



Words From the President

This letter hopes you're all well and cabin fever hasn't driven you to crazy. We've have quite an April around the airport with storms and loss of aircraft. Lets hope for better times for the rest of 2020.

Again due to the virus, we are not going to be able to have our meeting in May 2020.

Some of us who lost aircraft are looking for replacements. Not much out there, and the good ones are in bidding wars to purchase. Who knew? Its been an eye opener to watch people rush out and pay more then they ever should for anything. It speaks for its self. I'm told my hangar may be repaired by mid summer that remains to be seen.

Glen and Lee have been working on setting up on-line Zoom and will have more info on that and if its a way to have us contact as a meeting until when we cant meet in person.

My to-do list around the house has been done for about a month now. Lets see what else needs to be remodeled? And the porch veggio garden is doing great.

EAA has reached out a couple of times to our chapter and members offering moral support. I am passing that along to all of you.

As things open back up to the way of life we knew, please stay guarded and keep doing things to keep you healthy.

On a personal note, if anyone needs a ride or help in finding help, contact me directly and I'll do what I'm able to do. Each and everyone of you are in my thoughts and I'm available.24 7.
The next time we do meet, the lunch is on me!

Be safe out there!



Doug St Pierre
President EAA 477



Upcoming Events

EAA477 Chapter meeting

Due to the issues with the Caronavirus, all scheduled meetings and rallies are on hold until we get an "all clear".

South Carolina Breakfast Club:

Please use the following link to access the latest in scheduling:

<http://southcarolinabreakfastclub.com/2020-schedule>

April Meeting Summary

Glen Phelps

April was an extraordinarily difficult month. It was highlighted by the restrictions due to the Corona-19 virus, which is halting most everything. And of course, the tornado that made such a mess at Walterboro. There was a special newsletter that went out with that story, and there are a lot more pictures available on the website, eaa477.org that can be viewed.

It is hard to believe how hard the “shutdown” of most anything moving has been.

Of course, the airlines industry has been hit exceedingly hard. You can go to this [link](#) to see photos from around the country and abroad of airliners just sitting on the ground. It is depressing and amazing how this industry has been hit so hard.

Then there is the story of the “freight-dog” wherein a pilot describes his experience flying out of the country amid the Corona-19 halting of all but “essential” traffic. You can read this very interesting article [here](#). It is well worth the read, even though you might not know much about this part of the aviation industry.

There is also the nearly complete story on the Roy Halladay accident that took his life in his Icon-A5. It is my understanding that the report is not yet “complete” (for some reason) even though it has been well over two years from the accident. You can read a good Avweb article [here](#) and decide for yourself what the conclusion should be. There is further a good video presentation by Paul Bertorelli from Avweb, and you can listen to that [here](#). For those of you that do not subscribe to Avweb, I do recommend it highly.

I am going to make a recommendation that NONE of you spend time listening to the news regarding Covid-19, or at least minimize it. Personally, I know of several people that have experienced anxiety attacks by listening to too much of these reports. After a time, there is not much more to know and the endless “spin” that is put on too many articles. Spend more time reading good aviation articles. As we know, Sun-and-Fun is canceled for the year. There is, however, a link that will take you to good information in place of it. I expect the same will be for Air Venture, since it too has been canceled for the year.

We will be working on the possibility of having a “virtual” meeting this month. When we get to a point where we think we can do that, I will send out a special invitation to join one.

One last thing. In case you might not have gone to the website and viewed all of the pictures from the tornado damage at Walterboro, I want you to take a look at the picture below,



This is a picture of Alex Yaitzky's airplane upside down. The aircraft that was on top of it has been removed showing what I want to point out to you. Notice the landing gear in the middle of the photo. Then look at the sheet of roofing metal that flew through the air and hit the gear (before the other plane landed on top of it). You will notice that the speed of the flying metal was such that the gear ripped over three feet into the sheet. You can only imagine what it would have done had it struck a person.

Young Eagles Report

Lee Miller

Young Eagles Coordinator

The website has information regarding the near future for any Young Eagle flights and gatherings. It's a difficult time. Stay safe and we will let you know as soon as we can plan anything.

Upcoming Aviation Events

Ron Malec

FAAST Blast - FAA Safety Briefing News Updates

As a subscriber to the FAA Safety Team Newsletter I will periodically provide updates on information that I believe will be beneficial to all members.

• General Information

- **New Animation @ Runway Safety Simulator**

Notice Number: NOTC0078

The FAA is happy to release the newest animation to the Runway Safety Pilot Simulator (www.runwaysafetysimulator.com). This animation, "The Anatomy of a Wrong Surface Event" is the first in a three part series focusing on causal factors for wrong surface events, such as the incorrect runway or taxiway approaches, landings, or departures. Specifically, this episode highlights the importance of guarding against certain human factors and maintaining situational awareness. Stay tuned for the second episode coming this summer!

We continue to make improvements based on valuable feedback from airmen like you. Another recent improvement is the addition of several pertinent Advisory Circulars and SAFOs. The publications are located in the Resources Tab on the Runway Safety Simulator.

Get your Runway Safety Pilot Simulator WINGS credit today! [Click Here: Runway Safety Simulator - ALC-573](#)

This new Runway Safety Simulator reinforces last month's *Wrong Surfaces, and You* information.

- **FAA Safety Briefing Live**

The next FAA Safety Briefing Live is coming your way starting at 1900 CT on Wednesday, May 06, 2020. The live-streaming broadcast will introduce the May/June 2020 issue, which focuses on the importance of proper communication in aviation and its critical role in furthering safety. Feature articles include a refresher on the basics of good "aviation" grammar, how to use correct phraseology to avoid confusion or misunderstandings, and how to best leverage the technology and equipment at your disposal to maximize communication efficiency and accuracy.

To access this presentation, go to <https://www.faasafetybriefing.com/May-June2020.html>. Registration is

not required. To earn WINGS credit for viewing the presentation, please click the “Earn WINGS Credit” button from within the presentation window. You can also view and earn WINGS credit on archived broadcasts of *FAA Safety Briefing Live*. Follow the link on the lower right corner of the page, or go to www.faasafetybriefing.com.

- **Get Your WINGS Today**

Pilots who participate in regular proficiency training are much less likely to experience accidents. The **WINGS** Pilot Proficiency Program is one way for general aviation pilots to ensure they are competent, confident, and safe in their flight operations. Download our new #FlySafe fact sheet here <https://bit.ly/WINGSinfo> as well as this 57 Seconds video <https://bit.ly/WINGS57> to learn more.

Interested in helping to improve WINGS? Take the new AOPA survey and tell us what you think: aopa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eQghTIAfla6oPr?Referral=FAAST.

- **Airshow and Fly-in Schedule**

- 2020 Airshows / Fly-ins
 - All Airshows and Fly-ins through August 2020, including Air Venture, have been cancelled due to Covid-19
- In support of the USN Blue Angels and USAF Thunderbirds *Operation America Strong, We are in this Together* here are a couple of pictures of the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds



Stay Safe.

Treasurer's Report

Aimee Pereira

Below are the numbers for the end of April:

Beginning Balance March: \$3534.07

Deposits for April:
None

Expenses for April:
None

Ending balance for April: \$3534.07

Just a reminder, Dues are now \$30 for individuals and \$40 for couples.

If you have not sent in your dues, please forward dues payments to:

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If you have any questions, I can be reached via email at aaa477.treasurer@gmail.com.