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Dedicated to preserving, in flying condition, a Vintage PV-2 Harpoon in memory of all who fought on behalf of the United States of America

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Wow! Did any of you see this coming? I for one did not and with all of the news media releases and then the politicians trying to outdo each other and complain that it wasn't being handled correctly by somebody else who knows what is fact and what is fiction. None the less these are the current conditions we are living under.

I started to consider all of the things we are being told about social distance and no group meetings what so ever. With that my sadistic mind started processing work day at the Harpoon. Well now we have a 75' wing span so we could have four people on each wing, one in the cockpit area, one in the crew area, one in the tail, two on each engine, one on each landing gear and two in the bomb bay if needed and still comply with social separation. We could also put a couple on the

tail area. Therefore, as long as we didn't congregate in a group around the coffee pot we could work.

Currently the airplane is sitting at Muncie Aviation waiting for us to pick it up. They have completed all of the ADSB work and other radio work that needed to be done. At this point in time all of the avionics should be in great shape. Therefore, when the Indiana weather cooperates and we have a crew available it will be picked up and brought back to MQJ.

“When the impossible has been eliminated, all that remains no matter how improbable is possible.”

Arthur Conan Doyle, writer who created the detective Sherlock Holmes

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

Francis of Assisi

The two quotes above are very interesting and from two different people at different points in history. No doubt, there are some of us who think we are already operating with both of them. However, with the pandemic and the news media all talking about the new norm, this has to be the new buzz word, what are we to expect during the rest of the year? We have events that were cancelled others were moved farther out and could end up cancelled. Reality is we have no control over most of it. However, with that said we can make choices and plot a direction we believe will work.

We have eight months left in this year and from the treasurer we know it takes just about \$800.00 per month to keep us operating. We have one member that has offered to cover one month. Now that only leaves 7 to go. Again, until we know what the new norm is, we really can't count on the air shows. We do have a couple of small close ones that could help push us through a couple of months.

“If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place.”

Nora Roberts writer

There are many people working diligently on the various aspects of all of our problems including those that are real and those that might happen. As always there is an open invitation to anyone who thinks they may have a solution to any of our existing problems or a direction that may help us in the future. One thing for sure we are all in this together and we will all have to work together to navigate our way through it.

Stay safe and have a great month,

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