



June 15, 2020: As everyone in GA must know by now, AirVenture 2020 was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. As Chairman of the General Aviation Awards, I would like to provide our friends and supporters with a brief overview of our activities this year.

First and foremost, we had a superb award season and the 2020 Honorees can be seen here: <http://www.generalaviationawards.com/news/>. We were also able to hold a fantastic GAALive! broadcast, our third: <https://www.gaa-live.com/2020.html>. GAALive is an opportunity for Honorees of the General Aviation Awards Program to share their knowledge, skills, and “pet peeves” with the broader General Aviation community via a hosted live broadcast. This annual broadcast showcases both the General Aviation Awards program and the outstanding accomplishments of its Honorees. Webcasts carry WINGS/AMT credit!

Our Host for GAA Live! this year was Phil Boyer, Past President of AOPA! His generous and accomplished help ensured that the event was a great success! The live broadcast was clearly a very effective way to get our- and *your*- Honorees in front of the GA public. It was more important than ever this year.

Most importantly, we are not wasting your generous gifts. Gifts and sponsorships are intended to benefit Honorees. Most years, funds support Honoree travel and accommodations at AirVenture. This year, they are being kept in reserve for AirVenture 2021. We plan to combine the 2020 and 2021 awards. Funds also allowed us to complete much-needed updates to the GAA website, and improve our online presence and processes. This is not always easy due to the demands of getting ready for AirVenture. Ongoing improvements, including regular web updates and press releases will help us do a better job going forward, strengthen the organization, preserve institutional memory, and enhance our public profile.

“In-kind” gifts for the Honorees will be forwarded to them in July. If you have gifts for the Honorees that you intended to hand to them at AirVenture, please ship them to GAA and we will deliver them. We are very conscious of the need to steward our resources responsibly and I take this opportunity to thank our generous donors again for their support even during such difficult times as these! Honorees will receive a plaque this year as every year, and their names will be inscribed on the AirVenture Museum Perpetual Plaque.

Finally, we hope to participate in this year's online AirVenture in July!
(<https://www.eaatogether.org/>). What this adds up to is that GAA has already started getting its ducks in a row for AirVenture 2021 and I look forward to seeing you there!

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