



Dear Members

We are all aware that 2020 has been an interesting time for chapter activities since March. We have missed your fellowship, smiling faces and joy you bring to our gatherings.

Just like crossing the street before moving, we need to look both ways.

Looking back on 2020, this is what we are seeing:

- Our chapter did a great job continuing the EAA chapter mission
 - Board meetings occurred all but one month with over 90% of the board at the meetings
 - Newsletters went out every month
 - Fly-out Chair Barry Halstead planned and executed 8 events at various locations attended by approximately 96. Great showing.
 - VMC monthly meetings each month via Zoom with attendance almost equal to in-person counts, just no milk shakes or pie
 - VMC 3 in-person meetings & 7 virtual
 - Monthly Gatherings with speakers continued with attendance gaining each month
 - 2 in-person meetings & 5 virtual meetings 72 attendees
- Additional happenings in 2020 off the beaten track
 - Awarded Seth McNutt a complimentary membership for transport services of a needy member
 - Awarded honorary membership to Denny Donovan
 - Ernie Hanson sold the Smith-Mini (donation by Donna Sommer) for \$1000 for the scholarship fund
 - Ernie Hanson handled the sale of the late Dan Donovan's Bearhawk, hangar and contents for Denny Donovan
 - Ken Brown offered one of Donna's airplane paintings to its new owner who donated to the chapter scholarship fund.

Chapter EAA 430, considering all the obstacles, thrived in 2020.

Looking forward toward 2021 and what is on the horizon:



- Gatherings will begin in-person, just not sure of the date. Yes, we will talk about airplanes, have presentations and, of course, have food. All the good things we like to do. In the meantime we will do Zoom.
- Continuing and expanding the Young Eagle's various programs
 - Build-n-Fly
 - Sim-n-Fly
 - Workshop(s)
 - Young Eagle Flights
 - Engage the middle school and home school kids, keeping our eyes on the youth
- Continue the programs that are working
 - VMC
 - FLY OUTS
 - Young Eagle flights
 - Air Affaire W28
 - Airport Appreciation Day KCLM
- New programs to promote
 - Expand and build on the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) relationship
 - The Flying Start Program for adults
 - Encourage the Ultralight pilot community to join the chapter

At the annual Christmas Party, we recognize the chapter members who work so hard for the good of the chapter. We could not have a party this year, but we still have acknowledgments and awards to share.

A big thank you goes out to all of our volunteers. You make this chapter GOLDEN.

To the Executive Board members: Vice President Ernie Hansen, Secretary Ray Ballantyne and Treasurer Skip Brown, your dedication and hard work keep the gears turning.

Our Class II Directors for all of their work and dedication to their areas of responsibility, we thank you. The sum is greater than its parts.

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| • Build-n-Fly (Sim-n-Fly) | Al Gross |
| • Facebook Admin(s) | Tracy Singer-Bolton, Andy Sallee |
| • Fly Out Chair | Barry Halsted |



- Membership Chair Madeline Patterson
- Newsletter Editor Skip Brown
- Programs Chair Deb Cox
- Scholarship Chair Dave Miller
- Tool Crib Ted Smith
- VMC Coordinator Ray Ballantyne
- Web Editor Andy Sallee
- Young Eagles Bud Davies & Tracy Singer-Bolton

This year we also said goodbye to those who have GONE WEST:

- Althea King May 4, 2020
- Gervasto "Jerry" Tonini May 12, 2020
- Fritz Gruetzmacher August 23, 2020
- Paul R Kuntz September 10, 2020

Another annual activity we could not do was the EAA TOYS FOR TOTS program. Please remember the children and drop off your toys at a local TOYS FOR TOTS center. ([CLICK HERE FOR LOCATIONS](#))

As we prepare to start the annual membership drive this year, consider a donation to the General Fund. Add an extra \$10, \$25 or \$50 dollars (tax deductible) to your dues; it will go a long way to keep our youth programs funded and the chapter humming along.

As a reminder, "Pave the Way" to the Future brick program (tax deductible) is also a good way to fund the scholarship program. What better way to share your legacy with the next up and coming generation.

We are counting on you and your continued support in 2021 to keep EAA Chapter 430 a GOLD chapter.

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season

Ken Brown President