

A word from the JAC President

These challenging times are presenting us with an opportunity to rest and reflect on the accomplishments and learnings of years past. Also afford us the chance to rise above the crisis and face the adversity with courage and resolve.

One of the most important parts of our shared experience is the opportunity we all have to help each other, and in so doing boost the collective power of the JAC.

We are grateful to all JAC members who work tirelessly, and are so generous with both their time and talent to keep the Club running. A very special thank you to Bill Patullo who recently stepped down as trustee of N43JA after almost two years. During his tenure he did an incredible job and was faced with extreme circumstances that were handled professionally and efficiently to a successful outcome. We still have several open positions to be filled. If you have the time, please do not hesitate to let us know. Volunteering is the best way to help the JAC and is essential to keep it running smoothly.

Although club activities, events and flights have been put on hold due to the current worldwide emergency, we are still working hard and planning for when things return to normal. Your participation and input is valued, and key to our success. You are encouraged and welcome to attend any of our board meetings or events; you are also welcome to get involved!

At our last Board of Directors meeting, it was decided to analyze and propose certain rates and dues changes. I truly believe these adjustments will result in a more positive experience for all flying members and a better financial position for the club.

We are doing a lot of work to the JAC's systems in order to communicate better with members, changes are in the works to our Club's servers, a Wiki is being prepared and should be launched soon, the Vortex will go into monthly issues, changes are being considered to the flight scheduling systems, the online presence is being ramped up, and so many other exciting efforts—too many to list here! All this is possible because members volunteer their time and talent, and for that I am very grateful.

When I reflect on the many opportunities and positive experiences that this club has given me, I can't help but be grateful and honored for having the opportunity to be of service to you, the members.

In closing, I want to remind our members to look to our future. As JAC members, we are strong, committed and dedicated to GA and our world. This historic national emergency is causing us to step back, slow down and reorganize activities within our homes, communities and volunteer efforts. Let's be positive and receptive to new technologies, in continuing to grow as Jersey Aero Club members.

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Alex Justo

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