this really isn't that bad, especially for what's hopefully the short term.

The venerable Jim Brady gave an informative presentation covering the STEM-based aviation program at St. Michael the Archangel High School, which is just off the north departure of Runway 36. AOPA helped develop the curriculum which is in an increasing number of U.S. schools.

Jim presented pictures of some of the activities. A video showed students representing airplanes being controlled by ATC. Apparently that was a stressful situation and proved to be a real eye opener. Other images depicted lessons in the effects of air pressure on peeps (I had no idea what a peep was), airfoil and wind tunnel training aids, how they learned about runway markings, and even Styrofoam models carved to graphically represent airspace categories. Jim explained how the program is focused on aviation and not just pilot training. Once completed, students should be able to pass the private pilot written exam.

The St. Michael's program currently has about twenty-three students out of the four hundred total, but is showing signs of growing interest as it moves past its third year of operation. The curriculum varies for each of the four grade levels.

Thanks to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the classes are being held online. A few of the kids are involved with our Build and Fly radio control program so we continue to have more than a handshake relationship with the school.

Jim, as always, did an outstanding job presenting an interesting story to the membership. We look forward to learning more about this impressive program and how it affects the lives of some of Kansas City's bright kids. Thanks, Jim.

# MAY'S ONLINE GATHERING INVITATION

## -- EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW TO GET ONLINE --

Following the success of our April online gathering, and because both local and state authorities have not yet released us from house arrest, we will be holding our May chapter gathering using the same miraculous cyber system as last time. Below you'll find the keys to the kingdom. Under the heading, "Please join my meeting . . ." is the important one for most of us. To join the fun, most will be able to just click on that URL (Uniform Resource Locator) and things will happen magically. However, a few may have found your email system won't allow you access from a simple click. In that case, you can swipe your curser across the blue URL, then copy and paste it into your favorite web browser. Remember, to copy, place your curser at the beginning of the URL address and hold down the left button, swipe to the end of the address, then release the button. Now hold down the Control key and press the C key. Now, move your curser to your web browser (Firefox, Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, Safari [for Apple], or another similar program), and paste it into the browser address line by holding down the Control key and tapping the V key. However, if any of this is still foreign, swallow your pride, go grab a neighborhood twelve-year-old, look helpless, and slip him or her a ten-spot. You'll be online before you know it! Of course, you may also logon using your telephone. Just follow the instructions listed below.

If you do not have the GoToMeeting app installed on your computer, see the last segment below. It takes just a few minutes and you'll want get it well before the gathering. Go to that website and follow the simple directions. Don't imitate me and try to make it more difficult than it is. Keep it simple. Once the app is installed, come back to this page, use that "Please join my meeting . . ." thingy, and you'll be taken directly to the gathering. You WILL NOT do anything with the app. It just needs to be on the computer – that's all. And just FYI, each meeting has a unique identification number which is cleverly included at the end of the line. That's how your system knows which meeting you are to attend. Please note: because of that DO NOT try to join this month's online gathering by clicking on last month's URL. It won't work. (Yeah, do what I say, not what I did!)

Mike has promised to be online about 6:30, a half hour early, so you can log in before the official 7:00 time and visit if you'd like. So, with all that behind us, here's the stuff you'll need:

### **EAA Chapter 91 Gathering for May**

Mon, May 18, 2020 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)

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# THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM



The month of May finds us still in the doldrums of the toilet-paper pandemic. If we keep this up, Covid-19 may become 20 and we'll be right back where we started. Here's hoping that won't happen, but only time will reveal the ultimate outcome. In the meantime, or until the rules are relaxed more, Chapter 91's events will remain scarce and online.

But based on last month's results, and a couple of cyber board meetings, this online stuff really isn't all that bad. We could only have dreamed of such mystical possibilities when most of us were growing up, but now it's become mainstream. So plan on another "mainstream" online chapter gathering this month. If you've been skimming, go back one page for the secret decoder that will ensure you can join the rest of us on Monday, May 18. You will most certainly want to do that because the program will once again be a first. It's our first double program and our first virtual tour of a new airplane.

The first first is a presentation focused on homebuilt flight testing and maintenance. Mike Dooley will host with a review of the flight test cards and EAA Flight Test Manual with experience gleaned while building his own RV-8. It's pertinent information for anyone currently building or dreaming of same.

The second first belongs to Larry Rhoads whom we will accompany on a walk-around inspection of his new Sopwith Baby. I'm still pulling for mounting twin machine guns so he can strafe the rabble. Of course, I'm not sure that will happen, but hope reigns supreme. Regardless, Larry has a unique airplane – the only homebuilt I know of at KLXT with a radial engine. It's going to be fun.

So be sure to logon and join us. You'll want to tell your grandkids about all these firsts, and you'll have to be there for the experience.

## RAY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Ray Scholarship administrator Jim Brady has stopped accepting applications for this year's competition. While it once looked rather sparse, the candidate list exploded quickly to six. Now, that number isn't big, but the quality of the applicants is going to make Jim's job difficult. It looks like all six are very highly qualified. It would be so much easier to decide if only one or two were outstanding, but that's not the case. The word's out, and the motivated are motivating. That's great for the chapter, since high quality ensures success. The selection committee is going over the applications and interviews are being planned. This year, the parents may be included in the process which most likely will take place online. We thank all those who have applied, and look forward to hearing who our final candidate will be. Best of luck to you all.

## HAVE YOU SEEN OUR TENSIO METER?



Last month we put out an APB for a tensiometer the chapter owns. Someone has it and probably doesn't even know it. This is what a tensiometer looks like, though ours may not look exactly like this. See, we don't have a picture of it. But it would be somewhat similar to this. At least it would have comparable attributes. If you know of its whereabouts, we'd appreciate your notifying any officer or board member. We do not believe

it was stolen – just misplaced. Any help would be very much appreciated.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE STILL NEEDED

Since 2020 is an election year – for the chapter, that is – we are looking for honest, hard-working members with unquestionable integrity to help us locate and bring forward well-qualified candidates for the chapter's various offices. Each of the four offices – president, vice president, secretary, & treasurer – are up for grabs, as are the four board member slots. While some of the existing office holders may be willing to remain, they are nonetheless replaceable by your nominations and votes. If you would be willing to serve in this thankless position, please contact any officer or board member. Thank you for your help.

# BUILDER'S LIST

As you may know, Mike Dooley is currently building a new plaque that will honor Chapter 91's builders. Anyone who has completed a homebuilt project will have an engraved tag attached to the gorgeous walnut base. A nice miniaturized bronze joystick, donated by Paul Rodriquez, will round out the plaque.

Mike is taking great pains to ensure the builder's list is accurate in every way. So he's asking everyone to take a look at the list below and notify him if there are any mistakes or errors. The final determiner is how the aircraft is listed on the FAA's registration rolls, so please take that into consideration. But you may know of a builder/project that was missed. If so, please contact Mike to help fill in the missing information. You can reach Mike at 816 956-1887, or email him at [jump88@aol.com](mailto:jump88@aol.com). Thanks for your help.

The list so far:

Erwin "Rick" Beckman	Zenith Zodiac 601XL	11/09/2011
Don Browett	Great Lakes 2T1R	03/31/1980
Mark Burrow	Pulsar	<b>TBD</b> Wright Bros award, OSH champion 1993
Michael Dooley	RV-8	08/21/2019
Dan Frank	RV-8	09/21/2002
William Gill	RV-7	11/01/2007
Charles Gosselin	Glastar	06/20/2008
Bill Hayden	Glastar	07/18/2007
Ron Hayes	Cassutt??, Thorp T-18	08/28/1992 Wright Bros Award
Fred Hulen	Zenith ZODIAC CH 601 HDS	11/21/2002
Geno Jezek	RV-10	12/13/2010
Bill Lowen	Lancair 360	05/12/2016
John Maxwell	Piel Emeraude EMERAUDE CP328A	2003
Mike McKinzey	MJ1 (Zenith 601)	2011;
Jim Miller	Taylor Titch	OSH Grand Champion Homebuilt (plans) 1970s ish
Adrian Moses	RV-10	08/20/2010
Pam Ratliff	J6 Karatoo	08/25/1989
John Rice	RV-7A	06/28/2019
Larry Rhoads	Sopwith Baby	01/31/2020
Gus Schlegel	Sonex (Two)	03/26/2004; 03/26/2006
Rob Schmitt	KR-2	08/23/2006
Talbert "Tab" Sunderland	RV-7A	07/15/2009
Shinichi Takanouchi	KR-2	(record not found)
Bud Weilt (sp)	Smith Mini Plane	??
Richard White/LAMB	PHILLIP D/	03/05/09 (Bronze Lindy)
Larry Young	J6 Karatoo	08/25/1989
Larry Young	RV-9A	11/14/2003
Chris Young	Quickie	05/21/82,

# AIRVENTURE CANCELLED FOR 2020

***Just in case you hadn't seen the official notice from Mr. Pelton himself. here it is. While it's a shame, EAA really had no choice. Read on . . . .***

## **We Don't Gamble, We Need A Sure Thing AirVenture 2020 is officially canceled**

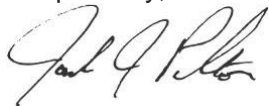
My fellow EAA'rs. It is May here in Wisconsin, and unfortunately like many of you across the country, we are still under a stay at home order through May 26. Normally, this is the month when we start our preflight planning for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. By this time, we should have begun ramping up our 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

# FAA SFAR Offers Extensive Regulatory Relief

Kate O'Connor April 30, 2020



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The FAA has published a Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) designed to provide regulatory relief for individuals unable to meet some training, experience, testing and checking requirements due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The SFAR includes provisions for expiring flight instructor and medical certificates, recent flight experience requirements, flight reviews, knowledge tests and inspection authorizations. The special regulation will go into effect immediately following its publication in the Federal Register.

“Since March 2020 and with each month thereafter, a new group of pilots becomes unavailable to perform critical operations because they cannot comply with certain training, recent experience, testing, or checking requirements,” the FAA said. “This SFAR will provide temporary relief to certain individuals whose qualifications would otherwise lapse, to ensure there are a sufficient number of qualified personnel available to conduct essential aviation activities during this period.”

The SFAR ([PDF](#)) extends the validity of medical certificates that expire from March 31, 2020, through May 31, 2020, until June 30, 2020. The agency emphasized that the prohibition on operations during medical deficiency remain unchanged. Similarly, the validity of flight instructor certificates expiring between March 31, 2020, and May 31, 2020, will be extended until June 30. Flight instructor certificates renewed during the grace period will retain their original expiration month. FAA knowledge tests expiring between March and June have also been granted an additional three calendar months.

Under the SFAR, pilots with biennial flight reviews due March through June 2020 can extend the 24-calendar-month requirement by three calendar months provided they have “logged at least 10 hours of PIC time within the twelve calendar months preceding the month the flight review was due” and completed FAA Safety Team online courses totaling at least three WINGS credits. A grace period for instrument currency has been established until June 30 as long as the pilot has “logged at least three instrument approaches in actual weather conditions, or under simulated conditions using a view-limiting device” within the six calendar months preceding a flight. The SFAR also provides a three-month extension for mechanics with inspection authorization to complete renewal requirements originally due by March 31, 2020.



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