Now More Than Ever

CELEBRATION of GIVING
2020 Annual Report for EAA and the EAA Aviation Foundation
As I write this, it’s impossible to look back on our last fiscal year without acknowledging how the world changed at the beginning of this one. The global coronavirus pandemic has affected all of us in so many ways, including the unprecedented cancellation of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2020. In a typical crisis, if there is such a thing, we hear stories of EAAers coming together and rolling up their sleeves to help. The pandemic, and the restrictions it’s brought with it, isn’t like a tornado or a flood where we can fill our airplanes with supplies and fly relief missions in support of an obvious need, though I’m proud to say that in certain areas EAA members have found ways to do that with masks and other protective equipment.

One of the most important things that EAA members have done during these trying times is to stay connected. I’ve heard from chapters all over the country that have used videoconferencing tools to have their meetings, to keep their chapter members engaged, and to look out for each other. As the world slowly opens up and restrictions are lifted, there’s a passionate army of volunteers out there who can’t wait to get back to sharing The Spirit of Aviation through events like Young Eagles rallies and Flying Start programs.

It’s wonderfully gratifying to look back on last year and see the tremendous outpouring of generosity that has made so many EAA programs not just possible, but successful. Yes, there’s a table of financial results in this report, but the real difference that our donors make is immeasurable. As you read the stories gathered in this year’s annual report, I hope that you’ll do so with pride, knowing how profoundly you’ve changed the lives of so many people pursuing the dream of flying. With projects like AeroEducate and Project 21 rapidly coming together, EAA is in a position to make an even bigger impact on the next generation of aviators, but we can’t do it without you.

I am, as always, humbled by the support of our extended EAA family. As we celebrate last year’s successes in these pages, I hope you’ll remember that we need you now more than ever.

Sincerely,

Jack J. Pelton
EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board
### Endowed Funds

Donors who give $20,000 or more can create a named fund within the EAA Aviation Foundation. These funds are endowed and benefit EAA programs in perpetuity. Distributions from the fund will always bear the name of the donor. The following is a listing of the current named funds held by the foundation.

- 339th Fighter Group Scholarship (Lee Eisenhart) Fund
- Air Academy Alumni Scholarship
- Harry E. Arcamuzi Aviation Scholarship Fund
- Aughinbaugh Air Academy Endowment
- Eldon Beresford Education Scholarship Fund
- Michael Blume Memorial Scholarship
- The Harold & Leona Boyles Memorial Scholarship Fund
- John S. Bradbury Memorial Scholarship
- Jack Burnham Scholarship Fund
- Bury Family Education Scholarship Fund
- August Busch III Endowment Fund
- Dean William Carson Air Academy Scholarship Fund
- Chaudoin Scholarship
- Joe Clark Professional Pilot
- Bill Daniels Endowment for Museum Exhibition Excellence
- Allen L. Davis Education Scholarship Fund
- Cheryl Deamer-Boykin Aviation Scholarship Fund
- Dolittle Tokyo Raiders Fund
- EAA Air Academy Lodge Operating Endowment Fund
- EAA Chapter 579 Scholarship Fund
- Eagles Aerobatic Team Scholarship Fund
- Education Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Tex Edwards Scholarship Fund
- Thomas Ellsberg Scholarship Fund
- Excellence Fund
- Noah Favaregh Flight Training Scholarship Fund
- Fred & Diane Fitts Scholarship Fund by CAA
- Harrison Ford Education Scholarship Fund
- Donald Forsslund Fund
- Gann Exhibit Endowment Fund
- J Andrew Garratt Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Leo Giles Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Florence “Coffy” C. Gregory Endowment Charitable Remainder Unitrust
- Stephen “Ben” Haas Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Hansen Scholarship (Norman and Norma) Fund
- Richard R. Harper Memorial Scholarship
- Elroy and Dorothy E. Hilbert Scholarship Fund
- Barron Hilton Executive Director of Residence Education Endowment Fund
- Gerald “Jerry” Holland Scholarship
- Don T. Hopkin Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Henry Kimberly (Spirit of Leadership) Endowment Fund
- Jimmy Leeward Scholarship Fund
- Preston Little Award
- Jason Kurt Lohr Aviation Scholarship Fund
- Russell Macfarlane Education Scholarship Fund
- Jack Mark Scholarship Fund
- Heather McRoberts Memorial Scholarship Fund
- H.P. “Bud” Milligan Aviation Scholarship Fund
- David Mineck Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Capt. Craig A. Mueller Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Museum Support Endowment
- F.O.M.T. Michael Neunteufel Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Donald H. Nietz Scholarship Fund
- Commander John Paradiso Scholarship for Women in Aviation/Aerospace Fund
- Payzer Scholarship Fund
- Lee & Cookie Perrizo Scholarship Fund
- The Timothy Peterson Education Scholarship Fund
- Wallace Peterson Scholarship Fund
- Bill Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Pioneer Work Experience
- David Alan Quick Tribute Scholarship Fund
- James C Ray Aviation Scholars Program
- Richard P. Reitz Memorial Scholarship Fund
- David and Andrea Robertson Scholarship Fund
- John Sandberg Memorial Fund for Aviators
- SC Johnson Wax Young Eagle Coordinator Endowment Fund
- Neale Slater Scholarship Fund
- Morgan Brittany Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Glenn A. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
- James Stafford Memorial Scholarship Fund
- George Taylor Aviation Scholarship Fund
- Louise H. Timken Young Women in Aviation Endowment Fund
- Vision of Eagles Endowment Fund (Young Eagles)
- Washington County Pilots’ Association Education Fund
- WASP Scholarship Endowment
- Elgin Wells, Jr. Starjammer CFI Scholarship
- Robert B. Weronke Academic Scholarship Fund
- Wittman Internship
- Women Soar Society - FT Scholarship Fund
- Young Eagles Endowment
- Zieve Family Scholarship Fund
# Statement of Financial Activities

**Year ended February 29, 2020**

## Revenues, Gains, and Other Support

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## Expenses

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## Change in Net Assets:

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The twin pillars of aviation and family have been an enormous part of EAA since its founding. The late Jim Brown carried on the legacy of Hartzell Propeller when he obtained the company in 1987 and also showed his leadership as a member of the EAA board for 12 years, through 2008. Now Jim’s sons, Joe and Jim, continue the family dedication to aviation and EAA.

The brothers’ partnership is now in its 27th year and the division of duties has worked itself out over the years. Joe is operationally focused and active in the GA industry. He has been an EAA board member since 2013, serves on the board of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), and has a growing interest in the Recreational Aviation Foundation. Jim runs the holding company, Tailwind Technologies Inc., that brings the family of general aviation companies together, including Hartzell Propeller, Hartzell Engine Technologies, Aerospace Welding Inc., Aerospace Machining Inc., and Quality Aircraft Accessories. The Brown family has developed a remarkable legacy by not only creating and improving aviation products, but by personally being involved in the future of recreational flight. Joe and Jim are taking that legacy further by making a naming gift in honor of their father for the Pilot Proficiency Center that is an integral part of Project 21, the new education and training addition to the EAA Aviation Museum.

Jim and Joe feel strongly about the benefits of simulated proficiency training in the reduction of preventable GA accidents. “Our father was a significant role model on how to approach flying,” Jim said.
“Though he never lost his joy for flying and spent many a lunch hour shooting landings, he took flying very seriously and approached it with great care. He did lots of recurrent training and treated aviation with the focus of a professional. And I think that was our perception on how proficiency should be handled. Our dad understood that a pilot shouldn’t haul people around without being well prepared to do it.”

In Joe’s words, Project 21 was the logical continuation of EAA’s proficiency efforts, and his family was glad to be a driving force in getting this done. “We have been a longtime supporter of the Pilot Proficiency Center at AirVenture, and it seemed like we should extend our proficiency efforts beyond the one week of AirVenture,” Joe said. “My brother and I talked to Jack Pelton about figuring out a way to use those training assets, both the equipment and the people, on some continuing basis after the show. And we actually pitched being a lead donor if EAA would create a permanent facility for that equipment for year-round proficiency activities.”

According to Joe, EAA is the perfect organization to undertake this project because, despite having a large membership and being around for more than 60 years, the organization is still entrepreneurial enough to take advantage of new opportunities.

“I would say that categorically, Project 21 represents the best of EAA,” Joe said. “EAA is big enough to do it and savvy enough to do it well. I think Project 21 is a brilliant strategic initiative and I’m really proud to be part of an organization that can and does take on new programming challenges.”

In addition to EAA’s capability to create and maintain Project 21, having the facility housed on the EAA grounds in Oshkosh has special meaning to the Brown family. Joe shared a cherished memory of his father taking him to the top of Compass Hill at the end of one of the AirVenture days years ago. As they were watching the sunset and looking over Pioneer Airport, the chapel, and the EAA Aviation Museum, he asked, “Isn’t this one of the most beautiful places on earth?”

The new Project 21 addition will be in sight of Compass Hill. “I’m going to feel good standing up there with my family, right in the place where my parents have a brick in the ground with their names on it, and be able to look over the EAA ecosystem and see the Pilot Proficiency Center named after my dad. To me, EAA has an unmatched emotional gravitas because of all the shared connections and wonderful experiences it has brought to my family. This place is pretty special and I am glad that we can play a small role in making sure that it is here for future generations.”

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Project 21 Projected Increases Over the Next 5 Years:

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<td>15,091</td>
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President’s Circle Members
(January 1, 2019 – March 18, 2020)

The EAA Aviation Foundation’s President’s Circle recognizes those who give annual leadership gifts of $10,000 or more to support EAA’s mission of growing participation in aviation.

*Denotes estate or endowed gift.

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In Memoriam

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David Benedict
Matthew Berszoner
Jack Blosser
Michael Bond
Raymond Bottom
Lawrence Breen
Eugene Burkholder
John Bush
Bruce Cameron
Peter Campbell
Eugene Coch
Wei Cheng
James Courtney
Steve Daleo
Lincoln Dexter
Timothy Doyle
Raleigh Drake
Herbert Dudley
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Peter Esposito
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William Watson
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Charles West
Charles Wickman
James Williams
Paul Williams
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Tim Wright
Jack Wuolle
Fred Zurbuchen
It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Joe Clark, EAA Lifetime 413401, who died March 30 at age 78. Joe was a prolific innovator and entrepreneur best known for co-founding Horizon Air and for his work developing winglets, as well as being a longtime EAA supporter.

Joe's dedication to EAA will not be soon forgotten. He was a member of the EAA Aviation Foundation’s President’s Circle, which recognizes individuals who give annual leadership gifts to support EAA’s mission, and yearly funded the Joe Clark Professional Pilot Scholarship. The scholarship supports the educational pursuits of four University of North Dakota (UND) students who have declared their interest in pursuing a career as a professional pilot. The annual gift of $50,000 to the EAA Aviation Foundation provided each student a $10,000 scholarship to defray the costs of attending UND and an additional $2,500 for travel and stipend for being an EAA Air Academy resident camp counselor.

But it was more than just the money, said Ken Strmiska, EAA Aviation Foundation vice president. “Each summer he would come and visit the students during AirVenture. What was so amazing was his genuine interest in the students — what they were studying and how they were thinking about the next step in their careers. And then at the end, he would always give them his business card and sincerely encouraged them to give him a call if they needed anything.”

“Joe Clark’s impact on the aviation industry was profound,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and chairman of the board. “His companies’ contribution to improving our environment by reducing fuel burn has had an incredible impact. What I admired most about Joe was his enthusiastic, high-energy passion for life. With all his success, his humble unassuming way he paid it forward is something that I will forever admire.”

Joe formed Aviation Partners Inc. with Dennis Washington in 1991 to design, manufacture, flight test, certificate, and market advanced technology winglet systems for business and commercial aircraft. They introduced the revolutionary Blended Winglet systems for the Gulfstream II and the Boeing business jet, and conducted design and flight test studies of a next-generation Spiroid Winglet system. Today, Aviation Partners is the world’s leading designer and producer of advanced technology winglet systems.

In 1981, Joe teamed with Milt Kuolt to form Horizon Air, the highly successful Seattle-based regional airline that was eventually sold to Alaska Airlines. At Horizon, Joe served as vice president of sales and marketing, special projects, and as a director.

In addition to business success, Joe co-founded, with good friends Clay Lacy and Bruce McCaw, the Friendship Foundation in 1988. Together they set the absolute around-the-world record of 36 hours, 54 minutes, and 15 seconds in a Boeing 747SP on January 28 and 29, 1988. The event raised nearly $530,000 for children’s charities around the world.

As might be expected, Joe’s achievements have won him many honors and awards. He was inducted into the Seattle Museum of Flight Prestigious Pathfinders and received the Innovator of the Year award by Professional Pilot magazine, the Aviation Entrepreneur of the Year and Lifetime Aviation Entrepreneur for Living Legends of Aviation, Entrepreneur of the Year by Aviation & Business Journal Magazine, and the NBAA Meritorious Aviation Service Award. He was also a dedicated member of the Horatio Alger Association and served as an NASM emeritus board member.
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Probably not too many women in labor would think that making a phone call to the EAA membership team would be a priority. But Brandi Fill had an important request: Could her soon-to-be-delivered child become an EAA Lifetime member?

“I’ll never forget the call. I was in labor and I got an EAA intern on the phone. I was in labor, so every once in a while I’d have a contraction and he’d ask, ‘Are you OK, are you OK?’” Brandi laughed. “But they agreed that as long as the baby was born within 24 hours of being issued the number, they could have that number.”

In the midst of one of the most important, and stressful, moments in a person’s life, Brandi wanted to make sure her newborn was an EAA member as soon as possible. That’s how much the organization has meant to Brandi and husband David over the years. Brandi received her initial spark in aviation through an EAA Young Eagles ride and soon after entered a career in airport operations, while David had a career in the Air Force. After the two got married, and eventually had children, attending EAA AirVenture Oshkosh became a way of life every summer.

“David and I went to AirVenture two times before we had a family. Our goal was to go to AirVenture as many times as we possibly could. We didn’t know at the time that we wanted to go every single year, but we thought that it was something we really wanted to do,” Brandi explained. “These are people that have the same likes, and interests and this is where we really belong. Everybody comes together and it’s just so nice to belong somewhere. It was so great and we wanted to share that with our children, and it worked out that our first child was about 7 weeks old and we weren’t going to miss AirVenture even though we just had a baby. We signed her up to be a Lifetime member [at AirVenture] and she watched the airplanes as best as she could.”

Between AirVenture every summer, the family Beechcraft Baron, an airstrip behind their home, and Brandi’s aviation-themed children’s books, the Fill children are well on their way to a lifelong passion for aviation.

“They’re definitely bit by the aviation bug,” Brandi said. “I think a lot of that has to do with AirVenture because we look forward to it every year.”
The Fills’ support of EAA has not only come in the form of Lifetime memberships and treks to Oshkosh every year, but it’s increasingly been a charitable one. In addition to yearly gifts and the purchase of bricks for the Brown Arch, they have designated a provision in their will to EAA, specifically to be used for educational programs. As a young couple, Brandi and David see that the general aviation population is skewed towards the older side, and they’re hoping that organizations like EAA can start to turn that tide toward a younger demographic.

“The reason we are dedicating future funds through the EAA Aviation Foundation to EAA is so that they can continue to develop education programming that encourages the younger generation to be get involved in aviation. I’m only 31, but people at my age struggle to afford things to further their aviation careers and things like that. We wanted to give the opportunities to do that to the younger generation. We go to our EAA chapter meetings and we’re always the youngest ones [in attendance]. We want to bridge that gap somehow, if we could help in some way. If we can encourage other people to come and join us and create scholarships within the community or do whatever we can, it would just be encouraging to younger people.”

Left: Brandi and David Fill with their daughter, Audra, at the EAA Welcome Center during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2012. Left: Audra Fill goes for a Bell 47 helicopter ride at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Right: Cora, Audra, and David Fill III at the Brown Arch during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2019.
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Chapter support is a cornerstone of the Ray Aviation Scholarship program and a true testament to EAA’s commitment to growing participation in aviation. Exceeding its goals in its first year, as of early 2020, the program was approaching 40 scholars completing their flight training, in addition to the nearly 55 who had already completed their first solo.

As you read this tapestry of success stories throughout the following pages of this report, you’ll find a common thread is the generosity of time and effort by volunteer EAA chapter members and Young Eagles pilots as they help deserving youths realize their dreams.
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On December 7, 2019, I passed my private pilot checkride, ultimately earning my certificate in less than seven months and contributing to the overall success of the Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund. My experiences have definitely reinforced my dreams and I am still planning to pursue a career as a professional pilot.

Without the scholarship I received in May 2019, I would not have been able to fund my training, but the scholarship has meant much more than that to me. I am incredibly lucky to be part of a friendly and welcoming EAA chapter, and as a Ray Aviation scholar, I’ve been given endless support. I have met so many great aviators, enthusiasts, and dreamers that are all graciously willing to help me in any possible way.

This scholarship has given me the opportunity to throw myself into an unfamiliar world and come out feeling like I am truly part of the aviation family. I would like to personally thank everyone for their support; it has truly meant the world to me. I will forever be grateful for how this has changed my life and I am excited to start inspiring and supporting other students like me, as well as continuing to give back to my community.

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My name is Mike Baer, and as president of EAA Chapter 579, I wanted to pass along some great news that we are very proud of: Our first Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient not only is one of our chapter’s newest minted pilots, but in November he also became our youngest Young Eagles pilot!  

Kyle Johnson, EAA 1307994, was accepted into the Ray Aviation Scholarship program in May 2019 and passed his private pilot checkride in August 2019. Adding to his aviation milestones, Kyle completed his first Young Eagles flight as pilot in command in 2019, flying a Remos G3 Mirage.  

The entire chapter is proud of Kyle’s accomplishments and grateful to have another Young Eagles pilot in our ranks.
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The Ray Aviation Scholarship has helped me in ways I never imagined. This summer I worked long and hard to complete my private pilot certificate. It wasn’t easy and definitely was a lot to manage with a job and a social life. I am very grateful to have had the experiences I had and the people I met through my journey being a Ray scholar.

I flew at least two to four times a week and studied many hours a week. I soloed on May 27, 2019. I did my solo cross-country on July 29. I passed my knowledge exam August 1. Finally, on August 20, I passed my private pilot checkride!

Last summer, I took my first passenger up, my twin sister, Kendra! A week after I passed my checkride, I started at Vermont Technical College, and I am majoring in professional pilot technology. I will continue my aviation journey with the next step of obtaining my instrument rating. Thanks to the Ray Aviation Scholarship, I will be a year ahead in flight training and will enter with the sophomore class, which saves me thousands of dollars.

I am very involved with EAA Chapter 613 and am excited to continue being involved with all that our chapter does. Some quotes that helped me along the way are: “If it were easy, everyone would do it,” “Believe in yourself,” and, most importantly, “Trust yourself.”

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