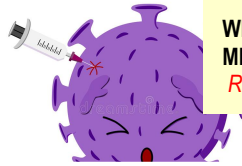


# JAN 2021



**Next Chapter Meeting**  
**Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**VMC see below**



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## President's Message

It's 2021 and I'm looking ahead because looking back really hurts. Too much anxiety and pain to hold on to. I'm impressed by the Chapter membership for being OK with everyone's personal protection choices without malice or comment, and those that continued to work on our hangar projects during the pandemic mess. I salute everyone for being adults!

> Moving on, as we ended 2020 we were able to connect to the internet in the EAA hanger. Still a few bugs to work out but very soon we'll have high speed internet for the sims and in the hangar work area. It's been a long time coming but I want to thank Brian Sapp at Sunair for his generosity, Joel Hargis for his perseverance and Tracey Dean for her cooperation in our success. Just before Christmas we used our YE credits and other money to buy an upgraded sim computer to run our new Microsoft Flight Sim 2021 software which was provided to us for free by EAA National. It was a hectic late December to say the least and it will be a great addition to our sim capability. Thanks again to Joel and Marc Morel and a few more for going the extra mile to complete this. I don't know if this will be published prior to January 14th, but our hangar lease renewal is on the Airport Advisory Board agenda for their meeting at the admin building at 5:30 pm. Anyone associated with the Chapter is welcome to attend.

> Gretchen Crecelius is heading up our Ray Scholarship effort and recently submitted our request for Chapter approval to National. She's doing a great job and with our current record of 2 out of 2 successful Ray Scholars, I think our chances of getting another scholarship this year are very good.

Thanks to everyone who has supported our youth learning how to fly either via scholarship funds or private donations. I'm proud of you all.

> The best Christmas present we all received at the end of last year was the emergency use authorization for two vaccines with which to fight off Covid-19. It will take some time but they, and some others still in the works, will enable us to get back to whatever the new normal is towards the middle of this year. Like all of you, I'm really happy about that. I look forward to having meetings face to face again, YE flights again, pancake breakfasts again, hugs again. But before we can do so, we still have to act like adults a while longer to spread the vaccines and reduce our chances of a relapse. It may be annoying and difficult to do, but the alternatives really stink, so please mask up as needed, distance and wash hands. You're not just doing this for yourself, you're doing it for everyone around you.

> Meanwhile, I'll also spend some time thinking about hangar cleaning, surplus parts selling and project completions!

Fly safe, work safe, Steve

**VMC WORKSHOP:** We will have our VMC ZOOM workshop Thursday Evening, 7:30, January 28<sup>th</sup>

Contact John Weber to get invited and we receive WINGS credits with FAA

**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

*Due to Corona Virus, all Youth Meetings are cancelled*

- VMC VMC meeting on ZOOM - 01/28/2021 @ 7:30 PM
- Jan Meeting – 01/30/2021
- Young Eagles – Cancelled till further notice

***Flying Quote:***

*“You haven’t seen a tree until you’ve seen its shadow from the sky.”*

- **Amelia Earhart**



**EAA Chapter 534 Minutes, No Meeting in December**

**Notes:**

1. **2021 dues are due** - \$20 make check out to EAA Chapter 534  
Mail to: Greg Nilsen, 2856 Apache Ct, The Villages FL 32163
2. **Magneto hunt** - here are two model number magnetos we need to complete the engine overhaul on the C-150 project O200A engine. The choices are Slick 4301 or Bendix S4LSC-21. The engine needs a pair of either of these part numbers to be finished. Andre Nadeau has provided one of the Slick 4301's to us that can be rebuilt, but I'm having a lot of trouble finding a second one at prices we can afford. I'm asking for any hints or direction or contacts membership might have to find either one more 4301 or a pair of S4LSC-21's. Please send any info to me at skyguy@stc-inc.net with the heading "Mag Search". Thank you. Steve"

3. **Texas Museum new RV12 Raffle** - Tickets \$100  
Proceeds benefit our ongoing “Kids in Aviation” scholarships  
We will draw the winning ticket when all 2500 tickets are sold, or on 10/1/2021. We will be marketing the ticket sales aggressively, and its our hope to announce a winner by early spring 2021.



[www.wherelddogsfly.org](http://www.wherelddogsfly.org))

<https://rafflecreator.com/pages/41866/vans-rv-12>

Jim Baker. President, Texas Barnstorming Museum (361)772-6434

4. **Misc Hangar pictures** including our new simulator:



5. **Splash-In at the LEE Seaplane Ramp** on Sunday, Jan. 24 with a food truck.  
The Florida division of the Seaplane Pilots Association is sponsoring it.  
You can reach Dave Taisch for details at 352-343-3196.



6. **LEASE** – Airport advisory board approves our renewal / City commission vote Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. Check with Weber for location

## Safety:

With so many new pilots in our group, as well as, us old farts who have been flying for a long time, I thought it would be good to remind all of us about a few observations by experts regarding skills and a few of my stumbles as a new pilot!

When I first got my pilot's license in VT @ 35yrs old, I was convinced I was an expert! I mean I hung with "experts" or at least they thought they were. You know the types, over-confident, risk takers, cocky, know-it-alls. YUP that was me. I even had a cool hat and wore a flight suit in my Aeronca Super Chief! Yes, I had an attitude! What a jerk!



Dumb events:

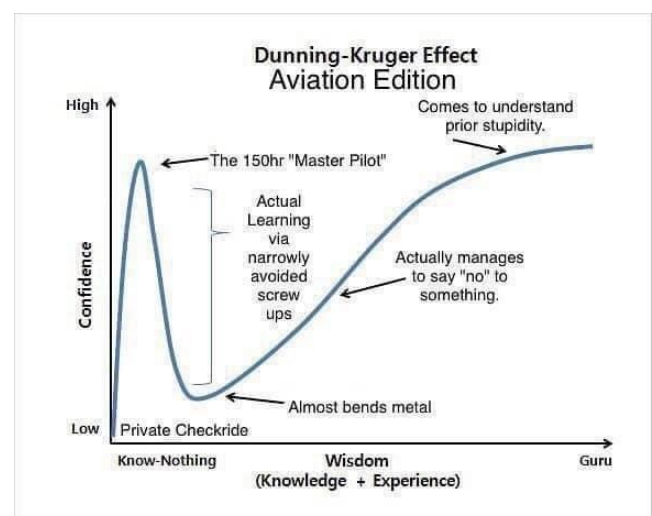
- Flying up passes between mountains in VT with low ceilings and haze (blind canyons ahead?)
- Flying over mountain tops close to the land (Oh, there are towers and guy wires?)
- My Aeronca had no radio, scud running up to Stow MA, landed "Correctly" into the strong wind, while two training planes were doing go-arounds directly at me with a wicked tail wind (Perfect case of I was right, almost dead right)
- Did my first spin in our C150 over Lake Champlain at 3,000 ft solo with Duane Cole's instruction book on the other seat (not for long, scared the poop out of me)
- Tragically, I have lost too many acquaintances from dumb moves like this!

**Take Away:** you should be proud of your accomplishment but don't be fool-hardy! Your private ticket just gives you the license to LEARN.

You can see the curve to the right, describing the steep learning curve, then the slacking off when we think we are cool experts! Then we start all over!

**STAY VIGILANT AND STAY SAFE**

**CLASSIFIED Ads:**



### AME list for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Class FAA physicals

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**Helpful Hints:** New section! *send me ideas* please

Having trouble with a striped or worn cowl fastener and need a temporary fix?

Insert a zip-tie with the screw and tighten then clip the tie!



### SAFETY NOTE

**STAY VIGILANT & STAY SAFE**

*Consult with others before trying something ill-advised*



**Fly Safely**