

March 2021

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Chapter 1041

## NOTAMS:

- **February 28th Soup-R-Sundae NOON TO 4pm G'burg Regional Apt**
- **March 1st Regular Chapter meeting 7:00 PM G'burg Regional Apt**
- **March 13th IMC/VMC gathering 9AM-10:30AM**
- **March 15th Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM G'burg Regional Apt**
- **March 28th last Soup-R-Sundae of 2021 NOON TO 4pm G'burg Regional Apt**
- **April 5th Regular Chapter meeting 7:00 PM G'burg Regional Apt**
- **April 10th IMC/VMC gathering 9AM-10:30AM**
- **April 13th Sun-N-Fun Begins, Lakeland FL**
- **April 17th Chapter Fly-out Destination TBD**
- **April 18th Sun-N-Fun Ends**
- **May 3rd Regular Chapter meeting 7:00 PM G'burg Regional Apt**

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## Henry's Hangar

Greetings, Barnstormers! Winter is reluctantly loosing its grip and we're happy to see the days getting longer. Our February weather was a little more like winter should be in this part of the country.

On the evening of this writing, I have been texting with some friends in Texas, a couple I learned to know through volunteering at AirVenture Oshkosh. They live on an airport community and said they endured a few days of rolling blackouts, and had some minor frozen pipe issues. Happily, they are back to normal and their airport neighbors all helped each other through the effects of the storm.

Our scheduled January Soup-R-Sundae was snowed out, so we're hoping for a better one for the last Sunday of February. That will be the day before our March 1<sup>st</sup> monthly Chapter meeting, and it would be nice to see you at both gatherings. The Soup-R-Sundae events are a great time to enjoy a good meal and an afternoon of aviation entertainment. I'm hearing that the movie will be Air Force One starring renowned aviator Harrison Ford. Be there!

Those of you who have not yet personally witnessed the improvements that Dan Blouch has made at the airport are in for a treat. The Barnstormers want to thank Dan for his wonderful stewardship of our "home". Dan is doing fantastic things and we need to help insure his business is a success. Please spread the word to other aviators far and wide.

Plans are moving forward for our usual June and September breakfasts. The

insurance coverage has been applied for through EAA and we're hoping that the virus situation has stabilized by the end of May. We need to generate some income for the Chapter so we can send young people to the EAA Air Academy in 2022. We're solvent for the 4 campers attending this year, as we could not send the tuition for 2020. We need a volunteer to spearhead the ordering of food and supplies for the breakfasts. Can we count on you to help?

The Chapter 1041 Board of Directors will hold their semi-annual meeting on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, at the airport. All members are welcome to attend and provide input for the future of the Chapter. Looking forward to seeing you soon,

*Henry*

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to all chapter  
functions**

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## Editor's Notes

***If you have read an interesting aviation related book let me know and I will include it in a future edition of The Observer***

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**The March meeting will feature several videos produced by the Chapter Office**

***Have an aviation related link? I'll include that in a future edition also.***

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**Volunteers are needed to manage our 2021 Fly-in, drive-in breakfasts. We need a volunteer chairman as well as committee volunteers**

**Volunteers** are needed for the refreshment committee. There will be a sign-up sheet available at our Meetings. You may volunteer to provide refreshments for one meeting or several meetings. Cost is covered by The Chapter.  
**If you want refreshments at the meeting please volunteer!**

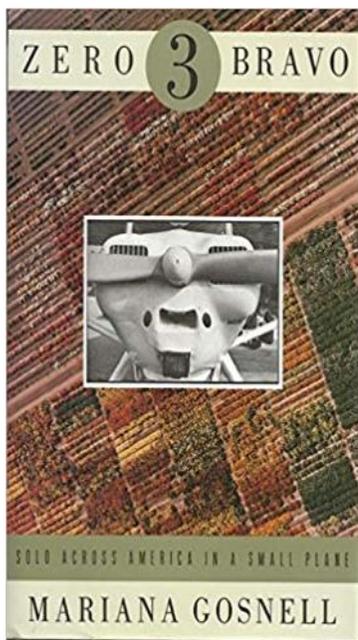
## Book Review



# Zero Three Bravo: Solo Across America in a Small Plane

By Mariana Gosnell

Enticed by the small ribbon of sky she could see from her New York office window, a reporter for Newsweek, flies her small plane across the country on a summer trip of adventure and discovery



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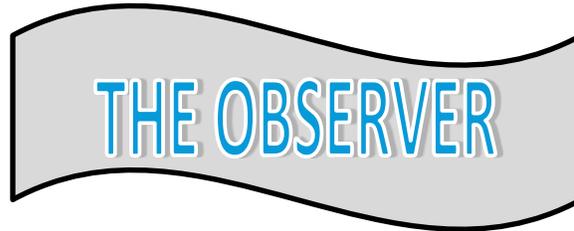
Bob Howe Photos

### February Meeting Photos



Our Speaker Dan





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| <p><b>Jan</b> 4 - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p>9 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>16 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> <p>26 - EAA's Birthday – born 1953 !</p> <p>31 - Soup-er-Sundae - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p><b>Feb</b> 1 - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p>13 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>20 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> <p>28 - Soup-er-Sundae - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p><b>Mar</b> 1 - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p>8 - Board of Directors meeting – Airport</p> <p>13 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>20 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> <p>28 - Soup-er-Sundae - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p><b>Apr</b> 5 - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p>10 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>13 – 18 - Sun-N-Fun Fly-In - Lakeland, Florida</p> <p>17 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> <p><b>May</b> 3 - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p>8 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>15 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> <p>29 - Movie Night ! At the airport</p> <p><b>June</b> 5-6 - Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast - W05</p> <p>7 - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p>12 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>19 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> | <p><b>July</b> 10 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>12 - Regular meeting – W05</p> <p>17 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> <p>26 – Aug. 1 - EAA AirVenture Oshkosh – Wisconsin</p> <p><b>Aug</b> 8 - Picnic – Mathna Airport – 2PS3</p> <p>14 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>21 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> <p><b>Sept</b> 11 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>13 - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p>18 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> <p>25-26 - Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast - W05</p> <p><b>Oct</b> 4 - Regular meeting – Gettysburg Airport</p> <p>9 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>11 - Board of Directors meeting – Airport</p> <p>16 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> <p><b>Nov</b> 1 - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport</p> <p>13 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>20 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> <p><b>Dec</b> ? - Christmas Party</p> <p>11 - IMC/VMC Club</p> <p>18 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA</p> |
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## Birthday flyover for Vietnam vet

By Michael Cooper-White For the *Gettysburg Times* Feb.16, 2021



Members of the Gettysburg Barnstormer pilots' group surround Charlie Tipton following a two-plane flyover paying tribute to the former Vietnam veteran Naval aviator on his 75th birthday Saturday.

Courtesy Kathryn Silvis

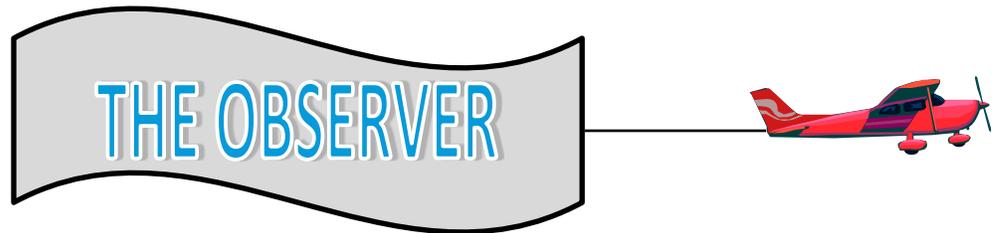
A group of the Gettysburg Barnstormers feted a former Naval aviator on his 75th birthday with a two-plane "flyover" of his home.

Charles "Charlie" Tipton grew up locally and learned to fly at the old Gettysburg Airport near the current field west of town. His flight instructor was a holdover from the Army Air Corps crew that trained World War II pilots at the airstrip in a partnership with Gettysburg College.

Charlie soloed at age 16, continued flying through high school, and attended the University of Illinois on a scholarship preparing him for flight training in the U.S. Navy.

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After college, Tipton was trained to fly the F-4 Phantom jet fighter aircraft. He was deployed as a carrier pilot on the USS Kittyhawk and saw combat duty in the skies over Vietnam. With his degree in aeronautical engineering, Tipton spent his post-military career working for several aerospace corporations. While working for General Dynamics, he played a major role in developing the F-16 aircraft.

When the chance came to move back to his home area, Charlie accepted a position with Westinghouse Defense in Baltimore, and spent the rest of his career commuting from Gettysburg. Throughout those years, he kept a hand in flying as a “weekend pilot” in small aircraft.

Upon retiring two decades ago, Tipton pursued his dream of seeing the entire country “low and slow” in his 1946 Aeronca Champ. In the plane he called “Bald Eagle,” Tipton landed in all 48 contiguous states. Via his online blog, he sent a daily travelogue to his family, friends and fellow Barnstormers. Of his relationship with his beloved 85-horsepower vintage aircraft, Charlie said, “We both came off the production line in 1946.”

It was the same type of plane in which he learned to fly all those years before.

Tipton’s health conditions now confine him to a motorized wheelchair. But as do all current and former pilots, Charlie keeps his eyes on the sky. He especially appreciates living just east of the airport, where small planes on the “downwind” portion of the traffic pattern fly right over his house. On Saturday, local pilots Henry Hartman and Dan Blouch piloted Cessna 150s in the traffic pattern in honor of their friend and fellow Barnstormer.

It meant a lot to Tipton, who said, “It was absolutely great. I was very moved by the whole thing.”

After Hartman and Blouch landed, the two aviators and fellow members of the local pilots’ group drove to Tipton’s home to continue the celebration orchestrated by his daughter, Kathryn Silvis.

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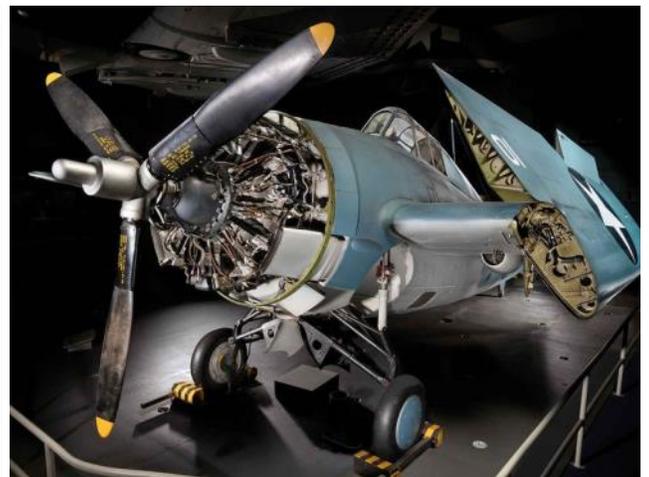
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## Navy F4-F Wildcat



The F4F and FM Wildcat aircraft was the US Navy's front-line fighter in the early days of WWII. This iconic aircraft was designed and produced by Grumman, as well as the newly-formed Eastern Aircraft Division of General Motors. As larger and more powerful fighters joined the fleet in the later stages of the war, the Wildcat remained in the fray, flying from the decks of escort carriers, which were too small to permit the operation of the later aircraft. The Wildcat was remarkable not only because it served through the duration of the war, but also because it was the mount of some of the nation's most distinguished aces, including Butch O'Hare and Joe Foss.



Leroy Grumman very famously experimented with an eraser and unfolded paperclip to come up with a diagonal hinge that he called the "Sto-Wing," says Smithsonian curator Larry Burke.



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Join us on Sunday February 28th at the airport for the first Soup–R–Sundae event of 2021. Bring a can or two of soup to add to the “common brew” and enjoy the tasty result. To date we have never had a “soup failure.” Bring a dish to pass, **soup bowl, utensils**, and a hearty appetite. Soup is served about 1:00 PM. Plan to enjoy hanger flying as well as an aviation related movie or video. This event is certain to take the chill out of those cold winter months of February, and March.



Photo from 2020 event ▲

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Refreshment Sign-up

Meeting Date	Volunteer Name(s)
January 4th	1 Wendi Clark
	2 Hayden Clark
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February 1st	1 Andy Fournier
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March 1st	1 Art Shaw
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	3
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April 5th	1 Gary Mathna
	2
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	4
May 3rd	1 Maehin Hottle
	2
	3
	4
June 7th	1 Henry Hartman
	2
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	4
July 12th	1
	2
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## IMC/VMC January 9th



The IMC/VMC questions of the month were discussed .

*A video produced by In The Hanger prompted a discussion regarding carbon Monoxide detectors and their differences from detectors used for the home.*

Henry Hartman photos

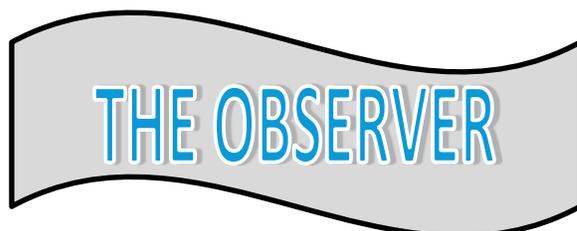


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Nametags to all chapter functions**



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### Fly-Out Destination

**The Fly-out destination for March will be discussed at the meeting. Fly-out requests can be made to Dick Young our fly-out Coordinator.**

**THE EAA 1041 SKY RAIDERS**

The EAA 1041 Sky-Raiders have a scheduled fly-out on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Each pilot will make their own go/no go decision. Please call or email Dick Young (717-521-7942) ([dicknraney@comcast.net](mailto:dicknraney@comcast.net)) no later than Friday afternoon if you plan to join the flight. Dick will make restaurant reservations at the destination airport; therefore, an accurate count of participants is appreciated.

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