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Next Chapter Meeting: To Be Announced

Newsletter for
members and
friends of EAA
Chapter 225.

1978 - 2020 ...

With the Covid-19 present
in our lives as we know it,
EAA 225 will be
holding virtual meetings
until it is safe
to gather as a group.

EAA Chapter 225

*Celebrating our 42nd year of the
aviation community in the seacoast
region sharing aircraft building, Young
Eagles Program, restorations, the skies
above us and most of all, fellowship.*

EAA HQ

(On Chapter Meetings)

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, EAA HQs
and your chapter officers agree not to
hold regular monthly meetings at either
the clubhouse or Skyhaven Pilot's
Lounge until such time that the virus
and the problems it has created have
dissipated. We are working on a Virtual
Meeting platform and will send out a
notification about how to log into and
participate at this type of meeting. It
will be much safer for all concerned!



"Building & Flying Together"

From the Presidents Hangar:

Hey everyone,

Well it's happened again, another month has slipped by and it's time to talk airplanes again! I've had a few extra days off in the last couple weeks and its doing wonders for my projects. My 1975 International Scout II has its new front axle welded in and the other suspension parts are on the way. My longing for attention Zenith hasn't seen this much of me in a while too.

Over the last month I've done quite a bit actually, I was all keyed up to test fit my wings, but I had a bit of apprehension in the pit of my stomach too..... It unfortunately turned out to be warranted, my wings wouldn't bolt into place. This happened because of a builder error that happened before I bought the aircraft and an upgrade I did. I didn't catch the error the first time I rebuilt the cabin frame. Yeah I didn't stutter, I said the first time I rebuilt it. Over the last couple weeks I've rebuilt the cabin frame; for the second time, cutting, fitting, and welding, to the plan specifications. It would make for a long and boring article to convey to you how I ended up here. Just know this, don't rebuild to what was in place, and build to the plans!

The next thing I've been up to is upgrading the door frames. It's an upgrade because before, it had no frame! The original doors are 1/8" acrylic (Plexiglas) with a thin fiberglass surround. A few people had issues with the doors catching air on the front end and breaking or just departing the airframe altogether. I suspect it had to do more with people not securing the doors before flight than with the design of the door itself. At any rate it caused Zenith to come up with a better design. Heavier, but much more robust and with enough stiffness built in that now a proper door seal will keep out drafts, rain and snow. A real plus here in New England for sure. So the hang up for me was do I reuse the old doors and mount them to the new frame? Or should I try and form new Plexiglas doors that would look so so nice! I don't know about you guys but I'm ready for this thing to fly. So I'm going with the old doors on new frames. Maybe some cold winter I'll try my hand at forming some new doors.

So this month's meeting won't be held at the Skyhaven Lounge, or the clubhouse. I think we need to meet online or delay a month and I'm looking to you guys to see what you would like to do. Should we set up a meeting via Zoom? We could meet and share the EAA video during that meeting and I or another member could share a project update live. The other issue I have is with my job, I may not make that Tuesday evening meeting time. Leave for me right now is a bit of a rare animal. Another possibility is we can move the meeting to a weekend evening, my availability for that time-slot is pretty open, for now!

At any rate I'm looking forward to talking with you all and getting project updates.

-Todd Scruton





Presidential
CH750 by
Todd Scruton
Door Frame
Rebuild





UPCOMING EAA WEBINARS: APRIL 2020

Cylinder Work: Risky Business

Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenter: Mike Busch

Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

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You Just Got Your Pilot

Certificate — Now What?

Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. CST

Presenters: Jim Bourke and Marianne Fox

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Healthy Pilot Technology

Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. CDT

Presenter: Phil Lightstone

Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

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Coaches and Camps for

Aerobatic Competition

Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. CDT

Presenter: Johnny Ostmeyer

Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

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Flying Clubs - Growing

Participation in Aviation

Wednesday, April 22 at 12 p.m. CDT

Presenter: David Leiting

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**Five Weather Planning Tips to Get Ready
for Summertime Flying**

Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. CDT

Presenter: Scott Dennstaedt

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Float Flying: Freedom to Explore

Wednesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. CDT

Presenter: Amy Gesch

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Changes are coming for 2020 and here are a few reminders:

1. EAA Chapter 225 Website has been updated. Go to: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea225>
2. Membership renewal is underway. Members may contact EAA Chapter Treasurer Paul McNeil by phone at (603-664-2442) or email (pjm@metrocast.net) if you have any questions.
3. All Chapter members who attend and/or help out at our events, are advised to take the EAA Youth Protection Training. On page 3 of the March 2020 newsletter the EAA requirements are spelled out. Please take time to start your training and/or renew as required. Thank You!
4. With the changing seasons, it won't be long before we can get back into working on our projects and other venues for the upcoming flying season. It would be nice if we could re-start the building process on the LMA-3 Aeronca Champ that's been on the back burner for the past year or so. It would be a shame not to at the very least finish it. Maybe just one day per month, one Tuesday evening or a Saturday. Something to ponder over for sure!
5. Peter Bruckner, our member and point man for the Wings & Wheels events held at Skyhaven Airport, reports that the 2020 event has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 crisis. The potential and prevention for one on one contact would have put too much strain on the entire event and all those that would have participated. Thanks goes out to all of those who were planning and organizing the event. We look forward to 2021.

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